



The Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg

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Kiwanogram

Jan. 27, 2010

Meeting Location

Williamsburg Lodge-Tidewater Room

This Week's Program

Keith Taylor

James City Cty. Economic Development

Menu

TBA

Upcoming Speakers/Topics

Feb. 3-John Mulcahy/Mercy Ships

Feb. 10-Education in the Commonwealth

Invocation Song Leader

Bob Tschannen-Moran Tom Jordan

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Salvation Army Needs Aid All Year, Not Just Holidays

As you know, we have adopted the Salvation Army, both Southside and Peninsula, as our "pet project" in conjunction with the K Family Reunion at ODU this coming Saturday.

The premise that led to this decision is that, while most organizations are very generous with community giving during the holiday season (definitely the Kiwanis Family), that generosity tends to taper off in early January, even though there are still three cold months of winter ahead of us.

The Salvation Army has indicated that it still has a serious need for clean, serviceable, used winter clothing. Most of us have such items in the nether regions of our closets. The food banks are also in urgent need of non-perishable donations.

Please bring any used winter clothing you can spare, along with non-perishable food donations, to this Wednesday's meeting. President Caren will bring the donations to ODU on Saturday, where they will be transferred to the waiting Salvation Army vans. We also will collect items at meetings in February and March.



Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Today's Speaker: Keith Taylor

Keith A. Taylor is the director of James City County's Office of Economic Development department. He will speak to us today about the current state of economic development in the county.

James City County values its existing industries. These local companies play a vital role in the health and welfare of the community, by providing essential job opportunities, tax revenues and other significant contributions to the community. The James City County Office of Economic Development supports existing industries through a variety of means, including making referrals to sources of business assistance.

Mr. Taylor's office works in conjunction with several area offices and organizations, including the James City County Department of Development Management, the County Commissioner of the Revenue, the Small Business Development Center, and the Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, to name a few.



Kiwanis Family Korner



The K-Kids of Walsingham Academy are always hard at work supporting organizations like Operation Smile, our Troops and the elderly at local Nursing homes to name a few.

The one consistent job the K-Kids tackle at the start of every meeting is recycling. Each week they

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Young Children Priority One Reading Specialist

Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg seeks readers wishing to revisit their childhood memories of when their parents read them books like "Peter Rabbit," "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "The Cat In the Hat." **Qualifications required:** Ability to read a book upside down to eager young faces wanting you never to stop. Agreeable time commitment: 45 minutes a week on Wednesdays.

Compensation: A child's smile, and the knowledge that they will never forget you.

Contact: Bill Wren.



recycle approximately 100 lbs. of paper and 100 to 125 plastic bottles. Part of the pledge of being a K-Kid is to "show respect toward my environment, and I will try to make the world a better place in which to live."

Congratulations K-Kids for a job well done!



Sponsor Spotlight

Chris Kerner, our club's new chair of the Williamsburg Kiwanis Corporate Sponsor Committee, has suggested a new feature for the Kiwanogram called "Sponsor Spotlight," which will give our valued corporate sponsors the recognition they deserve while telling you a little about the service they offer.

We will "spotlight" one sponsor per feature, adding any new ones as they sign on.

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Quick Takes

President Caren heard from traveling **Bob Rist**, who is healthy and happy and having a wonderful time in sunny, warm Boquete, Panama. He'll be back in Williamsburg on Feb. 8.

Pete Child's dad underwent surgery last week to remove blot clots he developed. Continue to keep Pete and his dad in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to the generosity of club members and our ability to purchase three jerrycans for Haiti, **we are providing 45,000 liters** of clean drinking water!

The **Kiwanis Charity Ball Team** needs lots of people, particularly those willing to get auction items for the Silent Auction. See **Bill Wren**.

A Message From KI About Haiti

(Hugh Siggins passed along this message from Linda Brimmer, the Chief Operating Officer for Kiwanis International).

As many of us are receiving inquiries about the Kiwanis response to the Haiti disaster, here are some points that you may wish to make if contacted:

– The KI and KIF trustees are very concerned about the plight of those in Haiti. KIF has made a \$25,000 grant for Haiti relief through UNICEF; \$10,000 of that amount was matched by the Canadian government. Additionally, KIF trustees approved the distribution of \$5,000 from its Jamaican fund to the Kiwanis Club of Jeremie, Haiti. With the Canadian match, this obviously totals \$40,000.

– Further, a joint letter inviting gifts to the KIF Disaster Relief Fund and mentioning Haiti will soon be issued over the signatures of KI President Paul Palazzolo and KIF President Elmer Austermann. Kiwanians may give online to the KIF Disaster Relief Fund using this link: http://community.kiwanisone.org/blogs/kiwanis_dashboard_news/archive/2010/01/15/join-kiwanis-haiti-relief-effort.aspx

Some Kiwanians are unaware that our Disaster Relief Fund is quite small—it now contains about \$137,000. Haiti contributions are being channeled through UNICEF, as we are unable to “vet” those delivering the goods and services in Haiti as well as UNICEF. Many thanks.



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