



The Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg

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Kiwanogram

Nov. 11, 2009

Meeting Location

Williamsburg Lodge—Tidewater Room

This Week's Program

Caren Schumacher

Kiwanis Foundation Annual Meeting

Menu

Cobb Salad w/Romaine Lettuce,
Chicken, Shredded Cheese, Hard Boiled
Egg, Sliced Tomato, Choice of Dressing

Upcoming Speakers/Topics

Nov. 18—Glenn Winters/Virginia Opera

Nov. 25—TBA

Invocation Song Leader

Emeric Fischer

TBA

RAFFLE TALLY

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Today, We Begin A Tradition Of Honoring Our Club's Veterans



Today is a day to remember and honor all our veterans. For some, it is a very private day, remembering fallen comrades either alone or with other veterans. Families of veterans understand the importance of this day. It is because of them that we enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Besides our veterans, let us also remember those who serve our country today. These veterans are coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan with a wholly unique experience, an experience of fighting an amorphous enemy and trying to build democracy in the sands of the Middle East.

Their experience, while not shared by all in their generation, stands with the American tradition of being a "veteran," i.e. being one who serves his nation in a time of war. Their sacrifice and

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

A Brief History of Veteran's Day

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, Nov. 11 became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

Though the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, Nov. 11 remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the Great War. In November 1918, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day's observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business activities at 11 a.m. On Nov. 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.; the U.S. Congress had declared the day a legal federal holiday in honor of all those who participated in the war. On the same day, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the "recurring anniversary of Nov. 11, 1918, should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations" and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day. By that time, 27 state legislatures

had made Nov. 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938, made Nov. 11 a legal Federal holiday

The American effort during World War II (1941-1945) saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation's history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War (1950 to 1953). In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



The next development in the story of Veterans Day unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees—and encourage tourism and travel—by celebrating four national holidays (Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day) on Mondays.

The observation of Veterans Day was set as the fourth Monday in October. The first Veterans Day under the new law was Monday, October 25, 1971; confusion ensued, as many states disapproved of this change, and continued to observe the holiday on its original date. In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald R. Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to Nov. 11 beginning in 1978. If Nov. 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively.

Veterans

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the sacrifice of their families remains the legacy that binds American democracy.

Wednesday's meeting agenda will include recognition of our own family of veterans and all who have served our country. In a brief but meaningful

ceremony organized by Caren Schumacher and Bill Unaitis, we will honor those who served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, WAVES and WACS.

Our club hopes to make the Veteran's Day observance an annual tradition.



Kiwanis Family Korner

W&M's CKI Club, with 65 members to date, has just finished its second month of service this academic year with several hundred hours of service to our community.

They walk weekly to Matthew Whaley Elementary, tutoring in math and reading. Special Olympics Bowling and Swimming is also a weekly activity, as is helping at the Heritage Humane Society. Their "CPALS" project provides support to English as a Second Language (ESL) clients. One of their favorite weekly projects, shown in the pictures at right, is housing partnerships, working to upgrade residences for needy families.

These are just some of the many projects and activities of their club. Not all is hard work, however. Several club members spent two days planning and constructing a float for the Homecoming Parade.

Several had a great weekend in October at the District Fall Training Rally near Appomattox. And, they are frequent visitors at our Wednesday meetings. Next time you see them here, say hello.



Kiwanonotes

Quick Takes ...

Remember that this coming Wednesday's meeting will be our annual Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg Foundation meeting as required by the Foundation bylaws ... For our Nov. 18 meeting (next week), we will meet at the **WOODLANDS CENTER**. ... The Christmas Parade Committee, headed by Artie Bornschein, will meet following the meeting. ... Mark your calendar for the **Dec. 5 Holiday Party** at the Hospitality House -- details to follow. ... And coming up next Wednesday evening will be the "Evening In Spain" to benefit the Rita Welsh Adult Literacy Program.

Happy November Birthdays!

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| Greg Arnold | Michael McGinty |
| Nick Barrett | John Monroe |
| David Butchello | Mary Beth Murphy |
| Pete Childs | Don Nelson |
| Tucker Edmonds | Bill Rosier |
| Phil Emerson | Caren Schumacher |
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