



The Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg

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Kiwanogram

Feb. 24, 2010

Meeting Location

Woodlands Inn-Cascades Room

This Week's Program

Nancy Paschall
DreamCatchers

Menu

Shenandoah Grilled Turkey Salad
with Baby Greens, Aged Cheddar,
Shaved Apples, Croutons

Upcoming Speakers/Topics

March 3-Hugh Goldthorpe/Motivation
March 10-Clare Lorio/YMCA

Invocation *Song Leader*
Emeric Fischer Greg Davy

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We Can Help With Garvey Memorial Soccer Tourney

On March 17-19, 2010 at Wolftrap Park in Grafton, the Christine Garvey Memorial Soccer Tournament will be held. The tournament provides funding for the "Komen for the Cure" in the battle against breast cancer. The tournament allows our local youth to compete while raising funds for a worthy cause. Last year over \$11,000 was raised in this tournament.

As in past years, our club has been asked to staff the tournament on Wednesday through Friday afternoons. We need volunteers for the following spots each day:

2:15 to 4:45---four volunteers

4:45 to 7:05---one volunteer

So far we have two volunteers for the Thursday 2:15 to 4:45 spot. Please e-mail or call Harrison Bresee if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions for this easy and fun assignment.



It Was A Grand Night at the Opera

The Kiwanis Opera Group – 18 strong – had a fun excursion to the Edie Harrison Opera House in Norfolk to see "Don Giovanni." One couple was a guest of Michele Schulday. Following the opera we journeyed to the Freemason Abbey restaurant for dinner. Everyone enjoyed being together, the ambience and the delicious food. Carol Negus found out a little-known fact about Freemason Abbey: They serve about 1,000 lobsters a month! (More opera news inside, page 3.)

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

Today's Speaker: Nancy Paschall



Dream Catchers has been serving special-needs kids since 1993.

Today's speaker is Nancy Paschall, the executive director of Dream Catchers in Toano, who will tell us about this remarkable organization.

In 1993, two nurses from Cumberland Children's Hospital opened a therapeutic riding center that became known as Dream Catchers. A retired Quarter Horse barrel-racing champion named Red Jet and a retired thoroughbred steeplechaser named Voo carried special-needs children to small and large victories as they improved fine motor skills, self-esteem, self-worth and gained confidence as they mastered both simple and complex tasks like placing rings on poles

and reining. By 1996, Dream Catchers provided 35-40 lessons each week.

The hospital was sold, and Dream Catchers relocated to a leased facility in 2002. In 2003, the Sikich Family donated 22 acres in Williamsburg to Dream Catchers in memorial to their daughter, Cori Sikich, an accomplished equestrian who lost her life to an eating disorder. The first six stall barn was built in 2005. The Roy R. Charles Trust funded the design and construction of a 20-stall horse barn, an administration building, a covered round-pen, an outdoor riding arena, and a lighted indoor riding arena where lessons could be conducted at night and during inclement weather.

Today, Dream Catchers at The Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center hosts over 70 therapeutic riding lessons each week and is the premier therapeutic riding center between Richmond and Virginia Beach. With 17 horses, Dream Catchers continues its tradition of helping children and adults with special-needs reach their potential.



Kiwanis Family Korner

Probably the most rewarding activity that CKI and Key Club members can experience is attending their District Convention. They meet members from other clubs, find out what they are doing to serve their communities, learn about their organization and opportunities through many workshops, and have great fun. Their newfound knowledge and enthusiasm then filters down to other club members on their return. This is what makes clubs healthy and productive.

Our W&M CKI Club will send about a dozen members, along with their Kiwanis Advisor, to their convention later this month in Crystal City to celebrate their 50th Annual Convention. This will be combined, this year, with our Kiwanis District Midwinter Conference.

In mid March, Walsingham Academy, Lafayette HS and Jamestown HS Key Clubs will



CKI and Key Club members attend the 2009 District Convention.

send 36 members, along with advisors, to their District Convention. For this event, a bus has been chartered to take the club members and advisors from 4 area clubs to the event and return. This will be a great bonding experience, as well.

Our Kiwanis Club, with much pride, has provided significant support to defray costs of registration and lodging. With this support, we will have a record number of members enjoying this experience this year. In return, our clubs provide thousands of hours of service to our community.

Kiwanonotes

There's More Opera On Tap: "Porgy & Bess" Coming in May

(The following message is from Carol Negus.)

There were considerable comments made to me about attending "Porgy and Bess" as a group this season. The tickets are selling fast and Jeff Corriveau will hold seats for us briefly, but we need to notify him by the end of this week.

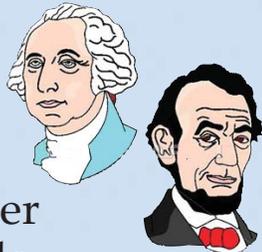
The options are May 7-8 at the Ferguson Center which are evening performances and in Richmond May 1-2. May 2 is a matinee. All those interested see me before or immediately after the meeting.

The Carpenter Center, now Center Stage in Richmond, was recently renovated and would

be an interesting venue. There is also a wonderful restaurant called Tarrants, which is nearby, that has never advertised in its year history and has expanded three times!



February Birthdays



- 5–Emeric Fischer
- 4–Charles Cralle
- 6–Edmund Henke
- 7–Gary Drake
- 9–Don Rudy
- 10–Carol Simmons
- 12–Faith Amoroso
- 12–Mary Lee Darling
- 12–Doug Pons
- 18–William Carmines
- 19–Andy Hungerman
- 19–Don Cherry
- 19–Gerald Clarke
- 20–Howard Richardson
- 21–Rick Overy
- 24–Alan Albert
- 27–Jon Falck
- 28–Harrison Bresee



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