It’s Not Too Late! Deadline Now Aug. 1 For Registration

If you forgot to register for the upcoming District Convention here in Williamsburg and thought it was too late, you’re in luck! Free registration can still be done through this Thursday, Aug. 1. Don’t delay -- visit www.KiwanisPathways2013.com to register for free. Weekend package that includes all meals at the DoubleTree Hotel is $135; a la carte also available.

Enter Miniature Golf Tournament And Make A Gigantic Difference

A full miniature golf course will be set up indoors at the convention where you can donate to play and have a great time while helping Kiwanis International’s Eliminate Project.

For $18 per round, or a $30 donation for unlimited play throughout the weekend, you can have tons of Kiwanis fun, AND save seven lives (or 17 lives for $30). A putting range will be open Friday, Aug. 16, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon. All players who complete a round will receive a goody bag after Hole #18. Players turning in a scorecard showing 60 strokes or less for 18 holes will automatically get entered into a drawing for a Walter Zeller Fellowship.

Volunteers also are needed to help decorate and obtain sponsors for your new Division’s designated hole.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of members of every age who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.
Today’s Program: John Quarstein

Our old friend John V. Quarstein returns to speak with us today about the Civil War as we continue to observe its 150th year. John is an award-winning historian, preservationist, lecturer, and author. He served as historian for the city of Hampton’s 400th anniversary. He previously worked for 31 years as the director of the Virginia War Museum and as consultant to The Mariners’ Museum’s Monitor Center.

Quarstein has been involved in a wide variety of historic preservation initiatives including the creation of Civil War battlefield parks like Redoubt Park in Williamsburg or Lee’s Mill Park in Newport News as well as historic house museums such as Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation. His current preservation endeavors feature the Rebecca Vaughan House, Lee Hall Depot, Causey’s Mill, Big Bethel Battlefield and Fort Monroe. John Quarstein also serves on several boards and commissions such as Virginia Civil War Trails, Virginia War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Advisory Council and the Newport News Sesquicentennial Commission.

John Quarstein is the author of 14 books, including “Fort Monroe: The Key To The South”; “A History Of Ironclads: The Power Of Iron Over Wood”; and “Monitor Boys: The Crew Of The Union’s First Ironclad.” His newest book is “Sink Before Surrender: The CSS Virginia.” He also has produced, narrated and written several PBS documentaries, such as “Jamestown: Foundations Of Freedom” and the film series “Civil War In Hampton Roads,” which was awarded a 2007 Silver Telly.

Quarstein is the recipient of the national Trust for Historic Preservation’s 1993 President’s Award for Historic Preservation; the Civil War Society’s Preservation Award in 1996; the United Daughters of the Confederacy’s Jefferson Davis Gold Medal in 1999; and the Daughters of the American Revolution Gold Historians Medal in 2009. Besides his lifelong interest in Tidewater’s Civil War experience, Quarstein is an avid duck hunter and decoy hunter and decoy collector. He lives on Old Point Comfort in Hampton, and on his family’s Eastern Shore farm near Chestertown, MD.
Welcome New Members

Erik Nyren

Erik is excited to be a new member of the Satellite Club. He recently became a full-time resident of Williamsburg as of May 2013. Prior to that, he and his wife, Tricia, split their time between residences here in Williamsburg and McLean, VA, during his tenure as Area Sales Executive, Capital Metro Area (DC, VA, MD, NC), for USPS headquarters in Washington, D.C.

He started his USPS career as a letter carrier in St. Louis and lived throughout the U.S. with respective assignments during his 35-year career. After retiring from the USPS, Erik joined Stamps.com as manager, strategic accounts, and consults with large commercial mailers/shippers in Virginia and federal agencies nationwide on a part-time basis.

An avid outdoorsman and Navy veteran, Erik loves the proximity to the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding woodlands that living in Williamsburg offers. He has been active in Scouting and looks forward to participating in Kiwanis activities and serving the children of the world. Erik is married to Tricia Van Bourgondien, owner of Organize & Optimize, and has two grown children, Kurt (Las Vegas) and Kristine (St. Louis).

Ronald Strong

A native of Florida, Ronald attended Florida Memorial University in Miami where he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelors degree in biology. He earned a master of divinity degree in 2½ years from the Interdenominational Theological Center (Morehouse School of Religion), in Atlanta, also graduating magna cum laude. In 1978, Ronald joined the United States Army and served as a chaplain for 30 years. During his tenure as a chaplain, he traveled all over the world at numerous duty stations that include Fort Bliss, Texas; Grafenwoehr, Germany; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; Heidelberg, Germany; and Fort Eustis.

His military training includes clinical pastoral counseling certification, drug and alcohol counseling certification, continuing education certification, prevention and relationship enhancement program certification, and the U.S. Army War College, where he received a masters in strategic studies.

He joined the American Red Cross Staff in 2008 where he served as the community relations coordinator. He is presently the major gift officer for the Coastal Virginia Region of the American Red Cross.

His hobbies include woodworking, restoring antiques, and painting. He is married to the former Shirley Porter of West Palm Beach, Florida. They have three children: Sadria, Ronald II, and Roshawnda; and two adopted children, Teresa Newsome and Mel Rosario Rodriquez. They also have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WindsorMeade of Williamsburg – A not-for-profit neighborhood for active adults 62 or better. Located within The Historic Triangle, and just minutes from Colonial Williamsburg, WindsorMeade’s philosophy and location has seniors living the good life year round. Picture a morning spent in one of our many fitness classes at the Health and Wellness Center, followed by breakfast on the Bistro Terrace. Tend to the garden, have lunch in NewTown with friends, run some errands about town, and finish the day with a delectable dinner in our elegant dining room. So many choices – and the time to actually enjoy them all.

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