



The Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg

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Kiwanogram

Aug. 13, 2008

Meeting Location

Williamsburg Lodge-Tidewater Room

This Week's Program

Sam Sadler

W&M Student Affairs-Retired

Menu

Turkey BLT on a Croissant with Hearty Vegetable Soup; Family Style Basket of Chips; Chef's Choice Dessert

Upcoming Speakers/Topics

Aug. 20-John Reilly, Busch Gardens

Aug. 27-TBA

Invocation Song Leader

Lois Hornsby

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Our Shrimp Feast Is The Best Thing We Have To Showcase What Kiwanis Is All About



Kiwanis offers each of us the chance to be a part of a growing and vibrant community in a very positive way. We are an army of volunteers charged with the task of making sure that all of our citizens can

share in the joys of living in one of the best towns in the best country in the world.

No activity in our club year makes this point any better than the annual Shrimp Feast. The Feast brings all of us together, spreading the word, encouraging friends to come out and enjoy the fun, setting up the site, parking the cars, cooking and serving the food and cleaning up at the end of a long and satisfying day. Shrimp Feast is fun for all of us and just being at the event makes us proud to be members of this great club.

Some do not relish the idea of selling tickets. Others come alive at the prospect of displaying their skills at salesmanship.

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Only 31 Days
Until Shrimp Feast



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

50th Anniversary Article Submitted to *Kiwanis International Magazine*: Let's Hope For the Best!



The following article by Greg Davy has been submitted to "Kiwanis" magazine along with four photos.

When the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg was chartered 50 years ago in 1958, Williamsburg had one traffic signal; a new Plymouth sold for about \$1,880; and sugar cost 59 cents for a five pound bag. It was the "simpler time" that we read about now, today's writers always couching their descriptions of the relatively calm, prosperous '50s in terms that make the era seem quaint and dated.

But the town was growing, and it seemed ripe for a new Kiwanis club. Twenty-eight men were recruited by the Newport News, VA, club, heartily congratulated, and set on their way to serve Williamsburg in the best Kiwanis tradition.

The Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg said thanks, looked squarely forward, and hasn't looked back since. In the intervening years, the Williamsburg club has spawned and sponsored two additional clubs: the Colonial Capital club that meets in the early morning, and a club that is just barely a year old in the nearby community of Toano. Then it paused for one weekend in 2008 to take stock and do a little celebrating.

But it wasn't just party time on the occasion of this Club's golden anniversary. Instead, its 200 members were able to combine the absolute best Kiwanis has to offer in one stellar, whirlwind weekend by planning and building a new much-needed storage shed for the Historic Triangle Building in Williamsburg from the ground up in the style of the one-day barn-raising made famous by the Amish.

It all began on Friday with a picnic, replete with good food, fellowship, square dancing and some good old fashioned Virginia reeling. Then, the following morning, more than 100 Kiwanians and volunteers from around the region, including members of the Colonial Capital and Toano clubs, many young Service Leadership Club volunteers from CKI, Key Clubs, Aktion Club and Builders Club, and special invited guest KI President Dave Curry, rolled up their sleeves and performed the kind of trademark service that this club has routinely performed in the Williamsburg community for five decades.

It was only fitting that, after creating at least two new city parks, countless opportunities for children both locally and throughout the world, and creating partnerships that have literally saved the lives of children, the Kiwanis Club of

Williamsburg would come through again in spectacular fashion to celebrate its 50th year.

By the time the sun had set on Saturday, a 720-square-foot building had been erected to provide much-needed storage facilities for the agencies housed at the Historic Triangle Community Services Building, which houses the offices of such non-profit agencies as a local food bank and emergency services provider, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, a shelter for abused family members, the Community Action Agency, Child and Family Connections, Headstart, United Way, and the Williamsburg Symphonia.

The Club donated canned goods and gently-used appliances to the food bank, cleaned up the property, repaired fences, landscaped, re-stripped the parking lot in addition to "raising the barn." In all, more than 700 hours of service were performed, for a total out of pocket cost to the coalition of less than \$5,000. Kiwanians and the local community businesses and individuals donated the rest.

To celebrate the achievement, the Club threw itself a dinner dance where it thanked those who have played major roles in making the Club what it is today: past presidents, charter members, and those whose service has helped to shape and mold the Club over the years. Curry showed his true Kiwanis colors from the beginning as he danced on Friday, helped the Kiwanis Aktion Club members wash cars and drive nails on Saturday, and delivered an inspirational keynote address to a rapt, tuxedoed audience that evening.

In many respects, the 50 years were the blink of an eye. The weekend was a brief moment in time to reflect, rejoice – and regroup. Dave would complete his visit to Williamsburg, hand in his hammer, proclaim it as one of the highlights of his year as KI president, and move on to the next appointment. There would be 50 more years to come, and then 50 after that. No self-respecting Kiwanian would rest on the considerable laurels amassed by this club. There are still too many children in the world who are undereducated, underfed and underserved. Yes, it had been 50 marvelous years.

But as he boarded his plane, Dave left his new friends in the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg with some wisdom about which he had little doubt: This Club is just getting started.

Today's Speaker: Sam Sadler

Sam Sadler retired on June 30 as Vice President for Student Affairs at the College of William and Mary after 41 years of service to the college, including serving six presidents.

A Hampton native, Sam received his bachelor's degree from W&M in 1964 and a master's degree in 1971. After several years working on the West Coast, he returned to his alma mater as Assistant Dean of Admissions. In a few years he became Dean of Students and eventually Vice President for Student Affairs. In this capacity, he supervised all of the student affairs' offices on campus including Career



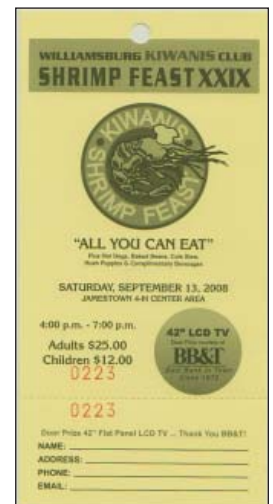
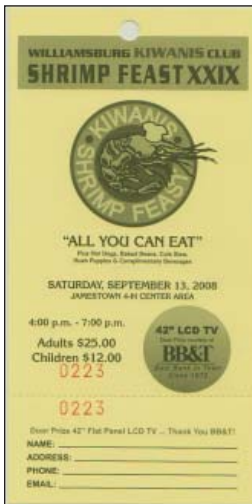
Services, Career Counseling, Student Health Services, residence halls, and others.

In his 41 years of service, Sam had to deal with many crisis situations as well as being responsible for many pleasant events such as graduations. Mr. Sadler was greatly loved by the students and admired and respected by the administration and faculty. An ultimate show of appreciation was bestowed upon Sam when the Rector of the Board of Visitors announced, at the 2008 graduation, that the University Center was to be renamed the Sadler Center in Sam's honor.

Shrimp Feast

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All of us can promote the Feast by calling and emailing our circle of friends, making sure that everyone knows about this fun-filled event that has been building for 29 years. If enough people know about Shrimp Feast, the tickets will sell themselves. Many of us see Shrimp Feast as an annual renewal of our pledge to serve our community, making sure that no one is left behind as Williamsburg grows at warp speed. Everyone is a winner because of this mighty effort. Our neediest citizens are winners; thus, the entire community reaps the benefits. Our club members and our affiliated youth groups are winners. In fact, the only losers at Shrimp Feast ... are the shrimp!



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