

# Whatever

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## \$1000 Giveaway

Get your attention? We hope it will capture the attention of lots of people and bring them out for our 11th annual Laff for the Kids. A new feature this year, someone will go home on 5 May (must be present to win) \$1000 richer.

That's just one of the attractions of this year's event. Our marquee charity is Ronald Macdonald House (see story page 3) which will receive half the evenings proceeds. Jim Resolute, Director of the House, is serving as our Honorary Event Chair.

We have arranged for a professional MC to run the show and Colonel Moulton, our professional auctioneer will be back. As Vince says, he has a way of making money fly out of people's wallets. The highlight of the evening will be Sterling

Rigg's Tribute to Elvis. Who can forget his performance last year and its effect on the woman and children in the audience?

This year's event has been moved from Friday to Saturday night to attract more people. On the 5th of May the doors of the Holiday Inn Greenbrier will open at 6 Pm for a buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres. The Hickory High String Quartet will perform during dinner. Sterling's show starts at 7 followed by the auction. We expect to draw for the \$1000 prize around 9:30.

The planning is coming together and all the pieces are



in place. Ticket sales, coordinated by Curt Knight and John Maheu are underway. All the local Kiwanis Clubs have been contacted and Bob Powers is coordinating follow up visits. Vancy Parrish and Mark Barbrow are handling the auction donations which include a three month family membership to the Greenbrier Y and a Smithfield ham. Vince Jordan has obtained some sponsors and is optimistic that we will have a major corporate donor.

With everyone working so hard, Laff for the Kidz 2001 promises to be one of our best events ever. Keep selling those tickets and getting those donations.



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### Coming Events

**22 Mar** - Interclub with Down-Town Norfolk, Union Mission, 12:15 PM\*

**24 Mar** - Division 21 IDD Bowling Tournament. Churchland, Noon\*

**29 Mar - 1 Apr** - Key Club District Convention, Chesapeake Conference Center\*

**21 April** - Division 21 Council, Suffolk, 9 AM\*

**24 April** - Reading is Fundamental, Willow Grove Head Start 9:30 AM

**3 May** - Division 21 Prayer Breakfast, Portsmouth, 7:15 AM\*

**5 May** - Laff for the Kids, Greenbrier Holiday Inn, 6 PM

\* Interclub Opportunity

## Children's Resources



We have been a long time friend and supporter of Children's Resources. Jeanie Martin visited to tell us about their

program expansion this year. The expansion gives us opportunities for both hands-on and financial support.

Children's Resources basic mission is to support children in trouble with the law with early intervention programs to get kids back on track and support programs for children in detention. They currently support 7 residential programs - three crises intervention homes, three long term homes and one home for children returning from detention - and 5 non-residential programs.

Their new strategic plan is called SUCCESS - Students Undertaking Challenges Creating Expectations for Social/Scholastic Success. The strategy, funded by grants and donations, includes daily contact with the resident's of the homes teachers and seeks to improve reading comprehension and study skills. Residents earn SUCCESS points that can be redeemed in the SUCCESS store, supported by Walmart.

To support this program they need school supplies and tutors., especially tutors in math and science to work with 13-17 year olds in algebra and geometry. If you are interested, contact Don Bailey for more details. Volunteers will undergo a background check prior to beginning with the program.

### Treasurer's Report As of 2/28/01

#### Admin Fund

Significant Receipts	
Dues	\$330.00
Admin Balance	\$263.35

#### Service Fund

Significant Expenditures	
Laff for Kidz printing	\$175.00
Service Balance	\$1417.22

## Union Mission



Norfolk Kiwanian Linda Jones, Public Relations Director for Union Mission and Hope Haven described this long standing, many faceted ministry for us. Most of us are familiar with the mission, located in the old Armed Forces

YMCA in downtown Norfolk, as a homeless shelter. We didn't realize it is also a residence hotel for people who are working and pay rent for a place to live, or that a variety of counseling programs operate from there. Linda discussed the Missions quest for a new home and the problems they encountered in Ghent.

The ministry also operates Hope Haven, a residential shelter for children in a large park-like campus. The newest addition to the ministry is an assisted living facility for seniors on the grounds of Hope Haven. There is a natural synergy between the seniors and the children and both groups of residents benefit from the exchange.

The Norfolk Club will be meeting at the Mission on 22 March and we plan to interclub with them and promote Laff for the Kidz.

### Interclub Scoreboard (as of 01/15/01)

Div 21 Clubs—4 of 7	23 Points
Governor's Visit	20 Points
Out-of-Division (1)	8 Points
Members participating (78%)	30 Points
<b>Total</b>	<b>81 Points</b>

On 26 Feb, Steve Anderson, Vince Jordan, John Maheu, Bob Powers, and Olivia Walton visited Suffolk.

On 15 March, Elizabeth Griffing, Vince Jordan, Curt Knight, and Bob, Powers visited Churchland.

We will interclub with Downtown Norfolk on 22 March at 12:15 at the Union Mission and plan to interclub at the Key Club District Convention on 31 March and with Chesapeake in early April. Check with Bob Powers for details.

### Programs

**13 Feb** - Jeannie Martin, Children's Resources of Hampton Roads  
**20 Feb** - Linda Jones, Union Mission and Hope Haven Children's Home  
**27 Feb** - Board Meeting  
**6 Mar** - Jim Resolute, Ronald MacDonald House  
**13 Mar** - Charlie Chaplin, Chaplin's Country Store  
**20 Mar** - HJ Miller, Division 21 Representative to the Capital District Foundation  
**27 Mar** - Board Meeting  
**3 April** - TBD  
**10 April** - Annual Meeting, Election of Officers  
**17 April** - Laff for the Kidz Planning  
**24 April** - Board Meeting

### Program Coordinators

Feb - Mark Barbrow  
 Mar - Vince Jordan  
 Apr - John Maheu  
 May - Vancy Parrish

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## President's Corner - Elizabeth Griffing Adopt-a-Spot

I can only hope that the saying "In like a lion and out like a lamb" holds true this year. So far, March's weather has been very exciting and there is still more to come! Why am I writing about the weather? In a strange way, you can compare March's weather to our Kiwanis Club's activities. Here in the beginning of March, we have a flurry of activity in preparation for our Laff for the Kidz event, but as we get closer to the actual day, things will begin to calm down. That's not to say it'll be "clear skies" until May, but hopefully, the "stormy weather" is a thing of the past.

President Elect Vince Jordan has finally bested the city bureaucracy and obtained a spot for us to adopt. After much effort, the median section of Mt Pleasant Road next to the Bypass is ours to landscape and maintain. Our official Adopt-a-Spot sign is already posted and we hope to add a Kiwanis sign.

Two master gardeners, Vince's wife Carol and President Elizabeth Griffing's mother have volunteered to design a low maintenance planting for the site. We expect to have a few work days in late spring to whip the spot into shape. Stay tuned for more information.

## Chaplains Country Store



Jackie and Charlie Chaplin are preservationists and living history enactors dedicated to working with children. They operate Chaplin's Store that was originally built in 1943 as Rectors Grocery. They bought the building, moved it across the road and restored the store using fixtures from an Eastern Shore Grocery.

Much more than a place to get penny candy and relive your childhood, Jackie and Charlie provide a place for local school children to hang out and learn about values, morals and their heritage. They keep a penny jar for people who need a little extra to make their purchases. When they opened, they had kids stealing from the jar. Today, those same kids are putting money back in the jar.

The store is open 9-6 Monday through Saturday and from 1-5 on Sunday. They specialize in 1880-1940's merchandise and conduct living history lessons.

## Bowling Tournament

Churchland Kiwanis is again organizing the Division IDD Bowling Tournament. It will be held on Sat, 24 March, at the Western Branch Pinboys beginning at noon. All proceeds will go to the Worldwide Service Project.

We will have a team thanks to sponsorships from Sonalysts, Inc and the club's service fund. We need one more bowler to round out the team of Vince and Carol Jordan and Bob Powers. Come and enjoy an afternoon of great fellowship (but not necessarily great bowling). Call Bob Powers for more information

## Ronald Macdonald House



Jim Resolute has a long and distinguished career in the federal government and in community service. After volunteering at the House for many years, he assumed the Executive Director position following his retirement from the government to oversee an expansion that will double the capacity of the house.

Half the expansion is being funded by the Macdonald Foundations (which also funds 50% of the annual operating budget), the rest will come from other sources., including our club. Jim has agreed to be the Honorary Chair of Laff for the Kidz and the house will receive 50% of the evenings proceeds. Jim is furnishing items for the auction and will help with publicity.

Responding to suggestions from the clients, the expansion will feature TV in each guest room and individual heating/cooling units. The expansion will bring the house to its maximum capacity for its lot. Once it is done, Jim is looking at establishing a branch on site in Children's Hospital and possible creating some mobile Ronald Macdonald Houses.

<h3>Membership Scoreboard</h3> <p>Members as of 1 Oct 2000 - 15          Gains - 0          Loses - 1          Members as of 17 Mar 2001 - 14</p>
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23 - 27 June 2001



### Interclub

Norfolk Kiwanis

Union Mission  
Downtown Norfolk

22 March  
12:15 PM

Contact  
Bob Powers  
for details

### Workers Wanted

Key Club District  
Convention  
30 - 31 March

Contest Judges  
Crowd Control  
Three shifts

Contact  
Bob Powers  
for details

### Division 21 Bowling Tournament

24 March  
Noon  
Western Branch Pinboys

Proceeds to IDD

Contact  
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for details