



LEIGH WADE AFA CHAPTER 169 NEWSLETTER

2ND QUARTER

JUNE 2008

CALENDAR

The next quarterly meeting will be a Dinner at Klara's Kitchen at 11360 Iron Bridge Road, Chester on June 26th. There is a map on the last page of this newsletter. The meeting will start at 6:30pm. Please fill out your dinner choices below and mail back to George Aguirre, 1205 Duke of Gloucester, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. If you have any questions, you can call Julie at 520-7702 or Jim at 526-4183. We need your forms back with dinner choices and check for meal(s) by **June 20, 2008.**



REMINDER:

?? We need at least 2 new members for this quarter—April—June. We can receive a 25% bonus added to our support payments from National if we achieve our required goal of 1% of current membership each quarter. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, please see George or Julie for an application. Applications can also be found online at: <http://afa.org/members/memapp.pdf> Please remember to put the Leigh Wade AFA Chapter 169 as the AFA Chapter choice.

Please cut off and send this portion to George Aguirre, 1205 Duke of Gloucester, Colonial Heights, VA 23834 by **June 20, 2008.** Dinners include rolls, baked potato, green beans and dessert. For the Breast of Chicken and Flounder entrees, please specify how you would like these cooked. Drinks and tips are included in the price of the meal. All dinners cost \$12.00

Item	Number of dinners	Total \$
1. Pork Roast—Slow cooked tender roast served with Klara's delicious sage dressing and gravy	_____	\$ _____
2. Breast of Chicken—grilled, marinated or cajun, to your delight	_____	\$ _____
3. Flounder—broiled or deep fried to perfection	_____	\$ _____
Name(s): _____		
Address: _____	TOTAL	\$ _____
Phone Number: _____		

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Meeting Minutes

March 6th 2008

We talked about two projects that the Chapter is working on. The first was a Science Museum of VA Starlab portable planetarium to visit Elizabeth Scott Elementary School in Chesterfield County on April 7th. The second was for a Lloyd Byrd School trip to Huntsville Space center for a Rocket Launch.

The executive committee selected Katherine Kelley, a 7th grade science teacher at CHMS as the chapter's Teacher of the Year.

We discussed our meeting schedule for the next year. We will be having 2 evening meetings and 2 day meetings to try and get more people to attend meetings. The evening meetings will be held in the second quarter, May or June and the 4th quarter, probably in November. The luncheon will be in the 3rd quarter—probably in September. We will be hosting the AFA state meeting in November again and hope to possibly have this function at the Hilton Gardens again.

A plan to develop a brochure about the chapter, its past officers, etc was discussed. It is hoped that this would bring some real ownership in the chapter for members and it could be used as a membership recruiting tool.

The AFA state meeting is in Danville on the 8th of March. AFA is still undergoing changes and some of these will be discussed at this meeting.

2 teachers sponsored by Leigh Wade were awarded teacher grants by AFA; Melinda Kelley, CHMS and Tim Couillard, James River High School. There were only 8 teacher grants awarded in Virginia this year.

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ONLINE RECORDS REQUEST INFORMATION

NPRC ONLINE RECORDS REQUEST: The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) makes it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents such as their DD-214 from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members can use NPRC's online military personnel records system to request documents. The web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. Also, because the requester will be asked online to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The application can be accessed at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. Users will be required to complete the application online and then download a signature verification document that must be signed and mailed to NPRC WEB, 9700 Page Avenue, St.

Louis, MO 63132-5100 or faxed to (314) 801-9049 within 30 days. If NPRC does not receive your signature within 30 days, your request will be automatically deactivated and removed from their system. A service request number will be provided for follow up to (314) 801-0800, if necessary. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the web at <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html>. [Source: NPRC May 08]



Many thanks to those who have responded to the call for e-mail addresses. Each time we get an e-mail address, we save .42 on postage! We will only use your e-mail address for the newsletter or important announcements. If you have an e-mail address PLEASE let us know by e-mailing Jim Barker at barkerjm2@comcast.net or Julie Bowles at gdane51@msn.com. Thank you so much!

**Please note that the new AFA policy concerning newsletters is that those who do not get their copies via e-mail can now be dropped from the postal service delivery of the newsletter unless they request a copy be sent to them.

ECONOMICS STIMULUS PACKAGE UPDATE

Even though April 15 has passed, the Internal Revenue Service is reminding retirees, disabled veterans and others who normally do not file a tax return that there is still time to submit a 2007 form to receive an economic stimulus payment. People who have no tax filing requirement but have at least \$3,000 in qualifying income should file a simple Form 1040A. Qualifying income includes any combination of earned income, nontaxable combat pay as well as certain payments from Social Security, Veterans Affairs and railroad retirement. People must file a return by 15 OCT to receive an economic stimulus payment this year. For taxpayers who are required to file an income tax return, the IRS will use the 2007 tax return to determine eligibility for economic stimulus payments of up to \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples). There also is a payment of \$300 for each qualifying child younger than 17. Those people not required to file a return because their

income is too low or nontaxable must file a tax return to obtain their economic stimulus payment. The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 provides a minimum payment of \$300 (\$600 for married couples) plus the \$300 payment per eligible child, if the person (or married couple) has at least \$3,000 in qualifying income.

The types of Social Security benefits that are considered qualifying income include retirement, disability and survivor payments. Supplemental Security Income is not qualifying income. The types of Veterans Affairs benefits that are considered qualifying income include disability compensation, disability pension and survivor payments. People not otherwise required to file an income tax return must file a simple Form 1040A with basic information to ensure that they receive the economic stimulus payment. This information includes their name; address; de-

pendents, if any; amount of their qualifying income (which must be \$3,000 or more); direct deposit information and their signatures. Forms 1040A and instructions are available at www.irs.gov. Eligible people, including their qualifying children, must have Social Security numbers. Also, people cannot be claimed or be eligible to be claimed as a dependent on another's tax return. People with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers are not eligible. There are IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers open during the week to provide assistance. To find an IRS office near you, go to www.irs.gov and click on "Contact IRS," then "Contact Your Local IRS Office." These sites offer no charge tax preparation and filing for individuals and families whose income is \$40,000 or less. A select number of volunteer tax assistance sites in local communities may also remain open. People can call (800) 906-9887 to find the volunteer tax assistance site closest to them.

PLANETARIUM VISITS ELIZABETH SCOTT ELEMENTARY



The pictures above are from Elizabeth Scott Elementary. The Science Museum of Virginia's Planetarium made a visit on April 7. 125 students in grade 4 went through the program during the day.

TIDBITS



Welcome New Members:

John Ronkartz

Mathew Petrone

Evelyn Gray

Donald Dobrick

VA BURIAL BENEFIT UPDATE: The VA has changed the regulation concerning the provision of a VA headstone or marker for a grave already marked in a private cemetery. As a result of passage of the Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act of 2007, the VA can now provide a headstone or marker for those graves already marked in a private cemetery for those Veterans who died after 1 NOV 90. The claimant must pay the cost of the installation of the Government headstone or marker in a private cemetery. Details of the new regulation can be read at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-10635.htm>. [Source: VFW VSO Richard Springer 13 May 08]



Any suggestions for future content in the newsletter or our web page? Please let us know! E-mail Julie Bowles at: gdane51@msn.com



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ADVERTISING

Suburban Shopper, Inc, 2200 Blvd, CH, Phone 526-6000 (Linda White)

APPLIANCES

The Appliance Place, Inc, 3213 Blvd, CH, Phone 526-4967 (W.S. Willis)

AUTOMOTIVE

Auto Service, 111 Blvd, CH, Phone 504-0397 (James Ackerman)

Battlefield Park Body Shop, 118 Bruce Ave, CH, Phone 526-7004 (Wilson Abernathy)

Auto Works Service Center, 1718 Snead Ave, CH, Phone 520-7672 (Mark A. Henry)

CMT Auto Racing, Phone 861-2743 (Donald E. Turner)

Cruisers Collision & Restoration, 28 Bank Street, Petersburg, Phone 733-1144 (Eddie Woodmancy)

Harris Auto Repair, Inc, 115 Blvd, CH, Phone 526-5731 (Neil Gordon)

Proline Transmission, 100 Bruce Ave, CH, 526-1086 (Larry Forehand)

Shumate Automotive, 225 Blvd, CH, Phone 520-1511 (Delmer J. Shumate)

Weathers Auto Supply, Inc, 23308 Airpark Dr, Petersburg, Phone 861-1076 (Van Woodell)



ATTORNEY

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CARPET

Colonial Carpet One, 3635 Boulevard, C H, Phone 520-2793 (Lori Thibault)

DENTISTRY

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Richard R. Roadcap, D.D.S., General Dentistry, 3501 Blvd, CH, Phone 520-4770

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Hall Brothers Electrical Contractors, 2605 Whitehouse Rd, CH, Phone 526-0911 (James V. Hall)

FURNITURE

Jet Furniture Inc., 32 W. Washington St, Petersburg, Phone 732-5307 (Barry Resnick)

HEATING & COOLING

Barnes Heating & Cooling, Inc. 16047 Harrowgate, Hopewell, Phone 526-5131 (Bradley Barnes)

LAWN & GARDEN MACHINERY

Conner Small Engine, 1000 Temple Ave, CH, Phone 526-7108 (Robert Conner)

OPTOMETRISTS

Dr. Gary L Farley, Pediatric & Family Optometry, 3731 Blvd, CH, Phone 526-3676

REAL ESTATE

Ingram & Associates Real Estate Co, 3302 Oaklawn Blvd, Hopewell, Phone 458-9873 (Riley Ingram)

RESTAURANTS

Rosa's Italian Restaurant, 4098 Oaklawn Blvd, Hopewell, Phone 458-8744 (Johnny S. Ingargiola)

INVESTMENTS

Cortright Company, 5601 Ironbridge Pkwy, Ste. 101, Chester; Phone 751-9111 (Kenneth L. Cortright)

Riggs & Company Investment Management, 3522 Boulevard, CH, Phone 504-0601 (Christopher Riggs)

TAXES

Ameritax, Inc., 656 Blvd, CH, Phone 524-0829 (John Shorten)

TOOLS

Mac Tools, Phone 731-7595 (David Davis)

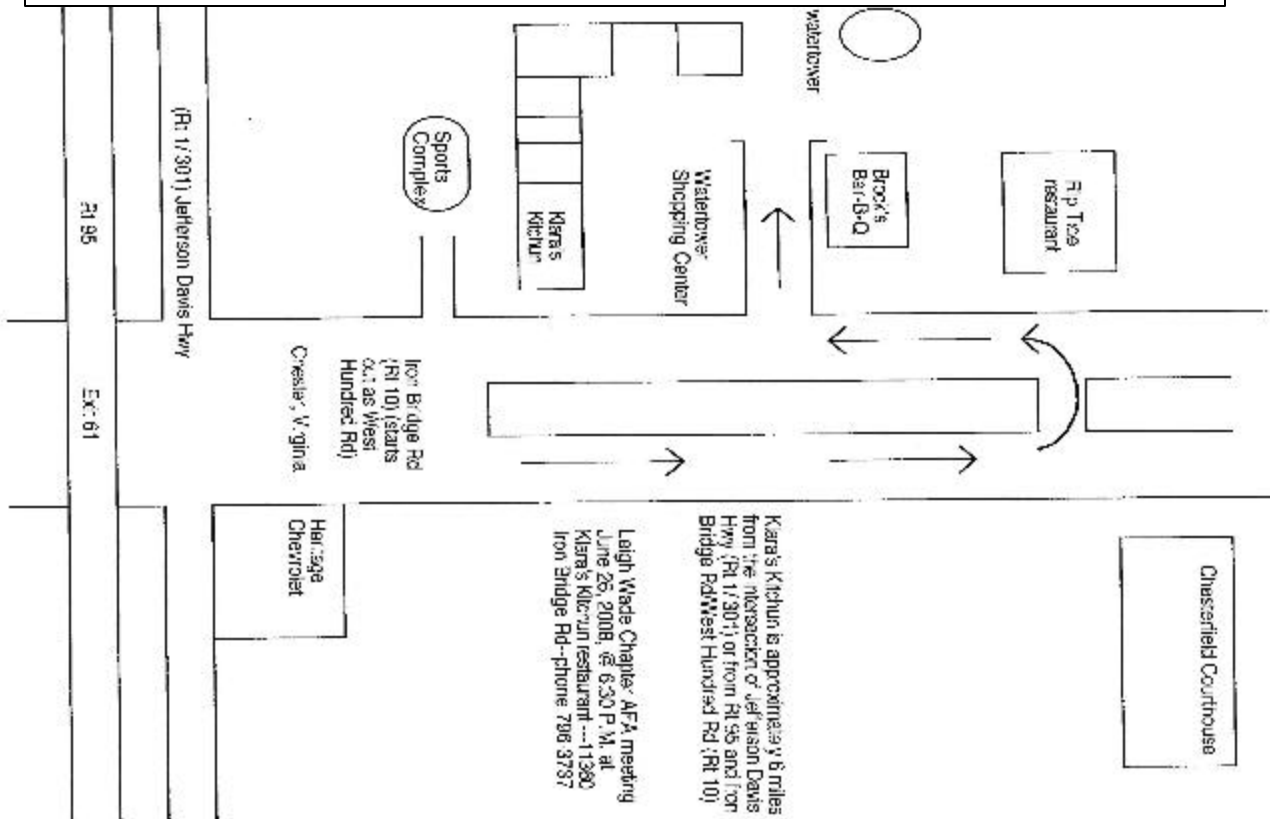
Please support them! When you visit their establishment tell them how much you appreciate them being an AFA Community Partner.

Julie Bowles
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Colonial Heights, VA 23834



Leigh Wade
AFA Chapter 169

Directions to Klara's Kitchen in Chester. If you would prefer to ride with company rather than drive by yourself, please call Julie Bowles at 520-7702.



Klara's Kitchen is approximately 6 miles from the intersection of Jefferson Davis Hwy (Rt 1301) or from Rt 95 and Iron Bridge Rd (West Hundred Rd) (Rt 101)

Leigh Wade Chapter AFA meeting
June 26, 2008, at 6:30 P.M. at
Klara's Kitchen restaurant --- 1380
Iron Bridge Rd--phone 796 3797