



KIWANIS THIS WEEK

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Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 27th, 2009
Program: Ronald McDonald House

THIS WEEK

Program:

How far can you go in four million steps? A Virginia Beach man estimates that's how many steps it will take him to run from Maine to Miami while stopping along the way at various Ronald McDonald houses.

Tommy Neeson, 39, came up with this Four Million Steps campaign as a way to honor the memory of his youngest daughter, Randi, who died of cancer nine years ago at the age of 2. The event is also a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald Houses since Neeson's family stayed at the House in New York City during his daughter's illness.

Neeson's path recently took him through the Triangle area where he spent a night at the Ronald McDonald House in Durham. He stays at the houses along the way and wants to build awareness of the wonderful and vital work that the Ronald McDonald Houses do. While children are treated at nearby hospitals, Ronald McDonald houses provide a place for their families to stay, creating a sense of home that otherwise would not exist.

Neeson said, "Life spins seemingly out of control in these times and things like having your family together instead of being split apart are times when you can breathe and feel relaxed."

He said it got stressful when he and his wife were taking turns staying with Randi in the hospital and that the Ronald McDonald House brought their family back together when they needed each other most.

"You see," Neeson explained, "The doctors, nurses and the medications were there to treat Randi; the Ronald McDonald House was there to treat the whole family." He credits this experience with giving him the motivation to run 30 miles a day for weeks on end down the East Coast.

Read more of this story on Google.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

August 27th - B/D – Hal Bonney
27th – B/D – Lauriston

Hardin
Sept 1st – B/D – John Harlow

RAFFLE

The pot has returned to normal....\$200 and 45 cards. Good Luck to all.



Inter-Clubs

Virginia Beach-Combers
Meets At: First Baptist Church,
Wed, August 26th, 10:00 am
401 35th Street @ Holly Road

Contact **Brenda** at 291-2514.

President's Corner

Bob now calls his business home Monarch Bank located at 150 Boush Street. E-mail: bwhite@monarchbank.com
Direct – 644-6866
Cell – 375-5327

Harbor Party - Tickets to be sold, work to be done! Get ready.....for October 1st at Town Point Park.

"We are fewer than 6 weeks away from Harbor Party! We need everyone's help to sell sponsorships, tickets and collect silent auction items. **Sponsorships** are vital to the success of this year's event. The economy has been hit hard this year, but our charities have suffered more than anyone. Remember to tell potential sponsors that all of the money goes back to local charities. If a company can't sponsor this year, ask if they can buy 5 tickets. **Tickets** make a great gift for employees, so reward great work and increase office morale! High value

Silent Auction items are needed (example: gift baskets, golf, private boat tours, tickets to sporting events).

“Currently, the Veterans are leading the Rookies in ticket sales with a score of 39-0. We set a goal of 1,000 tickets sold. Let’s get those tickets sold!

“Our website is up and running at: www.harborparty.com,” said **Lauren Carpenter**

A Thankful Moment

From Sylvia Stewart



*Rickie, shown here with **Gene Belvin**, Deborah Banks (Director of Presbyterian Homes and Family Services, Zuni, VA) and **Sylvia Stewart***

Rickie, Sylvia’s son and a resident of Presbyterian Homes in Zuni, was presented with 4 DVDs featuring car races as an expression of gratitude by the Club for his years of service in helping out with our Harbor Party.

Sylvia remarked, “It is with deep gratitude that I offer my appreciation to **Don, Ed, Gene** and all the rest for the kindness extended to Rickie Thursday. He went to the meeting not knowing anything

about what was to happen and came away on an emotional high, feeling a sense of pride and thankfulness. As we traveled home more than once he said, “They didn’t have to do that.”

In addition to the appreciation shown to Rickie, the Club contributed \$500 to the Home toward their work with handicapped people who range in age from eighteen years on up to senior citizens, many of whom are from the Tidewater area

FUTURE DATES

Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

Board Meetings – Will resume September 8th at Transystems Office on the 10th floor of Town Center at 5:30 pm.

Ronald McDonald House is located at 404 Colley Avenue, across from the Fire Station and a block in from Brambleton Avenue.

Virginia Beach Polo Benefit “Chukkers for Charity”

\$100 per ticket – Only 1,000 tickets will be sold

Drawing to be September 12, 2009

Need to Support This!

October 29th – 90th Anniversary

Kiwanis Club of Norfolk Elected Officers and Committee Chairs

President – Robert White, bwhite@monarchbank.com
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Director – Steve Kee 2008-2010
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“Then and Now”

We have about 22 business cards....that means good financial support for program sponsors. Any one for a full page or half page? Ample room for additional cards.

If you have items of yesteryear and will share those please, please let **Sylvia** know.

Fun Stuff Ahead

There are several plans in the works so stay tuned for more details.

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The last quarter invoices are out. Please terminate ASAP. Thank you.....

