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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S
BIRTHDAY 3 PAGE EDITION!**

Feb 23, 2022
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Program Update - Feb 16, 2022 **Chris Petrelli, Executive Director** **Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Center**



Chris Petrelli, the Executive Director of Plainfield's planned Performing and Fine Arts Center, visited our club last week at the invitation of Brad DuBois. Chris was appointed to this new position in November 2021 after spending the last ten years at Conner Prairie in several positions relating to guest experiences. Although a native of New Jersey, Chris has both a BA and an MBA from Indiana University.

The genesis for the Performing and Fine Arts Center came from the town survey conducted in connection to the 2017 Plainfield Master Plan update, which showed a desire for such a center.

Plans include a 600 seat Center that will have a mainstage and multi-purpose rental/event space. It will host a vibrant mix of presented live performances, local non-profit partner programs, rentals, weddings, and civic, cultural and community events. The Center will be located immediately east of Plainfield's new Town Hall scheduled to open in May of this year. Once all personnel in the old town hall have been moved to the new one, the old hall will be demolished to make way for the new Arts Center. It is hoped that the Arts Center will be open by early 2024. We can expect to begin hearing about specific performances about nine months to a year prior to the opening of the Center.

What an exciting time for Plainfield and for Hendricks County!

Charlie's \$2 Worth

BY GEORGE WASHINGTON...

"Arbitrary power is most easily established on the ruins of liberty abused to licentiousness."
- last Circular to the States, June 8, 1783

"...the pillars on which the glorious fabric of our Independency and National Character must be supported—Liberty is the basis—and whoever would dare to sap the foundation or overturn the Structure under whatever specious pretexts he may attempt it, will merit the bitterest execration and the severest punishments which can be inflicted by his injured Country."
- last Circular to the States, June 8, 1783

"[T]he consideration that human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected, will always continue to prompt me to promote the progress of the former, by inculcating the practice of the latter."
- to the Protestant Episcopal Church, Aug 19, 1789

"a good moral character is the first essential in a man? It is therefore highly important that you should endeavor not only to be learned but virtuous." - to George Steptoe Washington (his nephew), Dec 5, 1790

Upcoming Speakers/Events

Feb 23 - Scott Olinger—Torrey Rodkey, PHS Athletic Director
Mar 2 - Rocky Turner
Mar 9 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update
Mar 16 - Sherry Sighting—Tina Lear, Trust Officer at NSSB
Mar 23 - Montie Manning
Mar 30 - Ryan Rash—Helee Adkins, Hendricks Cty Senior Center
Apr 6 - Dave Williams
Apr 13 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update
Apr 20 - John Baer

Upcoming Classifications

Feb 9 - John Baer & Jan Baer
Mar 9 - Candace Balzano & Max Hank
Apr 13 - Diane Burks & Montie Manning
May 11 - Sherry Sighting & Dave Williams
Jun 8 - Daniel Kinnamon & Selina Lewis
Jul 13 - Jim Beebe & Rocky Turner

Club Meeting Attendance

Plainfield (3417)

Monthly Attendance Detail

January 01, 2022 through January 31, 2022

Member Name	Jan 5 2022	Jan 12 2022	Jan 19 2022	Jan 26 2022	%
Baer, Janet S	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Baer, John M	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Balzano, Candace					0
Beebe, Jim		Yes	Yes		50
Bennett, Joseph D	Yes	Yes	M	Yes	100
Booher, Tom					0
Burks, Diane Arnold	Yes	Yes	M	Yes	100
Carter, Royce	Yes	M	Yes	Yes	100
Culp, Brian N	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
DuBois, Brad	M	M	M		75
Emerson, Donnie				Yes	25
Hank, Max C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Kinnamon, Daniel L	M		Yes	Yes	75
Klinger, Andrew	Yes				25
Lewis, Selina J					0
Olinger, Scott	Yes				25
Rash, Ryan Allen	M	Yes	Yes	M	100
Sichting, Sherry D		Yes		Yes	50
Sproull, Joanna					0
Turner, Dean F Jr.	M	M	Yes	Yes	100
Williams, David J		Yes			25

LEGEND: Y or Yes=Attended, X=Excused Absence, M=Make-Up



UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Jan 5	Jun 1	Candace Balzano
Jan 19	Jun 15	Joe Bennett
Jan 26	Jun 22	Royce Carter
Feb 2	Jun 29	Brad DuBois
Feb 16	Jul 6	Donnie Emerson
Feb 23	Jul 20	Max Hank
Mar 2	Jul 27	Brian Culp
Mar 16	Aug 3	Dan Kinnamon
Mar 23	Aug 17	Andrew Klinger
Mar 30	Aug 24	Selina Lewis
Apr 6	Aug 31	Montie Manning
Apr 20	Sep 7	Scott Olinger
Apr 27	Sep 21	Ryan Rash
May 4	Sep 28	Sherry Sichting
May 18	Oct 5	Rocky Turner
May 25	Oct 19	David Williams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! FEBRUARY

Pat Cooney - Feb 1

David Williams - Feb 4

Joanna Sproull - Feb 10

Joe Bennett - Feb 25

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Jan 26-Feb 1 Royce Carter
Feb 2-8 John & Jan Baer
Feb 9-15 Brad DuBois
Feb 16-22 Beth Shepperd
Feb 23-Mar 1 Joe Bennett
Mar 2-8 Brian Culp
Mar 9-15 Joe Bennett
Mar 16-22 Royce Carter
Mar 23-29 Max Hank

Please check supply, refill as needed.
Report any damage to Joe Bennett.
Books are available at the Library.

SPEED BUMP



Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank

Finance: Joe Bennett

Foundation: John Baer

Fundraising : Selina Lewis

Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois

Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sichting

Membership: Daniel Kinnamon

Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks

Programs: Ryan Rash & Max Hank

PR & Website: John Baer

Quaker Day Parade & Picnic: TBD

Service Committees: Royce Carter

Literacy/LFL: Joe Bennett

Teacher of the Year: Max Hank

Youth: Diane Burks

Interact and RYLA: Diane Burks

Scholarships: Max Hank

Straight-A Salute: Sherry Sichting

The Imagination & Idea Labs: Diane Burks

4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?
- (5. IS IT FUN?)

George Washington

February 22, 1732 - December 14, 1799



George Washington - Farmer, Surveyor, Soldier, Father of our Country - we celebrate his birthday, his life, and his meaning to our country this week. But if we could go back in time and ask him as a boy "when were you born?" he would say February 11, 1731. At the time of his birth, England was still observing the old Julian calendar. In 1752, England and its colonies adopted the more common Gregorian calendar, moving George's, and all British subjects, birthdates; hence we recognize his birth as having occurred on the date most of us memorized as school children—February 22, 1732.

What an incredible man he was. Twice in his life he voluntarily gave up power. After the United States had finally defeated the British at Yorktown in October, 1781 under Washington's leadership, and ultimately concluded a peace treaty with them in 1783, General Washington resigned his commission, believing his duty to his country was finally finished. Many people on both sides of the Atlantic thought that he would retain the reigns of power to become the leader, or even king, of the now independent nation, as would likely have taken place most anywhere else in the world. In fact, when King George III of England was told that Washington was going to resign, the king said "If he does that, he will be the greatest man in the world."

George Washington's short speech to Congress at Annapolis, MD on December 23, 1783 resigning his commission, is considered one of the most important documents in American history. It is also an excellent example of the beautiful prose common of our founding generation, even from a man such as Washington who had no college training. This beautiful and touching document is below:

"Mr. President: The great events on which my resignation depended having at length taken place; I have now the honor of offering my sincere Congratulations to Congress and of presenting myself before them to surrender into their hands the trust committed to me, and to claim the indulgence of retiring from the Service of my Country.

Happy in the confirmation of our Independence and Sovereignty, and pleased with the opportunity afforded the United States of becoming a respectable Nation, I resign with satisfaction the Appointment I accepted with diffidence. A diffidence in my abilities to accomplish so arduous a task, which however was superseded by a confidence in the rectitude of our Cause, the support of the supreme Power of the Union, and the patronage of Heaven.

The Successful termination of the War has verified the most sanguine expectations, and my gratitude for the interposition of Providence, and the assistance I have received from my Countrymen, increases with every review of the momentous Contest.

While I repeat my obligations to the Army in general, I should do injustice to my own feelings not to acknowledge in this place the peculiar Services and distinguished merits of the Gentlemen who have been attached to my person during the War. It was impossible the choice of confidential Officers to compose my family should have been more fortunate. Permit me Sir, to recommend in particular those, who have continued in Service to the present moment, as worthy of the favorable notice and patronage of Congress.

I consider it an indispensable duty to close this last solemn act of my Official life, by commending the Interests of our dearest Country to the protection of Almighty God, and those who have the superintendence of them, to his holy keeping.

Having now finished the work assigned to me, I retire from the great theatre of Action; and bidding an Affectionate farewell to this August body under whose orders I have so long acted, I here offer my Commission, and take my leave of all the employments of public life."

But the nation he helped create was not through with George Washington... He would be called back to serve his Country twice more - to preside over the Constitutional Convention in the Summer of 1787, and to become the first President of the United States from April 30, 1789 until March 4, 1797. Our Constitution at that time had no term limit for the Presidency, so Washington could have likely been re-elected until his death, but he once again voluntarily gave up his office. King George III was right - George Washington was the greatest man in the world. His last recorded words before his death on December 14, 1799 were "Tis well..." Perhaps unintentional, but a very modest yet apt description of his life and his service to his new country.