

VIRGINIA CLUB GAZETTE

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MONTHLY SPEAKER FORUMS

Our November speaker, Dr. Jim Jarrett has been the athletic director of Old Dominion University for 39 years and a great friend to many in the Virginia Club. He was our November speaker and packed the Club with over 40 members and guests.

Dr. Jarrett gives former ODU president Dr. Roasanne Runte full credit for taking on football. She had never seen a game, and said it was miraculous that it was ever seen through. ODU has sold out Foreman Field's 20,000 seats and is still receiving requests for tickets. Big Blue membership (the athletic fund raising arm) has skyrocketed with the advent of football and 3 new sports are being added (crew, volleyball and softball).

Currently 50% of the athletes at ODU are from Virginia. With Dr. Jarrett at the helm, ODU has won 29 National Championships of which 11 are in field hockey. ODU is always a national powerhouse in soccer, field hockey, and women's basketball. Of course, football had the most successful NCAA start up season ever with 9-2 record. ODU football will enter the CAA in 2011. The CAA is the strongest I-AA football conference in the country and ODU is cautiously optimistic about its success. However, the recruiting class this year has been very strong and they should do well.



FUTURE SPEAKERS

Jack Ankerson will visit us in February and talk about sports and life in Norfolk and Hampton Roads. In March look for a city counsel joint appearance forum. OH, the excitement is back!

CLUB GROWTH

New member James K. Dille, Jr. of Scott & Stringfellow was approved for membership. We look forward to seeing him at lunch. He is a former Club member and we are grateful for his return!

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Trey T. Parker is a new member of the Virginia Club. Trey is a Virginia Beach native, he attended Bayside High School and worked for a number of years at Westminster-Canterbury while in high school. In 2004 he graduated summa cum laude from Old Dominion University with a B.S. in Political Science. He was a member of various honor societies including Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Sigma Tau; and was an officer in the Sigma Nu fraternity. Trey earned his J.D. from the Washington and Lee University School of Law in 2008 where he was a member of various groups including the Student Legal Council and Phi Delta Phi.

Currently, Trey is an associate attorney in Wilcox & Savage, P.C. in Norfolk, and focuses his practice in corporate securities and finance. In addition, Trey is active in many organizations. He is a board member of the M.E. Cox Center for Elderly Day Care, Inc. and the Virginia Gentlemen Foundation, Inc. Trey is also a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Young Lawyers Committee. He resides in Virginia Beach and can often be found at the Club for lunch.

FROM THE EDITOR

We are back from the Holidays (your staff kind of took December off). The new year will bring many changes and news to report. I hope you enjoyed today's edition.

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BOARD NOTES

The Club's Treasurer's report for 2009 was much better than 2008! Of course, relatively speaking.

New Board of Directors One Year Term

Nathan H. Bundy

James J. Izard, III

Charles V. McPhillips

Two Year Term

Linwood D. Beckner

Ralph H. Johnson

George H. Tatterson, Jr.

Three Year Term

Carter B. S. Furr

C. Evans Poston, Jr.

William C. Walker

ANNUAL MEETING

Almost 60 members and guests attended. Many members believed that the Oysters alone made the meeting worth attending; however, others said the open bar with any drink your heart desired was the real bomb!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

In November the Club hosted 70 members and friends at our annual parade party. Pizza, salad and some great cookies made for a wonderful menu that the children could not get enough of.

MENU HITS

Cream of Mushroom soup and chicken salad have been big hits. Don't forget to ask for fish and chips as a special again.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Madness is coming and Evans Poston, one our new board members is trying to set up with Cox Cable our ability to have several TV sets running to watch the Thursday and Friday first round basketball games simultaneously in our pool room. More on this in February.

Please remember to support Trilogy for dinner and look for a Founder's Day Dinner in the future.



