

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SERVICE

2010 CURRICULUM

Week 1 February 2, 2010 Area History Facilitators: Sallie Melvin, Claudia Pierson

You will meet with Colin Campbell, President of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and gain an understanding of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, its organizational structure, mission, goals, and challenges. Mac White, a long time resident of Williamsburg will provide a slide presentation "Rebuilding the Colonial Capital". Additionally, you will learn about the role Jamestown and Yorktown played in the founding of our country and you will tour Jamestown Island with Dr. William Kelso, Director of Archaeology for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, Jamestown Rediscovery Project.

Week 2 February 9, 2010 Local Government Facilitator: Bill Porter

You will meet with the City Manager, County Administrators, Mayor Jean Zeidler, Local Government Finance Officers, Chairs of the Planning Commissions, and Planning Directors. You will recognize that some of these officials are elected; some are employed by local jurisdictions, others are citizens devoting a part of their life to public positions. You will hear an overview of the jurisdictions and gain an understanding of their administrative set ups. You will hear the major issues facing the Chairs of James City and York Counties, as well as the Mayor of the City of Williamsburg. You will see how the respective jurisdictions are financed and be informed of their real estate assessment processes. The Chairs of the Planning Commissions will discuss major land use issues and how best for citizens to present their positions to the Planning Commission. You will gain an understanding of the differences between zoning and comprehensive plans.

Week 3 February 16, 2010 Education Facilitator: Greg Davy

You will meet with a variety of educational leaders and learn about Redistricting, Education Budgets, Alternative Education, How our Schools are Meeting the "No Child Left Behind" Challenge, and School Lunches (They're Not What You Remember). Redistricting is going to be a hot topic because two new schools are being built and are scheduled to open in the fall of 2010. No matter how thoughtfully the School Board tries to redraw attendance zones, some families will be negatively affected. Severe budget cuts from the State will be sustained over the next two years resulting in significant cuts to programs and personnel. You will hear the issues and decisions that must be made. You will tour either Thomas Nelson Community College or Warhill High School and meet with students and hear their concerns.

Week 4 February 23, 2010 Economic Development Facilitator: Jim Noel

You will meet with Development Directors of York, James City County, and Williamsburg and discuss the issues facing each in this challenging economic climate. You will learn the demographics of the area. You will meet a Tourism Panel and hear discussion concerning cutbacks at Colonial Williamsburg and the purchase of Busch properties and the impacts.

Week 5 March 2, 2010 Courts and Public Safety Facilitator: Major Brad Rinehimer

You will meet at Legacy Hall in New Town and travel to the Courthouse where you will tour the Courthouse with Captain Dave Hardin, Chief Deputy WJCC Sheriff's Office and meet with the Head Magistrate and learn of his function and duties. You will meet Mr. Nate Green, Commonwealth Attorney and learn about the Prosecution and Defense. You will be informed of the Preliminary Hearing/General District Court and the Trial and Sentence from one of the Judges. You will then return to Legacy Hall where The Honorable George C. Fairbanks IV, Juvenile and Domestic Relation Court Judge (Williamsburg) will discuss Youth and Crime. A Public Safety Panel discussion will follow with representation from Chief Emmett Harmon, JCC Police, Chief Mike Yost, Williamsburg Police, Sheriff Danny Diggs, York County Sheriffs Dept., Chief Tal Luton, JCC Fire, Chief of Williamsburg Fire, and Chief of York County Fire and Rescue. Master Officer Hal Diggs, JCC Police will close out the day with his powerful presentation "Gangs in the Community."

Week 6 March 9, 2010 Health and Human Services Facilitators: Kim Van Sickle

Peter Walentisch

You will meet at the Historic Triangle Community Services Bldg for a tour which will include the Head Start Program and meet the children. You will then hear a joint overview to the Health and Human Services Landscape in the Historic Triangle. You will gain an understanding of the poverty issues in the Community. You will learn about the Public-Private Partnerships in the Historic Triangle. You will participate in a panel discussion with Agency Heads/Designees for: Community Action Plan on Aging, Avalon, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Community Action Agency, Child Caring Connection, FISH, Senior Center/Coalition, and United Way (Outreach and Referral). You will travel to Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center for lunch and a tour of the Hospital. You will hear a Health Panel discussion on Advance Healthcare Planning. You will learn about the future of medicine: EMRs, Healthcare reform, etc.

Week 7 March 16, 2010 Arts and Culture Facilitator: Jane Medlin-Burton

You will hear an Arts and Culture Presentation by Patricia Rublein, Executive Director of the Cultural Alliance. You will take a behind the scenes tour of the Muscarelle Museum with Director Dr. Aaron DeGroft and the Assistant Director and Curator. You will visit This Century Art Gallery and learn of its artistic mission/vision and in depth discussion of Youth classes with Director Michael Kirby. You will travel to the Williamsburg Regional Library for a discussion on their theatre programming and preview the art gallery with Patrick Golden and John Morman. You will then head to the Kimball Theatre where you will take a behind the scenes tour of the Williamsburg Symphonia with Janna Hymes, Music Director and Conductor and meet various Board members. The day will end with a panel discussion with leaders of various arts organizations including the ones visited who will talk about challenges, opportunities and how folks can help.

Week 8 March 23, 2010 Military Facilitator: Claudia Pierson

The day will begin with a tour of either Naval Weapons Station Yorktown or the Coast Guard Training Facility. You will travel to Fort Eustis and enjoy lunch with the Sailors, Coasties and Soldiers in the dining hall. You will then proceed to the War Room of the Sims Center for a "meet and greet" with the Garrison Commander, Colonel Glenn Grothe who will highlight some of the missions of

the post and talk a little about the Base Realignment and Closure impact on Fort Eustis. You will then receive a tour of the simulators, get to try out your skills and wrap up the day by going to the Apache Training Facility for a tour.

Week 9 March 30, 2010 Funding, Volunteer, and Debriefing Facilitators: Roy Femenella

Claudia Pierson

You will hear a panel of Board members from various non-profits talk about funding issues to include the Health Foundation, the Community Trust, United Way, and the Arts Commission. You will then receive a presentation from a few 2006 CLS classmates who planned, programmed and implemented Volunteer Williamsburg.org, a free web based service available to match non-profit needs with the skills of volunteers. You will meet former CLS members and learn how they found their niche in the community and how you too, can make a difference and expand your community involvement. You will be given time for class discussion and then participate in a debriefing session where you will provide feedback on the CLS program, what you liked, what you didn't, what needs to be changed, added, deleted, etc.

April 6, 2010 GRADUATION