

Knights



Life

DECEMBER 2007

Edward Douglass White Council No. 2473

Number 6

DECEMBER EVENTS

2nd	Family Buffet	2:30	Main Hall
4th	Light Up For Christ	6:30	Council Grounds
6th	Council and Club Meetings LUK (moved to the 13th)	7:30	Paradise Lounge
7th	Supper Club	6:30	Paradise Lounge
12th	Knights Life Deadline		
13th	LUK meeting	7:30	CH
14th	Christmas Cocktail Evening	6:30	(See Article)
15th	Fish Club Christmas Party	6:00	CH
16th	Family Breakfast with Santa	9:00- Noon	Main Hall
18th	Board of Directors	7:00	CH
20th	Council Meeting/Christmas Party	7:30	Main Hall
25th	Merry Christmas		
31st	New Year's Eve Gala	6:30	Start, See article

Every Tuesday – Burger Night in the CH @ 6:30
Every Wednesday – Taco Night in the CH @ 7:00
Every Thursday – Spaghetti Night in the CH @ 6:30
Every Saturday – Steak Night in the CH @ 6:30

Mark your calendars for January Events:
3rd—Columbus Club Annual Meeting
6th – Family Buffet
11th – First Supper Club of the New Year

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This month I would like to honor Walter Burnette as our Knight of the Month. Walter has been a member of EDW since 1968 and has been a Redcoat volunteer since he joined the Knights of Columbus. Walter also volunteers his time each summer working in the BBQ pit at every summer holiday picnic. He also helps with the maintenance of our pool including shutting down the pool for the winter. He volunteers his time at the Family Breakfast and is part of the Knight Life mailing/labeling team. Thank you Walter Burnette for your countless hours of volunteering at EDW and congratulations as our December Knight of the Month.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

This month I would like to recognize Charlie Hager's family as our December Family of the Month. As you may have heard, Charlie, a longtime member and familiar face at the council passed away recently. We all at EDW will miss him. Charlie was a dedicated Knight and volunteered as a Redcoat Team Captain. Charlie's spirit of volunteerism will live on at EDW. He also attended many EDW events throughout the years with his children and grandchildren.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLUMBUS CLUB OF ARLINGTON, INC.

January 3rd 2008, 7:30 PM

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the Corporation, Article II, Section 1, this will serve as notice of the annual meeting of the Corporation on January 3rd 2008 immediately following the regular 7:30 PM business meeting of the Council.

At this meeting there will be election for Board of Directors and the 2008 Corporation Budget will be presented pursuant to the By-Laws of the Corporation, Article V, Section 7 for membership approval.

The following have 2 year terms as of January 2007 – George Kirby, Paul Bothwell, Dan Metzler, and Dave Paduda. Mike Cantwell has filled a one year term which ends 12-31-2007, so we need to fill a vacancy for a one year term. We also five up for reelection – Owen J. Beirne Jr., Rich McCormick, Tim Walthall, Tom Hazzard, and Steve Brown. Any interested in serving on the Board, please contact Tim Walthall at Timothy.Walthall@usdoj.gov.

WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN!

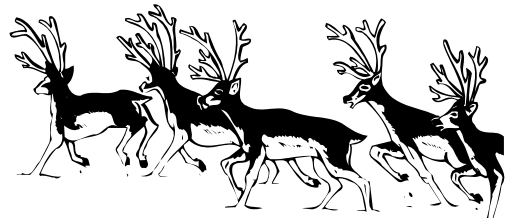
Leo Maimone PGK, FDD

Brothers, for many years our ceremonial team has done a great job introducing men to our order, and I'm sure they plan to continue to do so for many more years. Life, however, is constantly

throwing us curves, and we must learn to be prepared for the unexpected. For this reason, we need to have more men on the ceremonial team who can handle the bigger roles as well as some who can handle the lesser roles. This will give us better coverage in case of illness or family emergency, and it allows some of us to take a little time off when it's needed without messing up the degree schedule. By the way, those big roles really aren't as hard as they seem to be.

If you're interested in doing something really special for your council, call Leo Maimone at 703-379-0582 or E-mail at leomaimone@verizon.net.

Thank you, Vivat Jesus.



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Happy Advent, Brother Knights, families and friends. The month of December has finally arrived. We know what that means. The Christmas holiday is now upon us and it's time to celebrate the birth of Christ. There are several family events planned. EDW will start the Christmas festivities by joining councils across the country in a celebration "Light Up for Christ." This is part of a Knights of Columbus nationwide campaign to help remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. Every council in the nation will light its Christmas tree on Tuesday 4 December, 2007. EDW will partake in this celebration which will begin at 6:30PM outside on the council grounds. We will light the Christmas tree at 8:00PM sharp. All are Welcome! Bring your whole family as the council will provide snacks, activities, and caroling for all.

Don't worry, we haven't forgotten about jolly old St. Nick! There will be more celebrating for the kids as Santa Claus will be coming to EDW for the monthly Sunday Family Breakfast on Sunday December 16th. Santa will arrive around 10:00 or so to greet the kids.

As we draw closer to the holy day the council will host our annual Christmas Party. The council Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday 20 December 2007 at 7:30PM. Complimentary food and refreshments will be available to the membership. Come on up to the council and enjoy the company of your brother Knights during the Christmas Season.

In the spirit of Christmas joy, I along with the council officers would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. Hope to see you and your family at the council this Christmas holiday.

Vincent Long
 Grand Knight

SICK AND RECOVERING

Please remember the following members and their families in your daily prayers. If you have time, give them a call or drop them a note.

Neil Campbell	Claude R. Jenkins	Gene Rutherford, PGK
Eleanor Dougherty	Mrs. John Kramer	Ed Sajeski
Fr. Louis Gagnard	Paul O'Brien	



Deck the Halls!

Come and help LUK
 decorate the KofC
 Christmas tree at the
 Old Council Home
 Friday, November 30
 at 7:30 p.m.

Hors d'ouvres will be served.

www.ladiesuknighited.com

FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

by Jerry Garren, FS, PGK

"The 2008 Dues Rant Issue"

You should receive (or have received) your dues notice for 2008 in early December. If you have not, please be aware that you can mail a check to the Council without your billing slip. In the event that you do, please remember to write your membership number in the memo section of the check. Dues will increase by \$2.00 in accordance with the resolution previously passed by the Columbus Club in 2003. Regular Members' dues will be \$114; Honorary Members' dues will be \$60, Honorary Life Members dues' will be \$44 (Columbus Club dues only).

Please remember that a "member in good standing" is defined simply as a Brother Knight who pays his dues. But the FAILURE of a member to pay dues actually HURTS the Council finances, as there are significant costs associated with each membership (e.g., State and Supreme dues that MUST be paid, even if a member does not pay). So, if you fail to pay, you cause DAMAGE to the finances of this CHARITABLE organization.

This having been said, the Council will help any Brother Knight who cannot pay their dues. All you have to do is to write to fs2473@hotmail.com or call me at (202) 498-1638 and I will help. Also, if you are in arrears, please take the time to call me to discuss your particular situation. I am here to help.

Please be thoughtful...pay on time...and if you are no longer interested in membership at EDW, please contact me to arrange withdrawal or, if still interested in membership, transfer to another Council.

As you well know, the Supreme Constitution provides that Honorary Life Members (HLM) receive a full exemption from the payment of Council dues. However, there is a clear misunderstanding of the rules concerning Columbus Club dues. Please be aware that the By-Laws of the Columbus Club DO NOT provide for the exemption, or reduction, of dues for HLMs. As such, HLMs are reminded that they are OBLIGATED as Catholic Gentlemen to pay Columbus Club dues (\$44) in order to ensure that sufficient funds are available for the operation of the grounds. The Council Officers, Columbus Club Board Members, and I are very interested in accommodating HLMs who may be experiencing financial problems. If you are an HLM (a treasured member) who needs an accommodation, please contact me immediately to discuss potential options. However, in keeping with the previous ruling of the State Advocate, HLMs who fail to pay or contact me will remain members in good standing and permitted to attend Council meetings. However, they will NOT be permitted to utilize Columbus Club facilities.

KOVAR and the Combined Federal Campaign It's that time of the year again. All Federal employees are reminded that it is VERY easy to support the Virginia KOVAR charity through regular payroll deductions made possible through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Please remember that EDW can receive credit for your contributions when you provide a copy of your pledge sheet to me. Thank you for your generous support.

Deaths: I am saddened to report the death of Brother Charlie Hager on October 22nd. Please keep him, as well as his family (especially our Brother Chris) in your prayers.

CQ CQ CQ EDW... I have recently returned to the hobby of amateur radio. If there are any other EDW members that might be interested in getting a small and informal radio club going, please drop me an email or give me a call.

Merry Christmas. May God bless each and everyone of you and your families.

Jerry Garren, PGK
Financial Secretary

RETIREES' CORNER

December 2007

Bob Brown

703-476-2086 or jrandsue@comcast.net

The Retirees Christmas party this year will be on Wednesday the 19th. Festivities begin at 10:30 with appetizers & a great buffet lunch at 12:00. Wives widows and girl friends are invited

December Members Birthdays

Dick De Corps, Fred O'Hara

December Wives Birthdays

Margaret Edwartoski, Ann Murphy,
Jean Ratway, Eleanor Sajeski

December Anniversaries

Bob and Sue Brown

Chuckle of the Month. - A reporters asked a 104-year-old woman, what do you think is the best thing about being 104? She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

Words of Wisdom - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

As the Christmas season approaches let us all remember to Keep Christ in Christmas. Merry Christmas to all and have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Hager who died on Oct. 22nd.

Pray for us all

A NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION TO START THIS YEAR

Ken Goss, Jr. PGK

Hopefully a new tradition to be started at EDW, with our first Christmas Cocktail Evening.

Holiday Cheer will abound this night, Friday December 14 from 6:30 til ???, with beverages of the season like Egg Nog, Gluewein (spiced wine drink), and others. A nice array of snacks and cookies will also be served.

Please come and join your fellow members and friends for a Festive Evening in the Council Home, and help restart an Old World tradition.

SPORT FISHING CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dear Anglers,

Please note that our Christmas Party is scheduled for December 15, 2007 at 6:00PM in the Council Home. Pot Luck for side dishes and desserts. Please bring your favorite recipes. The Fish Club will provide the main course. Hope you can join us. See you there!

-Captain Mark

FAMILY “KNIGHT” WITH THE WIZARDS!

On Friday evening, January 25, 2008, at 7 pm, the EDW Council will be sponsoring a night out to see the Washington Wizards take on the Memphis Grizzlies in an exciting game of basketball. This event will take place at Verizon Center, in Washington DC, which is located at the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro Stop on the Yellow and Green Lines. Bring your family and friends. We will be joined by members and guests from other Virginia Knights of Columbus Councils.

The cost for attending is \$38 per ticket. Anyone wishing to go should send a self-addressed stamped envelope to K of C EDW Council, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA 22207. Include a check made payable to “K of C EDW #2473”, along with a note specifying your name, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, council name and number, and number of tickets desired (x \$38). The DEADLINE for ordering tickets is January 10! If you want to help or would like further information, please contact Norm Marcocci: (703) 263-9771 (home); (703) 376-1631 (cell); LouisianaKnightNorm@gmail.com (e-mail).

BLOOD BANK NEWS

The November Blood Drive was held on the 18th and results will be announced in the January issue of Knight Life.

We wish to thank all those that have participate recently and over the many years.

Bob Muschamp and Ray Fioramonti

48TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA @ EDW

December; New Year's Eve less than a month off. Time to get a group together to enjoy New Years Eve at EDW. The evening begins at 6:30pm with social hour, open bar and light hors d'ouevres; followed by a full 3-course dinner at 7:30 (choice of prime rib, pork tenderloin or Dijon crusted broiled salmon). From 9pm-12:30am you'll dance to the fine music of “The Jim Bowie band”. The evening includes drawing for door prizes (save your ticket stub), champagne @ midnight and continental breakfast. All for only \$90 per couple (\$45 single). Tickets available in the office in early December.

500 CLUB RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER

500 club winners for November, 2007

#223 William Tavenner
#031 Jeff Bell
#237 Ruby Norton
#111 Bob Canter Jr
#119 Nancy Rougeux Big Winner

ARLINGTON FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER

by John Pfundstein

It is Christmas time so please help by bringing a non-perishable canned food item to the Council Christmas party on December 20th to help support the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

The AFAC distributes groceries to almost 600 families in Arlington each week. These families are referred to AFAC by social workers, school nurses and churches. Despite our overall affluence, many Arlington county residents are in need of food assistance. Check out the AFAC's website at www.afacinfo.org for information on how to volunteer.

If you cannot make it to the party please drop off your donations at the office sometime during the week before the party.

Thanks again for your continuing support of this annual effort.

THANK YOOOOOOOOO

Halloween has come and gone but the glow still lingers among those who participated in the preparation and celebration of the Children's Halloween party. Special thanks to Stephanie and her mom for the dinosaur preparation. Also kudos to Betty who helped us with the setup, decorations and fun.

Tim and Peg Seldin, Peg's sister Sue and Julie Aaron for helping to stuff the treat bags and for helping to decorate. We also need to thank Janet McDermott. Her story telling was delightful.

Andrew and Yun Walsh, Amit Mahra and Mary Mytrishyn did a marvelous job of supervising the different activities. Finally thanks to all the kitchen staff who provided for the little ghosts and goblins. We appreciate all who attended and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Jim and Janet Walsh

HELP NEEDED

A Camp Director for Summer Camp 2008: we are looking for a qualified person to head up our Camp Staff. If you are interested or know someone who is interested please apply via Jesse Corning, Club Manager 703/536-9656 x 7 or jessecorning@comcast.net.

KING CAKE PARTY TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2008!

The 2nd Annual King Cake Party will take place on Thursday evening, February 7, 2008. It will be held in the Blue Room of the Council Home Bar. It will take place right after the Knights of Columbus and Ladies U-Knighted Meetings. This is a fun and educational event for you and your family and friends to learn the true meaning of Epiphany, Mardi Gras, and the Three Wise Men. There will be a cash bar with soft drinks and snacks. Everyone will anxiously awaiting who will be King/Queen for the Day and be blessed with a year of good luck. Plus there will be some music for the occasion and some door prizes, too. If you want to help or would like further information, please contact Norm Marcocci: (703) 263-9771 (home); (703) 376-1631 (cell); LouisianaKnightNorm@gmail.com (e-mail); www.geocities.com/NormsKingCakeParty



LADIES U-KNIGHTED NEWS

Nanette O'Neill

Soon The Council Home will be decorated in its finest for our Christmas season. The Ladies U-Knighted will hold its' annual Christmas Decorating Party in The Council Home on Friday, November 30 at 7:30. There will be Christmas music and finger foods to enjoy. This evening is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit, and just in time for the Light up for Christ event. On Tuesday the 4th we will participate in the nationwide program, Light up for Christ. All ages are invited to celebrate this evening which will feature traditional activities for everyone to enjoy, from crafts to carols and of course the lighting of the tree! Hope to see you there with your family.

LUK thanks everyone who donated outer wear which was distributed to our guests on Thanksgiving Day. Now while the clothing drive is over, there is always a box in the Council Home for you to drop off used cell phones. An ongoing need, the cell phones are distributed by Nancy and Sy Rougeux to local agencies for people in need. (Victims of crime can call 911 even without carrier service.)

Weather permitting, our first meeting of the new year will be held in The Council Home on Thursday, January 3rd at 7:30pm. As always, the LUK welcomes any woman who is interested in supporting the endeavors of The Knights of Columbus.

Happy Birthday Jo Wood and Ann Einsiedler.
Merry Christmas and Best Wishes to you for the New Year.



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Proceeds from sales will be used to refurbish the Old Council Home.

EDW'S OPERATION CHARITABLE RESOLVE

Collecting and Aiding Baghdad's Catholic Community

In last month's Knight Life we introduced you to EDW member LTC Bill Davisson, currently stationed in Iraq, who had written the membership to share the story of Father Nahdeer, one of the few remaining Catholic Priests. As part of the Knights of Columbus Baghdad Roundtable, Bill had asked if we could assist Baghdad's struggling Catholic community with our prayers and charity. These are dozens of displaced families and children living in a hostile environment, who need – and would greatly appreciate – some very basic items.

Now is time for us to act. Starting immediately, EDW will begin collecting goods to be sent to Brother Bill and the Baghdad Roundtable for direct distribution to our fellow Catholics in Iraq. Collection drop-boxes will be located at both the Council Home and Main Hall. We'll concentrate on the following items:

- Hygiene articles (linens, and non-prescription medicine)
- Kitchen gear (pots, pans, and utensils)
- Children's gifts (simple toys not requiring batteries)
- Non-chocolate candies
- School supplies (composition books, pencils, pens, etc...)

The Council will keep you posted on Operation Charitable Resolve in both the Knight Life and on the Website with updates on what we send and any correspondence with our man in the Baghdad.

Understanding that there are many other calls for your generosity this time of year, please keep in mind this worthy cause. Imagine the bravery required to be a practicing Catholic in that war-torn region. Remember our soldiers and civilians stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan who continue to win the hearts and minds in difficult and dangerous circumstances. Thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity.

www.kofcedw2473.org
Contact: AJ Valinote
membership@kofcedw2473.org
(703) 237-2977

KOFC EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS FUND

The employee Christmas Fund is now accepting contributions. If you would like to show your appreciation for our employees, please consider making a contribution.

Contributions can be made to Columbus Club Christmas Fund and sent to the main office attention Betty Florence.

Thank you and have a happy holiday!



PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET FOR COLUMBUS CLUB OF ARLINGTON, INC.

**Owen J. Beirne Jr., President, Dan Metzler,
Vice Treasurer, Paul Bothwell, Treasurer**

Enclosed in this December Knight Life is the Corporation's Proposed 2008 Budget for your review pursuant to the By-Laws, Article V, Section 7. This budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2008, for membership approval.

We have examined the actual revenue and expenses for 2007 year to date (through 9-30-2007) and reviewed all of our maintenance contracts. We feel confident about the 2008 budget.

In summary, 2007 was quite a year of change for us as a corporation.

For the first time ever, we hired a Chef for the Club, Ernest Todd, who started in January of this year. Also, in the fall of 2006, we created and filled, for the first time, a new position for an Event Director, Stephanie Kingree, which carried over into 2007. This new position allowed us to have a central point of contact for all prospects and clients for all of the campus events. The benefits have been better coordination of events, planning and client satisfaction. However, we were still without a Club Manager until April of this year when Jesse Corning joined us. The results are just being shown in 2007 of this newly created team. With 2007 vs. 2006 through 9-30-2007, food sales are up 14%, facilities rental up 41%, and labor charged is up 44%.

We also finished the all the items in our 2006 Capital Improvement Plan and we now have flat screen LCD's in the Council Home.

Here are some other numbers to look at: Pool income was up 17% (highest income ever in Club history) and net income was up 22%. Camp income was up 17% and net income was up 55%. The snack bar/pool lounge revenue was at an all time high ever at \$91,000 with \$4,700 coming in the weekend after Labor Day due to the End of the Year Pool Party.

We have two loans outstanding – 1st loan dated 12-10-2004, we borrowed \$100,800, 5 year note at 7%, current balance – 12-2008 - \$44,634. 2nd loan dated 1-28-2006, we borrowed \$211,482, 5 year note at 7.75%, current balance - 12-2008 - \$176,551.

The cell agreement with AT&T will be executed this month with construction completed in the fall of 2008. This rent is not included in the 2008 budget.

In 2007 we made changes to our business practices to better serve the membership of the Council and our external customers.

We are using the full potential of our Chef's abilities and are now only doing catered events in the Main Hall.

We completely revamped our menus and pricing for the Main Hall and for summer picnics. Everything is now on a cost plus basis.

We have a well defined inventory

process in place.

We have revised our event and meeting contract so that we have a more professional approach when we are meeting our client's needs.

We have put in place a marketing plan that is now far reaching to all. We have joined the Arlington Chamber, the Ballston Partnership and we are hosting Chamber Mixers in our main hall, we are attending bridal showcases and events.

We have now made our kitchen truly a "commercial kitchen" with needed equipment purchases (do not ask what we used to mix things in the kitchen with).

We have bought stand up cocktail tables, cloth chair covers, and other equipment that we now rent out to for all events. The new motto is "bring on the events" we are ready and now equipped to handle one and all.

As far as our financial outlook, our budget is very conservative for 2008 and we feel fiscally sound. Our 2006 approved improvement budget was completed this year; however we are creating a 2008 improvement budget. This will include the entire white coating of the pools, possible resurfacing of the pool decks, and a new barbeque pit structure (current one is in great disrepair). Resurfacing of the tennis court and possibly re-roofing the main hall roofs. Should we mention the resurfacing of the lower parking lots and other areas? This is why the Capital Campaign Fund is so important.

We are very optimistic about our future booking of the hall, the increasing success of our Summer Camp, and the continued success of our pool as we strive to make our pool better each and every year. We feel confident we have a solid staff in place in and great leadership in key roles.

However, the 85 years of success (May 1922) of our Council and Corporation comes from only one source, and it's not the money, it's from you, the member who volunteers and supports this great institution. If you can help in any way, call me or e-mail me at owen_beirnejr@ml.com. The pay is great!

Thank you to all of the current Board Members and all former Board Members for all of your help and support. We are like a Band of Brothers, Fraternal

Brothers in Christ!

The Columbus Club's Main Hall at the Knights of Columbus

Rent Now! 2008 is going fast

The Banquet Hall

Our largest venue, this bright, spacious room comfortably seats 120 to 350. Perfect for elegant receptions, corporate luncheons, and fundraisers, this room sets the tone for a spectacular event. Weddings, conferences, Scouting events such as "Blue and Gold" dinners; the Columbus Club's Banquet Hall is a great choice.

This 5,500 square foot venue has 12 foot ceilings, ample parking, a full service bar area, and a large in-set elevated stage, and much more.

The Charles Paradise Room

Also known as the "Lower Lounge" this room is perfect for more intimate gatherings – small to medium sized groups up to 120. Anniversary parties, HOA meetings, company holiday parties are all possible in this comfortable, yet spacious venue. A bright, ground-level room, the Lower Lounge with its own large bar can be used for both catered and catered events.

Suggested time slots are: Daytime 9:00 am – 4:30 pm;
Afternoons 3:30 pm – 9:30 pm; and Evenings 6:30 pm – 12:00 am.

To reserve, call **Stephanie Kingree at (703) 536-9656 x1**

More information and a slideshow are available at our Website: www.kofcedw2473.org

Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc.



Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2008

Income	Actual 2006	Budget 2007	Budget 2008
Food Sales	\$364,640	\$407,000	\$426,000
Beverage Sales	\$164,796	\$175,000	\$185,000
Facilities Rental	\$92,445	\$80,000	\$122,000
Monthly Dues / K of C Assessments	\$58,597	\$60,000	\$76,000
Pool Membership Fees	\$187,573	\$188,000	\$239,000
Camp	\$172,496	\$200,000	\$204,000
Pool Admissions	\$16,407	\$16,000	\$17,000
Antenna	\$43,241	\$45,000	\$45,000
Labor Charged	\$34,515	\$40,000	\$41,000
Miscellaneous Sales	\$11,160	\$13,000	\$13,000
Total Income	\$1,145,868	\$1,224,000	\$1,368,000
Cost Of Sales			
Food	\$162,110	\$185,000	\$189,000
Beverage	\$61,909	\$62,000	\$69,000
Other	\$34,140	\$25,000	\$35,000
Total Cost of Sales	\$258,158	\$272,000	\$293,000
Total Gross Profit	\$887,710	\$952,000	\$1,075,000
Expenses			
Salaries	352,256	390,000	485,000
Pool Management	55,100	56,000	58,000
Pool Expenses	16,800	20,000	20,000
Camp Expenses	10,300	15,000	20,000
Utilities& Trash	92,260	96,000	100,000
Depreciation	31,173	30,000	32,000
Real Estate & Payroll Taxes/ Insurance	152,124	145,000	162,000
Repairs	66,551	45,000	45,000
Other	107,717	138,200	136,000
Professional Fees	35,530	15,000	15,000
Total Expenses	919,811	950,200	1,073,000
Income	(\$32,102)	\$1,800	\$2,000

Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc.



**Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2008
Other Explained**

Other	Budget 2008
Loan Repayment (P&I) 1st and 2nd	\$79,200
Advertising	\$9,000
Bank Charges	\$500
Credit Cards (fee of 5% total cc sales)	\$7,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,500
Employee Benefits	\$11,000
Equipment Rental	\$3,000
Flowers and Decorations	\$400
Miscellaneous	\$1,800
Postage Expense	\$3,500
Printing	\$1,600
Waiters Expense	\$2,500
General Supplies (paper & cleaning, etc.)	\$15,000
Total Other	\$136,000

Proposed Camp Budget 2007				
INCOME	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2006	ACTUAL 2006
Actual Camp	\$200,000	\$203,253	\$200,000	\$171,644
Total Income	\$200,000	\$203,253	\$200,000	\$171,644
Expenses				
Advertising	\$2,000	\$3,377	0	\$5,762
Bad Debt	\$0	\$120		
Insurance	\$3,600	\$3,800	\$3,200	\$3,863
Misc.	\$275	\$0	\$7,000	
Office & Postage	\$1,650	\$767	0	
Professional Fees	\$800	\$0	0	\$750
Payroll	\$80,000	\$50,068	\$75,000	\$63,006
Repairs amd Main	\$0	\$279		
Payroll taxes	\$6,034.90	\$3,630	\$6,000	\$5,486
Supplies	\$5,000	\$5,370	0	\$4,465
Licenses	\$700	\$615	0	
Utilities-Telephone	\$643.82	\$0	0	\$585
Total Expenses	\$100,703.72	\$68,026	\$91,200	\$83,917
Net Income	\$99,296.28	\$135,227	\$108,800	\$87,727
Net Income 2005	\$87,200			
Prior Year Income				
2001	\$139,000			
2002	\$192,000			
2003	\$209,000			
2004	\$214,000			
2005	\$180,000			
2006	\$172,000			



Proposed Pool Budget vs Actual Fiscal Year 2007 (Updated 9-7-2007)

Income	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Actual 2006
Pool Membership Fees	\$188,000	\$223,655	\$188,072
Pool Admissions	\$16,000	\$15,215	\$16,407
Total Gross Income	\$204,000	\$238,870	\$204,479
2007 Expenses			
Pool Service Mgmt Contract	\$56,000	\$57,575	\$55,050
Advertising	\$0	\$785	\$0
Supplies	\$3,000	\$1,135	\$2,384
Repairs	\$12,000	\$23,498	\$16,804
Pool Desk Manager Salary	\$8,000	\$6,453	\$7,257
Postage	\$0	\$41	\$0
Taxes -License	\$0	\$400	\$0
Taxes - Payroll	\$0	\$500	\$0
Professional Fees	\$0	\$49	\$0
Misc.	\$3,000	\$40	\$2,662
Total Expenses	\$82,000	\$90,476	\$84,157
Net Income	\$122,000	\$148,394	\$120,322
Prior Years Gross Income			
2001 - \$129,000			
2002 - \$145,935			
2003 - \$100,341			
2004 - \$145,935			
2005 - \$171,163			
2006 - \$204,479			
2007 - \$238,870			

**December Buffet
Family Buffet - December 2**

2:30 - 5:30

Adults \$9.00 Children 10 & under \$4.50

Salad Bar
Three-Onion Soup
Chicken Noodle
Grilled Tuna w/ Raspberry Sauce
Buttermilk Fried Chicken
Rosemary Rib Roast with Yorkshire Pudding
Macaroni and Cheese
Vegetable Medley
Assorted Desserts Display

**Supper Club Buffet
December 7 - Lower Lounge**

6:30 - 9:00

Adults \$12.50 Children 10 & under \$6.50

Salad Bar
Six Bean Chili
Vegetable Barley Soup
Chicken Fried Steak
Smothered Beef Liver with Onion
Baked Codfish with Spiced Cider Glaze
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Assorted Desserts Display

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						Steak Dinner Night 6:30 1
2 Family Buffet 2:30 - 5:30 MH	3 Bridge 7:00	4 Burger Night 6:30 "Light Up for Christ" 6:30 Council Grounds	5 Retirees 11:00 Taco Night CH 7:00	6 Council Club Meetings 7:30 CH Spaghetti Night 6:30	7 Supper Club 6:30 Lower Lounge Pearl Harbor Day	8 Steak Dinner Night 6:30 Immaculate Conception
9	10 Bridge 7:00	11 Burger Night 6:30	12 Retirees 11:00 Taco Night CH 7:00 Knight Life Deadline	13 Spaghetti Night 6:30 Officers and Chairmen LUK Meeting 7:30	14 Christmas Cocktail Evening CH 6:30	15 Steak Dinner Night 6:30 Fish Club Christmas Party 6:00 PM.
16 Family Breakfast with Santa 9:00 - Noon	17 Bridge 7:00	18 Burger Night 6:30 BOD 7:00 CH	19 Retirees 11:00 Taco Night CH 7:00	20 Spaghetti Night 6:30 Council Meeting Christmas Party 7:30	21	22 Steak Dinner Night 6:30
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas	26 Retirees 11:00 Taco Night CH 7:00	27 CH Spaghetti Night 6:30	28	29 Steak Dinner Night 6:30
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