

Employee Annual Picnic postponed

Bill Gardiner, chairman of the Hospitality and Courtesy Committee, announced at Wednesday's Hospitality and Courtesy Committee meeting that the Employees' Annual Picnic, originally scheduled for Saturday, April 20, has been postponed.

Bill attributed that change in plans to the continued effect of the economy on visitation, divisions reorganizing, reductions in staff, and the current unsettled union situation. The issues were discussed thoroughly at the Operations and Quality Council Committee meeting on Monday, and the committee recommended to President Longworth that it would be best to hold the picnic at a later date. Chuck said, "I understand employees may be disappointed with this decision, so I want to assure them there will be a picnic later in the year."

The picnic subcommittee, chaired by Gerry Bugas, will meet later this spring to set a new date for the picnic.

Special programs scheduled for spring and summer

Visitors to Williamsburg will have a choice of special programs to help them experience life in the 18th century.

"Cry Witch," which will be offered on Mondays at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Capitol, is a dramatized inquiry into the charges of witchcraft brought against Grace Sherwood in 1706. The audience is invited to question the witnesses, weigh the evidence, and determine the guilt or innocence of the Virginia witch. ("Cry Witch" will also be offered Saturday, April 13, and during Saturdays in November.)

"Cross or Crown," to be offered on Wednesdays at 8 and 8:30 p.m. in the Capitol, allows the visitor to experience

Thomas Jefferson's personal transition from Virginia aristocrat to the foremost defender of the rights of the common man. Jefferson himself guides you, using narrative, dramatic scenes, and a culminating debate in which you will be invited to take part, through the process that gave us one of our most treasured liberties—freedom of religion.

On Thursday evenings members of the "Governor's Music" will present an evening of period instrumental and vocal music in the ballroom of the Governor's Palace at 8 p.m. (with an extra 9:30 performance on March 28 and April 4).

"An Assembly at the Capitol," held Friday evenings at 8 and 8:30 p.m., transports visitors into the colonial past as they proceed through the candle-lit building. They will enjoy fashionable dances, converse with those attending the Assembly, and be entertained by a period puppet show. (On March 29 and April 5 there will be an additional performance at 7:30 p.m.)

The Irish Widow will be performed on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the Lodge. This 18th-century comedy transports our visitors to the vital, rousing atmosphere of the colonial theatre.

A capitol concert will conclude the week. Most Sundays it will be held at 8:30 p.m. On March 31 and September 1 there will be an additional performance at 9:15 p.m.

Rouse to sign book at Lodge Gift Shop

Parke Rouse, author of 27 books on Virginia history, will be signing his newest book *The James: Where a Nation Began* at the Lodge Gift Shop March 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 244-page book traces the exploration and development of the river from Jamestown days to the present. It is heavily illustrated with old prints and photographs, many dealing with steamers and canal boats which once plied the river. The author devotes

several chapters to the early plantations which line the lower James and the canals which opened up the upper river to canal boat shipments of tobacco in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Rouse also deals with efforts to preserve the purity and historic beauty of the river.

Four employees awarded Order of the Pineapple

The Hospitality and Courtesy Committee announced the newest members of the Order of the Pineapple. First quarter recipients are: **Rod Faulkner**, sales interpreter at Prentiss Store; **Mark R. Wenger**, architectural historian; **Jimmie Ros Langenhennig**, security officer; and **Bill Jones**, waiter in Campbell's Tavern.

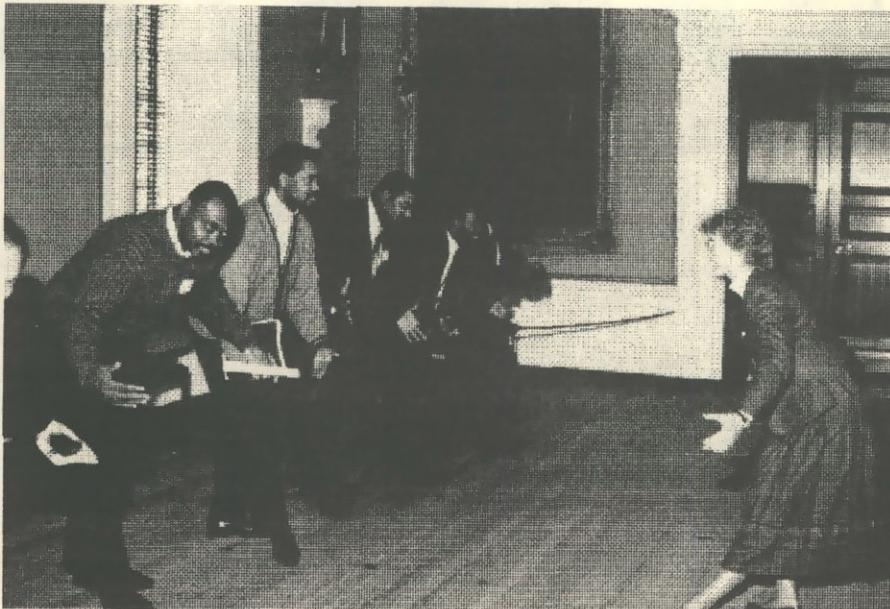
An article and photograph about each new member will appear in the next issue of *CW News*.



What's happening

- ✓ Architectural Photography Exhibit, Foundation Library, March 11 to April 19.
- ✓ Nimble Thimbles, Mondays, 5:30-7 p.m., Motor House Caucus Room. For information call Brenda Pruitt at ext. 7658.
- ✓ CW Chorus rehearsal, Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Center Room, Motor House.
- ✓ Fencing, Tuesdays, 5:45 p.m. in the PTB.
- ✓ A Glorious System of Things Central Library Wednesday, March 27 at 2 p.m.
- ✓ Employee yard sale, Saturday, April 6, between 8 a.m. and noon, corner of First Street and Capitol Landing Road. For information, call Donna Whalen, ext. 7118.

Virginia Parks and Recreation Society holds conference at Colonial Williamsburg



Tab Broyles of School Services shows some of our visiting trip coordinators the proper way to do a courtesy.

Colonial Williamsburg hosted a special group of visitors recently. Seventy members of the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society gathered here for an all-day conference. Highlights of their meeting included special walking tours of the Historic Area, and presentations by School Services and AAIP staff.

According to Margaret Malone, Tour and Travel Representative in Group Sales, the society is made up of trip coordinators from around the state, who arrange tours for senior citizens, teenagers, sports fans and other special-interest groups.

"This was a golden opportunity for us to exchange information about what's new at Colonial Williamsburg and how we can spread the word," Margaret explained. "We talked about the many opportunities available for specific groups, to show them how we can customize tours and make it easy as possible for them to book groups."

"Each of these trip coordinators has the potential to bring one or more groups to Colonial Williamsburg. It's an opportunity for

Craft House holds annual spring sale

The second annual Craft House Spring Sale will run from March 29 through April 8. Come to either Craft House location (Williamsburg Inn or Merchants Square) and take advantage of these exceptional savings:

- 40-50% off remaining Kittinger furniture floor samples
- 20% off Karastan carpets
- 20% off Friedman Brothers mirrors
- 20% off Schumacher fabrics and wallpaper
- 20% off all framed prints
- 25% off tavern china dinnerware
- 25-40% off Eldred Wheeler floor samples

Don't forget that you will receive your employee discount in addition to these savings!

Earth Day celebration

Friday, April 19, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
near Franklin Street Offices
Door prizes! Free tours!
Set aside your lunch hour.

"May I Help You?" Desk to re-open

On Monday, March 25, the "May I Help You?" Desk (formerly the Virginia Attractions Desk) will re-open for 1991. The desk, staffed entirely by volunteers, will operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

The desk provides information on visiting Williamsburg and other area attractions, including detailed guidance for visitors with disabilities.

New employee orientation starting

New employee orientation classes will be starting up again soon. Please contact Jean Hancock at ext. 7005 for more information.

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us to sell tickets, guide services, tavern meals and, perhaps, more."

A number of departments were involved in providing information and support for the meeting, Margaret added. They included:

Hotel Sales: Jane Clayton and Gary Brown

Dept. of Historical Presentation: Bill White, Cindy Burns, Jim Ebert, Tab Broyles and Jae Ann White

African-American Interpretation and Presentation: Bernetta Wake, Arthur Johnson and Bridgette Jackson

Group Sales: Phyllis Terrell

Admissions Marketing: Randall Foskey

According to Group Sales Manager Phyllis Terrell, hosting the Virginia Recreation and Park Society could provide visitors from close to home-visitors who might not otherwise come to Colonial Williamsburg.

"We're optimistic that they'll bring business here," she said. "We want people to know that we are a good destination for day trips, for youths, seniors or other groups."

