

Benefits Survey

What do you think of CW's employee benefits program? Do you think the selection of available benefits is good? Would you like to have more choice in the amount or type of benefits you receive?

The Benefits department would like to know what you think about your employee benefits. In order to find out, they are conducting an employee survey. The survey will be sent to about half of all regular CW employees. Once the results--which are confidential--are in, they will be summarized. A complete report of your responses will appear in the summer issue of the "Information About Your Benefits" newsletter in July.

If you receive the benefits survey in the mail, please take a few minutes to fill it out. Then put it in the enclosed envelope and return it to Bonnie Devine, director of Benefits, Room 136, Franklin Street Office. Please be sure to return your survey by Friday, April 28.

Bus Turn-around

Initial site work for the new bus turnaround on the east side of the Palace employee and bus parking lot has begun, according to Dennis O'Toole, vice-president and chief education officer. When completed in July, the bus turnaround will allow CW buses to be re-routed from North England and Nicholson Streets to Lafayette, Waller and Francis Streets.

This will "greatly enhance the experience of those who visit and those who interpret the several buildings and sites along the North England-Nicholson Streets corridor and will reduce a major 20th-century intrusion in the Historic Area," Dennis said.

The contractors have devised a plan of construction that will allow car and bus access to the lot during the construction period. However, 11 parking spaces have been eliminated along the eastern most edge of the

lot. Employees who are affected by this change are advised to find alternate parking in Lot 44 on Newport Avenue or in the Capitol parking lot.

25% discount on hotel rooms offered to CW employees

Hotel properties is offering for a limited time--through the end of 1989--a 25% discount on all hotel rooms with the exception of the Williamsburg Inn main building. This offer is for employees and their friends or relatives.

The discount is offered on a space-available basis and will not be available during Christmas or Thanksgiving. "Space available basis" means those rooms that are left to sell on a given day.

When making reservations for your friends or relatives, provide the reservationist with your employee number (social security number).

Property Management offices have moved...

...to the Nelson-Galt office on the corner of Francis and Blair Streets. Peg Waite's and Barbara Jones' extensions remain unchanged.

Carter's Grove bus experiment

During the month of May and through June 4, on an experimental basis, bus service to Carter's Grove will be offered to ticketed visitors.

The bus will depart from the west side of the Visitor Center at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., with a stop at the Lodge to pick up visitors.

These busses will be identified on the destination sign as "Carter's Grove". All ticketed visitors to CW may ride this bus; however, only Patriot's Passes and tickets which include admission to Carter's Grove can be used at Carter's Grove. All other tickets can be

upgraded at the Carter's Grove Reception Center.

Bowling Mini-League begins Tuesday, May 9

The second ten-week bowling mini-league begins Tuesday, May 9. The league is open to teams made up of CW employees and spouses (if on the same team as the employee). These are four-person teams with at least one person of the opposite sex.

The cost of the league per night includes: three games at \$2.05, \$1.15 for shoes (if you rent them), \$.65 prize fund, and \$.25 for the secretary/treasurer for a total of \$6.85 (without shoe rental) or \$8 (with shoe rental).

Anyone interested in forming a bowling team can pick up a registration/roster form from Room 132 in the Franklin Street Office Building (or call Sue Houser at ext. 7029 and it can be put in the interoffice mail). If you are interested in serving as a substitute bowler, please call Sue at ext. 7029 or Luther Jenkins at ext 2704. Registration deadline is Friday, April 21.

Let the games begin!

Lawn bowling and Cricket are two colonial games employees play on Market Square Green. If you don't work in costume, participating in either or both of these activities will give you a chance to experience the affect of wearing a costume and representing CW before our visitors. If you already work in costume, your experience is rounded off by participating in these recreational activities.

Colonial Lawn Bowling is played on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning Monday, May 15. Lawn Bowling was a popular game among the "gentlemen" of 18th-century Virginia. This game can be played with opposing teams of one, two, or three persons, male or female.

Colonial Cricket begins Wednesday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. The more employees who participate the better--usual team make-up is sixteen people. Cricket is similar to baseball in that a bat and ball are used. The "batsman" defends a "wicket", a set of two wooden stumps fixed in the ground several inches apart with a "bail", a piece of wood laid across the top. A "bowler" on the opposite team pitches a ball underhand with the intention of hitting the

defended wicket and dislodging the bail. The baseman hits the ball and runs (as long as he/she does not make a foul hit or the ball doesn't get caught). The team with the most runs wins.

If you are interested in participating in these games, call Sue Houser, ext. 7029. Free instruction and costumes are provided.

Correction!

In the April-May issue of *CW News* there appeared on page five a new column, "Ask CW News..." there was a typographical error in the amounts given for the revenue which exceeded budget. Instead of \$5 million and \$6 million, it should have read that the admission revenues exceeded budget in 1988 by .5 million and Products revenue by .6 million.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Thanks, also, to Controller Matt Hodgdon for helping us explain the budget and how it works.

**Weight Watchers
next eight-week session
begins Wednesday, May 10
Call Sue Houser, ext. 7029
for more information!**

Spend Saturdays at the Craft House

Saturdays are fun at the Craft House-Inn and Craft House-Merchants Square. Each Saturday for the rest of March, and all of April and May, the Craft House will feature special mini-seminars on ideas to bring some of the charm of the 18th century into your home. You don't have to fill out an educational reimbursement form--these seminars are FREE! No purchase necessary.

April 15, **Table Settings: A Comparison**
John Austin, CW curator of ceramics and glass, will compare 18th and 20th-century table settings using CW reproductions of silver, pewter, glass, and porcelain. Craft House, Inn, 2-3 p.m. *

April 15, **Tables That Make Occasions Special** Set a table that creates an occasion. Elizabeth Kane, Visual Merchandiser for CW, shows you how Williamsburg sterling flatware, china, crystal, and hollowware can be used to create table settings of remarkable style. Craft House Merchants Square, 12-2 p.m.

April 22, **Table Settings, A Comparison** Please see April 15. Craft House Inn, 2-3 p.m.*

April 22, **The Pleasures of Tea** Learn about tea as Kathryn Marshall Arnold demonstrates proper etiquette for this customary ritual. Craft House Inn, 1-2 p.m.

April 29, **Decorating in Williamsburg Style**, Anne Gray from the Craft House Design Studio demonstrates techniques of mixing fabrics, wallpapers, paints, and accessories to create the unique look of Williamsburg. Craft House Merchants Square, 1-2 p.m. *

May 6, **Complimentary Wedding Gift Wrapping** Your package for the wedding couple can be as distinctive as the gift you've selected inside. Choose from several wrapping styles for a finishing touch of Williamsburg, Craft House Inn and Merchants Square. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1-3 p.m.

*Register to win a reproduction Heart Box of cast pewter and polished brass. Winners will be chosen at random at the conclusion of these events. No purchase necessary to register or win.

What's happening at the Gallery...

This is a list of upcoming events at the DeWitt Wallace Gallery.

April 17, **African-American Children in the 18th-century**: Using music, dance, and first-person scenarios, young performers present their version of the black experience in colonial Williamsburg, 4:30 p.m.

April 19, **Building a Botanical Garden in Virginia**: Lecture by Robert Hebb, executive director, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 5:30 p.m.**

April 23, **Spring Concert**: Williamsburg Choral Guild's "Guild Singers", 4 p.m.**

April 26, **Northern Colonial Gardens**: Lecture by Rudy J. Favretti, 5:30 p.m.II

April 28, **The Storyteller**, please see April 14 for description, 4 p.m.

**A separate ticket is required for this event.

Employees and holders of dependents passes are admitted free-of-charge, but you must show your valid ID. Lectures, films and special presentations are included in the Gallery admission. CW employees may attend ticketed programs, such as concerts, free of charge on a space-available basis. For more information, call Tab Brown, ext. 2936.

Kick up a little sand!

The volleyball spring season begins Tuesday, May 9. Team registration deadline is April 21!

Matches will be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 and 7 p.m. Volleyball is played on the sand courts across the street from the Franklin Street Office Building.

Teams that want to play competitive volleyball will play on Tuesday nights. Recreational/social teams will play on Thursday nights. Please note on your registration form which night you want to play. If scheduling space is available, teams/players may participate on both nights.

You can pick up a team registration form from Sue Houser in Room 132 of the Franklin Street Office Building, Monday - Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you want to join a team, call Sue at ext. 7029.

Costume Shop expands customer service hours

The Costume Department is testing the need for added customer service hours by expanding its schedule as follows through the month of May:

Monday - Friday	8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. to noon

Wanted: Hospitality and Courtesy poster artists! We need artists for our monthly posters promoting hospitality and courtesy. For more information, call Donna Whalen, ext. 7118 or Heidi Moore, ext.

We're having a yard sale!

...for as many families as we can squeeze onto our space at the corner of 1st Street and Capitol Landing Road. Mark your calendars for April 15, 8:30 a.m. to noon, (April 22 if it rains)!

Questions? Concerns? Call Donna Whalen, H&C coordinator, ext. 7118, or Heidi Moore, Yard Sale chairperson, ext. 7121.

Films at the library...

Showings begin at 2:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. The films are shown in Meeting Room A. For more information, call ext. 7419.

April 20, *America by Design: Public Places and Monuments*; 60 minutes

April 27, *Great Houses of Britain: East Anglia and the South*; 60 minutes

May 11, *Great Houses of Britain: London and the West*; 60 minutes

National Volunteer Recognition Week April 6 - April 15

Do you have a volunteer working in your area? Show them how much you appreciate their contribution--Thanks to all our Colonial Williamsburg volunteers!

Needed: Recreation Committee representatives for Softball Tournament and Battle of the Stars!

Do you enjoy playing softball? Do you understand the rules? Are you competitive? You are needed! The Recreation Committee needs a representative to coordinate CW's Annual Invitational Softball Tournament. Each year approximately 15 teams from local businesses compete against the best CW men's teams.

The Battle of the Stars is a semi-serious, amateur athletic competition held to raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Once a year local businesses form coed teams and compete in various fun and strenuous activities.

The Recreation Committee needs a representatives for both of these activities. If you are interested, call Sue Houser, ext. 7029.

Parents' meetings for employee child care center May 1 and 2

Two employee meetings will be held on May 1 and 2 to review the status of the child care center. These meetings are informal and open to all employees.

The meeting on May 1 will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Dominion Room at the Williamsburg Lodge. The Dominion Room is located on the second floor of the Tazewell Club wing. Go in the door next to the Tazewell Club shop and take the elevator.

The May 2 meeting will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Seminar Room, downstairs at the Cascades.

Take the bus to work...

Pentran has started bus service between the lower peninsula and Williamsburg. The fare per one-way trip is \$2.25 and passengers can pay the bus driver.

The service will operate five days per week, Wednesday - Sunday from now until May 14. Beginning May 15 through November 4, the bus will operate seven days per week.

Ask your supervisor, check your department's bulletin board or call Pete Robbins, ext. 7001, for more information about bus schedules.

The "Extra" is published twice monthly by Human Resources Development. Deadlines are 5 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. Our next deadline is April 20, 1989. Call Heidi Moore at ext. 7121 for assistance. Send announcements to "CW News Extra", Room 245, FSO.