

PSA Newsletter

JULY - AUGUST 2010

Dedicated to all single persons
who enjoy developing and
sharing new friendships

Mission Statement:

The purpose of PSA, a nonprofit organization, is to provide social activities in a comfortable and safe environment for single professionals. This environment will strive to enable members to establish new friendships, attend fun-filled activities and attain a feeling of belonging.

For more information about PSA, please check out our website: <http://www.psaofrichmond.com>

President's Message:

It's a new PSA year and some changes are here. First of all, in an effort to free more money for activities, the newsletter is being sent out electronically. Secondly, in order to be able to get some fresh ideas, we are asking all renewing members to volunteer for one event this year. A Happy Hour or a Dinner Out are two very easy events to host. I like these best because you don't have to clean your house before hand or after.



Please consider taking on one of the two empty chairs. One is the **Social Committee Chair**. We need several people to coordinate our picnics and plan the Christmas Dance. The first obligation would be the 2011 Memorial Day Picnic. The other chair that is open is the **Dinner Out Chair**. This person would schedule dinners working off a list of members who have volunteered for this event. Without your help in these areas, we may not be able to offer these events.

A great July and August have been planned so read on and enjoy.

PSA President





Introducing the **NEW** "Restaurant Review" section located after the "Sneak Peek" section in your newsletter. If PSA visits a new restaurant for a Dinner Out or a Happy Hour we would like to hear the opinion of our members.


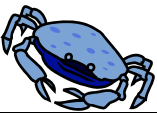
Up-to-date email address: If we do not have your correct email address you will NOT get your newsletter. You will have to notify the Webmaster at info@psaofrichmond.com and be sent a copy via your new email address and you could miss some events. Please keep your email address current. Thanks

	Summer is here and the fish are jumpin'! Come to Al's place where a river runs through it and enjoy the fishing on the Chickahominy River or practice your skills at kayaking amongst the blue herons, beaver dams and bald eagles. Tuesday through Thursday any time. Fishing license not required to fish from pier. Four kayaks available (license required to fish from kayak)
	If you are interested in attending Colonial Downs on Sunday, July 18th for the races look at the event now because PSA must have your check in hand by July 15th .
	If you are interested in attending a Wednesday, July 28th Crab Feast on the river take a look at the event now because PSA must have your check in hand by July 12th .
	If you would like to join PSA for the Rotary Bay Seafood Festival at Belle Island State Park near Kilmarnock, VA see the September "Sneak Peek" in this issue. Please purchase tickets now at www.kiwsrotary.org for \$60.00 per person. Visit the website for directions and a list of food/drink items. The gates open at 4:30 pm, food service at 5:00 pm, the bands play until around 10:00 pm.
	"Beach Bridge Trip" - The dates would be Sept. 29th - Oct. 3rd at the Outer Banks, and coincides with a Mid-Atlantic Sectional bridge tournament being held in Kill Devil Hills that weekend. Hank doesn't have specifics yet; details will be e-mailed to people who RSVP to PSA. Attendance would not be limited to bridge players.



For members who are not receiving PSA weekly announcements or reminders, please e-mail
info@psaofrichmond.com.




July Activities

<p>Thursday, July 1st</p> <p>Planning Meeting</p>	<p>Our next planning meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at Mosaic Café, located at 6229 River Road 23229, not far from the Huguenot Bridge (288-7482). All are welcome - we need your input to keep the organization charged with fresh ideas! All committee heads should plan to attend!!! Call appropriate committee head with your idea for an event. We will be planning the calendar for September and October.</p>
<p>Friday, July 2nd</p> <p>Happy Hour</p> 	<p>For those of you who missed our recent detour to Mimi's Cafe (364-9275) on West Broad St., we are having an official Happy Hour and, possibly, Dinner Out there. They have a quiet, rather intimate area for HH with a \$2.00 discount on wine and mixed drinks and \$1 off on beer. Mimi's is located in the western end of Henrico County between I64 and Pump Rd. on the eastern side of W. Broad St. in Short Pump. PSA and friends will be there to greet you. Happy Hour begins at 5:00 pm. Come early so we can reserve enough tables. Location: 11275 West Broad St, Glen Allen 23060. The first Friday Happy Hour is a special night for newcomers or possible future members, although you're always welcome at any event. Start the month off making new friends!</p>
<p>Every Saturday Morning in July</p> 	<p>Please join PSA for Coffee Chat at 11:00 am at the food court in front of Barnes & Noble at the Chesterfield Town Center. Buy your coffee at Starbuck's or your favorite food court restaurant and come prepared for some lively conversation.</p>
<p>Saturday, July 3rd</p> <p>No Event</p>	<p>No event scheduled because of the Independence Day Picnic</p>
<p>Sunday, July 4th</p> <p>Independence Day Picnic</p>	<p>PSA will host our Fourth of July Celebration this year This is truly a "get together". Please bring a side dish to share, water, beer, wine, Pork BBQ and BBQ chicken are provided. Good conversation is available. Cost for members is \$7.00 and guests are \$10.00. If anyone would like to play tennis, courts are available at U of R. It is a wonderful neighborhood for walking. Harriett has a ping-pong table and games of bridge or Mah Jongg can be arranged.</p>
<p>Friday, July 9th</p> <p>Happy Hour</p> 	<p>Join PSA at The Boathouse in Brandermill (formerly Sunday's), 4602 Millridge Pkwy, Midlothian, VA 23112. Time: around 5:30. Come out and enjoy their deck to watch the sunset over the beautiful Swift Creek Reservoir. Directions: Powhite south to the end, take the 288 South Exit. From 288 take Exit 360 West (Amelia). Stay to the far right off the exiting ramp, making a right turn just before the stoplight - onto Old Hundred Road. You'll then take an immediate left and travel between 1-2 miles on Millridge Pkwy. The Boathouse is a left turn immediately beyond the Brandermill Church. It's easy to miss that turn so watch for the church.</p>
<p>Friday, July 9th</p> <p>Bridge</p>	<p>Join our fantastic West End hostess, PSA for a light dinner and bridge at her home. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 7th to Jamie at 754-1214. Please to arrive 6ish, with play to begin at 6:45 pm. Cost: \$5. Substitution rules apply. .</p>
<p>Saturday, July 10th</p> <p>Dinner Out</p>	<p>Come join PSA for an evening at Crab Louie's Seafood Tavern (275-2722). We will meet at 6:00 pm. Location: 1352 Sycamore Square Dr., Midlothian (23113), in the Sycamore Square Shopping Center. See the website http://www.crablouies.com/ for directions and menus.</p>
<p>Tuesday July 13th Richmond Jazz Society</p> 	<p>Join PSA on the Second Tuesday of every month for a Richmond Jazz Society (RJS) Event. We meet at the Capital Ale House, Downtown Music Hall, 623 East Main Street at 7:00 PM (best to get there by 6:30). Each Event features a different artist. We are currently celebrating "Women In The Arts". Current prices are \$10 with valid RJS, Altria or Student ID Card. You can call RJS at (804) 643-1972 and pay with ONLY a VISA/MC Credit Card; \$15 General Public (online only) www.capitalalehouse.com; \$20.00 (on the Day of the Show.) To view upcoming events please go to our website www.vajazz.org. THERE IS FREE PARKING IN THE DECK at 6th and Cary St. Any questions call Karen English at (804) 651-4010. Please note - This Jazz Event is for people that love Jazz and they are there for the music. It is expected that there be no talking while the Band is performing. You can whisper to a waiter if needed otherwise listen and enjoy. You will be seated whenever there is a seat available.</p>

Friday, July 16 th Happy Hour	Join PSA at Glory Days Grill of Harbourside, see you at 5:30 p.m. Directions: to 6151 Harbourside Dr. Centre Loop, Midlothian 23112, (804 608-8350). <u>From Route 288</u> , exit at Route 360 West (Hull Street Road) for 1.6 miles. At third light, turn left on Mockingbird Lane, slight right onto Harbourside Drive.
Saturday, July 17 th Covered Dish and Game Night	This is for all of us who love to eat, play games, and giggle!! Join PSA for a covered dish dinner and a fun night of games. Time: 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish and your favorite game. Beverages will be provided - sodas, coffee, tea, wine, beer or water. Cost: \$2.00. Call Edie at 378-3589 by July 15 th to reserve your spot and coordinate the goodies.
Sunday, July 18 th Colonial Downs Race Day 	Live Horse Racing. Join your PSA at Colonial Downs for an afternoon of 'Pickin the Ponies'. Ken has reserved front row window seats in the air-conditioned comfort of the Jockey Club to accommodate 20 people. Post time for the first race is 12:55 pm. Cost is \$10 plus \$2 general admission at the gate. Lunch is available from the menu, prices range from \$7-\$15. Colonial Downs is only 25 miles east of Richmond at 10515 Colonial Downs Pkwy New Kent, VA 23124. Directions: <u>Take I64 East</u> to Exit 214; Turn right at the bottom of ramp, Turn left on Colonial Downs Pkwy (300 yards on left). Main entrance is 1/4 mile on the left. Plan to arrive by 12:40 pm and get your wristband at the white tent in the front of the building. For any newcomers, there should be plenty of experienced handicappers to help you read the program and place your bets. To reserve your place, please send your \$10 check to Ken King at 2806 Iverson Rd. Midlothian, VA 23112. The check should be in PSA's hands by July 15th . We will have a great time!!!! See the website for more information http://www.colonialdowns.com/ . There are free General Admission tickets to Colonial Downs in the current REACH magazine.
Friday, July 23 rd Happy Hour	Hosted by PSA at Eurasia (740-2525) - No smoking, easy parking, inside or outside dining, and large bar area. Starts at 5:00 pm - ½ price for glass of wine, bottles of beer, house brand hi-balls and all appetizers until 6:30 pm. Location: 1308 Gaskins Road in the Gayton Crossing Shopping Center right across from Joseph Banks Clothing. <u>Take Patterson Avenue</u> from Parham or Rt. 288 and turn onto Gaskins Road - shopping center is at intersections of Gayton and Gaskins on your left. OR take Gaskins N exit from Rt. 64 to Gayton - on your right.
Friday, July 23 rd Bridge	Our esteemed Bon Air hostess, PSA invites us for bridge at her lovely home. A light dinner will be offered at 6 pm, play to begin at 6:45 pm.
Saturday, July 24 th Hand and Foot	Always fun for experienced and new players! Hand and Foot is similar to canasta and easy to learn with your partners. Time: 6:30 pm. Cost: \$3.00. Refreshments and beverages provided, and prizes will be given to the top two winners. Four table limit, so RSVP by July 19 th to Janis at 744-0362. Directions: to 2505 Copper Hill Ct 23112.
Wednesday, July 28 th Crab Feast 	Join PSA at the American Legion Crab Feast for \$25.00 for all the beer and crabs you desire. This is a sell out event; it begins at 4:00 pm and goes until dark. There is a covered pavilion to rest under. You might wish to bring a little money for 50/50 and ice cream. <u>This is a rain or shine event.</u> Directions: go thru Tarrington 2.5 miles east of 288 off Robious Rd or Robious from Huguenot 3.5 miles.
Friday, July 30 th Happy Hour	Come and enjoy our PSA friends for Happy Hour on the patio at Cafe Caturra (378-4955) at 5 p.m. Appetizers ½ price, wine \$5 a glass and beer \$3. Location: Midlothian Village Square, 13830 Village Place Drive, Midlothian VA. Bring a friend. Have questions please call.
Saturday, July 31 st Dinner Out	Join PSA at Ruby Tuesday (282-8405) on West Broad at 6:00 pm and pick from a menu with great selections. See the website for menu selections and more information http://www.rubytuesday.com/locations . Location: 5310 West Broad St. 23230, between Willow Lawn Drive and Libby Avenue when you are heading west on Broad Street
PSA Guest Policy: A visitor may attend a maximum of 2 events as a "guest", paying the guest fee if applicable. After attending 2 events, paid membership is required for attendance at any PSA events.	
*** All requests to send e-mails to PSA membership must go thru info@psaofrichmond.com ***	

August Activities

<p>Friday, August 6th</p> <p>Happy Hour</p>	<p>Join PSA at JJ's Grille (755-6229) around 5:00 pm for drinks and good food. Location: 10298 Staples Mill Road in Glen Allen 23060 (Cross Ridge Shopping Center). Visit www.jjsgrille.com for directions and to take a look at the entire menu. The first Friday Happy Hour is a special night for newcomers or possible future members, although you're always welcome at any event. Start the month off making new friends!</p>
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<p>Saturday, August 7th</p> <p>Dogwood Dell</p>	<p>Join PSA for the musical "Pippin" at Dogwood Dell. Bring a picnic dinner and we'll meet at 7:30 pm. The musical begins at 8:30 pm. Please RSVP to Sandy at 320-6237 or email to srivera116@live.com by 8/6 so we can arrange a meeting place.</p>
<p>Tuesday August 10th Richmond Jazz Society</p> 	<p>Join PSA on the Second Tuesday of every month for a Richmond Jazz Society (RJS) Event. We meet at the Capital Ale House, Downtown Music Hall, 623 East Main Street at 7:00 PM (best to get there by 6:30). Each Event features a different artist. We are currently celebrating "Women In The Arts". Current prices are \$10 with valid RJS, Altria or Student ID Card. You can call RJS at (804) 643-1972 and pay with ONLY a VISA/MC Credit Card; \$15 General Public (online only) www.capitalalehouse.com; \$20.00 (on the Day of the Show.) To view upcoming events please go to our website www.vajazz.org. THERE IS FREE PARKING IN THE DECK at 6th and Cary St. Please note - This Jazz Event is for people that love Jazz and they are there for the music. It is expected that there be no talking while the Band is performing. You can whisper to a waiter if needed otherwise listen and enjoy. You will be seated whenever there is a seat available.</p>
<p>Friday, August 13th</p> <p>Happy Hour</p>	<p>PSA look forward to welcoming you as we host a Friday night gathering at Tripp's Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. Tripp's is located West of Robious Road and is on the right side of the road and also just East of Johnston-Willis Hospital. Easy to find and we've been there before. GPS works wonders if in doubt. Location: 10330 Midlothian Tnpk., Richmond, VA. 23235.</p>
<p>Friday, August 13th</p> <p>Bridge</p>	<p>PSA will host three tables of bridge this evening at Jack's home. Cost: \$5. Substitution rules apply. Location:</p>
<p>Saturday, August 14th</p> <p>Night at the Ballpark</p>	<p>Let's go watch the Richmond Flying Squirrels play the Portland Sea Dogs. Join PSA fun night (including friendly games in the stands to keep us entertained as we watch the game). General Admission -- No advance registration and no need to mail checks. Just come out and have fun! Game starts at 6:35 pm.</p>
<p>Saturday, August 14th</p> <p>Hand and Foot</p>	<p>Here's a card game everybody can play!! Join PSA at her house for a fun night of Hand and Foot. Refreshments and beverages will be provided. Time: 6:30 pm. Cost: \$3.00. Prizes for top two winners. New to the game? Show up at 6 pm for a mini lesson; it is very similar to canasta and quite easy to learn.</p>
<p>Sunday, August 15th</p> <p>Blueberries & Bi-Valves</p>	<p>Got the summertime blues? This tour will cure them! Paddle to a waterfront blueberry farm and pick berries to your heart's content. We also receive a demonstration on oyster farming Mathews County style. Amble up a creek or two afterwards and say goodbye to the summertime blues! The trip is 3 hours long, cost \$50. All equipment supplied. Need six to go. We will travel about 1 ½ hrs outside of Richmond and directions will be given when you reserve your spot.</p>

<p>Friday, August 20th</p> <p>Happy Hour</p> 	<p>Come and join PSA for happy hour at a new and exciting place – The Boathouse at Rockett's Landing (622-BOAT). Has lots of parking and a beautiful view overlooking the James River, outside patio too. We will gather at 5:00 pm to take advantage of 3 – 6 pm happy hour specials; \$3 highballs, \$2 Miller draft and ½ off wine by the glass. See the website for more information and directions http://boathouserichmond.com/rocketts_landing/. Directions: to 4708 East Old Main Street, 23231. Powhite Parkway & Downtown Exp. heading East: Take the 7th/9th Street exit. Stay right onto E. Byrd Street and proceed through the 9th Street traffic light. Immediately after crossing the Expressway underpass, turn right on Canal Street. At the end of Canal, turn right onto 14th Street. Turn left at traffic light onto Dock Street. Proceed on Dock Street 1.4 miles and turn right on Main Street. Take 1 Right onto Old E. Main Street. Boathouse Restaurant is the 1st building on the Right. Parking lot is straight ahead, past Restaurant Building. <u>From the East & West:</u> Take I-64 to I-95 south to exit 74B, Franklin Street. Continue on S. 15th Street until it ends. Turn left on Dock Street. Proceed on Dock Street 1.4 miles and turn right on Main Street. Take 1st right onto Old E. Main Street. Boathouse Restaurant is the 1st building on the Right. Parking lot is straight ahead, past Restaurant Building.</p>
<p>Saturday, August 21st</p> <p>Tubing on the James</p> 	<p>Come spend the day floating at 4-6 mph on the beautiful James River. The trip starts at 11 am and will take 2-4 hours. Drift down the river with friends and those just having fun enjoying the slow and beautiful pace of a crystal clear river surrounded by farmland. Bring a rod and reel, food and drinks to enjoy along the trip. So very peaceful!!!! Please go direct with James River Reeling and Rafting Scottsville, VA at http://reelingandrafting.com you can also reach them by calling direct 434-266-4fun. Costs - \$22.00 per person, \$8.00 cooler tube. Reservations are required, please read all information concerning their requirements and directions. If you enjoy the natural beauty of a beautiful, clear and clean river hanging out with friends while floating at a slow pace, you will love this trip!!!</p>
<p>Saturday, August 21st</p> <p>Bike Hike</p> 	<p>This isn't just an ordinary bike ride! Join the Hankster and the Richmond Sports Backers for the 2nd annual moonlight bike ride on August 21st. We will do the "half moon" (8 mile loop) followed by food, beverages, and a band at the Sports Backers Stadium. The cost is \$25 if paid before July 31st. This event supports the VCU Pauley Heart Center. Registration starts at 6pm, and the ride begins at 8pm. Bring your own bike or rent one, <u>helmets and lights are required</u>. Lots of info, including a video and directions, can be found at www.sportsbackers.org.</p>
<p>Thursday, August 26th</p> <p>Bridge</p>	<p>PSA invites you to bridge. A light dinner will be offered bridge, play to begin at 6:45 pm. Please RSVP to Cathy at 897-6440 by Tuesday, August 24th.</p>
<p>Friday, August 27th</p> <p>Happy Hour</p>	<p>Come join your hostess PSA at The Mediterraneo Fine Cuisine Restaurant; located at 3730 Winterfield Road, Midlothian, Va. Phone: 794-5350. It is located off 288 at the Robious Road exit. It has great tapas and a European atmosphere, which will make you wonder if you are in Spain. We will have discounts on drinks and tapas (which are quite ample). Looking forward to seeing you all there at 5:00 pm, I have been in the south too long!</p>
<p>Saturday, August 28th</p> <p>Traveling Epicureans Dinner In</p>	<p>Come to PSA for a taste of Puerto Rico. Time: 6:00 pm. Cost: \$10.00. You will taste the difference between Mexican and Puerto Rican cuisine.</p>

September Activities – Sneak Peek

<p>Thursday, September 2nd</p> <p>Planning Meeting</p>	<p>Our next planning meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at Mosaic Café, located at 6229 River Road 23229, not far from the Huguenot Bridge (288-7482). All are welcome - we need your input to keep the organization charged with fresh ideas! All committee heads should plan to attend!!! Call appropriate committee head with your idea for an event. We will be planning the calendar for November and December.</p>
<p>Sunday, September 5th</p> <p>Luau Labor Day Picnic</p>	<p>PSA is graciously welcoming us back to her home for our 3rd Annual Luau Picnic. Remember how fantastic it was last year!!!! The beautiful setting will be enhanced by the décor, music and dancing, and our tropical (or comfortable) attire. The Tiki Bar opens at 2:00 pm. Rain or shine, there's plenty of cover and room. More info will be in the September – October newsletter.</p>

Friday,
September
10th
Seafood
Festival



Join PSA for the Rotary Bay Seafood Festival at Belle Island State Park near Kilmarnock, VA. Belle Island is approximately 1.5 - 2 hours from Richmond. Please **purchase tickets now** at www.kiwsrotary.org for \$60.00 per person. It includes all you can eat seafood/cocktails and non-seafood items; three bands play including Casper. Belle Island is a beautiful state park surrounded by the Rappahannock River on three sides; this is a wonderful event. Please visit the website for directions and a list of food/drink items. Consider bringing folding chairs/small tables and spending the night at various bed and breakfast locations on and off the water. The gates open at 4:30 pm, food service at 5:00 pm, the bands play until around 10:00 pm.

Restaurant Reviews

Kona Grill visited on May 21st by PSA - Would not recommend it for a happy hour. The drinks and appetizers were awful. The calamari had no taste and the pizza was very dry. They use the cheapest liquor possible, I discovered. I will never go back. **Mimi's** - 12 of us went there for dinner after the happy hour. Everyone loved his or her meal. I have been there multiple times and will continue to go back. They have a very large assorted menu and their muffins are awesome.

Seafire Grill visited on May 29th by PSA -Went with a party of 8 and the food was fantastic, even served hot rolls. I hated to rate this place down because the food was so good BUT the service was BAD, BAD, and BAD. We had reservations and arrived to find only 1 waiter working. We had to wait for everything, dessert was served and very weak coffee arrived 10 minutes after we finished dessert. I could not figure out why 3 other men were "flitting" around and doing very little; deliver a beverage or salad but nothing else. I call it poor management; I will venture back once more to see if it was just a bad night.

El Toro Loco visited on June 12th by PSA - When our PSA group went to El Toro Loco, we were expecting some great Mexican food. We arrived a few minutes before our reservation time and waited in the bar for our table. When the bartender arrived, we ordered margarites, wine and beer. The marguerites were weak and the wine mediocre. Beer was the best choice here. After being seated, we asked for guacamole to go with our salsa and chips. It looked like pureed baby food and had no hunks of avocado or tomato. I've bought tastier guacamole in the grocery store. The entrees fared a little better. The pork dish and the chimichanga type dish were pretty good. The shrimp dish and the tacos were dreadful. The tacos didn't even have lettuce, tomato or cheese on them. The ones at Taco Bell are much better. Service was incredibly slow. All the food looked and tasted like it was pre-packaged. I can't speak for everyone who went, but I definitely won't be going back to El Toro Loco.