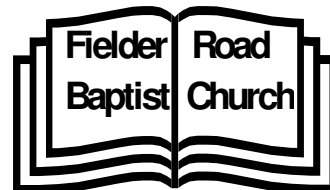


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A Letter from the President

By Robert Miles, President of the Arlington 4th of July Parade Association

Welcome to 2003 and the 38th Annual Arlington 4th of July Parade. My thanks again to all who were in the July 4th Parade last year, you made it very successful through all your efforts.

Did you know that **January is National Military Appreciation Month?** Please visit the **Department of Defense** web page at <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>, sign in and thank the men and women of the U.S. Military services for defending our freedom. A compiled list of names will be sent out to our soldiers at the end of the month. At this writing, there are only about 2.7 million names. What a Shame. The entire exercise takes 10 seconds..literally. Please sign in, then pass the message and website link on to all your email friends.

Another wonderful way to show support for our fighting men and women both at home and overseas is to be a part of the Arlington 4th of July Parade 2003. Our parade is the 3rd Largest 4th of July parade in the entire United States. This year's theme is "Proud to be an American," and the parade will be dedicated to "Our Children, Our Future." Our wonderful, newly remodeled web site www.arlington4th.com has meeting dates and everything you need to know about the parade as well as our association.

We look forward to seeing you all at 7:00 p.m., March 6, 2003 in the basement of the George W. Hawkes Central Library at 101 East Abram Street, downtown Arlington.

Thank you and God bless America,

Robert Miles
President,
Arlington 4th of July Parade Association

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2003 4th of July Parade

Meeting & Events Schedule

*March 6, General Meeting

*April 24, General Meeting – Parade Fair

*May 15, General Meeting – Grand Marshal, T-shirt Winners announced

*June 26, General Meeting – Hand out packets

*July 4, Parade

General Meetings open to the public, and are held at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in the George W. Hawkes Central Library at 101 East Abram Street, downtown Arlington.

See our website for a map.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Would you be interested in experiencing the Arlington 4th of July Parade from a different “vantage” point? Why not volunteer in one of the many capacities available. You’ll get a great behind-the-scenes view of all the hard work and dedication that goes into pulling this event together and, best of all, you’ll be a part of it! Volunteers are needed for pre-Parade and Parade-Day duties. To volunteer with the Arlington 4th of July Parade Association, please call us at 817-303-5700, go to our website at <http://www.arlington4th.com>, or come speak to one of the parade officers at our next general meeting (see schedule on the facing page).

ATTENTION 2002 Parade Award Winners!!!

If you were an award winner in the 2002 Parade, and you have not picked up your award, *its not too late!*

Please go by Accent Awards at 1815 W. Park Row in Arlington and ask for Bill Sharratt. He or one of his friendly assistants will be able to help you recover your award. While you’re there, you might even get a sneak peek at some of the awards that are in the works for 2003!

If you want, you can call ahead, the number is 817/469-8791.



Have any questions
or need more information?

Check out our website at
<http://www.arlington4th.com>

Lisa Chegwidden of Chegwidden Design, (one of our new board members!) has completely revamped our website, making it easy to navigate and putting all our information, forms and announcements at your fingertips. So please visit the website and let us know what you think!

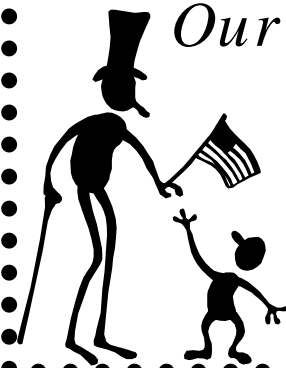
If you don’t have access to the Internet, please call 817-303-5700 for information.

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*Early registration is
available for past Parade
participants*

Inserted in this newsletter is a form to register for the 2003 Arlington 4th of July Parade. Please use the form to update the contact information for you / your organization. Then simply stamp and mail the form back to us. It’s already addressed. We only have a limited number of slots in the Parade line-up, so don’t miss this opportunity to have one reserved for your entry.

