

Kiwanis Club of Smithfield

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To Be Determined

Jan 23

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Jan 31

Kiwanis Programs Brighten Holidays for Smithfield



Angie Lowry and Sue Ivy were filled with holiday cheer for good reason: Sue ran the successful Breakfast with Santa and Angie organized and the Toy Store.

Christmas Toy Store Benefits IOW Needy

Chairman Angie reports that the annual Kiwanis Christmas Toy Store—held at Smithfield Center on December 11th and 12th—again met our expectations. Our largest project of the year, it supplied needed toys, books, and essentials for 290 needy children. All participants deserve credit for a job well done, especially these:

Foremost is President-Elect Angie, Angie Lowry was among the first to urge (three years ago) that we move the venue to the new Smithfield Center, centrally located downtown. Special thanks go to Amy Musick and Peter Stephenson for arranging the use of the facility.

Hats off to Angie's husband and daughter who assisted Angie in the selection of toys for each child in advance. They also helped with the considerable tasks of assembling and bagging toys for each recipient. We especially appreciate the competitive pricing and assistance in the selection and assemblage of gifts by Target, Inc. Smithfield Kiwanis is most of all indebted to the people and businesses of Isle of Wight County who supported the event through their generous donations. And all Kiwanians who took the time to help should take a bow.

More coverage and photos may be found on our website at Smithfieldkiwanis.org.

Kiwanis Is the Beneficiary of “Christmas in Dixie”



Proceeds from the first ever “Christmas in Dixie” show were donated by the Smithfield Little Theater to our Foundation. Co-hosts Elaine Dairo and Lahnne Reilly are pictured here with singer Anita Wyrick (center).

Breakfast with Santa Was “Maxed Out”—Again

The annual Santa Breakfast—held at Smithfield Center on December 9th—turned out to be a huge success for our club and our community. We fed close to 800 people and raised a tidy sum for our Foundation Account.

The event was held just before the annual Christmas Parade in downtown Smithfield, and it was a big hit with parents and children alike. Kids were able

to sit on Santa’s lap, listen to stories with Mrs. Claus or do other Christmassy things (thanks are due the YMCA for helping with this) to take home.

Many Kiwanis members worked extremely hard all morning to keep up with escalating demand for pancakes (especially unburned ones), sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit and beverages.

For their fine performance under

pressure, I want to personally thank all Kiwanians and Key Club members who cooked and served.

We look forward to doing it again next year, but we will have to make some changes to ensure that we are not overwhelmed by ever larger crowds—Smithfield Center was full to overflowing.

—Sue Ivy

The Prez Sez.....Craig Stallings

For the 80% of Kiwanians who participated in the Toy Store and Breakfast with Santa, congratulations on a job well done! In addition to making so many children happy with presents that they could not otherwise afford, you’ve done much more. Such as

- Building pride in needy adults by empowering parents to play Santa for their children
- Providing organization and delivery on behalf of many county businesses who would otherwise have to do it on their own.
- Freeing up resources of county service providers and businesses to address other community needs.
- Providing services consistent with Kiwanis objectives of building a stronger and more caring community.

Thanks to Chair Person Angie Lowry of Decorator Den and all the people who made good things happen!—*Craig*