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Upcoming Events

Spouses' Night TBA

IOW County Fair TBA

Installation Dinner TBA

Kiwanis Division 21 Ramps Up for Fishing Day Clinic for Juniors



Last July a record number of happy children and sponsors shrugged off the record heat and descended on the James River Pier in Newport News, the setting for the annual Kiwanis Junior Fishing Clinic. The Kiwanis Division 21 event benefited needy children from across Hampton Roads. In addition to learning how to fish, the kids also had lunch and learned about pier safety, conservation, and protection of the environment from professionals in marine science and law enforcement.

On Tuesday, July 18th, we expect a repeat performance of last year when 300 children participated. Kids are selected from church groups, recreation centers, CHIPS, Volunteers in Youth, Big Brother and Big Sister programs. Each child takes home a new rod and reel, with tackle, a hat and a T-shirt.

Coordinators Wesley, Darlene and Kimberley Brown have enlisted the aid of 125 Kiwanis volunteers from 8 Hampton Roads clubs who will give their time to make the event successful. Rods and bait will be prepped at Wesley's house on Sunday, July 16th. Set-up begins on the James River Pier in Newport News at 6:30 AM on the 18th, and hot dog chefs fire up at 10:00 AM. If you want to help out, call Wesley Brown on 357-3333.

Senator Quayle Addresses Smithfield Kiwanis

On June 29th Senator Fred Quayle had all the answers for those Kiwanians who wondered, "Whatever is going on with the Special Session of the Virginia State Legislature?"

Visiting Smithfield Station, Senator Quayle stated that the legislature had finally agreed on a budget, thus averting the shutdown of government services such as that which recently occurred in New Jersey.

The budget covered a variety of State functions, including operations of law enforcement

and regulatory agencies, higher education, education in grades K through 12, health and human services programs, modernization of State facilities, Medicaid and conservation.

But the House and the Senate remained deadlocked on the issue of transportation construction, and the legislators will convene again in September to address it. The new budget contained an allocation of \$500 million for highway maintenance, drawn from the State's \$1.4 billion surplus.

Quayle asserted that surpluses are unpredictable and that the general fund is not projected to cover all State expenditures every year. One billion dollars in new revenue is required for transportation projects for each of the next 30 years. By 2011 current funding sources will cover only maintenance..

He said that even after the much-discussed tax increase of two years ago Virginia ranks only 41st in per capita tax burden. The last increase in funding for transportation—a 1/2% sales tax—was passed in 1986.

Kiwanis Awards Scholarships to IOW Seniors

Scholarship Chairman Mac Cofer announces that Smithfield Kiwanis has named a winner of a \$1,000 award to a senior from each of the two public high schools in Isle of Wight County.

Patrick Wilda, the recipient from Smithfield High School, lives on Barcroft Drive in Smithfield. He will be attending James Madison in the fall. In high school he was

active in Beta Club, History Club and Key Club. He was a member of the Varsity Soccer team. In the community Patrick volunteered with C.O.P. and is a active member of Christ Episcopal Church.

The winner from Windsor High School is Michelle Burkhouse, who lives in Windsor. She will be attending Valley Forge Christian

College in the fall. She was active throughout her high school years being involved with Beta Club, Junior National Honor Society, Art Club and Spanish Club. In the community, Michele is an active member of her church, being involved with Youth Ministries and Church Nursery. She is an active volunteer with the YMCA and serves as a Junior Counselor.

The Prez Sez.....Joe Puglisi

I just want to take this opportunity to wish everybody the best for the summer and to update you on board actions. Board decisions lately have been driven by the rising costs of operations, especially those for weekly meals and Kiwanis International dues. As you know, all proceeds from fundraisers must be spent for charitable purposes and none for club operations. To keep from raising club dues we are looking to cut costs of operations wherever possible. Two major items of club expense are our annual social affairs—Spouses' Night and the Installation Ceremony. Many of you have commented to us that you wanted to preserve both because they are special occasions that involve our significant others. In response to your feedback we've decided to do Spouse's Night, under the usual format, at Carter Williams' place on a date late in the summer. To preserve the installation ceremony as an evening social event, we propose to do a catered affair with cash bar at Smithfield Conference Center. Peter Stephenson has already penciled us in for a date at the end of September. More details will be available soon.