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Kiwanis Division 21 Ramps Up for Fishing Day Clinic for Juniors

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Last July a record number of happy children and sponsors shrugged off the 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 22nd, 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 Brown's house on Sunday, July 20th. Set-up begins on the James River Pier in Newport News at 6:30 AM on the 22nd, and hot dog chefs will fire up at 10:00 AM. If you want to help out, call Wesley Brown on 357-3333.

Senator Quayle to Address Smithfield Kiwanis



On July 24th State Senator Fred Quayle will report on the recent Special Session of the Virginia Legislature. He is pictured here while on a previous visit with George Perez, Peter Stephenson & Dick Gutleber.

“On to Richmond” for Capital District Convention

This year’s Capital District Convention will be held in Richmond, beginning Thursday August 14th and ending Sunday the 17th. Venues for the event are the Downtown Marriott and the Richmond Convention Center, located a short walk from the State Capitol.

Hosted by the Heart of Virginia Region of the Capital District, this year’s theme is “Prescription for Success.” One of the highlights will be Friday night’s 90th anniversary celebration of the District Convention. The event is a great opportunity for

officers and members alike to learn about the workings of Kiwanis and to have fun.

The District is offering space for placing ads in the printed program—only \$50 per half page. Contact the program coordinator at nancy13104@gmail.com.

A Note from the Board

The Golf Tournament Committee did a fine job of organizing the 27th annual event. With 14 teams competing, the fundraiser ranked with our best efforts in recent years. This is the biggest of our three fundraisers for donations to local community projects. The other two are Breakfast with Santa and the Morgan Stanley Grant.

The Christmas Toy Store and Fishing Day are separate projects, and they are paid for out of separate accounts. The Toy Store for needy kids is supported by donations from local individuals and businesses. Jr. Fishing Day is a Division 21 activity that is administered by Smithfield Kiwanis. Most funding comes from a State of Virginia grant and local donations. About 125 Kiwanians from 8 area clubs will participate on July 22nd.

Your support of all these phases of Kiwanis community involvement is appreciated. We will celebrate our achievements at the annual Spouses Night, to be held in late August. Happy Summer!