

“Serving the Children of the World”

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# Kiwanis Club of Smithfield

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## Smithfield Officers

### President

Angie Lowry

### President-Elect

Gloria Seitz

### Vice President

Bob Cole

### Treasurer

Barbara Bryant

### Secretary

Beth Supko

## Upcoming Events

Annual Toy Store Dec 2&3

Santa Breakfast Dec 13

## October/November Programs

The Hampton Roads Youth Service Oct 23

Smithfield Music Oct 30

W&M: The New School of Education Nov 6

Blackwater Regional Library Nov 13

Christian Outreach Nov 20

Thanksgiving— No Meeting Nov 27

## Looking Back and Moving Forward



*Newly installed Club President, Angie Lowry, gets the crowd fired up for a new Kiwanis year at the Annual Installation Banquet.*

The Kiwanis Club of Smithfield recently celebrated a fine 32nd year and looked forward to a new year at the Annual Installation Banquet, held at the Smithfield Station on October 2. Outgoing President, Craig Stallings, recalled the highlights of his Presidential year by reviewing the goals he set forth for the club last October. Craig noted that we attained our membership goal by increasing the number of members from 59 to 61. He also noted that another of his goals was to increase our funding base. This was accomplished by soliciting a larger number of donations for the Toy Store and by taking the Golf Tournament to a new level. Finally, Craig thanked everyone for their hard work during the year and wished the new board well.

Incoming Lt. Governor, Linda Smith, of the Chesapeake Club bestowed the honors on the club's 2008-2009 Board of Directors. The new Board is listed in the right-hand column of this newsletter.

Incoming President, Angie Lowry, is set and ready to lead us into a successful new year. Angie brings a wealth of knowledge to the job having chaired last year's Toy Store and being very involved in the club's other projects. And, you can't beat the enthusiasm Angie brings to the position!

**This month we are starting a new feature where we will focus on one club member per month and help you get to know him or her a little better. Look for "Getting to Know..." on page 2.**

## *Santa's Helpers Already Gearing Up!*

Gloria Seitz, this year's chair of the Annual Toy Store, already has her team working in earnest to ensure that underserved children in Isle of Wight will not be forgotten this holiday season. As has become tradition, Gloria's team is making every effort to personalize the toy store so each child gets the things they really want. Gloria's team mailed letters to parents at the beginning of October seeking input on the specific desires of each child. The big shopping trips are scheduled for November 13 and November 20 at the Target in Chesapeake.

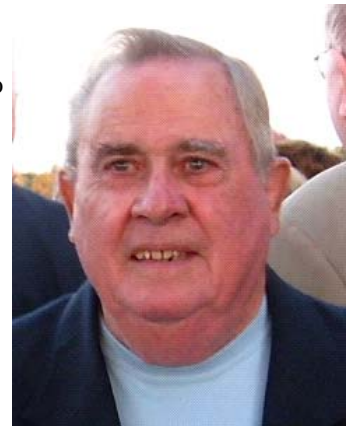
Another tradition continues in December with the Santa's Breakfast. Sue Ivy has generously agreed to chair this event again and the Board is very grateful to her for doing so. The breakfast will be held at the Smithfield Center on December 13 as the prelude to Smithfield's Annual Christmas Parade. As many of you know, we had an overwhelming response to the breakfast last year so we'll need as much help from our members as possible.

## *Getting to Know...Charlie White*

Charlie graduated from Smithfield High and played on the first football team in the school's history. He then went on to graduate from electronics school in Chicago and to serve his country in the Army including a deployment to Korea. Charlie returned to IOW in 1955 and opened an appliance repair business which eventually became White's Sales and Service. With the help of his wife, Rosemarie, the business expanded in the 1970's to include a Singer Sewing Machine Dealership, a fabric shop and sewing lessons.

Charlie has been married to Rosemarie, a retired Physical Therapist, for 54 years. Together they have three sons, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Charlie has a long history of serving our county in a volunteer capacity. He was a Charter Member of the Smithfield Jaycees until the mandatory retirement age of 40. He is also a Charter Member of our Kiwanis Club of Smithfield and enjoys cooking for many of our events. Charlie also serves the Police, Fire and Rescue and Fairgrounds Security by cooking for them each year at the County Fair.



Charlie White is an institution in the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield and we thank him for all he does!

## *The Prez Sez...*

*By Angie Lowry*

This past Saturday, I attended the Division 21 meeting in Suffolk—it is a time to meet the other Club representatives, and exchange activity information, and to share ideas. Peter Stephenson and Wesley Brown were both also in attendance, so our Club was well represented! Wesley gave a report on the July Fishing Day, and thanked all who were instrumental in assisting with the event. We should be proud that one of our own plays this important role, and he is certainly appreciated by many for all the hard work he does. Wesley had crafted enough of his renowned metal-art figures, each sporting a fishing rod, to give one out to all the clubs in the Division—they were very well received!

In November, I will be representing our Club at an evening to be held in appreciation of the support given to Kids Priority One by the Kiwanis Clubs of Hampton Roads. I look forward to learning more about this initiative partnered with the Y.M.C.A. of Hampton Roads to provide a great resource for children and families in the area.

Soon the holidays will be upon us, and we are once again preparing for our two annual December events, and WE NEED YOU! There are many ways you can help us out—volunteering your time, both in preparation for, or during the Toy Store, and Santa's Breakfast, and by giving a donation to the Children's Foundation to ensure we are able to continue to provide to the Children in the County during the Holidays and throughout the year.

Our Club is blessed to have wonderful caring and active members and great fellowship!