

Kiwanis Club of Smithfield

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Smithfield Kiwanis Gears Up for Winter Activities

Smithfield Officers

President

Peter Stephenson

President-Elect

Craig Stallings

Vice President

Angie Lowry

Treasurer

Barbara Bryant

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Upcoming Events

Breakfast with Santa Dec 9

Christmas Toy Store Dec 12-13

Upcoming Programs

VA Port Authority Nov 2

KW District Foundation Nov 9

Obici Flu Program Nov 16

Holiday/No Meeting Nov 23

State Dept. Duties Nov 30



Breakfast with Santa Comes Back on December 9th

Back by popular demand, the Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa program will be held at Smithfield Center on December 9th. Last year’s event exceeded expectations with 600 children and parents served. Sue Ivy will again chair the project. Pictured above, Kiwanians Linda Chavies of Smithfield Center and Police Chief Mark Marshall escorted Santa Claus from the Kiwanis breakfast to the town holiday parade on Main Street.

Holiday Toy Store Project Moves into High Gear

With the holidays just around the corner, Smithfield Kiwanians are already working on the annual Christmas Toy Store for needy children, scheduled for December 12th and 13th, 2006. It will be held at the Smithfield Conference Center.

President-Elect Craig Stallings is this year’s chairperson. Here’s his action plan:

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| Phase I: November 1st: | Selection of Recipients and Toys |
| Phase II: November 15th: | Fund Raising Letters Issued/Toy Purchases |
| Phase III: December 1st: | Letters to Needy Families Sent |
| Phase IV: December 11th: | Toy Store Set-Up |
| Phase V: December 12th/13th | Distribution of Toys to Needy Families |
| Phase VI: December 14th | Toy Store Clean-Up |

Craig Stallings has already met with local service providers to select needy families. Bob Cole is again providing the staging area. The *Daily Press* has already made one of the highest donations in club history. All gifts collected for the event will be given to needy children. Rather than store unclaimed items, we will turn over any leftover toys to other charitable organizations for distribution in time for the holidays.

KEY CLUB OPENS YEAR AT COUNTY FAIR



The Key Club at Smithfield High School began their busy year by staffing the Toddler Driving School at the Isle of Wight County Fair in September. They followed that up with participation in the Homecoming Parade.

New Committees to Address Kiwanis Club Needs

Standing committees in Smithfield Kiwanis have, in recent years, been organized around our major projects—for example, the Toy Store.

However, our growing Kiwanis organization is a community of civic-minded people, and it requires attention as do our projects. To meet this need, President Peter Stephenson has appointed a new membership committee to strengthen the relationships within our club.

Specifically, the committee will address issues pertaining to member recruitment, orientation, involvement, recognition and retention.

The group is chaired by Vice President Angie Lowry. Serving with her are charter member Charlie White; our two incoming board members, Renee Bevan and Alan Nogiec; and our two outgoing board members, Sherri Lilley and Dave Rudd. They ask for your input.

Past President Joe Puglisi is our new coordinator for monthly interclub visits. He is assisted by Jim Blesse, Linda Chavies, Nelson Grace & Harry Spears. Contact them to participate.

Kiwanis Luncheon Programs Don't Just Happen

Good programs are essential to maintaining a viable club.

Each Kiwanis meeting includes a program that is arranged by a member who is assigned this duty for a one-month period. The assigned member has the flexibility to arrange programs on a variety of topics. He or she is responsible

for greeting speakers and for introducing them to the club.

To ensure that this important task is not burdensome, assignments are made for the entire year to allow plenty of time for the effort required. In addition, assignments are equitably distributed across the club membership.

Since 1994 each member has been assigned programs an average of only slightly more than once, with no one doing more than a total of three months time.

The excellent quality of the presentations shows that we take this task seriously. Program Coordinator Dick Gutleber thanks you.