

“Serving the Children of the World”

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Another Great Breakfast with Santa



Santa Greet a Fan as He Arrives at Breakfast

January Programs

New Year's Day—No Meeting Jan. 1

APM Terminal—Portsmouth Jan 8

Western Tidewater Free Clinic Jan 15

Newport News Shipyard Jan 22

Kids Priority One Jan 29

The chill in the air was just enough to put everyone in the holiday spirit for the Annual Breakfast with Santa. As the prelude to Smithfield's Annual Christmas Parade, the Smithfield Center was brimming with Kiwanians serving up all the breakfast favorites and plenty of guests to enjoy them.

According to project chair, Sue Ivy, the Club served about 550 people at breakfast this year. The number of guests was somewhat lower than last year, resulting in NO LINES (except for Santa, of course!) and a very enjoyable time was had by all. Sue says, "it was a wonderful day and absolutely everyone had a great experience. There was plenty of seating, plenty of food and good cheer."

The usual suspects could be found in the kitchen and on the serving line (see our website for additional pictures) and it appeared that, along with a little hard work, all those working the event had an enjoyable time as well. The Key Club was back this year with members assisting as Santa's Elves. As always, we appreciate their participation!

Due to the lower number of guests at this year's event, a decision had to be made as to what to do with all that leftover food. The answer: donate it to the homeless shelter in Smithfield. That means this year's breakfast had a double impact on our community. Not only did we raise funds to support our other projects to benefit children, but we also supported the homeless in our community. Kudos to Sue and all who participated!!

The “Wrap-Up” on the Toy Store



Toys, Toys Everywhere as Kiwanis Members Set Up for the Toy Store Distribution Days

On December 2nd and 3rd, many hours of hard work resulted in an incredible effort to serve the children of our community. As a club, we were able to provide toys to more than 350 children of Isle of Wight County. Thanks to all of you, children who may not have had any gifts on Christmas morning will know the excitement that we all associate with the season.

Thanks to Diana and Mac for the wonderful news coverage that continues to bring in donations for this project. Thus far, we have received about 87% of last year’s total donations and we expect to continue receiving donations through the end of the year. If you have not yet made your donation, there is still time. Just make your check payable to the Smithfield Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. and drop it off with Barbara or mail it to P.O. Box 143, Smithfield, VA 23431

Gloria Seitz, the project chair, sends out a big THANK YOU to all who participated in this very worthwhile project!

Welcome to our newest member, Sharon Joyce. Sharon has already jumped into Club activities by shopping with us for the Toy Store!! Be sure to give her a big Kiwanis welcome when you see her at an upcoming meeting or event!

Look for more about Sharon in a future issue and the return of our “Getting to Know...” column in the January issue.



The Prez Sez

By Angie Lowry

Everyone’s Busy, Busy, Busy.....December is just too short!

We have all certainly been very active as a Club, and a BIG thank you to everyone for helping to make the Toy Store and Santa’s Breakfast such a huge success! Remember to take a moment on Christmas morning to think about the children who will have the excitement of opening gifts from Santa, that they would not have had, but for the hard work, dedication and generosity of all of you. Imagine how their Christmas morning could have been – and be thankful for how fortunate we are to be able to help make a difference in the lives of the children in our community.

Next year we will be continuing to enhance our Club, focusing on membership, fund raising, assisting even more with the donations and scholarships we provide locally, and working more closely with the Key Club. This month, the Board has spent a lot of time brainstorming, and making plans, and along with feedback from our members, we have some great exciting new ideas, and some different ways for consideration on how to better serve our community. You will be hearing more on this in ’09 – in the meantime, please share any thoughts you have with any of our Board members.

Have a beautiful Christmas, and best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year.