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Kiwanians Find Yet Another Way to Help



Barbara Bryant, Club Treasurer and Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Most of you know that each year the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield presents a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student from each of the county's two high schools, Smithfield High and Windsor High. What many of you may not know is that the Smithfield Kiwanis Club has found another way to help students achieve their post-secondary educational goals.

The newly formed Higher Education Program started with a simple idea, presented by Barbara Bryant and was discussed during the June, 2008 Board Meeting. Authorization was given by then President, Craig Stallings, to form a committee to develop the idea and was met with a vengeance by the eleven committee members which received full scholarship approval during the July, 2008 Board Meeting.

The two year \$5,000 maximum support of the scholarship is targeted to a segment of our youth that fall between the cracks of higher education affordability. The applicants must be graduating seniors who have completed the Isle of Wight County School System Career and Technical Education Program, or its successor, and will attend a technical school or community college within fifty miles of Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

The selection of the scholarship winner will be based primarily on academic achievement and financial need. Character, leadership, service to others, and suitability for higher education will also be considered. The application can be read and downloaded from our web site: smithfieldkiwanis.org.

Smithfield Kiwanians can be proud of the continued support to the youth of our community with the new addition to our Howard Haverty Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Committee Members are Barbara Bryant, Scholarship Committee Chairman, Renee Bevan, Mary Frances Briley, Connie Chapman, Lou Codega, Mac Cofer, Bill Lane, Ed Mortimer, Alan Nogiec, Carter Williams, Wayne Willis

Smithfield Kiwanis Continues to Support SHS Key Club



Smithfield Key Club Members on the Way to Formal Night at 2008 Convention

On January 8, on behalf of the Smithfield Kiwanis members and Board of Directors, Angie Lowry and Scott Lauder presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the Smithfield High School Key Club. The Board of Directors asked that the funds be used to support active and deserving Key Club members in attending the Annual Key Club Convention in Richmond.

As Scott put it, "We want to recognize ordinary people performing extraordinary work." This contribution is just one of the ways the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield can recognize Key Clubbers time, commitment, service, and dedication to serving the Children of the World. We asked them to enjoy the convention and that we would love to hear about it when they return!

The contribution was very enthusiastically received by Key Club members. According to Scott, "It would have been a great Kodak moment—the kids' jaws hit the floor." Unfortunately, no one was standing by with a camera

Be listening at our weekly meetings for how you can help support the Key Club at the Annual Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics.

Getting to Know...Tom Ross

Tom moved to Smithfield in 1959 to join the Smithfield Packing Company. During his career with Smithfield Packing, Tom was active in business and civic organizations including being a charter member of the our Kiwanis Club and serving as our third President. He also represented Smithfield Packing on the Chamber of Commerce in the 1960's and briefly served on the Smithfield Planning Commission. Tom also served his community by being a member and Past President of the Jaycees in Smithfield. Tom was elected to the Isle of Wight Board of Supervisors in 1979 and served the county in that capacity for 12 years. Currently, Tom serves on the Sentara Obici Advisory Board and as a Trustee with Obici Hospital.



Tom retired from Smithfield Packing in 2000 as the Vice President of Human Resources. In his retirement, Tom has enjoyed fishing and golfing, though he is not very active in either at the moment.

Tom is widowed and has three sons and four grandchildren who, luckily, have all stuck close to Smithfield.

Tom is obviously very involved in the community and the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield is lucky to have him as such an active member.

What's Happening???



Carter Williams and Billie Cook grill up some of that famous BBQ

As Angie notes in her column, our club is entering a bit of a lull as far as activities go. However, there are quite a few projects and meetings coming up in which you may be interested. We have an additional fundraiser this year in the form of a BBQ sale. Carter has graciously agreed to chair the project and has scheduled it for April 11 in front of his former shop at 1410 S. Church Street. Carter is also holding a BBQ fundraiser for Officer Kurt Beach at the same location on March 6 and 7. Carter would like the help of all Kiwanians with this fundraiser, though all funds will benefit the Officer Beach Medical Fund.

The Kiwanis Capital District will hold a district meeting on January 24 in Suffolk and the Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Norfolk on March 7. Any members who are interested in attending are welcome to do so, just contact Angie or any Board member.

Welcome to Our Newest Member

At the January 15 club meeting, we welcomed new member, Peggy Christian. Peggy was brought to us by President-Elect Gloria Seitz. Peggy is a retired educator and currently resides in Rescue. She will be a great addition to our club. Look for more about Peggy in an upcoming issue.

The Prez Sez

By Angie Lowry

January is a 'slow' month for many reasons, and yet it is flying by too! The cold weather has made it easy to be lazy, and stay home by the fire, curled up with a good book or movie, or a chance to invite friends to come over and share a pot of homemade soup!

However, this January will be a time for us all to remember, as we see our country moving into a new phase of her history. The election this week, no matter what your political preference, is already stirring a sense of patriotism within us as we watch the people gathered in Washington for this historic occasion. How fortunate we all are to live here in Virginia, and to be part of this great country.

God Bless America!