

“Serving the Children of the World”

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Upcoming Events

Toy Store Dec 8 & 9

Santa Break-
fast Dec 12

October/November Programs

W&M Center for Gifted Education—Mihyeon Kim Oct 22

VA Dept. of Aviation—Randall Brudette Oct 29

HR Crime Line—Det. Jan Westerbeck Nov 5

IOW Museum—Tracey Neikerk Nov 12

Roth Conversions—Kevin Heyman Nov 19

Thanksgiving—No Lunch Meeting Nov 26

Looking Ahead



2009-2010 Lt. Governor, Peter Stephenson, with last year's Lt. Governor, Linda Smith, when she presented the Lt. Governor banner to it's new home in Smithfield

As the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield embarks on a brand new Kiwanis year, we are honored to have a Lieutenant Governor in our midst! Peter Stephenson will serve this year as the Lt. Governor for Division 21 of the Capital District. At a recent meeting, Linda Smith, who served in the position last year, presented Peter and the club with the Lt. Governor banner that will proudly be displayed at our weekly meetings throughout Peter's term.

As we look forward to the coming year, we will see the return of some familiar fundraisers and service projects and some new ones. Our first big event will be the Holiday Toy Store during the week of December 7 (see page 2 for related story) and quickly, thereafter, the Santa Breakfast will be back bigger than ever on December 12. Sherry Vincent (Toy Store Chair) and Sue Ivy (Breakfast Chair) are hoping to see all of you come out to work hard and have some fun. The club will also be working on the Golf Tournament, Kid Fishing Day, Spouses Night and all the other fun and exciting projects we complete throughout the year.

The club will also be involved in some new(er) projects this year. We are looking for additional fundraising opportunities and recruitment opportunities. Bob Cole, President, said in his remarks at the installation dinner that his basic goals are to support divisional and district goals for growth and service while having fun doing it. Bob noted that district goals include an increase of 12% in service hours, funds raised and members recruited.

One new project under consideration is forming a Key Club at Isle of Wight Academy. Scott Lauder is spearheading an effort to see if there is enough interest at the school. Contact Scott if you would like to be involved.

Toyland, Toyland!!



Shoppers for the 2008 Toy Store loaded many cars with goodies for area children

It's that time of year again!! Time for the Smithfield Kiwanis Annual Holiday Toy Store. Shopping days will be held on November 13th and 20th at the Target store in Chesapeake Square Mall beginning at 8:00 a.m. Many volunteers are needed, so if you like to shop (especially with someone else's money) come out and join us. Watch for sign up sheets to circulate during weekly luncheon meetings.

Toy distribution will be held during the week of December 7 at the Smithfield Center. Set-up day is the 7th and the toys will be distributed to parents on December 8th and 9th. The center will need to be attended from 9:00 to 5:00 each day, so we need a lot of help!! Please watch for sign up sheets at weekly meetings and schedule yourself in!

Questions can get directed to any member of the committee: Sherry Vincent (Chair), Angie Lowry, Bob Cole, Connie Chapman, Karen Foster, Mary Briley, Amy Musick, Cindy Holthoff, Gloria Seitz, Tracie Thorndike, Kristen Wilda and Gerald Gwaltney.

It's a Boy...It's Another Boy

Club Secretary, Beth Supko and husband Shawn welcome two bouncing baby boys into their lives!! Shawn William arrived at 4 lbs. and Cole Thomas at 3 lbs., 11 oz. Not many details as of press time other than Momma and babies doing fine!

The Prez Says...

By Bob Cole

We are off and running with this years new Kiwanis Team. I want to thank Angie Lowry for a wonderful turnover and for answering a 1000 questions. The plans for Breakfast with Santa are firming up and the Toy Store letters to parents are in the mail. We all perform community service all year long, but some how Christmas brings out a special feeling. For many Breakfast with Santa has become a family tradition. The Toy Store remains a necessity for others. The joy of service is heightened by realizing the number of people we will all support both financially and emotionally this holiday season.

While I was at the Dover Convention it became clear that we are organized differently than some other clubs. The reason we are special is that you folks are dedicated people who find joy and reward from helping the less fortunate children of our community and you provide leadership opportunities for our future leaders. You execute the same fund raisers and community service projects each year with enviable precision. I want to thank all the project leaders and all of you who support them. This club is unique because of each of you and your specific gifts of talent. Thank you for your service each and every one.

Respectfully, Bob

Membership Motto: "ASK" Always Sell Kiwanis.....Invite someone to join us in serving children.