

“Serving the Children of the World”

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# Kiwanis Club of Smithfield

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## Smithfield Officers

### President

Bob Cole

### President-Elect

Sherry Vincent

### Vice President

Gerald Gwaltney

### Treasurer

Amy Musick

### Secretary

Beth Supko

## Upcoming Events

Toy Store Dec 8 & 9

Santa Break-  
fast Dec 12

## December Programs

Gun Laws in Virginia—  
Tim Drewry Dec 3

Roth Conversions -  
Kevin Heyman Dec 10

CHKD Physical Ther-  
apy—Shelley Canada Dec 17

Christmas Eve—No  
Meeting Dec 24

New Year's Eve—No  
Meeting Dec 31

## Shop 'Til You Drop



*President Bob and one of the many helpful Target employees shopping for toys*

That's what Smithfield Kiwanians did on November 16 when they shopped for toys for the annual Holiday Toy Store. After being delayed by a nasty Nor'easter on November 13, Kiwanians hit the Target at Chesapeake Square Mall on the 16th for the first of two shopping days. As usual, the staff at Target was incredibly helpful and deserve all of our thanks and appreciation.

By the end of the shopping day, the team completed shopping for 200 of the 300 children being served by the Toy Store this year. Shopping for the additional 100 children will take place on Friday, November 20 at 8:00 a.m. at Target. A big thanks goes out to all the shoppers and to Carter for, once again, providing storage for the toys!!

This year's Toy Store will be held on December 8 and 9 at the Smithfield Center. Sign up sheets for Toy Store set up and toy distribution can be found at upcoming luncheon meetings. We need all to help!!

## Santa Breakfast

The time for Breakfast with Santa is fast approaching. This year's breakfast will be held December 12 at the Smithfield Center, just before the town Christmas Parade. Tickets are available from Amy Musick and are \$5 per person.

This event is a very important fundraiser for the club that requires many service hours from our members. Please come out to help and have some fun along the way!

We have a very special hometown Santa this year...see if you can guess who it is!

## Getting to Know...

*Jim Blesse*

Jim came to Hampton Roads for the first time in 1946 when his father was assigned to Fort Monroe and for the second time in 2002 when he and his wife Bobbie moved to IOW County. After graduating from a Richmond high school in 1957 and from West Point in 1961, there was a 20-year Army career which included Infantry, Special Forces, and other assignments in the USA and in several foreign countries. Along the way he earned an MS in Operations Research/ Systems Analysis and an MBA. In 1981 Jim began a 21-year career working for several companies in the Northern Virginia area - - supporting contract work for the DOD, Border Patrol, and civilian software developers. He said, "It was always exciting and fun work doing things that didn't involve getting shot at..... "



Since retiring and moving here, Jim and his "high school Sweetheart" Bobbie love everything about Smithfield, stay busy, and wonder how they ever found time to go to work. Their combined 5 children and 6 grandchildren, involvement in community activities (Kiwanis, Woman's Club, Boating, and volunteer projects), 2 sisters and a 95-year old Mother in the local area, and travel to exciting places account for lots of the busy-ness. They love power-boating and have travelled down the Intracoastal to Manteo, up Virginia Rivers, and up the Bay to Saint Michaels Island. Jim enjoys County volunteer work supporting the Fair, Civil War re-enactments, and Fort Huger. He also enjoys supporting Kiwanis during Fishing Day, Golf Tournaments, Breakfast with Santa, the Christmas Toy Store, and other projects. Life is Good!!

## The Prez Says...

*By Bob Cole*

While reviewing materials I have collected as I start my term as your President I was really touched by the following objects of Kiwanis. I thought I could write something witty this month but I could never express who a Kiwanis member is any better than the folks at the **1924 Convention in Denver**. Take time to slowly read and digest these objectives. You are each a part of a much larger whole. Men and women world wide of Kiwanis are making such a contribution toward influencing positively our next generation of leaders. **The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.**

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

**Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.**

The name "Kiwanis" means "we trade" or "we share our talents." It was coined from an American Indian expression, Nunc Kee-wanis.

Kiwanians are volunteers changing the world through service to children and communities. Kiwanis members help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, mentor the disadvantaged, and care for the sick. They develop youth as leaders, build playgrounds, raise funds for pediatric research, and much more. No problem is too big or too small. Why? Because working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. When you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream, and succeed, great things happen!

Thank you for participating in Smithfield Kiwanis. Share this experience with your business associates and friends. ASK ..... "Always Sell Kiwanis" Attempt to invite someone to lunch and add to our team. Thanks, Bob