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November Programs

Foodbank of SE Virginia: Child Nutrition Program - Karen Joyner Nov 4

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Smithfield 2020 - Rick Bodson Nov 18

Thanksgiving - No luncheon meeting Nov 25

Toyland, Toyland



Past President Bob Cole gets assistance from one of the awesome Target employees while shopping for last year's Toy Store

It's the time of year when Smithfield Kiwanians become very busy. The Annual Toy Store will be held at the Smithfield Center December 8, 9 and 10. In preparation, club members will be shopping for toys at the Chesapeake Square Target store on November 9 and 11 starting at 8:00 a.m. each day. The shopping days are a lot of fun and member-shoppers get a sneak preview of the hottest toys for this year's holiday season. Sign up sheets for the shopping days have been circulating at our luncheon meetings. If you've missed them, no worries, just show up on one or both mornings. All help is appreciated.

The club will also need members to tend to the store in December. It takes a lot of work to unload all the toys and assist the parents when they come to pick them up. Sign up sheets for December will be out at luncheon meetings over the next several weeks.

If donating your time doesn't fit into your schedule you can still help! It takes a great deal of financial support to provide a wonderful holiday season for the underserved children in Isle of Wight County. All of your donations will be greatly appreciated!

The toy store isn't all we have going on in December. The Annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 11 at the Smithfield Center just before the town Christmas Parade. This annual event has become a holiday tradition with many families in Smithfield and Isle of Wight County. Come on out and help the club give them another fantastic time!!

Hamlet Recognizes...

Nelson Grace

This month, after realizing that Hamlet had an interest in nuclear physics, Wayne Willis, passed our little ham off to Nelson Grace...our resident nuclear physicist!!! Thanks for your years of dedication to our club, Nelson!!



Division 21 would like to charter a new Kiwanis Club in the North Suffolk area. Lt. Gov. Rick Gonzales believes that the Suffolk and Smithfield Kiwanis clubs have the best resources for starting this club. Forming a club in North Suffolk is an excellent way to help more children in Hampton Roads. If you would like to help get a club off the ground or if you have friends in this area of Suffolk who you believe will be interested in becoming a charter member please talk with Gerald.

There are more than 5,000 Key Clubs and this organization is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. As a student led organization, the Key Club teaches leadership through serving the community. We have sponsored a Key Club at Smithfield High School since 2003 under the leadership of Scott Lauder.



This past summer, Bob Cole and Gerald Wight Academy about forming a Key Club at a Service Leadership Program connected to a receiving the green light to start a Key Club our advisor to the new Key Club.

Gwaltney met with the Headmaster for Isle of their school. The school has been looking for national organization such as Kiwanis. After at IWA, Dan Lytton volunteered to serve as

Dan has attended several meeting with the school advisor to the Key Club and reports that interest is high and 25 students have already signed up giving them the necessary members to form a club. We expect the new Key Club at Isle of Wight Academy will be chartered in November.

The Prez Sez...

By Gerald Gwaltney

It is hard to believe but we are fast approaching the main event of the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield – the Christmas Toy Store. One of the first things that comes to mind when an individual thinks about our Kiwanis Club is the work we do in making Christmas special for the children in our community.

Bob Cole, our Head Elf, is coordinating the Christmas Toy Store event this year and things are quickly happening at the North Pole. Fund raising letters have been mailed, and toy shopping is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Nov. 9 and 11 at Target in Chesapeake Square Mall. If you have shopped for the toys in previous years, then you know from experience how much fun it is and it truly warms the heart knowing that your work will bring happiness and excitement to a child. It is just like being Santa!

This project requires so many volunteers to make it successful. From shopping for the toys, setting up at the Smithfield Center or assisting the families coming to the Toy Store, there is something for everyone to do. Please support the Christmas Toy Store either by contributing your time or by donating financially. If you can participate, then I can guarantee that you will experience the true meaning of Christmas this year.