

“Serving the Children of the World”

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# Kiwanis Club of Smithfield

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## *Smithfield Officers*

### **President:**

Gerald Gwaltney

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## **November Programs**

*IOW Christian Outreach Program - Fred Glanville* Dec 2

*Care of Your Computer - Peter Glanville* Dec 9

*Mission of Hope Homeless Shelter - John Bates* Dec 16

*Merry Christmas - No Meeting* Dec 23

*TBA* Dec 30

## *Toys, Toys, Everywhere*



*Kiwanis member Gayle Terwilliger consults with one of the many helpful Target employees while shopping for toys.*

Smithfield Kiwanians spent two days at the Target store at Chesapeake Square Mall buying toys for the Annual Toy Store. This year's toy store will be held December 7 and 8 at the Smithfield Center. Set-up day is Monday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. This year, the club expects to serve about 325 children with toys and books.

The Smithfield Kiwanis Toy Store Project is different from other holiday toy drives in two distinct ways. First, the club raises funds from many club members, local businesses, and local individuals instead of asking for toy donations. This allows the club to shop for specific toys that the child has on his or her wish list, making it more personal. Second, the club asks that the parents not bring the children to distribution day, allowing the parents to provide the goodies to the children in accordance with their holiday traditions. In theory (and this editor believes, in "practice") the children never know that the toys came from anyone but Mom, Dad or maybe even Santa!!

Thanks to our friends at Target for their help in selecting the toys and our friends at Ham Town Books for selecting and ordering a full array of books.

Everyone's help is needed to set up the store and distribute toys to the parents, so please come out and lend a hand!

## ***Breaking News!! Santa to Visit Hamtown***

On Saturday, December 11, Santa will be paying a visit to Smithfield and he's calling for all Smithfield Kiwanians for their elf power. Santa needs all club members to come to the Smithfield Center beginning at 6:30 a.m. to prepare a delicious and nutritious breakfast for all the little girls and boys of the town.

The annual event, held just before the town Christmas Parade, has become a holiday tradition for many families in Isle of Wight County and beyond! Come help share in that tradition by cooking, cleaning, serving just like Jim and Billy (pictured at right).



## ***Getting to Know...***

Meredith has been married to her husband, Howard Marchant for 16 years and they have three children, Kristen, 17; Christopher, 13; and Kimberly, 12. The children attend Smithfield Middle School and Smithfield High School. Meredith works for the Town of Smithfield as the Town Receptionist. She has been involved in Relay for Life for the last four years and has participated in one of their biggest fundraisers, the Haunted Forest. Meredith also enjoys volunteering at the Smithfield Little Theater where she has been a producer, director, stage hand and actress. "Relay for Life and the Smithfield Little Theater are activities my whole family really enjoys together," Meredith says.

## ***Meredith Marchant***



Please keep members Connie Chapman and Jim Blesse in your thoughts and prayers as they both work through this difficult time in their lives.

## ***Hamlet Recognizes...***

At the December 2 luncheon meeting, Hamlet recognized Peter Stephenson for all the contributions he has made to the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield and to the Capitol District, Division 21. Peter is a Past President of our club and Past Lieutenant Governor for the district. Thanks for all you do, Peter and stay away from that ice this winter!!

## ***Peter Stephenson***





On November 11 new member Neal Johnson helped commemorate Veteran's Day by wearing his U.S. Navy dress uniform to the club's luncheon meeting. President, Gerald Gwaltney gave special recognition to all club member military veterans in attendance that day. "For those who fought for it, Freedom has a flavor the protected will never know." Thank you all for your service!

### *The Prez Sez...*

*By Gerald Gwaltney*

Here we are at the beginning of the Christmas season. As we focus on Christmas and the spirit of giving, I'd like to dedicate this Christmas message to Scott Lauder who exemplifies the Kiwanian Spirit.

Scott has been a member of our club for over five years and during this time, he has truly worked to "change the world one community and one child at a time." I cannot think of any event that we have sponsored in which Scott has not participated. These events include the fishing clinic, golf tournament, toy store, breakfast with Santa. There are the countless hours he has devoted to strengthening the Key Club at Smithfield High School and serving as our webmaster to help communicate our message to our members and to the public. He has just completed his tour of duty on our Board of Directors where he contributed greatly to making the Smithfield Kiwanis Club the success that it is.



Outside of our club activities, Scott has welcomed into his home exchange students who come to America to learn and experience our way of life. He does much to improve the lives of children not just in our community but across the world making this a truly International Kiwanian experience.

Scott exemplifies what we are all about – unselfishly giving back to the community by helping children. He has just informed me that effective December 1, he will be starting a new career with First Medical Management as the Director of Nursing for the Hampton Roads Regional Jail. As a Registered Nurse, and the Director of Nursing, Scott will oversee a staff of over 70 Nurses, Doctors and other Medical professionals. This is a big step for Scott and we wish him well as he continues to help others. Unfortunately, because of this move, Scott will be unable to attend our meetings and has regretfully submitted his resignation with the Smithfield Kiwanis Club.

Please convey your thanks in person at the Santa Breakfast (yes Scott will be with us on Dec. 11 at "0600" as he likes to say). Scott will be missed greatly and I wish him much success in his new endeavor.