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Will You Help Make 2010 the Best Year Ever?



Andrew Gregory (third from left) with his foursome at the 2009 Smithfield Kiwanis Golf Tournament

The Smithfield Kiwanis Golf Committee is hard at work looking to exceed last years proceeds of \$7,000. The goal this year is to raise \$10,000. With a few more golfers, strong sponsorship, and support from the general membership, we are certain that this could be the best golf tournament the Kiwanis Club has put on.

All members will be receiving a registration form and sponsorship letter so if you run across the right person or people you will be equipped to bring them into the fold this year. As usual we will have a longest drive and closest to the pin competition, along with a new \$500 Par 3 Hole in One shootout with the opportunity to win \$500 on every Par 3.

Dinner will be prepared by our expert in house chefs Carter Williams and Charlie White. So mark your calendars for Thursday May 6th at Cypress Creek. The prayer breakfast is that morning so we can all be praying for good weather that afternoon. We look forward to a great event to raise money for our mission.

See you on the tee box,
Andrew Gregory, Golf Tournament Chair.

New Members Abound!

Since the beginning of our club year, we have seen a great deal of membership activity under the direction of Gerald Gwaltney, Club VP and Membership Chair. The following new members have joined in 2009 - 2010

Joyce Dunning
Danny Lytton

Paula McCarty
Kurt Frischmann

Keep any eye out for these folks at our weekly meetings and projects and fundraisers and give them a big Smithfield Kiwanis welcome!!

A New Club Member?



On January 21, club VP and membership chair, Gerald Gwaltney, introduced a new club member recognition program. Each week, the program ambassador, Hamlet (pictured above), will be passed to a club member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to the club or the community. The club member who is recognized each week is then responsible for identifying another club member worthy of recognition at the following week's meeting. And so on, and so on.

The goals of the program are two-fold. One, to recognize the great work that our members are doing in serving our club and the community at large. And, two, as a way for club members to get to know one another just a little bit better.

Each week, our illustrious webmaster, Scott Lauder, will post the "Hamlet Winner of the Week" at smithfieldkiwanis.org and each winner will be noted in the newsletter each month. Here are the winners since January 21:

January 21 - Dick Gutleber for long serving as the Program Committee Chair
January 28 - Mac Cofer for long serving as Scholarship Program Chair
February 5 - Hamlet was on vacation
February 11 - Sue Ivy for long serving as Santa Breakfast Chair
February 18 - Amy Musick for her hard work as Treasurer and contribution to the success of the Toy Store

So, be paying attention to the efforts of your fellow club members...you never know when it may be your turn to pick the Hamlet Winner of the Week!!!

More Kiwanis Trivia

Kiwanis International conventions began when the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland invited representatives of other clubs to meet there in May 1916. At that time there were a total of 16 clubs with 1,924 members. A Kiwanis International convention has been conducted every year since then, except for limited conferences in 1943 - 1945 due to wartime travel restrictions. Today, the usual attendance at an International convention is about 12,000.

English is the official language of Kiwanis International. However, key administrative and program literature is published in up to 13 additional languages, and simultaneous translation is provided at International conventions when required by a sufficient number of members.

Monies received by Kiwanis clubs from fund-raising projects in which the public participates or from members or others for service activities sponsored by the club must be segregated from the administrative funds of the club and used only for the club's service activities. Only the actual costs of the fund-raising activity can be charged to the service account.

Neither Snow, Nor Rain...



...Nor gloom of night will keep President Bob (far right, above) from delivering Smithfield Kiwanis donations of food and clothing to the Salvation Army. Donations were originally to be taken the the K-Family reunion on January 30 but the event was cancelled due to a southern snow storm. Bob and other local Kiwanis clubs made a special trip to the Salvation Army on February 6 to ensure that these much needed donations were delivered.

The Prez Sez...

By Bob Cole

Time is flying by as we enter the busiest part of our year for fundraising. We kick off the month of May with a flurry of activity hosting our annual Golf Tournament May 6th, followed immediately by the Homerama Challenge May 7th through the 23rd.

May 6th is the National Day of Prayer which our members attend.

July 20th is one of our biggest service days of the year for children, please save the date to help out with "Kids Fishing Day". You will not be sorry, the children are wonderful.

Saturday April 17th our member Connie Chapman has asked us to help her with the "Healthy Kids Day in the Park" event at Nike Park from 10am to 2 pm cooking hot dogs and passing them out. (Everything is provided, we 6-8 helpers). All this while another group of Kiwanians are parking cars at Homerama.

April 29th program will be our "Annual Meeting Day" where the Treasurer / Secretary will report on the state of the club and I will present the new slate of officers / directors for next year.

March 27th at Phoebus High School will be our regional training and fellowship day. President / Secretary training will take place and we will have three people attending that training. I will be accompanied by Sherry and Gerald. Carter, Wes and Peter will be there to help us get it right. Beth is doing her training on line and is not available that week end. So we have all our bases covered and we look forward to finishing this year strong and being in a great position to start the next year of challenges and rewards.

It takes a little extra effort to be a great club and you are a great club, 60 plus members strong. One of the largest in this division if not the largest. Our group's strength and talents are enviable.

Let's get through the fund raisers in style and set the stage with enough money to finish the year supporting our key club, scholarships, kid's leadership programs, fishing clinic and potential Windsor Castle playground co-op project. ***Always Sell Kiwanis. ASK someone to join. There is no better service than to build the next generation of community leaders. I very much appreciate your continued support as we serve the children of our community. Most sincerely, Bob***