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Upcoming Dates to Remember

First meeting of 2011 Golf Committee - Feb. 10

Mid-Winter Conference at ODU - Feb. 12

Annual Bus. Mtg./Election of Officers - Apr. 7

February Programs

Traffic in IOW - Feb 3
Lt. James Pope

Arts in Feb 10
Smithfield -
Shelia
Gwaltney

Beautification Feb 17
of S. Church
Street - Judy
Winslow

How the Red Feb 24
Cross Works in
our Area - Eve
Robinson

Interclub? What's an Interclub?



Smithfield Kiwanian, Ed Mortimer, chairs the Interclub Committee

Interclubs are a Kiwanis family tradition where members of one club visit a meeting of a nearby club. Interclubs help to foster friendships and working relationships between clubs in the same division and give club members ideas on how other clubs are doing things.

With the start of 2011, Ed Mortimer is leading the inter club charge. In January, Ed, Bill Wyrick, Fred Glanville and Gerald Gwaltney visited the Chesapeake Kiwanis Club. They have a breakfast meeting at the Greenbrier Country Club and the guest speaker talked about the rebuilding of Fun Forest in Chesapeake. You may recall that this is the playground which someone burned and now the community is rebuilding.

The Churchland Club visited us on January 27th. When they were recognized, Jimmy told us that they always like to visit the Smithfield Club because he felt we were the friendliest club in the Division. That is a really nice compliment. On Tuesday, February 1, Ed assembled a group to visit the Franklin Club and we shared our friendliness there.

Division 21 has developed a competition to encourage clubs to visit each other and we are on our way to earning points. Based on the size of our membership, we must have at least 4 attend to make it an “official” interclub. When Ed asks for members to go on an interclub, please volunteer!

Spring is right around the corner!! And with Spring, comes the Golf Tournament!! The first meeting of the 2011 Golf Tournament Planning Committee will be held on February 10 at 11:30 at the Smithfield Station (just before our regular luncheon meeting). Anyone who would like to help with the tournament please attend this meeting. For more info., call Andrew Gregory.

Hampton Roads Kiwanis Mid Winter K Family Reunion



The Mid Winter conference will be held on Saturday February 12 at Old Dominion University. We currently have five Kiwanians registered to attend this special conference. At this event, the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield will receive the “Distinguished Club Award”. Clubs earning this designation have excelled in various categories such as membership and service projects. Past President Bob Cole will accept this award on behalf of the Club.

During the Mid Winter conference, a service project in conjunction with “Stop Hunger Now” will be performed. Those attending will have the opportunity to participate in the service project by assembling meals for the hungry! Kiwanians plan on assembling 10,000 meals within 2 – 3 hours! The meals costs 25 cents and the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield has donated \$50 which will provide 200 meals for the hungry. Look for pictures of our members packaging meals in next month’s newsletter.

For more information see www.stophungernow.org

Please welcome Lisa Perry and Eve Robinson as new members. Lisa is the Economic Director for Isle of Wight County and was sponsored by Ron Pack. Eve works for the Red Cross and was sponsored by Billie Cook. Eve is one of our February speakers and will tell us about her work with the Red Cross. Please welcome them.

The Prez Sez...

By Gerald Gwaltney

I encourage each of you to read the articles in the Kiwanis International magazine which came out last week. There is a very good article explaining Project Eliminate. With this service project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to save the lives of babies and their mothers by eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus (MNT), a disease that kills an estimated 60,000 newborns and a significant number of women each year.

There was a particular article in the edition that caused me to reflect on our club. It is entitled “*Our Kiwanis Family Album From one generation to the next, these families pass along an inheritance of kindness, compassion, leadership and community involvement.*” The story is about five families and their generational membership and community service in Kiwanis. We see this same Family Album in the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield. Fred Glanville and his son Peter joined at the same time last year. Peter is now our Webmaster and Fred is an active interclub participant. Andrew Gregory, who chairs our Golf Tournament, is now sharing his Kiwanis experience with his mother-in-law, Judy Wells. She is our February program chair and has great programs lined up for us. Ron Pack, who is a Past President, has welcomed his daughter-in-law, Erin Pack into the club.

Many of our members have brought their sons or daughters to a meeting or to participate in our service projects. I cannot think of any better way to instill kindness, compassion, leadership and community involvement than to let our family see it and experience it firsthand. Make your Kiwanis experience a family experience today.