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Hampton Roads Mid Winter Kiwanis K Family Reunion



President Gerald (far left) and his team in their oh-so-fashionable headwear package meals for “Stop Hunger Now” at the K Family Reunion

Upcoming Dates to Remember

SHS Key Club Chili Cook Off - Mar. 25

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

Golf Tournament - May 12

The reunion was held on Saturday, February 12 on the campus of ODU. Over 250 Kiwanians attended including our own Gerald Gwaltney (pictured above), Sherry Vincent, Bob Cole, Carter Williams, Wesley Brown and Peter Stephenson.

The Kiwanis International “Project Eliminate” was introduced to the Capital District during the reunion. This initiative strives to eliminate Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus from the face of the earth. It is a very ambitious yet achievable effort to save children and their mothers from the deadly disease. Our club will have an opportunity to learn more about Project Eliminate at our Annual Business Meeting on April 7.

Also at the reunion the Stop Hunger Now organization partnered with Capital District Kiwanians to package 10,000 (yes, I said 10,000) meals in just over three hours. Teams combined rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix with 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small packages of a precise weight. The meals are cooked in boiling water and contain enough nutrients to sustain a family. Each time 1,000 meals were packed, a large gong was sounded signaling the progress.

The meal packages are shipped around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a shelf life of five years.

In addition to the effort of the Smithfield Kiwanians attending the reunion, our club donated \$50.00 to this project which is enough to provide 200 meals. Now that’s the way to stretch a dollar!

March Programs

Fishing and New Regulations - Don Lancaster *March 10*

Legislative Update - Fred Quayle *March 17*

Freshwater Fishing and Fees *March 24*

Reef Program *March 31*

An Award of Distinction



Another happening at the Mid Winter Reunion (which this editor believes deserves its own article) was the awarding of the Distinguished Club Award to OUR Kiwanis Club of Smithfield for 2010! This award is presented to only a very few clubs that have excelled during the year in various categories such as membership growth, key club sponsorships and filing reports on time. In the picture above, 2010 Lt. Governor Peter Stephenson presents the Distinguished Club Award to 2010 President Bob Cole. Additionally, President Bob was presented with a Distinguished President's pin and Beth Supko received a Distinguished Secretary pin for their outstanding work in 2010.

The Smithfield club received a certificate and a patch for our banner acknowledging the Distinguished Club status. The club also won two additional ribbons to be displayed on our banner - one for the most donations to our community and one for the highest donations per member to our community.

A big "Job Well Done" to every member of the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield for this tremendous achievement!

Please welcome our two newest members, Allyn Julien and Angela Sproul. Allyn joined at the invitation of Ron Pack and Angela was invited by Neal Johnson. We look forward to getting to know Allyn and Angela and increasing our ability to serve the community by yet another two Kiwanians!

Are You Ready for Some Chili??

The Smithfield High School Key Club is having their Annual Chili Cook-off on Friday, March 25 from 6:30 - 8:00 in the SHS cafeteria. Admission is \$10 at the door for the best chili and desserts in town and proceeds will benefit the Key Club and Operation Smile. Anyone who enters a chili recipe gets free admission. To enter or to get more information, contact the Key Club Sponsor, Tracey Ferguson at tferguson@iwcs.k12.va.us.

This is always a great event and we hear a rumor that former member Scott Lauder may make an appearance. Let's all attend to see Scott and show our support for the Smithfield High Key Club!

Have You Noticed??



Gerald would like to thank and recognize Charlie White, Carter Williams and Ron Pack for their hard work in having our Kiwanis sign refurbished and hung in a very visible place at the bottom of the ramp in front of the Smithfield Station. It took several months to have the sign restored to its original luster and the end results look great!!

Great job Charlie, Carter and Ron!! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed!

Spring is right around the corner!! And with Spring, comes the Golf Tournament!! Anyone who would like to help with the tournament please see or call Project Chair, Andrew Gregory.

The Prez Sez...

By Gerald Gwaltney

Attending the Mid Winter conference was a very moving experience. I was extremely proud to be part of the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield. Together we have done so much for the children in our community this past year. Bob and Beth were recognized with Distinguished officer pins for their work as President and Secretary. These are not easy jobs and are very time-consuming if you lead a club to this status. Congratulations to both of these Kiwanians. And to you, the Kiwanians of Smithfield, – you certainly deserve to be recognized as a Distinguished Club. Each of you has committed yourself to making our community a better place by changing our community one child at a time. Earning the Distinguished Club award does not just happen – it is earned by the combined efforts of everyone working together.

At the conference, I was listening to two Kiwanians from Division 21 who were talking about their clubs. They did not know that I was standing close to them nor that I was from the Smithfield Club. In the conversation, one told the other that “Smithfield was the club they wanted to be like. Smithfield is strong with lots of members and did so much for their community.” I smiled inside and knew that our club does not boast or brag – we simply see a need in our community and we take care of that need. It is because of our commitment to the children, that others want to be part of this wonderful organization. What a great compliment to receive. Thanks to each and every one of you for your service to our children.