

Kiwanis Club of Smithfield

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All Hands On Deck!

Editor's Note: This article comes from Jim Blesse and Wayne Willis, Homearama Chairs, to help everyone who is working the parking project.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the Homearama Parking Project. A major effort by our members is needed to successfully complete this project. Some information follows for those who working during the Tidewater Builders Association Homearama.

The Homearama will be at the Founder's Pointe development from the 7th to the 23rd of May which is located on the James River in Carrollton. To get there from Smithfield, take Route 17 South towards Suffolk. Just past the Carrollton Volunteer Fire Station, turn left on Sugar Hill Road. There's a big Founder's Pointe billboard there. Go about half a mile and look for the Founder's Pointe entrance on the left. Then just follow the Homearama signs.

Some other things you need to know:

1. As you approach the Homearama site you will see a booth that we will use to direct traffic into parking areas on the left. Go past the booth and park near our trailer and tent that will be off the right side of the street.
2. When you arrive, your Shift Leader will give you all the details on what Kiwanis must do to get all visitors parked as efficiently as possible.
3. Clothing: Wear comfortable shoes, as you may be standing for most, if not all of your shift. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. It'll probably be warm, so shorts should be fine. If you have a Kiwanis hat, bring it. If you don't have one, we'll give you one the first shift that you work. Please bring it with you when you return for another shift. A traffic vest to wear and a traffic direction flag to use during your shift will be provided.
4. Inclement Weather. Come prepared for rain (e.g., bring an umbrella or rain gear) if there's any significant probability in the forecast. We will not remain outside if an electrical storm is in the area. If there is any concern about lightning, get in a car that will be parked in the area.
5. Food. You may bring your own food or buy from the on site concession stand at a "reduced" price. We're not sure how much discount we'll get. We will have bottled water. Since we're dealing with traffic, we will not be consuming any alcohol while on shift.
6. You may visit the Homearama exhibits and houses free of charge before or after your shift by wearing your Kiwanis hat when you enter the ticket booth.
7. Remember that spouses, friends, and mature children can join you and participate as a shift member.

We hope that this will be a pleasant experience for everyone. Please try to keep a positive attitude and show the colors of our great Kiwanis Club of Smithfield.

Don't Forget!!! The Kiwanis Club of Smithfield's Annual Golf Tournament is May 6!! See Andrew Gregory or Renee Bevan to sign up to help with this very important fundraiser.

April/May Programs

Senator Quayle Apr 22

Annual Business Meeting - No Speaker Apr 29

Golf Tournament - No Meeting May 6

2010 IOW County Fair - Darlene Keyt May 13

Battle of Smithfield - David Sawyer May 20

Cypress Creek Power Plant - John Seward May 27

In Memory of a Beloved Club Member, John H. Bryant III



On April 3, 2010, the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield lost one of its dearest members, John Bryant. John was a loyal member of the club who never missed a weekly luncheon meeting. John loved to talk to his fellow Kiwanians about his life growing up, his military service and meeting his wife, Barbara, according to Gerald Gwaltney his frequent table-mate at lunch. John retired from Verizon after 30 years of service and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. He loved Barbershop music and was a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society for many years.

John's memorial service was held at Historic St. Luke's Church on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Reverend Gary Barker from Christ Episcopal officiated at the ceremony and it was well attended by family, friends and fellow Kiwanis members. John was buried at St. Luke's Memorial Park Cemetery. Barbara asks that any donations made in John's memory be made to the Kiwanis Children's Christmas Fund at P.O. Box 143, Smithfield, VA 23431. John will be sorely missed by all Smithfield Kiwanis members.

Getting to Know...

Debra Szalwinski

Debra was born in the little Southwestern, Virginia town of Wise, Virginia. She graduated from the Medical College of Virginia with a degree in physical therapy in 1984. While at MCV, Deb met her husband Mark who was a pharmacy student. Mark and Deb were married in 1985 and will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary next month. They have two daughters, Ali and Julia.

Deb and her family moved from Richmond to Hampton Roads in 1990 at which time she went to work for Tidewater Physical Therapy running an outpatient orthopedic clinic in Newport News. In 1993, they built a house in Gatling Point and have happily called Smithfield home ever since. Deb had the opportunity to open a physical therapy clinic in Smithfield three years ago and she is enjoying working so close to home and serving the people of her community.



"Entering the empty nest stage of our lives was a challenge with Ali transitioning to the University of Virginia and Julia heading off to the University of Mary Washington," Deb says. But, she adds, "I can now say that the challenge has been overcome and I am enjoying more time with my interests which include gardening, reading, exercising, boating, skiing and traveling."

Deb is very involved in the Gatling Point Relay for Life Team and in the United Way. She is a great Kiwanian and we are all glad to have her among our membership. Thanks for all you do, Deb!

Hamlet Recognizes...

Over the past month, Hamlet (the club's new recognition mascot) has been busy recognizing the following members for their efforts!

3/25 - Tom Ross - Club Support - Cooking

4/1 - Karen Foster - Club Support and Newsletter Editor

4/8 - Gerald Gwaltney - Membership Drive and Club Leadership

4/15 - Scott Lauder - Key Club Liaison and Club Webmaster



If you've been watching the website at smithfieldkiwanis.org, you know that Hamlet has been having some adventures lately. Check it out to see where Hamlet will end up next!

Getting to Know...

Paula McCarty

In April 2004, Paula moved to Smithfield from Virginia Beach. She and her husband, Mike, grew up in Virginia Beach but decided it was getting a little crowded. They live in Waterford Oaks with their 2 children, Whitney and Cole. Whitney, 15, is involved in 4H and will be getting her learners permit next month – “look out,” Paula says. Cole, 11 is a Boy Scout with Troop 36 in Carrollton. The family has a lot of animals, 2 German Shepherds, 1 Lion Head Rabbit, 1 Bearded Dragon and 2 Ferrets not to mention the wildlife outside!!



Paula has been the Marketer for SERVPRO of Suffolk/Smithfield/Franklin for almost a year now. Mike is a Government Contractor who builds Communication Towers for the Coast Guard. In their spare time they enjoy, “well,” Paula says, “there is no spare time with teenagers!!” Paula spends a lot of time shuffling her children from here to there, but they do enjoy walking the neighborhood with their dogs and chatting with neighbors. They spend a lot of time by the pool, grilling and lounging.

The Prez Sez...

By Bob Cole

I salute our Kiwanis brother John Bryant and acknowledge the sadness that I feel at his absence. John was the kind of guy who always had a kind word for everyone and a smile that would light up a whole room. I will miss John. We each relate to one another differently and John touched my heart. I will not soon forget his kindness and humility. Rest peacefully my friend. You leave this world a better place.

All you have to do is “ASK” (Always Sell Kiwanis”). Let's push hard and invite potential members to lunch. Earn your bronze key for sponsoring a new member. Thank you for your efforts.

On the Horizon:

May 6th National Prayer Breakfast and Golf Tournament

May 7th Homerama Parking Campaign Begins

May 13th 11:00am prior to the club meeting Peter Stephenson will conduct an “Indoctrination Class” for new members. Come find out the rest of the Kiwanis Story.

July 20th Kids Fishing Day

I very much appreciate each one of you for being active and supportive. Your efforts make a difference and separate this club from the all the others. Smithfield Kiwanis especially needs your service this month to make the “Golf Tournament” and “Homerama Fundraiser” a big success. Thanks, Bob