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Russell Parrish* June 24

Fore!!



It was a beautiful day on May 6 at Cypress Creek Golfer's Club for the Annual Golf Tournament. Under the leadership of Andrew Gregory, the tournament committee pulled together a wonderful event and even ordered a fabulous weather day! In all, the event raised \$7200 that will support the various children's programs the club sponsors throughout the year.

None of this would have been possible without the 96 golfers who participated and those businesses and individuals who sponsored the event (see page 3 for the complete list). And the winners were...drum roll, pleeeeeease, the Beale and Curran Team. A good time was had by all!

Hamlet Recognizes...

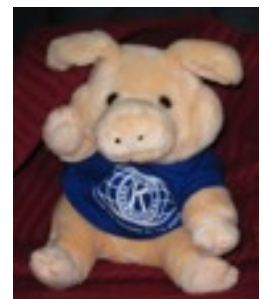
Hamlet remains busy recognizing club members for extraordinary service. Beginning on May 13, the recognition program has switched from a weekly program to a monthly program.

4/22 Jim Blesse - Homearama Parking Project Chair

4/29 Andrew Gregory - Golf Tournament Chair

5/6 Hamlet golfing at club tournament

5/13 Beth Supko - Club Secretary



Kiwanians Home Away From Home for 17 Days!



New member, Kurt Frischmann jumps right in to help during the Homearama Parking Project fundraiser.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Wayne Willis and Jim Blesse for contributing the following article.

As this article for the newsletter is being written, we are nearing the end of the seventeen-day Homearama Parking Project that has occurred at Founders Pointe from 7-23 May. So far, it has been an unqualified success. Co-chairmen Jim Blesse and Wayne Willis would like to extend a "BIG Thank You" to our members, family members, and the Key Club members for their terrific support. An indication of the support was that our District Governor and his wife, and our Club President worked multiple shifts during some of the toughest weather conditions. The parking chairman of the past four Homearamas warned that his biggest problem was people not showing up as scheduled. That has not been a problem for us - - at all! Everyone reported for duty or let us know in advance if they had a conflict that required a change in their assignments. The Tidewater Builders Association staff frequently complimented our Club and the Key Club on the outstanding job done.

Remember that our commitment was to provide seven people for a four-hour shift on opening day, six people for two four-and-a-half-hour shifts on six weekend days, and four people for two four-hour shifts on the ten weekdays. If you do the math, that adds up to 672 person-hours! We knew that this was a huge commitment that could only be achieved with the full support of our able-bodied members. Some members are not physically able to participate in this type of activity. The activity was at times physically stressful. We endured a windy, hot, dust bowl during the early days and a mud pit when the rains came. Club members demonstrated real flexibility with the changing parking lot conditions, real patience in dealing with some of the visitors and vendors, and real dedication in working in various weather conditions.

Thank you once again for your support of this project that is a significant addition to our fundraising efforts that support the programs that are at the heart of what we are all about.

Getting to Know...

Cathy Sharpe

Cathy and her husband, Bill recently moved to Smithfield after living in York County for 32 years. They have a daughter, Kelly who lives in Richmond with her husband and two handsome grandsons, Jack, who is four and Fletcher who will soon be turning two.

Cathy has worked with Wachovia Bank for 25 years and considers herself very fortunate to have been able to relocate to the Smithfield office from the peninsula when they moved here. Bill owns his own security systems and monitoring business and has worked in the industry for over 30 years.

Cathy and Bill moved to Smithfield to be near Cathy's first cousin, Connie Williams, our own Carter's wife. Carter encouraged Cathy to get involved in Smithfield community activities.

"Our family is the most important part of our lives and we enjoy spending time together at our new home in the country," Cathy says.

Cathy is one of our newest Smithfield Kiwanian, so give her a big warm welcome when you see her!



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***The Prez Sez...***

By Bob Cole

Well done to the membership, Key Club, Jim and Wayne for a wonderful job on the Homerama Fundraiser. It was hot, cold, dry, wet or muddy depending on what day you participated. Thank you each and every one.

Many thanks as well to Andrew Gregory and the golf committee for another very successful golf tournament. The weather was great, the food exceptional and the golfing superb.

Let's continue to press for new members and finish the year strong. 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. Beth Supko now has two new members to her credit. Thank you all for your recruiting efforts.

On the Horizon:

July 20th Kids Fishing Day

We have a great club. Your efforts make the difference.

Bob