

“Serving the Children of the World”

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A Great Time Was Had By All!



Smithfield Kiwanian Barbara Bryant helps her grandson, John Bryant V land a fish

August Programs

New Aug 4

*Construction at
Courthouse -
Sheriff Phelps*

Safety/Security Aug 11

*at Bon Secours
- Michael Craig*

Guitarist/ Aug 18

*Motivational
Speaker - Ben
Shear*

Update on Aug 25

*Isabelle
Diefenbacher
by her Mother,
Jamie*

The morning of July 19 started out as a cool day at the James River Fishing Pier. But in true Kid Fishing Day fashion, the day heated up quickly. Of course, it wouldn't really be Kiwanis Fishing Day if temps were anything below 95 degrees!

Capital District, Division 21 clubs hosted upwards of 250 kids giving them each a rod and reel, a fishing day t-shirt, bait and a little fishing instruction, all followed up by a delicious lunch. As tradition has it, the VMRC was there to educate the children on the various species of fish that live in our waters and the Virginia Marine Police ensured that the kids knew their water safety rules.

This labor intensive effort was made possible by a grant from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Fund and a bevy of volunteers from Division 21 Kiwanis Clubs including, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Great Bridge, Smithfield, Churchland and Portsmouth. In addition to the actual day of the event, members from these clubs also met at Wesley's house on the preceding Sunday to assemble the rods and reels, cut bait and enjoy a cookout.

(Editor's Note: See page 3 for additional pictures.)

Can You Tell We Live in the Ham Capital of the World???



Wesley Brown and Meredith Marchant show off their prize winning “Pig Out” getups!

On July 28th members of the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield showed their Ham Town pride and creativity by “Pigging Out” at the Annual Spouse’s Night. Members and their spouses were asked to dress up in anything pig oriented and they pulled out all the stops.

Everyone enjoyed good food and drink and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship to celebrate all the hard work our members do all year long. Top costume prizes went to Wesley Brown and Meredith Marchant for their creativity (and unabashed daring to go out in public like that).

A very special “Thank You” goes out to Carter and Connie Williams for hosting the event again this year!! A super time was had by all!!

The Prez Sez...

By Gerald Gwaltney

Friends, what a summer this has been. We have enjoyed some really fun activities. Our Ball Night was a perfect evening – great weather, great bar-b-que and a great ball game that went into the 14th inning and finally resulted in a Pilots win after midnight. Thanks to Billie Cook for organizing this event and throwing out the first pitch.

And, spouses’ night at Carter and Connie’s was THE place for pig lovers. Meredith and her husband were the perfect “Miss Piggy” and “Pigs N a Blanket”. Wesley and his artistic ability never cease to amaze the Club as he made a welded wire pig mask with a curly tail. Yes, Meredith and Wesley were our winners and took home the gold!

Even though we have enjoyed the summer, there is much work to be done for the children in our community. Believe it or not, the early preparations of the Christmas Toy Store have already begun. Given the state of the economy, the need will be great this Christmas and we must do all that we can as Kiwanians to change the world one community and child at a time.

