

“Serving the Children of the World”

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It Was a Dark and Stormy Night...



Past President Bob Cole hands over the reigns of the club to new President Gerald Gwaltney

But despite the nasty weather on September 30, the Smithfield Station was filled to the brim with Smithfield Kiwanians and their spouses for the Annual Installation Banquet. It was a night of reflection on the successes of the past year and looking forward to a bright future in 2010 - 2011.

In the words of outgoing President, Bob Cole, “It was a wonderful experience and a privilege. We set goals for the year of 12% increase in membership, fundraising and service to the community. We did that! We set the goal of attaining the status of Distinguished Club. We did that!” Bob went on that congratulate the club on a successful year and to thank the board and club members for their service to the community and the children of Isle of Wight County.

The club had a two special guests at the dinner this year. Melanie Garrett, President of the Smithfield High Key Club was on hand to mingle and chat with club members about the Key Club’s upcoming year. Lt. Governor, Rick Gonzales from the Chesapeake club, bestowed the honors of retiring the 2009 - 2010 board and installing the newly elected officers and board.

As usual, the Pack family provided a wonderful meal of steak and broiled seafood at the beautiful Smithfield Station. Thanks, Ron! A good time was had by all!

(Editor’s Note: Please see Page 2 for Incoming President, Gerald Gwaltney’s complete remarks)

October Programs

Ugandon Oct 7
Orphans Choir
- Carol
Rowland

It’s Not Too Oct 14
Late
Foundation -
Tony Brothers

Smithfield Oct 21
Library
Children’s
Programs -
Karen Zukosky

Carving Duck Oct 28
Decoys - Jack
Dashiell

Hamlet Recognizes...

During the month of September, Hamlet recognized Wayne for his endless hours of effort in co-chairing the Homearama Parking Project. The project raised over \$6,000 to support Smithfield Kiwanis programs for children in Isle of Wight County. Thanks for all you do, Wayne!

Wayne Willis



The Prez Sez...

By Gerald Gwaltney

Fellow Kiwanians, thank you for bestowing upon me the privilege of leading this organization in the coming year. It is an honor to be a member of such a great organization as Kiwanis and especially the Smithfield Club. What makes this club special is the variety of individuals – our members range in age from the youthful and energetic 20s to the well seasoned and wise 90s. We are fortunate to still have several charter members and we have added new members as recently as last week.

We all have one very important thing in common -- we all were personally invited to join the Smithfield Kiwanis Club. Each of us should think back to that time and thank the individual who invited us. I thank Bill Laine for inviting me to join the Smithfield Kiwanis Club back in 1984 and also Charlie White and Wesley Brown for inviting me to rejoin in 2007 after my tour of duty in Richmond.

Take a moment to look back at this past year and see our accomplishments made under Bob's leadership as we reached the Distinguished Club status. Look around this room tonight and see our numbers which represents our ability to do more for the children and our commitment to our community.

Now look forward to the goals that we can accomplish in the coming year.

Our first goal will be to maintain our Distinguished Club status for a second year. This designation is worth seeking again. For a club to earn this designation means that its accomplishments set it apart from other clubs.

Our second goal will be to do our part to bring about a playground in Windsor Castle Park by committing our resources to the project. Windsor Castle is a new and beautiful park and the addition of a children's playground will make it complete.

And thirdly, our Kiwanian motto is changing the world and our community one child at a time, it is time to quantify our focus. Yes, my wife, Sheila says I am a bean counter, but numbers tell the story that communicates and measures our effectiveness. So to challenge ourselves, let's make a goal to improve the lives of 1,000 children in our community in the coming year.

Whether it is the Christmas Toy Store, the Fishing Clinic, summer reading programs or Key Clubs, our efforts will make a difference in the life of a child.