

KIWANIGRAM of SKIDAWAY

President's Greeting



Fellow Kiwanians,

Over the last few months, I have written about our efforts in our community, specifically the impact that our membership has on fundraising and volunteerism. Over the next couple of months, I'm going to focus my message on some of the important behind-the-scenes efforts that ensure our club continues to build on our incredible legacy—leadership growth, the fundraising process, and the steps we take to fund our agencies.

This month I celebrate my 5-year anniversary as a Kiwanian of Skidaway. Taking a moment to reflect on my experiences with our club, I'm confident that I wouldn't change a thing. In January 2009, I assumed my first major responsibility for our club as that month's speaker chairperson...and I kicked the month off with a "ghost hunter," which could have crashed and burned. But, at 9:20am when 70+ members were being kicked out of the Plantation Club ballroom after dozens of questions for our "ghost hunter" speaker, I knew this was a club that I was going to enjoy.

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So, when President-Elect Bill Wright approached me in June 2009 to serve as his Annual Speaker Chairman, without hesitation I accepted. In the middle of 2010, President-Elect Gene McDonald asked me to join our board as VP of Fundraising, and—after working through my concerns about balancing my day job and young family with serving our club—I decided I could do it. Although it wasn't my initial intention to serve in the capacity that I have over the past five years, it was a great decision. And, serving you now as your President is an incredible honor that makes my experience in Kiwanis even stronger.

This month President-Elect Melissa Emery is assembling the nominating committee to identify candidates for board and officer positions. Please let Melissa know if you would like to be a nominee or nominate someone. Elections will occur in May and the results must be communicated to the Georgia District no later than June 1st. If I can do it, you can do it! And, I promise you will enjoy serving our club and impacting our future.

Don't forget that our mid-year award banquet is on April 18th and our Concert on the Green is May 5th.

Proud to be a Kiwanian!

- Dan Umbel, Club President

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Concert on the Green

The 2013 Concert on the Green, scheduled for Sunday, May 5, is rapidly coming together. Fred Nimmer's Swingtime Orchestra is our headline attraction; Savannah's own Bill Edwards, of WTKS radio, will serve as Master of Ceremonies; and St. Andrew's School Orchestra will provide intermission entertainment under the direction of Maestro Fred Devyatkin, Conductor of the Beaufort Symphony Orchestra.

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What if your Mother's Day gift could save a child's life?

GIVE NOW >



Kiwanis Club of Skidaway
Presents the 2013

Concert on the Green

Featuring
Fred Nimmer's Swingtime Orchestra

& Intermission entertainment by
St. Andrew's School Orchestra

Sunday, May 5
TLA Athletic Field
5pm Social, 6pm Concert

Tickets available from Kiwanians, Smith's, or by calling 598-1837

• \$20 General Admission (\$25 at the gate)
(Bring your picnic dinner and lawn chairs)

• \$50 Conductor's Circle
(Includes reserved seating, heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, & soft drinks)

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Honor Your Mother, Save a Life

Before you know it, Mother's Day will be here. Kiwanis International Foundation is celebrating ELIMINATE Week, May 6-10, in the run-up to Mother's Day on May 12.

The relationship between a mother and her children is special. Wouldn't it be nice to give someone else the chance for that relationship? Project ELIMINATE does that.

Please consider making a donation to Project ELIMINATE in your mother's name.

See Gene McDonald for details, or visit <http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/home.aspx>

Agency News

Youth Challenge Academy

The Georgia National Guard Challenge Academy, a preventive rather than remedial youth-at-risk program, targets participants who are unemployed, drug-free, and law-free high-school dropouts, 16 to 18 years of age. Core components of the program are citizenship, academic excellence (GED attainment), life-coping skills, community service, health and hygiene, skills training, leadership followership, and physical training. The five-month residential phase, which includes the pre-Challenge phase, is followed by a year-long mentoring relationship with a specially trained member from each youth's community.

The Challenge program is designed as an intervention model built on eight core components needed for successful living. The core components of this model focus on the holistic development of the participants. Much of a cadet's skills development process is based on deliberate experiential learning situations created by the staff. The core components and performance measures associated with each component are listed on the next page.

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Concert (continued from page 1)

The Concert on the Green is easily our largest event and plays a major role in our ability to help disadvantaged children in Savannah. The plans are set, the advertising has been placed, and the flyers are in the hands of the Tube Team. This week we will be looking for volunteers to do all the things necessary to make this important event a success.

Sign-up sheets will be available Thursday morning, and we encourage everyone to participate, so this year's Concert will be the most successful ever.

And don't forget, sell those tickets!

- Jim Overton, Captain, 2013 COG Team,
and Frank Liebgott, PR & Marketing



Tony Baker (in red) celebrates his Hixson award with L-R: Ron Weber, Jim Buerle, Pete Liptrot, and John Fishburn.

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Life Coping Skills—Includes post-residential action plan and career search.

Educational Excellence—Includes Test for Adult Basic Education and preparation for the General Educational Development diploma (GED).

Responsible Citizenship—Includes Student Government Association, voter registration and selective service registration.

Health, Hygiene and Sex Education—Includes classes in nutrition, First Aid and CPR training.

Skills Training—Includes job shadowing, personal resume and interviewing skills, and the job core curriculum in basic building construction skills.

Physical Fitness —Includes intense physical training in preparation for the President's Physical Fitness Test, team sports, and optional training for the military.

Leadership and Followership—Includes evaluation of performance in leadership and followership positions within the cadet command structure.

Service to Community—Includes a minimum of 40 hours per cadet of service projects in helping others and gaining job experience.

For more information about how our Club supports Youth Challenge Academy, contact me.

- Jack Huber, Club Liaison to Youth Challenge Academy

Source: www.ngycp.org/site/state/gafs

Club & Member News

Tony Baker Honored as 2013 Hixson Award Recipient

Kiwani Club of Skidaway has honored Tony Baker as its newest recipient of the Hixson Award. Named after George F. Hixson, the first president of Kiwanis International, this award recognizes exceptional individual service to Kiwanis's mission to help the world's children, one child at a time.

Tony has been a valued member of Kiwanis since 2001. During his tenure, he has made significant contributions as Club Treasurer, as Club Auditor, as chair of the Pancake Breakfast (including documentation of the process), and as a volunteer in many of our service projects. Many Club members were first introduced to Kiwanis by Tony and he continues to be a strong spokesperson for our organization.

- Ron Weber, Treasurer

New Member Experience

Wow! We have 26 new members since October. Great news! Now the challenge is to make all feel like an integral part of the club. To that end a committee consisting of Bob Reinhard, Chris Aiken, Betha Pingle, Chris Butler, Joyce Glenn, and Matt Price worked on how to make the new member experience more meaningful.

The committee felt the sponsor was key in making this happen and made the following recommendations, accepted by the Board, concerning the sponsor's obligations to new members:

- Introduce the new member as soon as possible
- Greet other attendees; serve as an official greeter with the new member
- Sit with the new member or make sure he has someone to sit with
- Attend an orientation session together.
- Serve as a team, work on a club-community project together
- Keep them coming back. Check if a member misses a couple of meetings. Encourage them to attend meetings
- Provide feedback to the Chair of New Member Experience Committee

Many of our new members are already involved in the Club activities. We are off to a good start. Keep up the good work.

- Joyce Glenn, Chair, New Member Experience Committee

Kiwanis Objects

The six permanent objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the decades, they have remained unchanged.

- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships.
- To render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

Source: <http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/discover/ourvalues.aspx>

Memorial Day—A Great Time To Show Our Colors

Memorial Day is one of four national holidays that our Club helps celebrate with the Show Our Colors campaign, and this Memorial Day completes our first year's experience with this fundraiser. We're off to a good start and continue to invite and encourage all Landings residents to participate. For just \$50, our club installs two lawn flags on Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day, and Presidents Day, and retrieves them afterwards. It's so easy for neighbors to honor our country and help Savannah's kids. Neighbors who share a mailbox stand can even go in together and split the cost!

- Keith Glenn and Phil van Ess, Co-chairs,
Show Our Colors Campaign

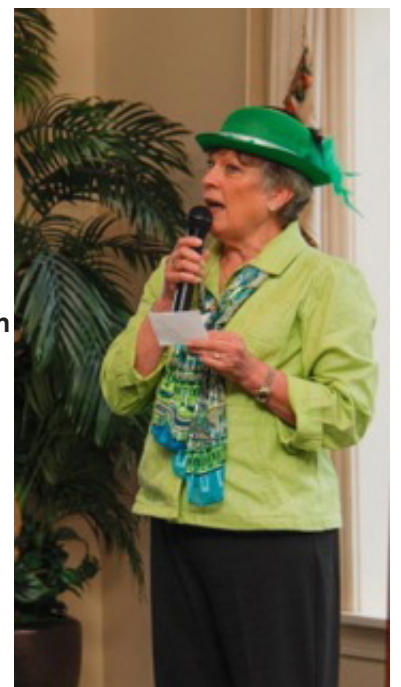


KIWANI GALLERY



(Top) Bill Hubbard, President & CEO, Chamber of Commerce and (Below) Joe Marinelli, President, Visit Savannah, shared their views on Savannah's future with us at our March 7 breakfast meeting.

Bottom L-R:
Dave Fox extols the value of Conductor Circle seats. Gary Hughes urges us to use Georgia's GOAL program to support Bethesda Academy. Betha Pingle leads us in a delightful rendition of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."



April Programs

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic
April 4	General John Hort , Commanding General Rear, 3rd Infantry Division <i>Topic: Military Issues</i>
April 11	Eden Leonard , Education Director, World Ocean School <i>Topic: World Ocean School Mission, Goals and Objectives</i>
April 18	Kiwanis Club of Skidaway <i>Topic: Mid-Year Awards & Recognition</i>
April 25	Ernie Ledesma , Owner, Ledesma Sports Medicine <i>Topic: Sports Injuries and an Aging Population</i>

Upcoming Events

- **Club Outing to the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force**—Monday, April 8. Meet at SIUMC at 9:30AM to carpool to the Museum for the tour and lunch.
Contact: Dave Fox
- **Special Olympics**—Wednesday, April 10, at Savannah Country Day School. This meet is the spring rack and field events. Our club handles the 50-meter run and baseball throw. Registration starts at 9:15AM, the opening ceremony is at 10AM, and we finish around noon. (Rain date is April 24.)
Contact: Bob Reinhard
- **New Member Orientation**—Thursday, April 25, immediately following our membership meeting.
Contact: Keith Glenn
- **Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf**—Friday-Sunday, April 26-28, at Savannah Harbor Golf Resort. We will be helping with cars before, during, and after the event.
Contacts: Jim DiGiorgio, Terry Overton
- **Concert on the Green**—Sunday, May 5, at The Landings Association's athletic field.
Contact: Jim Overton
- **Kid's Fishing Derby**—Saturday, May 25, at the Kids' Fishing Lagoon.
Contact: Tom Rood

New Members (Sponsors)

Dave Devore (Frank McCarthy)
Dick Hughey (Ben Gustafson)

Membership Milestones

1 year—Craig Burgess
5 years—Elizabeth Jacobi, Lou Molella, and Dan Umbel
7 years—Greg Stinson
9 years—Ernie Ranft
10 years—Melissa Emery
13 years—Chris Aiken, Bill Wright
19 years—Gary Bocard, Joe Dobranski

April Birthdays

April 2—Frank McCarthy
April 3—Tim Baldwin
April 4—Bill Trice
April 11—Bill Houghton
April 13—Jack Neises
April 25—Gary Hughes
April 27—Michael Newman
April 28—Chuck Beck
April 29—Dave Cooper

April Songs

Jim Overton made a special request that our April songs be ones you might hear at the Concert on the Green. Forewarned is forearmed! We'll have a patriotic song when General Hort is with us on April 4, but then our line-up is planned to be:

April 11—Walk Right In (The Rooftop Singers)
April 18—You're Nobody Til Somebody Loves You (Dean Martin)
April 25—That Old Time Rock & Roll (Bob Seger)
Don't know these songs? Check them out on Youtube.com before our meeting!

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For more information about the Corporate Sponsor program, contact Jeff Heeder (jeffrey.heeder@suntrust.com).

KIWANI GALLERY



Counterclockwise from upper left (all photos L-R):

1. Pete Liptrot, Hixson recipient Tony Baker, Dan Umbel
2. Jeff Heeder, new member Matt Spencer, Dan Umbel
3. Gene McDonald, new member Susan Disney-Greenberg, Dan Umbel
4. Mark Forssell, new member Dan Malachuk, Dan Umbel
5. Terry Overton receives recognition for his support of Project ELIMINATE from Gene McDonald
6. Dan Umbel watches as District Lt. Gov. Allen Rassi recognizes Jack Munroe and Lou Molella for their service with Landings Military Family Relief Fund.



GA District Lt. Governor – Allen Rassi

2012/13 Board Officers

- **President** – Dan Umbel
- **Past President** – Greg Stinson
- **President-Elect** – Melissa Emery
- **VP-Secretary** – Ron Weber
- **VP-Treasurer** – Jay Ahrens

Board of Directors

- **Terms expiring 2013:**
Gary Hughes, Frank McCarthy, Jim O'Malley
- **Terms expiring 2014:**
Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton, Tom Sayers
- **Terms expiring 2015:**
Joyce Glenn, Frank Liebgott, Bob Norton
- **Board Advisor:** Tom Sharp

Club Administration

- Attendance Reception – Jack Hart
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Roger Nord
- Awards – Dan Umbel
- Club Historian – TBD
- District/Division Reports – Ron Weber
- Education/Orientation – Keith Glenn
- Fundraising – Bob Norton
- Human/Spiritual Service – Rev. Jim Giddens
- Inter-Club – TBD
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Marketing – Frank Liebgott
- Membership – Greg Stinson
- New Member Experience – Joyce Glenn
- Photography – Melissa Emery
- Programs/Speakers – Bob Norton
- Publicity/Website – Frank Liebgott
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley

2012/13 Fundraising Committees

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 3, 2012) – Marianne Schutz, Jim Overton
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 9) – Chris Butler, Matt Price
- **Legends of Golf** (April) – Jim DiGiorgio, Terry Overton
- **Concert on the Green** (May 5) – Jim Overton
- **Corporate Sponsors & Partners Program** – Jeff Heeder
- **Dollars for Doers** – Jim O'Malley
- **Show Our Colors** – Keith Glenn, Phil van Ess

Volunteer Service to Community Agencies

- America's Second Harvest – Gary Bocard
- Bethesda Academy – Gary Hughes
- Bethesda Key Club – Tom Morrissett
- CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate for Children) – Charlie O'Brien
- Childhood Cancer Family Support – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children's Advocacy Center – Skip Salus
- Early Childhood Education – Tom Sharp
- ELIMINATE (Eliminate Maternal & Neonatal Tetanus) – Gene McDonald
- Greenbriar – Gene McDonald
- Habitat for Humanity – Howard Gandelot
- Horizons – Greg Stinson
- Horsin' Around – Pete Liptrot
- Interfaith Hospitality Network – Mark Forssell
- Junior Achievement – Steve Duesler
- Kids Cafe – Gary Bocard
- Kids Fishing Program – Tom Rood
- Landings Military Family Relief Fund – Lou Molella, Jack Munroe
- Library for the Blind – Dave Wyland
- L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators) – Joyce Glenn
- Mediation Center – Jerry Nusloch
- Mighty 8th Air Force Museum – Tom McMullin
- Music Medicine Institute – Elizabeth Jacobi
- Notre Dame Academy – Gary Bocard
- Park Place Outreach – Jack Hart, Jim Overton
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Chris Britten
- Savannah Friends of Music – Melissa Emery
- Savannah Philharmonic – Julie Gerbsch
- Social Apostolate – Bob Egan
- Special Olympics – Bob Reinhard
- Telfair Museum – Jack Neises
- The Salvation Army – Ron Morris
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah – Jan Wright
- Youth Challenge Academy – Jack Huber

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway is dedicated to helping the disadvantaged and at-risk children of the greater Savannah community. Since our Club was established in 1988, our members have volunteered over 300,000 service hours and raised and distributed over \$1.2 million to agencies that provide services to these children and their families.

Friends of Kiwanis Club of Skidaway: To receive an email copy of our monthly Kiwanigram newsletter, please contact our Editor, Jan Wright (vjanwright1@comcast.net).

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