

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the



December 2009

A letter from the President



Bill Wright

What a fantastic success with our 12th annual Chili Cook-off event! Great crowds, great restaurant support, great new features, the ponies and other events for the kids, vendor themes, the band, and a perfect weather day. Frank, Jim and the entire supporting cast were exceptional in all areas. Congratulations and many thanks to all you worked on this event. Although the final receipts are not in, the bottom line will surpass any previous Chili event. We will have final results in the first week of December. Not only has this become one of the premier events at the Landings for families and members of this community of all ages, the one's who benefit the most are the "Kids" of Savannah and Chatham County.

Now, it is time to go forward and direct our time and talent to the Pancake Breakfast event scheduled for Feb 6th at the Presbyterian Church of Skidaway. Ed Coulson and Chris Butler have been developing this event for several months already, and will be looking for additional team mates over the next several weeks. This is another traditional event here on the island and one where all members can participate. Give Ed and Chris a call.

I have been giving an update on our recruiting success every Thursday morning. We have seven new members in our first full month of the new Kiwanis year. Great start to reach our goal to meet the Distinguished Club Award for the 3rd straight year. We need 14 additional new members. The next cocktail party is

scheduled for January 31st at Melissa's home from 5:00 – 7:00. Those who picked up one of the recruiting brochures last week, get it into the hands of a prospect. For those who need a couple of these trifolds, call me, Melissa, or Gary. As a reminder, you can pull a membership application form off of the website. www.kiwanisofskidaway.com.

How about Dan Umbel and his team for the exceptional selection of guest speakers. Dan, you have hit a home run ever Thursday since you have taken over this program. An excellent mix of subjects on community, military, education, the golf scene, and a wonderful medical mission into India which includes treatment services for many kids. For those who have missed several meetings over the past couple of months, I encourage you to come and share these experiences and events that our guest brings into our lives each Thursday morning.

KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



And finally, I want to thank and recognize these following members who have stepped up to chair a new role with these following agencies:

Chris Butler as vice-chair - Pancake Breakfast.
Gary Hughes – Bethesda Home for Boys
Gene McDonald – Greenbrier
Tom McMullin - Mighty Eighth
Howard Gandelot – Habitat for Humanity

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A Successful Chili Cook Off

Congratulations to all our members for another successful fund raising event. The weather was near perfect for our 12th annual Chili Cook Off. Attendance was up from last year. We had 20 restaurants/clubs/stores Participating. Ticket sales were better than last year. Wine was a new addition to our concession. Italian ice was available to cool off the results of the chili tasting. The animal petting and pony ride area (a new addition) as well as the cookie decorating and face painting turned out to be a popular attraction for the Landing's younger attendees. Event revenues were up and net proceeds are expected to be up as well when final accounting numbers are finalized.

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New Member-Howard Gandelot



Howard and wife, Judy, moved to the Landings in December 2000 from Grosse Pointe Park, MI where they lived since 1991.

Howard is a graduate from the University of Michigan. In 1965 they moved to Cincinnati, OH where he was employed in Procter & Gamble's engineering Division. His career at P&G spanned 26 years. They have lived in Lima, OH; Jackson, TN; and Newcastle upon Tyne, England while on assignment with P&G.

In 1995, Howard formed his own consulting practice specializing in engineering organization change to make clients more competitive by improving personnel and work methods.

Howard is a 'jack of all trades" who enjoys building things. He has helped build 41 Habitat houses plus 11 major house remodeling as well as many smaller projects.

He is an elder of the Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church and currently serves as chair of the Property Committee. He served on the TLA Public Works Committee and the HR Committee.

They have a son and daughter.

2009 Chili Cook-off



2009 Ryder Cup



Kiwanis takes the cup!



December 2009 Schedule of Speakers

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
December 3, 2009	Joe Rotellini	Executive Directory Mutual of Liberty Legends of Golf
December 10, 2009	Daniel Carey,	President and CEO, Historic Savannah Foundation
December 17, 2009	Lyn Vos	Savannah Area Director, University of Georgia Small Business Development Center
December 24, 2009	Christmas Eve-No Meeting	Happy Holidays! 
December 31, 2009	New Years Eve-No Meeting	Happy 2010!! 

ABOUT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1915, Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis International and its Service Leadership Programs for young people, including Circle K, Key Club, Key Leader, Builders Club, K-Kids, Kiwanis Junior, and Aktion Club, dedicate more than 19 million volunteer hours and invest US\$100 million to strengthen communities and serve children annually. The Kiwanis International family is composed of 600,000 adult and youth members in 15,000 clubs in more than 70 countries and geographic areas. Kiwanis members make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. Globally, Kiwanis International has focused humanitarian efforts on eliminating iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) through the Worldwide Service Project, a US\$75 million campaign in partnership with UNICEF, which began in 1994..

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Fund raising events:

Chili Cook- Frank McCarthy, Jim Beurle
Co-chair-

Concert on the Green - Richard Nelson
co-chair Dick Glover
Pancake Breakfast - Ed Coulson chair
Vice-chair- Chris Butler
Corporate Fund Raising - Jeff Heeder chair

Services—Community:

L.O.V.E - Joyce Glenn
Habitat for Humanity - Howard Gandelot
Music Medicine-Elizabeth Jacobi
Interfaith Hospitality Network - Mark Forssell
Juvenile Court Citizen Review Panels -
Kids Café - Gary Bocard
Library for the Blind - Dave Wyland
Med Bank - Emmet Casey
Mediation Center - Dick Watters
Pediatric Oncology Support - Jim Beurle
Red Cross Blood Drive - Chris Britten
Salvation Army - Ron Morris
Savannah Friends of Music-Melissa Emery
Social Apostolate - Bob Egan
Telfair Museum - Jack Neises
Village Library - Jim Chapman

Services - Young Children:

Early Childhood Education-Tom Clark
Fishing Program - Tom Rood
Greenbriar - Gene McDonald
ROCK GROUP - Tom Clark
Bethesda Home - Gary Hughes
Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Childre
(CASA) - Allen Berger,
Hesse Bears - Emmet Casey
Junior Achievement - Dave Cooper
Mighty 8th AF Museum - Tom McMullin
Notre Dame Academy - Gary Bocard
Park Place Outreach - Jack Hart
Special Olympics - Bob Reinhard
St. Paul's Academy - Bill Trice
Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber
SPONSORED YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
Bethesda Key Club - Chuck Owen
NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT
West Chatham - Sam McLaughlin-New Club
Builder

HUMAN & SPIRITUAL SERVICE

Human & Spiritual Service Programs - Jim
Giddens

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Song Leader - Elizabeth Jacobi
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50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr

Flannery O'Conner Home

Lafayette Square



American writer, particularly acclaimed for her stories which combined comic with tragic and brutal. Along with authors like [Carson McCullers](#) and Eudora Welty, Flannery O'Connor belonged to the Southern Gothic tradition that focused on the decaying South and its damned people. O'Connor's body of work was small, consisting of only thirty-one stories, two novels, and some speeches and letters.

Flannery O'Connor was born in Savannah, Georgia, the only child of a Catholic family. The region was part of the 'Christ-haunted' Bible belt of the Southern States. The spiritual heritage of the region shaped profoundly O'Connor's writing as described in her essay "The Catholic Novelist in the Protestant South" (1969). O'Connor's father, Edward F. O'Connor, was a realtor owner. He worked later for a construction company and died in 1941. Her mother, Regina L. (Cline) O'Connor, came from a prominent family in the state - her father had been a mayor of Milledgeville for many years.