

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the

KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



MARCH 2007

President's Corner

Keith Glenn

March 10th the Mid Winter Training Conference will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Most of us have been subjected to similar "Training" in our other life. In many ways this is not all that different. Some parts are poorly done, some are ok and most are out-



standing. The benefits are multifaceted to include; motivational, social, and "educational. The last item covers many subjects such as recruiting new members, club operations, Key and Circle K Clubs, service projects and much more. There will be three one hour sessions and *you pick the subjects that interest you the most.* The Conference will broaden your Kiwanis experience plus possibly plant a new idea that will benefit our club. I very much would like to see significant attendance from our club, with lot of first timers. We will share rides with an early departure on Saturday morning and be back before 6:00PM. Please let Dick Schomaker know if you plan on attending.

We have six more new members in Feb with a total of sixteen since the first of October. Thanks for the great job, but do not let up now. We have a tendency to let our recruitment efforts fade in the second half of the year. But we are only a little over half way to meet this year' goal of 29 new members. It is really not that hard, just ask and do it often. We will have another social for prospective members in March, so let Ron Morris know who you have lined up.

Have a wonderful St. Patrick' Day all you Irish or want to be Irish!

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board approved six applicants for membership in the Club at it's meeting of February 12th. Mr. Hietbrink, presiding in Mr. Glenn's absence, said this was probably the most new members in many a month. Note—see welcome new members elsewhere in this issue of the Kiwanigram.

Mr. Hietbrink said the Club was well represented at the Division 22 Kiwanis Rally held at the Fairgrounds in Statesboro in the evening of March 3rd, the same day of our Pancake Breakfast. Six members, and five spouses drove over for the program, and all seven clubs in Division 22 had officers and members attending. Before the dinner meeting began, officers were in a meeting with the Division Lt. Governor, and the District (State) Governor. Mr. Glenn presented both the District Governor

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Welcome New Members



Robert "Bob" Milbank, until May, 2006, was a resident of Jupiter Florida, and might be known as a "half back". He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins, and he and his wife, Judy, reside at 5 Sweetgum Crossing. Bob had his own insurance agency, FIRM, in Jupiter, and was active in as a Board Member at his Golf Club and Jupiter Hospital Auxiliary, writing a news letter for both organizations. His sponsor is Bill Wright.



Edmund "Ed" Coulson and his wife, Pat, live at 5 Cedar Marsh Retreat since October, 2006, having moved here from Westport, Connecticut. Ed graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Accounting. His career stops were with Ernst and Young as Partner in the National Office in New York and with the Security and Exchange Commission in Washington D.C., as Chief

Accountant. Ed was a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the New York State Society of CPAs, and at Westport, served at the YMCA's Men Club. He is sponsored by good neighbor, Tony Baker.



Amelia F. "AME" Kahl joined our Club on February 12th, under the sponsorship of Dianne Franz. She lives at 4 Woodbrook Court, and has been in Savannah since July of 1983. "AME" is an internationalist, her last address before Savannah was Panama. She attended Accounting School in Ragionera Italy, and worked in Real Estate sales in Belgium. She is involved in the Passport Club, Landlovers and the LWGA among others at the Landings, and finds time to help in Hospice of Savannah.



Allen Berger doesn't need a long introduction- he was the subject of a feature piece in The Savannah Morning News in Monday's February 11th edition, and a nice introduction by his sponsor, Jim Beurle, at the February 15, 2007 meeting. Allen is a great fit for our Club with a background in teaching and reading, particularly with inner-city

youth in creating programs promoting literacy. He received a Bachelors degree from Utica College, a Masters degree from Albany State, and a Doctorate from Syracuse. He's lived at 1 Schroder Court since March 2006, and has already found time to get involved with CASA and other local agencies.



Phillip F. "Phil" Bush was introduced to the Club on February 15, 2007 by his sponsor, Gene McDonald, and to hear Gene tell it, golf ability isn't transferable from the wife (Landings Club Champion) to husband, and in fact, Gene suggested tennis for Phil. Phil and his wife, Sue, moved to our fair facility in May of 2003 from San Diego, where he worked

for NCR, National Cash Register, Corporation. Phil graduated from Cornell University, with both Bachelors and Masters Degrees. The Bushes live at 15 Cabbage Crossing.



Nancy L. Hamson and her husband and sponsor, John, recently moved to their new home at 7 Joshua's Retreat- better known as the nice yellow home on Magnolia #10 tee. This is mentioned because Nancy can often be seen working on the plants and shrubs, while John is elsewhere. Nancy previously worked for Fidelity Investments after education in Retailing at Endicott College. She is a member of the Savannah Board of Realtors. She is active in Financial Services and Real Estate, and likes singing and golf.

Board (from page 1)

Dewey Smith and his wife, modest checks for their Kiwanis Charities. Both were evidently pleased that the gifts would fit in their car, for the return to Albany. This could not be said for some of the other Club's gifts—chairs, baskets, and tables ect.

Mr. Hietbrink also encouraged members and directors to save the date of March 10th for the Mid-winter Training at Perry, Georgia.

While results were not final at this time, the Board heard that over 800 were served at our Pancake Breakfast with few problems. Revenues were \$1,500 less than last year, \$14,100 versus \$15,656, due to fewer members than last year, which resulted in member ticket sales of \$8,600 this year versus \$10200 last year. Raffle sales were up, with good sales at Smiths and at the breakfast.

Mr. Hietbrink told the Directors that the Club's Dianne Franz is working with Student contact Ms. Myers at SCAD to establish a Circle K club there.

Other New Members Since October 1

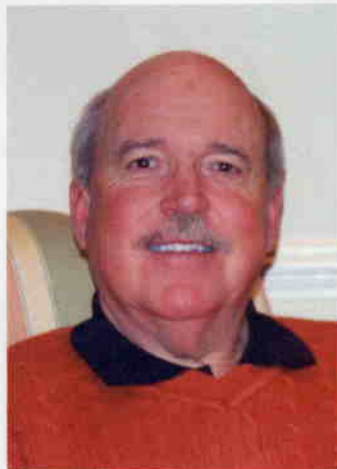
Through February we have been joined by sixteen new members, six of whom are pictured on page 2. We take this opportunity to show photos of seven of the other ten, no photo currently being available for Bob Austin, Bob Fischer and Ken Mitchell. However, all ten of the new folks were introduced in the January and February issues of the Kiwanigram.



Steven M. Arkin



Dennis F. Healey



Tim Athey



Jeffrey "Jeff" Heeder



Jonathan "Jon" Moore



Gary M. Hughes



Marianne Schutz

A Success Story

Yesterday I interviewed "Joe" (which is not his real name, although he is a very real person). Joe is a survivor, but survival is easier when you have help.

Early last summer Joe, his 14 year old son and his 13 year old daughter lived happily in a rented house in Effingham County, not terribly far from Savannah. Joe had a full time job, which earned him enough to pay the bills and cover the essentials for young, growing children. Fortunately, the children were old enough and responsible enough to look after themselves for several hours after school each day.

Not ideal, perhaps, but it was a God-fearing, functional, single-parent family. They were getting by, at least until July. Then events happened that were to thoroughly disrupt their lives.

Joe's landlady died, and with her death her son became the owner of the house Joe and his children lived in. "Git out!" the son said. "I'm selling this place."

Joe was stunned. He and his children were just in the house on a month to month lease. They did not have the money to talk with a lawyer about what was happening. Nor did Joe have enough savings cash to put down a deposit *and* the first month's rent on another house. All Joe had was a deadline. "Git out!"



Mark Forssell and IHN guests

Joe needed help. He had no relatives to turn to. Friends told him there were social agencies that could at least take care of the children for a while, but Joe wanted no part of being separated from his children. Where do you turn?

While the children were in bible school that Sunday Joe talked with a lady from the church's Wesley Foundation. An hour or so after church she phoned and gave Joe the name and phone number of a lady from the "IHN."

[Interfaith Hospitality Network of Coastal Georgia.]

The IHN lady listened to Joe's story, then promised to call him back the next day. The following morning the lady called back with welcome news. "Yes, we can take you and your children into the program."

And what a program it turned out to be!

"Joe, you and your children will have a home in a church. A different church each week. We have more than a dozen Protestant and Catholic congregations in and around Savannah that take turns at being hosts. You'll be with one church for one week, then another, and so on."

[St Peter's Episcopal Church on Skidaway Island is one of the host churches. Skidaway Island Presbyterian provides support with some of the meals.]

"You and your children will get to the church in time for dinner in the evening," the lady from IHN continued. "Then there'll be time to socialize with some other families who are in the program, or with church volunteers who will be staying overnight with you, or just to relax. You and your children will have a room of your own for the night. In the morning the volunteers will have breakfast ready for you, and after that you can pack lunches for the day."

[Kiwans of Skidaway members Mark Forssell, Dave Fox, Morgan McAlpin, Bill Wright and Dave Wyland and their wives are all IHN volunteers. Mark Forssell and his wife, Shirley, are the couple who "overnight" with the IHN guests when St. Peter's Episcopal is hosting. Kiwans of Skidaway also provides financial support.]

"After breakfast you'll want to go to work," the IHN lady continued. "I assume you want to keep

the job you have now. Meanwhile, we'll take the children, all of them, not just yours, to our day center in Savannah. There's plenty to keep them busy there. They'll have lunch there, and stay until evening.

[Joe was one of the luckier IHN guests, in that he still had his job and a car he could use to get to work. However, IHN does provide those guests who don't have cars with transportation to and from work. It also helps the unemployed guests find work. And during the school year it will transport the guest children to and from school.]

I asked Joe how the IHN program worked out once the summer school vacation was over. "Never a problem," he said. "My children even kept on going to their school in Effingham County. I drove them out there from the church in the morning, dropped them off, and then went to my own job. The folks from Interfaith picked the children up after school and took them to the day center. Then at dinner time Interfaith took everyone who was at the day center out to whichever church was our host that week. I caught up with them at the church, after work."



Dave Fox

"How did they do with school work, living like that?" I asked.

"Just like normal," Joe said. "In fact, my daughter needs a little extra help, and a tutor from Interfaith helped her at the churches each week day evening."



Bill Wright

[The current day center is on 41st street. Once finished, a new, larger one off Ogeechee road will make it possible to double the number of guest families being helped by IHN at any one time. Mark Forssell is Chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee that is raising funds for the new center. Groundbreaking on the new building is expected later this month.]

"How long were you and your kids in the IHN program?" I asked.

"Until into September. By then I had enough money saved up to rent another house back in Effingham County. Effington County is home for me and my children. But I am so thankful for IHN. They helped me and my children get back on a firm financial footing, and we've been doing fine since. They really make a difference for people."



David Wyland

[IHN defines success as families with children moving to independent or transitional housing rather than moving in with family or friends or being divided in another shelter program. In 2006 their success rate was 100% for the first time in the past five years.]

Follow up

City of the Future

You may recall that our young men from Bethesda were competing for a berth in the Washington, DC finals of the City of the Future contest. The route to Washington lay through Atlanta, where the Bethesda team took on the best middle school competition from Georgia and Alabama. The regional competition lasted through the weekend of January 27 and 28, 2007.

The Bethesda team generated tremendous interest and excitement. Their fascinating entry earned the best newspaper coverage of any of the competitors, with the lion's share of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Saturday article. They won the hearts of the crowd, who voted them the "Peoples' Choice" award. And their model city of the future also copped the "Best Manufactured" award.

The young men of Bethesda put up a tremendous fight; one of which they are rightfully proud. The one disappointment was that they were not selected for the trip to Washington. But next year **THEY - WILL - GO - ALL - THE - WAY!**

And the Kiwanis of Skidaway will be cheering for them.

February Speakers

Our speaker for **February 1**, was Ray Gaster, an army veteran who saw combat as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. After leaving the Army he returned to Savannah and is in the lumber business. He is also involved in civic affairs, and served a term as the head of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce. His talk was about the U.S.O.



Ray Gaster

Most members are old enough to remember the U.S.O. as an organization that provided morale services to the U.S. Armed Forces during world War II.

The U.S.O. is still with us. Maybe you have noticed their greeting place on the arrival level at Savannah International Airport - open seven days a week, offering the traveling service person a smile, a cup of coffee, some local information and maybe a chance to rest or use the internet or phone loved ones.

Those of you who may want to contribute to or serve with the Savannah unit of the U.S.O, should contact Mr. Gaster or our own Jim Chapman, who is on the Savannah unit's advisory Board.

On **February 8** we had Savannah estate planning expert, Julian Ward introduce us to questions we tend to be refuse to ask ourselves.

The focus of Mr. Ward's talk was on the document and information packet each of us should get together, *and inform his or her loved ones of*, so that they would be able to act when the time came.



Julian Ward

A Living Will and a Durable Power of Attorney (in Georgia you should have both) are of **great** importance. If they turn out to be needed, your loved ones will need them **before** the end game. Perhaps months before.

Copies of your military discharge papers. A piece of paper identifying your social security number, your date, county and state or country of birth, and your mother's and father's names (including

your mother's maiden name).

Your wishes as to burial or other funeral arrangements? "That's in the will," you say. Won't do any good there, friend. No one will read the will until after burial decisions have already been made.

Mr. Ward also mentioned an up-to-date will. (You didn't expect a lawyer to leave that out, did you?)

February 15 featured new Kiwanis member Steve Arkin, an experienced tax accountant with his own firm, Arkin and Associates, telling us about new wrinkles in the tax laws.

We, the members of the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway, are a target audience for a speaker who is going to talk about new tax laws. We have former business interests or present financial involvements that made one or another of us interested in each of the points Mr. Arkin covered.



Steve Arkin

I was fascinated by the audience dynamics. With each new subject a new sub-set of the audience perched themselves on the front edges of their chairs, anxiously awaiting the news.

During the entire talk I did not see anyone who did not spend at least part of the time, hunched forward and expectant, waiting for the chance to ask a question, nor did I see anyone who, when the subject did not concern him personally, did not stray at least once, dreamily, to venues far from Skidaway.

February 22 featured Maria Lancaster, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the increasingly popular Savannah Music Festival. Scheduled for March 15 - April 1, this year's Festival is upon us, and will comprise almost eighty musical events spread over 18 days and 24 locations between Bryan and Hill Streets.



Maria Lancaster

Toward the end of her presentation Ms. Lancaster asked for a show of hands of those in the audience who intended to catch at least one of the performances. I did not see a single person whose hand was not raised.

THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Once again, despite polar temperatures, the Kiwanians weathered the elements to make the 14th Annual Pancake Breakfast on February 3, 2007 at the Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church a great success in raising money to help the disadvantaged children of Chatham County. For several days preceding the event, our brave ticket sellers at the Village Market didn't battle sand gnats; instead, it was rain, wind, and cold, but they had record sales!

The morning of the breakfast was cold and dismal, but that didn't stop our families, friends, and neighbors from lining up for a great hot breakfast. In the wee hours of the morning, the Plantation Club kitchen staff blended over 250 pounds of buttermilk pancake mix, cooked over 500 pounds of bacon and sausage, and started those coffee pots brewing. We, in turn, had an enthusiastic group of Kiwanians ready to handle the crowds in the parking lot, haul the food from Plantation to the event, flip the pancakes, and serve all this along with gallons of orange juice and coffee to over 800 patrons. Raffle ticket sellers needed roller skates to keep up with the raffle ticket sales right up to the cutoff. Three very happy recipients won one of the raffle

prizes of a Garmin in-car navigator, a \$100 gift certificate to Kasey's Grille, or a night at The Mansion at Forsyth Park.

We are proud to report that we have raised over \$13,000 and are still counting. A big thank you for their generosity to our sponsorship partners who continue to support on-going programs in our area targeted to children. Special recognition should also be given to Kroger Supermarkets, who once again provided almost all the food and a cash contribution, Bob Evans, who donated the sausage, and the Landings Community for their continued support to this effort.

But, all this couldn't have been possible without the hundreds of volunteer hours generously given from our fellow Kiwanians, aided by the Landings Company real estate agents, "K" Club from SCAD, Youth Challenge Academy, and Bethesda Home for Boys. We were very pleased to see so many of our new members lending their expertise and want to especially thank those of you that are on the temporarily injured list for helping wherever you could.

Thanks again for all your support!

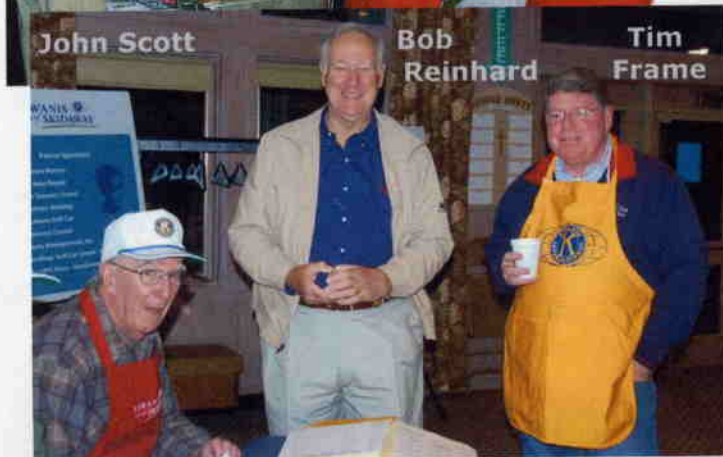
Skip Salus / Chris Aiken



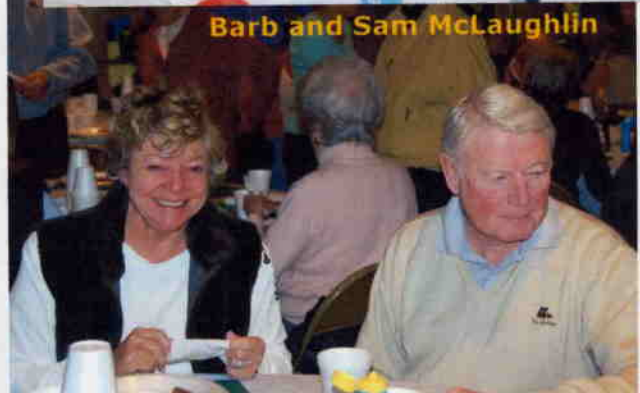
Herman Hill, Mark Forssell and Bill Wright at near end of service line



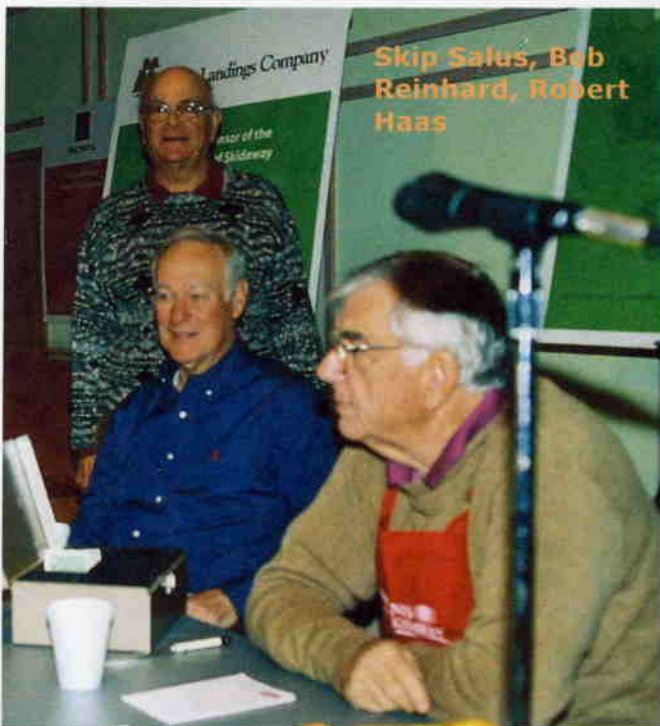
John and Bobbie Stabe



John Scott Bob Reinhard Tim Frame



Barb and Sam McLaughlin



Jeff Heeder, Jon Moore, Melissa Emery

Kiwanis Calendar of Coming Events

- March 1 -** Membership Meeting
Speaker - Joyce Glenn - "Agility; a Sport for Dogs"
- March 8 -** Membership Meeting
Speaker - Rene Crawford, Director of CASA - "What "Court Appointed Special Advocates Program is and does for children who come under the protection of the courts"
- March 10 -** Mid-Winter Training Conference, Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, Georgia.
- March 15 -** Membership Meeting
Speaker - Shari Haldeman, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer of the Landings Association - "Present and Future Challenges Facing Residents of the Landings"
- March 22 -** Membership Meeting
Speakers - Steve Dantin, Varnell Porter-Snow, and Teddy Ogden - "Update on Exciting Things Happening at the Corporate Academy"
- March 25 -** **Cocktail party for prospective new members - Bring your new member prospects - 5:30 p.m. at the Glenn residence - 2 Crape Myrtle Court, Deer Creek- Notify Ron Morris, 598-7882**
- March 29 -** Membership Meeting
Speakers - Helen Waters and Jennifer McGee - "The Matthew Reardon Center"
- April 28 -** District Talent and Art Show Finals - Carrollton, Georgia
- Officer Election -** Due **June 1, 2007**
- July 3 - 7 -** Kiwanis International Convention in, San Antonio, Texas. Register now, as this should be a great convention.

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OFFICERS

- President - Keith Glenn
- President-Elect - Ervin Hietbrink
- VP-Services - Gary Bocard
- VP-Fund Raising - Bill Wright
- VP/Recording Secretary - Richard Shomaker
- VP/Administrative Secretary - Richard Watters
- Treasurer - Harry Krogh
- Past President - Thomas Rood

DIRECTORS - all officers plus the following:

- terms expiring 2009
- Gary Brewer
- Frank Zugel
- terms expiring 2008
- Melissa Emery
- Thomas Sharp
- terms expiring 2007
- Don. Kipp
- Robert Caswell

COMMITTEE CHAIRS or CONTACTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Attendance Reception - Jack Hart
- Attendance Records - Gary Brewer
- Awards - Pat Cummiskey
- District/Division Reports - Frank Zugel
- Inter-Club - Jim Chapman
- Kiwanigram - Dana Taylor
- Kiwanis Education/ Orientation - Ervin Hietbrink
- Membership - Ron Morris
- Programs/Speakers - Will Weeks
- Legends of Golf - Dave Smith

FUND RAISING EVENTS

- Chile Cook-Off - Gene McDonald, Terry Overton
- Concert on the Green - Chris Williams
- Pancake Breakfast - Skip Salus, Chris Aiken
- Corporate Fund Raising - Emerson Ham

SERVICES - COMMUNITY

- Community in Schools - Joyce Glenn

- Dollars for Doers - Bruce Powley
- Habitat for Humanity - Frank Guy, Bob Yeomans
- Interfaith Hospitality Network - Mark Forssell
- Juvenile Court - Chuck Ortmann
- Kids Café - Gary Bocard
- Library for the Blind - Dave Wyland
- Med Bank - Emmet Casey
- Mediation Center - Dick Watters
- Outstanding Citizen - Sid Carr
- Pediatric Oncology Support - Pete Liptrout
- Red Cross Blood Drive - Chris Britten
- Salvation Army - Ron Morris
- Social Apostolate - Bob Egan
- Telfair Museum - Jack Neises
- Village Library - Jim Chapman

SERVICES - YOUNG CHILDREN

- Fishing Program - Tom Rood
- Greenbriar - Melissa Emery
- Early Childhood Education - Tom Clark

SERVICES - YOUTH

- Bethesda Home - Bob Caswell
- Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus
- Hesse Bears - Emmet Casey
- Junior Achievement - Jamie DeLoach
- Mighty 8th AF Museum - Jim Keller
- Notre Dame Academy - Gary Bocard
- Park Place Outreach - Jack Hart
- Special Olympics - Robert Haas
- St. Paul's Academy - Bill Trice
- Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber

SPONSORED YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Bethesda Key Club - Chuck Owen
- SCAD Circle K - Dianne Franz

HUMAN & SPIRITUAL SERVICE

- Human & Spiritual Service Programs - Jim Giddens

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

- Auditor - Roger Nord
- Board Advisor - Hazel Brown
- Club Historian - Martin Otto
- Legal Counsel - Bob Schivera
- Marketing and Web Page - Melissa Emery
- Publicity - Tom Rood
- Photography - Martin Otto
- Safety Coordinator - Jack Sherrill
- Social and Trips - Dave Fox
- Song Leader - Dave Wyland
- Sunshine - Gwen Leathley
- 50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr

REMINDER

These classes can make your Kiwanis Future

Kiwanis Mid Winter Training-

Saturday, March 10, 2007 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA.

Registration - 8:00AM - 9:00AM

General Session - 9:00AM

Classes - 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Lunch - 1:00PM

We will meet early (time to be determined) and car pool. Fee is \$18 person - club pays.

We will be back before 6:00pm.

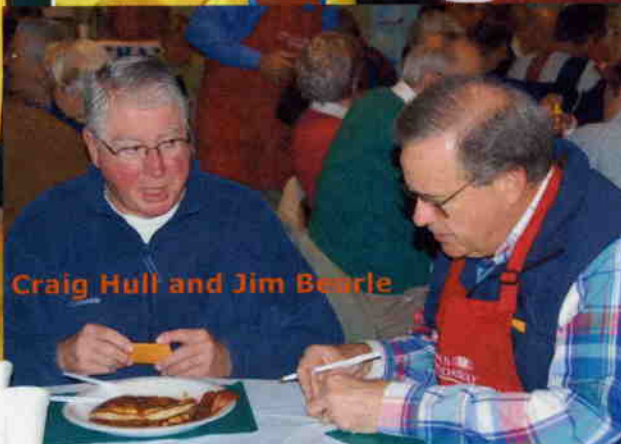
Let Dick Schomaker know if you want to attend.



Chuck Owens

Vern Kaskey

(from left) John Bradbury, Gary Bocard Ron Morris, and Bob Tripp



Craig Hull and Jim Bearle

August 17 - 19 - District Convention, Albany, Georgia.

