

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the

KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



MAY 2008

President's Corner Transportation and More

Erv Hietbrink

The program for this year's Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf Tournament, being held at the Savannah Harbor Club, gives credit to the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway for providing all the transportation of the Pros (and their entourages) from/to the airport and around town. Of course, all we do is drive those wonderful new Lexus automobiles provided by Lexus of Savannah. Organizing all the drivers and scheduling the pick ups and deliveries has been **Terry Overton**'s role again this year. With the help of a whole host of volunteers (many Kiwanians) he seems prepared to pull off minor miracles when ever needed.

It's true that our club has coordinated the transportation for the this tournament five years in a row but our members volunteer in other important areas as well: **Gary Bocard** and **Curt Faxon** in Volunteer Operations, Scoring and Laser Operations, **Bob Egan** and others in Hospitality, **Tom Sharp** and yours truly in Marshaling, etc. It turns out to be a pretty intense week and all of us are happy when it's over. That said, in a few months we'll again be looking forward to next year because we know when the tournament comes to town it will raise more money for local charities.

Talking about fund raising – I hope you're all selling a lot of tickets to our upcoming Concert of the



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History of the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

By Martin Otto

The Kiwanis Club of Skidaway had it's beginning on September 27,1987 when an ad appeared in the TWATL asking interested people to join a new Kiwanis Club which was soon to be established on the island.. The ad announced that an organization meeting would be held in the Magnolia Room of the Marshwood Club the following Thursday morning. The Downtown Kiwanis Club sponsored the effort and 26 Landings residents showed up for that first meeting.

Weekly meetings on Thursday mornings continued after that first meeting with a full "sit-down" breakfast being served. The menu included fruit, cereal, juice, bacon and eggs, potatoes, grits, toast and coffee. The price \$4.75 plus tax and gratuity.

On November 26, Club officers were elected with Bill Laughlin as President. Most of the officers were formerly Downtown Club members who lived at the Landings. Tom Potterfield was named Chairman of Youth activities and Martin Otto was named as Chairman of Club activities which included finding a speaker for every meeting in the ensuing year.

On February 5,1988, a banquet was held in the Plantation club at which time the charter was presented ushering in the new Golden K of Skidaway, The Club at that time boasted 61 members of which 4 are still on the membership roster. (Woody Leathley, Martin Otto, Tom Potterfield, Bill Romeiser) During the first year after the Charter presentation, the new Club sponsored a Golf tournament which netted the Club \$2000.

The first President, Bill Laughlin, died near the end
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President's Corner (from page 1)

Green. We need a big crowd! **Gary Hughes** and **Jeff Heeder** and their crew are working hard to make this event both another outstanding social event for the community and a successful fund raiser for the club. I'm personally looking forward to the wonderful program that the talented young Savannah Arts Academy instrumentalists are preparing for us and our neighbors.

P.S. Thanks to many of you for recruiting some great new Kiwanians. Because of you we're making great progress. So far we've added sixteen new members and are looking to add another dozen or so before this administrative year is over. Please keep up the good work and let **Tom Rood** know who your prospects are and what we need to do to help convince them to become members.

Suggestions for Speakers

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Who do you know that would be a good speaker for a Kiwanis meeting? Or maybe you don't know them, but would still like to hear them speak at one of our meetings.

Please give 2007-2008 Speaker Chairman Tom Sharp a call (598-5422), or send him an e-mail (tmsharp@bellsouth.net). Your suggestions will be welcome.

Board of Directors

All club officers and directors except Mrs. Emery and Messrs Fox and Sharp attended the April 14 Board meeting.

Mr Hietbrink asked for a nominating committee report. Mr. Glen reported that nominees for club officers and directors for next year would be identified at the April 24 club meeting, and that elections would be held on May 8.

The following new applicants were approved for club membership (sponsor in parens): Louis O. Molella (Jim OMalley); Robert N. Bayless (Tom Rood); Elizabeth M. Jacobi (Joyce Parker); Marilyn R. Gallagher (Joyce Parker); Penman F. Louis (Greg Stinson); Daniel C. Umbel (Pat Comiskey); and William G. Welch (Hazel Brown)

Dollars for Doers requests were approved for Coastal Jail Ministries of Georgia (Bill Wright) and Mediation Center of Savannah (Dick Watters)

Mr. Krogh (Treasurer) reported that the club's service account will probably fall short of target by about \$12,000, with the Sponsor program accounting for roughly half of that shortfall. On a brighter note, he also reported that the club's total giving would reach \$1 million this year. Mr. McDonald (fund raising) reported that the Sponsor committee was continuing to follow up on pledges and potential donors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

The fifth Object of Kiwanis International is "To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities."

Welcome New

Members

By Dick Shomaker

Louis (Lou) O. Molella is known to most of our members, and has spoken to our Club recently. Lou was convinced to join by his good friend, Jim OMalley, but it took him a while. Gerry Mollela is as well known as Lou, and both have been involved in many good causes in the Landings. Lou is presently providing leadership for the Landings Military Relief Fund, which is coordinated thru the American Red Cross. The Mollelas live on 6 Ramshorn Court, having moved here from Millbrook, New York. Lou was involved in manufacturing management. He attended DeVry Technical Institute.

Robert N. Bayless moved here from Cleveland, Ohio, and attended John Carroll University there. Tom Rood, our active Membership Chair, sponsored Bob, who owned a Communication Media Company. Bob and his wife, Natalie reside at 4 Nathanael Lane in Savannah. He is a member of the Civil War Roundtable, Rowfant Club, and The Cheshire Chess Club and is interested in history and lecturing.

One of newest members recruited Elizabeth M. Jacobi, who lives at 21 Mainsail Crossing. Elizabeth is a music therapist, and a Health Psychologist and her degrees include PhD, RHT, and FAMI. You can ask Elizabeth what these initials all mean. She belongs to the American Music Therapy Association, the American Diabetic Association, and the Association Of Rheumatology

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History (from p. 1)

of his term and Martin Otto was elected to succeed him as the second President. Tom Potterfield was elected as Vice-President. During this year, the Club had little cash and began me 50/50 to raise funds for administrative expense and introduced the Outstanding Landings Citizen Award program of which Hazel Brown was the first recipient.. Another Golf tournament produced about \$4000 most of which was presented to Special Olympics. Meetings were very informal during which members often loudly challenged the Chair and the bell was used to restore order.

Tom Potterfield and Martin Otto were selected to attend the four day International Convention in Orlando, Florida. The Club had limited funds for administrative expense but the Treasurer provided the participants with \$200 with the admonition "Have a good time and bring back anything you don't spend".

A membership drive was conducted during this year with the goal of 100 members. However, despite a major effort the number of members on the roster peaked at 95,

Tom Potterfield became the third President of the Club in October of 1989 and because of his prior emphasis on youth activities, he established a relationship with the Bethesda Home for Boys which has continued to this date. He was instrumental in starting a Boy Scout troop at the home in addition to the annual Christmas party for the boys and a summer picnic.

During the 1989 - 1990 period, the Club had grown to over 120 members and because attendance was high, a move from the Magno-

lia Room at the Marshwood Club to the Ballroom of the Plantation Club became necessary.

Because the Club was growing rapidly both in numbers and in an expanded group of activities, there was increasing awareness that a need for a consensus on direction was needed. Therefore, in May of 1989, an entire meeting was devoted to a "brainstorming" session which concluded and mandated the following:

(1) The Club through its members are obligated to give time, talent and money, (all three);

(2) Emphasis should be on the support of local charities and causes.

Fund raising took a new direction with the sale of bags of Vidalia Onions (\$8,400) and bags of bird seed (\$4,000) in addition to the now customary Golf Tournament (\$10,000). Recipients of the money raised were primarily Special Olympics, Greenbriar Children's Home and the Bethesda Home for Boys.

Since its' inception in 1987, the Club has grown and matured. At one point in the late 1900's, the Golden K of Skidaway was the world's largest Golden K. and at the same time the 9th largest Kiwanis Club in the world. It has had 21 presidents. Thirty-one of its' members have received George F Hixon Fellowship Awards and 13 have received the highest award, Kiwanis International Tablet of Honor. This year the Club will reach \$1,000,000 in contributions to worthy charities.

**New Members** (from page 2)

Health Professionals. By the way, she was asked by Joyce Parker to join our Club.

Marilyn R. Gallagher, was also enlisted by Joyce Parker, and lives at 95 Skidaway Park Road, #320. "G.G." moved here from Anderson, Indiana, and received a B.S. in Education from Indiana University, and a M.A. in Speech and Hearing from Ball State University. She has been President of the Landings Art Association, and a member of the Architectural Committee and the Landings House Committee. Marilyn has interest in home design and decoration, and has tested hearing in the Savannah Public Schools.

Penman F. Louis (Penny) came here from Haverford, Pa., and now lives at 12 Dame Kathryn Drive. Her educational background included a Bachelors Degree from the University of Denver and a MPA from the George Washington University School for Government and Business. She belongs to the American Association of Daily Money Managers, and she has time as a legal assistant and an Elder Care Manager. Greg Stinson sponsored her for the Club.

Daniel C. Umbel, late of, and letterman of, the Duke University Lacrosse team and the Football team, came to Savannah to coach the Savannah Boys Lacrosse team. Dan, and his wife, Amy, moved to Savannah from Orlando, Florida, and live here at 89 Franklin Creek Road South. Naturally, Dan retains membership in the Duke Alumni Club, the Iron Dukes, and the Duke Varsity Club. Dan will work for Merrill Lynch at the south side office. Pat Cummiskey is his

Not a Tough Job It's even sort of fun.

By Dana Taylor

The job had a well deserved bad rap two years ago. "Tough," "thankless," people said. "You'll hate it!"

Two big changes made a huge difference. The job of the Editor of the Kiwanigram turned into "cake."

The first big change took place under Darrel Lowell's editorship. When Darrel got the job the Kiwanigram was a monthly paper newsletter composed, printed, collated, labeled and either mailed or tubed to each and every member. The assembly and distribution was expensive, and a bear of a job.

With a lot of support from club management, Darrel changed the basic Kiwanigram distribution from paper to electronic. In the process he saved the club a ton of postage and himself a huge amount of labor.

By the time Darrel published his last issue, the Kiwanigram was a smoothly running machine. But it still had a significant problem that I failed to fully appreciate when I replaced Darrel as the Editor.

I came on board knowing that I wanted my Kiwanigram to have a lot more *content* than the newsletter had ever had before.

Fortunately, the Kiwanis Club had a pair of very fine photographers, Melissa Emery and Martin Otto. They were only too happy to provide a wealth of photos to immediately make the Kiwanigram into a more interesting publication.

Sensing a shortage of written content, I also started looking for Kiwanis oriented articles that I could write to share with the read-

ers. However the burden of writing article after article, frequently under time pressure, eventually became an issue with me. I needed help.

I made my pitch to the Club Board of Directors in November 2007. The Board responded magnificently, setting up a procedure under which one club leader each month would prepare an article for a coming issue. These articles have been coming in with clock-like regularity since January 15. The system is working beautifully! The monthly publication deadlines have become low stress non-events for your Editor.

So why, you may ask, do I want to give up this cushy job?

Simply because I feel I've done my share and it's someone else's turn. An organization like Kiwanis always has new people coming along, and each new member needs to take a turn at the oar.

What do I recommend to the club in connection with the next editor? That the club buy the new editor a copy of Microsoft Publisher or a compatible program, and a copy of software that will let the new editor quickly convert each month's finished issue into a PDF file that can be e-mailed to the membership and opened by any club member who receives it.

Circle K International is a sponsored program of Kiwanis International. Circle K is a service club for collegians and has about 14,000 members on some 525 university, college, and junior college campuses. Circle K affairs are largely managed by its members, who stage annual conventions and elect officers at both the district and International levels each year.

New MEMBERS (from page 3) sponsor.

William G. Welsh was asked to join our Club by our reliable membership person, and former Lt. Governor, Hazel Brown White. Bill lived in Pound Ridge, New York and Chicago, before coming to the Landings. He and his wife Anne, have a home at 7 Bent Tree Circle. Bill is semi retired, but keeps his hand in with Tax Preparation and golf, and with his computer. He has a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics, and attended Michigan State, and the University of Chicago.

Go out of your way to[meet these new members!

(See a few new member photographs on page 5.)

(Member Non-commercial Ad)
Savannah Navy League RAF-FLE!!! Opening day is the March dinner meeting. First prize is a 42" flat screen TV or \$1,000 cash. Second prize is \$500 cash. Donation is \$20. You will have a chance to participate as you pay for dinner that evening and throughout the meeting. There will be a limited number of tickets sold, so the odds are favorable. Our proceeds will enable us to ramp up the services we provide to the sea services. So, don't be bashfull; participate in this very worthwhile program!!!
Call Sam McLaughlin - 598-0971

There are four categories of membership in a Kiwanis club: active, privileged, senior, and honorary. All members enter Kiwanis as active members. The privileged class of membership was closed in 1963, and this class will cease to exist when the last privileged member leaves his or her club.

New Bethesda Key Club

The new club formally started with a kick-off ceremony at Bethesda on April 15, 2008. Kiwanis of Skidaway members played significant roles in forming the new club. Martin Otto photos of the event follow.



Key club members with other attendees, some of whom are identified in the captions to the photographs shown below.



Kiwanis members Chuck Owen and Kelly Burke,



Owen and Burke are joined by Kiwanis of Skidaway President Erv



Bethesda Executive Director David Tibble



Kiwanis member Frank McCarthy with Lieutenant Governor Kittrell

A Few of our New Members

Martin Otto was busy this past month, writing the lead article for this issue and attending both the Bethesda Key Club installation and a New Member Orientation session on April 10. Camera in hand, he photographed the new members at the orientation.



Bob Bayless



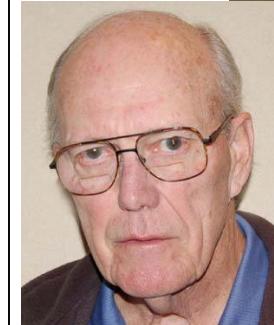
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Membership (New) - Tom Rood

Membership (Retention) - Keith Glenn

Programs/Speakers - Tom Sharp

Legends of Golf - Dave Smith, Jim Giorgio

Fund raising events:

Chili Cook-Off - Jim O'Malley, Jim Beurle

Concert on the Green - Gary Hughes

Pancake Breakfast - Chris Aiken, Ron Weber

Corporate Fund Raising - Emerson Ham, Jeff
 Heeder, John Hamson

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 Citizen Review Panels - Chuck
 Ortman

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 Liptrot

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 - Dave Smith

Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus

Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children
 (CASA) - Allen Berger, Mary Hull

Hesse Bears - Emmet Casey

Junior Achievement - Dave Cooper

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 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Bethesda Key Club - Chuck Owen

SCAD Circle K - Dianne Franz

NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

West Chatham - Hazel Brown, Dick Shomaker

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Giddens

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Song Leader - Dave Wyland

Sunshine - Gwen Leathley

50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr

Kiwanis Club**of Skidaway****Meeting Assignments
for March**Breakfast Meeting Set Up and Greeters -
 Harry Krogh and Richard Cahill

Song Leader - Bill Trice

Invocation -

May 1 - - Pete Liptrot

May 8 - - Darrel Lowell

May 15 - - Rick Maier

May 22 - - Gene McDonald

May 29 - - Sam McLaughlin

Speaker Chair - Amelia Kahl

(Member Non-commercial Ad)

**PLAYERS FOR FRIDAY GOLF
GROUP**Looking for players to join friendly Friday
 Golf Group. Play from club tees, current
 handicap range from single digit to
 18. Join five other Kiwanians plus some
 non-believers. Contact Keith Glenn @ 598-
 9483Non-commercial Ads are free to Kiwanis
 Club of Skidaway members.**Kiwanis Calendar of Coming Events**

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| May 1 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Karen Bogans, Executive Director, First Tee of Savannah |
| May 4 | Concert on the Green - Landings Association Athletic Field. |
| May 7 | Special Olympics Spring Games - 10:00 a.m., Savannah Country Day School |
| May 8 | Annual Membership Meeting with election of officers for next year - Speaker, Ann Elmore, Asst Dist Attorney, Juries and Grand Juries |
| May 15 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Tom Inglesby , Landings resident. He will talk about helping people in Guatemala with medical support |
| May 22 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Dr Martin Johnson & Katie Eichelbaum; Board members POSSE (Pediatric Oncology - Helping Children with cancer and bleeding disorders |
| May 29 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Doctor Antony Costrini, Sleeping disorders |
| June 26-28 | 2008 Kiwanis International Convention, Orlando, FL |
| Aug. 15-17 | Georgia District of Kiwanis Convention, Peachtree City, GA |