

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the

KIWANIS CLUB *of* SKIDAWAY



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Financial Status Report by Harry Krogh, Treasurer

We are a few days from closing the books on the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway fiscal year which ends September 30th. Looking back on the year I believe that the members and supporters of our Club can be proud of the contributions the Club has made to the Savannah community and beyond.

The most quantifiable measure of these contributions is, of course, the monetary donations made to community service organizations. The time and effort invested in community service by our members can not be valued in monetary terms but are equally as valuable.



Krogh

The purpose of this piece is to highlight the Club's financial performance in this year and to update you on our budgets, and projections for the coming year.

Charitable contributions for the year will total \$83,000, a 5% increase over last year.

This excludes funds collected by Bell Ringers on behalf of the Salvation Army and our contribution to the Savannah Winds Foundation for musical scholarships. If these are included our total charitable contributions for the year will exceed \$90,000.

The contributions are funded from the net proceeds of the Club's fund raising activities and events and from the earnings on the Kiwanis Foundation Trust accounts. In addition, this year an amount of from \$3,000 to \$5000 will be drawn from service reserve cash to apply to contributions.

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President's Corner

Speaking for everyone in the club I would first of all offer a huge Thank You to **Keith Glenn** for his leadership of the club over the past year. Although final reports are not yet in, all indications are that

you're leaving the presidency with everything about the club in "ship shape". If you were still in the military I'm sure the inspectors would give your unit an "outstanding fitness report". (Be sure to read Harry Krogh's summary of the club's 2006/6007 financial report)



As the club enters its twentieth year our efforts continue to focus on providing funds and enabling services for the

disadvantaged youth of our community. Every club activity is purposefully dedicated to those ends. Our goals for 2007/2008 are simple but challenging: to **Grow**, to **Serve** and to **Achieve**. Our target for membership growth is to take in 30 new members and end the year with a net membership growth of five. Our club will also attempt to sponsor at least one new Kiwanis entity (club, circle K or builders club) during the year. We will achieve all of our contribution goals to Georgia District and Kiwanis International and meet our Club's "bold and motivating" goal of raising over a million dollars for charity by the time we celebrate our 20th anniversary on Oct. 1, 2008. It's going to be a great year. The plans are in place, the leaders are committed and volunteers are signing up to work the events. Let's have some fun as we go about this very important

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work. Be prepared to inspire and perspire; to motivate and complement each other; and to celebrate and recognize our achievements together. If we do that, we'll have a great year.

My first hope is that each of you will plan to bring at least one guest to a meeting sometime during the year. He or she may be the one who wants to join our club and help us make a difference in the life of the kids of Savannah. **Tom Rood**, our new Membership Chairperson, will be expecting each of us to be a member of his recruitment team. My second hope is that many of you will want to earn the distinction of "Outstanding Kiwanian" this year. We need more members earning and wearing those gold badges at our meetings! (See "How to Earn an Outstanding Kiwanian Badge," next column.)

Board of Directors Meeting

The first business item at the September 10 meeting was a presentation by member Joyce Glenn about a program for kids called "Bringing Up Grades," or "BUGS." This program is partnered in by the Salvation Army and the Methodist church. After the presentation the Directors, by voice vote, approved the expenditure of \$255 for three "kits" that will help with this program.

Treasurer Harry Krogh gave the Treasurer's Report and budget for the coming year, both of which were approved. (See Mr. Krogh's article, which starts on page 1 of this issue.)

A \$300 Dollars for Doers award was approved in favor of the Fragile Kids Foundation.

A goal of 30 new members was set for the new club fiscal year, which starts October 1. The board also agreed that the club should strive to increase its membership by at least five during the same period.

In line with these membership goals, Mr. Rood accepted responsibility for the new member acquisition aspect of the Membership Committee while retiring club President Keith Glenn will be responsible for member retention.

On the fund raising side, the board set a fiscal year goal of \$83,000.

How to Earn an "Outstanding Kiwanian" Badge

Why not make it one of your personal Kiwanis goals for the year! Any member can do it by focusing on four things. It's simple when you have a plan to accomplish the following:

Have perfect attendance for any six month period;

Attend two interclub meetings (or equivalent);

Sponsor one new member;

Participate in at least one club project or service.

Periodically throughout the year our Awards Chairperson, **Pat Cummiskey**, will be tell us which members are getting close to satisfying these criteria.

Financial (from page 1)

For this year Service account net proceeds are projected at \$74,500, an 11% increase over last year. Net returns were higher for the Chili Cook-Off and the Concert on the Green. The Pancake Breakfast contributed lower returns due to increased costs, and lower traffic.

The Concert on the Green contributed significantly to the overall increase in net proceeds. COG net totaled \$8,400, an increase of \$4,550 resulting from increased revenues and lower costs.

Kiwanis fund raising activities were of increasing importance to our overall efforts. Kiwanis Partners results were off slightly from last year at \$5,200. Kiwanis Sponsors have committed to over \$37,000, an amount substantially higher than our initial estimates and \$3,000 over last year. This was achieved despite the loss of a key sponsor who last year contributed \$6,000. Voluntary contributions to the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Foundation by our members increased from last year 8% to \$4250.

Looking forward to fiscal 2007-2008, we are projecting a modest increase in Service gross income to \$105,700 from \$103,000 this year. Overall expenses are in line with the current year with minor adjustments reflecting planned changes in service activities.

Net service proceeds for next year are budgeted at \$78,200, an increase of 4% over 2006-2007. Planned charitable contributions are again \$83000, \$4800 in

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excess of net service proceeds. Foundation earnings, which exclude unrealized gains and losses, will cover the \$4800.

As you know, the administrative activities of the Club are funded by member dues and the Fifty/Fifty program, and are accounted for separately. We began this year with a budgeted deficit. Planned expenses exceeded expected income although they were cut back substantially from the prior year.

We are now projecting a small surplus for this year. Savings were achieved in part by deferring certain expenses but resulted primarily from reductions in printing costs. The internet distribution of the Kiwanigram and our new laser printer account for the

savings. The cost of the printer and printing supplies were allocated between the administrative and service accounts based on usage estimates. We have recovered a substantial part of our total printer costs in the administrative accounts alone.

Based on current savings and the dues increase we are projecting an administrative budget surplus for the coming year. We should be able to avoid any need for additional dues increases for several years assuming that we succeed in sustaining our membership.

My congratulations to the Club for a successful year.

Harry Krogh
September 27, 2007

Kiwanis Calendar of Coming Events

- October 4** **Membership meeting - Speaker,** Tim Genest, Assistant Chief, Southside Fire Department - Role and Responsibilities of Paramedics with SSFD.
- October 11** **Membership meeting - Speaker,** Robert N. Baugniet, Director of Corporate Communications, Gulfstream - Gulfstream - forty Years in Savannah, and Looking to the Future.
- October 18** **Membership Meeting - Speaker,** Phillip Weber, Chatham Emergency Management Agency, the Hurricane Season.
- October 25** **Membership meeting - Speaker,** Scott Lauretti, Editor and Publisher, *the Skinnie* - How we started, where we've been, where we're going.
- November 3** **Chili Cook-off**
- November 1** **Membership Meeting - Speaker,** Dave Postel and his guide dog (who was named Georgia hero dog of 2005) will provide demonstrations and explanations about how a blind person and his guide dog work together. Mrs. Postel, who works for the Hadley School for the Blind, will also say a few words about the work of that School.
- November 8** **Membership Meeting - Speaker,** Landings Company CEO Jim Robinson will talk about real estate developments generally and at the Landings specifically.
- November 10** **Club Outing - Georgia Southern v. Furman,** Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. Tickets \$12 per person. Tail gate starts 1:00. Game starts 3:30. Sign up with Pete Liptrot.
- December 3** **Red Cross Blood Drive** - Skidaway Methodist Church
- Feb. 9, 2008** **Pancake Breakfast** - Skidaway Presbyterian Church
- May 4, 2008** **Concert on the Green** - Landings Association Athletic Field

Special Kids

If you cannot win, be brave in the attempt.

by Robert Haas

As Kiwanis of Skidaway we are blessed that we were given the opportunity to serve 4 times a year as volunteers for the Special Olympics bowling and athletics (50 meter) events for the kids of the Coastal Region. In the past we also volunteered in the Basketball and Golf events.

As Kiwanis we contribute more than 100 hours a year to the events and around 15 of us are involved. We also are the biggest contributors in the area money wise.

It is surprising that the Federal Government does not help with the funding of the Special Olympics nor does the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation.

The Special Olympics organization was founded by Eunice Schriver-Kennedy in her backyard in Washington D.C. in 1968. Georgia started to get organized in 1970.

Mission statement:

To provide year-round sport training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic sports for children and adults with mental retardation, giving them

continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

More than 20,000 participants in the US alone are participating in 23 sports which include apart from athletics and bowling (our involvement): Alpine skiing, Aquatics, Equestrian, Artistic/Rhythmic gymnastics, sailing, Table tennis, Basketball, Cycling, Running, Power lifting, Golf and more.

Our coastal region has close to 1500 registered participants.

Studies at Yale University have also demonstrated in the past that individuals with mental retardation who participate the Special Olympics events achieve a higher rate of success, including living independently, maintaining employment and developing closer relationships. Also let us not forget that mental retardation is:

- seven times more prevalent than blindness;
- seven times more prevalent than deafness;
- ten times more prevalent than physical disability;
- twelve times more prevalent than cerebral palsy;
- thirty-five times more prevalent than muscular dystrophy.

In July 2006 when the *first* Special Olympics National games were held on the Campus of Iowa State University our area 17 could claim its first Gold Medal winner. Chatham County's young Patrick Bordarot won the 50 meter breast stroke. He came to our weekly Kiwanis meeting last year to receive (with his dad and the Special Olympics area Manager) our annual contribution.

Coming November/December we as Kiwanis will again volunteer in the bowling events.

The Special Olympics motto: *If you can not win, be brave in the attempt.*

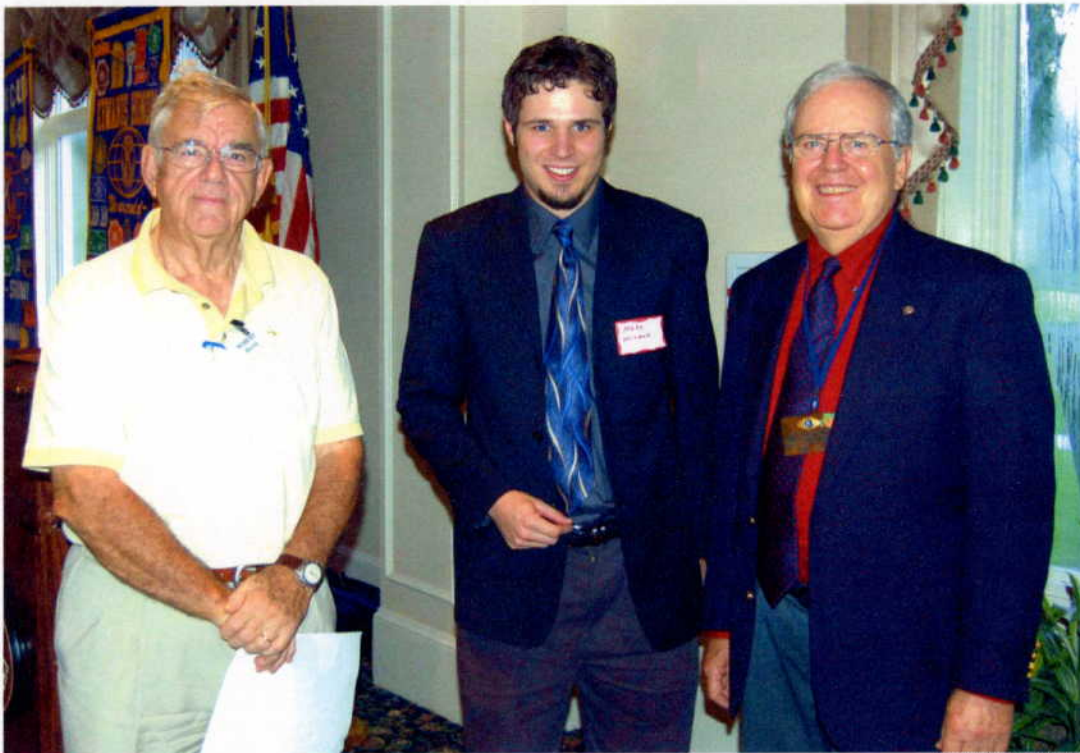


Photo by Martin Otto

Mark Witmer, Special Olympics Regional Manager, with the author, left, and Kiwanis Club of Skidaway 2006-2007 President, Keith Glenn, right, at the August 9, 2007 club meeting.

Dollars on their way to Kids!!

In the year ending September 30, 2007 Kiwanis Club of Skidaway raised over \$83,000 for charities benefiting Kids! We started handing out the checks during our meeting on August 2 with a check for **Kids' Café**, accepted by Mary Jane Crouch, pictured at the right with Gary Bocard and President Keith Glenn, and for **Interfaith Hospitality Network**, accepted by Kesha Gobson-Carter, below, flanked by Mark Forssell and President Keith.



On August 9 the checks were for **Notre Dame Academy**, accepted by Carol Foran, shown below with Gary Bocard and President Keith, and for **Special Olympics**, shown in the photograph accompanying the article on page 4.



Photos on this page and the next by Martin Otto

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Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Meeting Assignments for October

Breakfast Meeting Set Up Team - Mark Forssell and Marianne Schutz

Song Leader - Will Weeks

Invocation -

October 4---Tony Baker

October 11—Jim Beurle

October 18—Chris Britten

October 25—Hazel Brown White

Temporary Help Wanted

Greenbriar Children's Center is looking for someone to help with accounting and finance on a temporary basis. If you are a retired CPA or Finance Manager and are willing to work several hours a week while they seek a permanent employee, please call Gena Taylor at 234-3431 or Melissa Emery at 598-1883.

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- VP/Administrative Secretary - Richard Watters
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- Don Kipp
- Robert Caswell
- terms expiring 2009
- Gary Brewer
- Frank Zugel
- Terms expiring 2010
- Mark Forssell
- Dave Fox

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- Awards - Pat Cummiskey
- District/Division Reports - Frank Zugel
- Inter-Club - Jim Chapman
- Kiwanigram - Dana Taylor
- Kiwanis Education/ Orientation - Keith Glenn
- Membership (New) - Tom Rood
- Membership (Retention) - Keith Glenn
- Programs/Speakers - Tom Sharp
- Legends of Golf - Dave Smith, Jim Giorgio

Fund raising events:

- Chill 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 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 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
- 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
- HUMAN & SPIRITUAL SERVICE
- Human & Spiritual Service Programs - Jim Giddens
- SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS
- Auditor - Roger Nord
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- Legal Counsel - Bob Schivera
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- Publicity - Tom Rood
- Photography - Melissa Emery; Martin Otto, Emeritus
- Safety Coordinator - Jack Sherrill
- Social and Trips - Dave Fox
- Song Leader - Dave Wyland
- Sunshine - Gwen Leathley
- 50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr

Dollars on their way (from page 5)



August 16 saw the award of a check for Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA), accepted on CASA's behalf by Rene Crawford, shown at the right-center in this photograph with then President Elect (now President) Erv Hietbrink and club members/Special Advocates Alan Berger and Mary Hull.

(More photographs in this series will follow in future issues.)