

# KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



**AUGUST 2006**

## **KIWANIGRAM**

### Presidents Corner

**Tom Rood**

As mentioned in our recent breakfast sessions, our Board members spent the majority of the time at the July Board meeting deciding which Charitable Organizations we'll support with funds and at what level. In this issue of the Kiwanigram, Erv Heitbrink summarizes those deliberations and provides the specifics on the Charities and funding levels. Note that we'll be issuing checks totaling \$71,000 to the deserving organizations over the next two months at our breakfast sessions. In all, this will make our total direct and indirect contributions for the 2005-06 program year to be in excess of \$87,000. Thanks and congratulations to all who contributed their money to and volunteered their time at our fund raising events. This is the time of year that it's great to be a Kiwanian as the fruits of our labor are shared with the needy agencies we so vigorously support. And, I'm proud to say that we've met our interim BAM Goal for this year and we're well on our way to meeting our \$1 Million donation goal by the end of 2008.

In late June I attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Montreal. There were about 6000 attendees and everyone was treated to a spectacular event. As delegates we gathered to elect new Board Trustees as well as the President for the 2009 program year and approved and defeated several proposed amendments. But the main message was "grow the membership to one million by 2015". Clubs are being asked to find ways to add to their rosters and Districts are looking to build new clubs. The idea is to look at the impact Kiwanis has as we work on changing the world one child and one community at a time now and think of what it will be when we have a million members... almost twice the impact!!! I've ordered DVDs of the opening and closing ceremonies and I'll share the highlights with you at an upcoming breakfast meeting.

In August, Erv Heitbrink, Dick Shomaker and I will be representing our Club by attending the Georgia District Kiwanis Convention being held in Marietta. Again, we'll be electing officers and approving amendments while we learn about new state-wide initiatives coming next year. We'll keep you informed of any significant activities that will affect our Club.

Meanwhile, stay tuned, enjoy the summer and remember, it's all for the kids!!!

### **Kiwanis Calendar of Coming Events**

Aug 3	Kiwanis Orientation	Plantation Ball Room
Aug 14	Kiwanis Board Meeting	Merrill Lynch Office
<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Kiwanis Blood Drive</b>	<b>United Methodist Church</b>
Sep 28	Kiwanis Officer Inaugural Dinner	Plantation Ball Room
Nov 11	Annual Chili Cook-off	Landings Park

## Kiwanis Efforts Benefit Young Children and Needy Families

Erv Hietbrink

At its July meeting the Club board of directors decided how much and which agencies will be beneficiaries of our 2006 charitable distributions. Agency selection was based on their non profit status and proven record of serving needy children and families in the Savannah area. Award amounts were based upon our past level of support and the idea that, wherever possible, we wanted see a specific program within each agency that was either maintained or enabled as a result of our financial support. We ended up designating seventeen (17) community organizations who will be receiving checks at our regular meetings during the months of August and September.

Overall we will be distributing a total of \$70,100 and have reserved an additional \$900 for the Dollars for Doers Program. These amounts are sourced \$64,500 from our Service Account and \$6,500 from Foundation Account earnings. The resulting focus of our distribution is:

- 46% Education of Young Children
- 33% Food, Clothing & Lodging for Young Children & Needy Families
- 14% Programs for Handicapped Children
- 4% Legal Support for Abused Children
- 3% Programs for Terminally Ill Children



Listed below are the specific agencies we have chosen to support and the amounts that they will receive this year.

Americas Second Harvest (Kids Café)....\$5,000	Bethesda Home for Boys..... \$10,000
Coastal Children’s Advocacy Center\$.... \$3,000	Community in Schools ..... \$2,600
Greenbriar Children’s Home ..... \$5,000	Interfaith Hospitality Network..... \$4,000
Junior Achievement.....\$2,500	Mighty 8th Heritage Museum.....\$1,200
Notre Dame Academy.....\$ 3,200	Park Place Outreach.....\$4,000
Pediatric Oncology Supporting Survivors Endeavor .....	.....\$2,000
Reach Out and Read .....	\$2,000
Raising Our Children Kindly (ROCK).. \$1,000	Social Apostolate..... \$ 5,000
St. Paul’s Academy.....\$2,600	Special Olympics.....\$10,000
	Youth Challenge Academy .....
	.....\$7,000

**IT’S ALL FOR THE KIDS**

### Membership Committee

*On Sunday, July 23 the Kiwanis Membership held it’s first prospective member cocktail party. All the invited guests expressed sincere interest in joining the Kiwanis and we will follow-up in the coming days. We hope to have our second party in late August so all our members should now be thinking of friends they would like to invite to this party.*

*Pete Liptrot*

### KIWANIGRAM NEWS ITEMS

*Deadline for items to be published in the September Kiwanigram should be in hand not later than August 25, 2006. Call:  
Darrel Lowell 7334,  
Vern Kaskey 8641,  
Don Kipp 7530*

## AUGUST SPEAKERS

*Chairperson: Don Kipp*

- August 3 Jenny House, Program and Services Director, Alzheimer's Association Coastal Georgia Region  
Topic: Providing Hope and Compassion"*
- August 10 Judy Clark, CEO Horsing Around  
Topic: Horsing Around*
- August 17 Mark McDonald, Executive Director, Historic Savannah Foundation  
Topic: Preserving Our Unique City*
- August 24 Jeff Middleton, Executive Director, The First Tee of Savannah  
Topic: The First Tee: How Life Skills and Golf Can Instill Values In Today's Youth*
- August 31 Scott Smith, Executive Director, Coastal Heritage Society  
Topic: Progress and Plans for Battlefield Park*

## KIWANIS DAY TRIPS RETURNING

**Dave Fox has volunteered to bring back Day Trips, this Kiwanis mainstay from the past. Here are the details.**

**Prior to about two years ago, the Kiwanis Club took several day trips a year. these trips to military bases, industry, historic sites, universities, etc. added to the quality of the Kiwanis experience. It allowed non-members wives and prospective members a chance to build relationships within the club. In short, it enhanced the pleasure of being a Kiwanian....and helped build our membership too.**

**Now as we aspire to continue to improve today's Kiwanis, restoring these trips seems like a significant step in the right direction.**

**Building off of the successful Speakers Program, we will set-up trips in a similar design. Each year the Day Trip Coordinator (that's me for a year) will get three or perhaps four Trip Leaders for the year. They will be assigned the task of setting up a trip in their allocated months. Beginning this year a Trip Leader will be given June/July/Aug/Sept to set up a trip. Another would have a trip in O/N/D. Each year would be similar. The first trip to Ga. Southern Univ. is being worked on by Jim O'Malley. Each leader will be given "how to" instructions and suggested trips.**

**See Dave to volunteer to be a Trip Leader. You can set up a trip to any place you think Kiwanis would enjoy or see Dave for ideas.**

### Annual Dues

*This is the time of the year when the Skidaway Kiwanis Club dues are due. You should receive a statement from Pete Lip-trot advising of the amount due. These dues must repeat must be paid no later than September 15. Otherwise it will cost and additional \$25. Please insure that Pete has your*



### Kiwanis Blood Drive

***Our Club Blood Hustler Chris Britten, has scheduled a blood drive for Monday August 21 at the United Methodist Church starting at 8:30 am and ending at 3:30 pm. For those who want to support this worthwhile cause the reward afterward will, as always be, a drink, chili, and some nice cookies. A good chance to break that diet and support Chris.***

### Celestial Wonder

This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is, in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the Last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again. The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification..

Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m. By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

**NO ONE ALIVE TODAY WILL EVER SEE THIS AGAIN**

**OFFICERS**

**DIRECTORS**

<b>President</b>	Thomas Rood	598-9753	2005-06	Peter Liptrot	598-7992
President-Elect	Keith Glenn	598-9483	2003-06	Dana Taylor	598-8065
VP-Services	Ervin Hietbrink	598-7041	2004-07	Melissa Emery	598-1883
VP-Fund Raising	Gary Bocard	598-1038	2004-07	Thomas Sharp	598-5422
VP Recording Secretary	Richard Shomaker	598-7103	2005-08	Don. Kipp	598-7530
VP-Administrative Secretary	Richard Watters	598-1347	2005-08	Robert Caswell	598-8890
Treasurer	Anthony Baker	598-1986			
Past President	Ron Morris	598-7882			
Lt. Gov Division 8 Georgia District	Bob Reinhard	598-5445			

All telephones are area code 912

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Attendance Reception	Jack Hart	598-2113
Attendance Records	Gary Brewer	598-7792
Awards	Pat Cummiskey	598-9129
District-Division Reports	Frank Zugel	598-4653
Inter-Club	Jim Chapman	598-7016
Kiwanigram	Vern Kaskey	598-8641
	Don Kipp	598-7530
	Darrel Lowell	598-7333
Kiwanis Education /Orientation	Ron Morris	598-7882
Membership	Pete Liptrot	598-7992
Programs/Speakers	Don Kipp	598-2530
Recording Secretary	Dick Shomaker	598-7103

**FUND RAISING**

Chili Cook-Off (2005-06)	Gene McDonald	598-4250
	Terry Overton	598-2064
Concert on the Green	Chris Williams	598-1259
Pancake Breakfast (2005&2006)	Tim Frame	598-2980
	Skip Salus	598-2969
Corporate Fund Raising	Emerson Ham	598-8280

**SERVICE**

<b>Community Service</b>		
Community in Schools	Joyce Glenn	598-9483
Dollars for Doers	Bruce Powley	598-0711
Golden K Middle	Frank King	598-7733
School Mentoring	Habitat for Humanity	
	Frank Guy	598-8973
	Bob Yeomans	598-9700
Interfaith Hospitality Network	Mark Forssell	598-8137
Juvenile Court	Chuck Ortmann	598-1011
Kids Café	Gary Bocard	598-1038
Library for the Blind	Dave Wyland	598-2296
Med Bank	Emmet Casey	598-7493
Mediation Center	Dick Watters	598-1347
Outstanding Citizen	Sid Carr	598-4580
Parent and Child	Tom McMullin	598-7684
Pediatric Oncology Support	Pete Liptrot	598-7992
Red Cross Blood Drive	Chris Britten	598-7566
Salvation Army	Ron Morris	598-7882
Social Apostolate	Bob Egan	698-5424
Telfair Museum	Jack Neises	598-1149
Village Library	Jim Chapman	598-7016

**Young Children**

Fishing Program	Tom Rood	598-9753
Greenbriar	Melissa Emery	598-1883
Early Childhood Education	Tom Clark	598-9723
	Bill Farmer	598-7430

**Youth Services**

Bethesda Home	Bob Caswell	598-8890
Children's Advocacy Ctr.	Skip Salus	598-2969
Hesse Bears	Emmet Casey	598-7493
Junior Achievement	Dick Johnson	598-7680
Mighty 8th AF Museum	Walt Binns	598-1050
Notre Dame Academy	Gary Bocard	598-1038
Park Place Outreach	Jack Hart	598-2113
Special Olympics	Robert Haas	598-7960
St. Paul's Academy	Bill Trice	598-7621
Youth Challenge Academy	Jack Huber	598-7607

**Sponsored Youth Programs**

Key Clubs	Erv Heitbrink	598-7041
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**HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL SERVICE**

Human & Spirit. Ser. Programs	Jim Giddens	598-8446
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**SPECIAL FUNCTIONS**

Auditor	Roger Nord	598-1873
Board Advisor	Hazel Brown	598-1302
Club Historian	Martin Otto	598-1401
Legal Counsel	Bob Schivera	598-1022
Publicity	John Hamson	598-4134
Photography	Martin Otto	598-1401
Safety Coordinator	Jack Sherrill	598-1115
Social and Trips	Open	XXX-XXXX
Song Leader	Bob Ennis	598-8610
Sunshine	Gwen Leathley	598-8417
50/50 Drawing	Sid Carr	598-4580

**Kiwanis Website**

**World Wide Web Internet: <http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com>  
Contact Richard Watters (598-1374) or Melissa Emery (598-1883) for ID and Password**