

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the

KIWANIS
CLUB of SKIDAWAY



August 2010

A Letter from the president

We just finished finalizing the Agency gift giving distribution plan at our Board meeting this past week, for our current year. The needs always exceeds our funding amount ability but I am very pleased to announce that our amount, of total funding gifts, is \$62,100 which will go to support the “at risk” kids here in the Savannah community. This is an excellent increase over last year which tells us that the community is gaining on their giving over the poor economy we have experienced these past couple of years. With our membership growing each year, the continued success of our fund raising events, growth in our partners, the great contributions that the Sponsor committee has been providing, along with the potential of an increase in our Legends of Golf Tournament participation, our club has the opportunity to reach the \$75,000 range in the next couple of years. A special thanks to Gene McDonald who for the second year, has done a very careful job in the research, interviews, and evaluation of all candidates. Gene will have a detailed report for the September Kiwanigram on the Agency selections and their gifts which will be presented to each group at the 2010 Special Installation Breakfast scheduled for Thursday September 30.



For those who missed the meeting last Thursday, Dan Umbel, this years program chairman gave a highlight review on several of our speakers and the excellent experience and rewards working with the Savannah community and the monthly chairs. In Dan’s words, **“It is the easiest phone call you will make in recruiting your monthly speakers.”**

He did not have one turn us down to have the opportunity to speak to our membership. Dan then introduced our new program chair for our ’10-’11 term. Congratulations to Seth Walker who is a new member this year and has a great “reach” into the Savannah community with his work and responsibilities with the local United Way. Seth is already underway setting up his monthly chairs beginning in October. Give Seth a call and sign up to be a monthly speaker chair. A great example of our Kiwanis culture this year: **“Right Now”** !

Bill

August 2010 Schedule of Speakers

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
August 5	<i>Dr. Michael Toma</i>	<i>-Director Center for Regional Analysis at AASU</i>
August 12	<i>Jenny House</i>	<i>Coastal Division Director for Alzheimer's Association</i>
August 19	<i>Patty Jensen</i>	<i>Gulfstream Aerospace</i>
August 26	<i>Judge Patricia Stone</i>	<i>Chatham County Juvenile Court</i>

A note from your editor.

This August issue of the Kiwanigram is much smaller than those in the past. My proposed 4 day trip to my Cleveland, Ohio home turned into a 4 week labor. The tenant departed and left my wife and me with a mess. So we have been out of communication with most of the world. This abbreviated issue comes out of the local suburban Cleveland library. Thanks for your understanding .

Rob Bayless

Imagine Helping Children of our Military Deployed: Volunteers Needed

Imagine making a difference in the life of a child whose parent is deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan. Just imagine how you can lift the stress for child and family. Just imagine opening the doorway to that child's self-esteem through stories, music and imagery. A guide book and instructional workshop are available for the program being instituted at Hunter Army Airfield. No extra skills required, just a caring willingness to help and be part of a military child's life.

Please consider joining Kiwanians and other community members in this much needed effort. A meeting to discuss details will be held in the near future, followed by wine and light appetizers. We'll let you know where and when we'll meet once you have told us of your interest and desire to join us by contacting: Dan Umbel at 344-8726 cell phone Daniel_Umbel@yahoo.org or Elizabeth Jacobi at 598-2118 ejacobi@musicmedicine.org

Information on a Real Tax Break

If you missed the last couple of our Thursday meetings, you did not have the opportunity to receive a copy of: "The State of Georgia GOAL Scholarship" contribution form. This is a great way to help provide for a child's care and education at Bethesda Home for Boys. The Georgia State GOAL Scholarship program provides a way for Georgia Taxpayers to get a 100% state tax rebate for a contribution to Bethesda. You can also include the contribution on your Federal tax return. This is a unique opportunity to help disadvantaged kids at no cost and little effort.

You may claim \$1,000 for individual filers, \$2,500 for joint filers and for "C" corporations up to 75% of the total Georgia tax liability.

To participate, fill out Georgia tax form IT-QEE-TPI (can be downloaded from the Get Involved section of the "Bethesdaforboys.org" web site. This site also provides a step-by-step guide to fill out the form. These forms will also be on the breakfast meeting tables over the next several weeks. We suggest you complete this brief form along with a check and send to:

Bethesda Home for Boys
Attn: Doug Morrow
9520 Ferguson Ave.
Savannah, GA 31406

Or you may give to Gary Hughes or Bill Wright for processing. You will receive a receipt within 10 days from the State of GA. You will file this receipt with you tax return and receive a full credit for the amount you submitted.

This is the second year our club has participated in this GOAL opportunity and we made a major contribution last year.

This really is an easy way to "re-direct" a portion of your Georgia taxes and make a big difference to the young men of Bethesda.

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Johnson Square

Johnson Square was the first of Savannah's squares and remains the largest of the twenty four. It was named for [Robert Johnson](#), colonial governor of [South Carolina](#) and a friend of General [Oglethorpe](#).^{[7][8]} Interred in the square is [Revolutionary War](#) hero General [Nathanael Greene](#), the namesake of nearby [Greene Square](#). Greene died in 1786 and was buried in Savannah's [Colonial Park Cemetery](#). His son, [George Washington Greene](#), was buried beside him after drowning in the [Savannah River](#) in 1793. Following [vandalism](#) of the cemetery by occupying [Union](#) forces during the [Civil War](#) the location of Greene's burial was lost. After the remains were re-identified Greene and his son were moved to Johnson Square. An [obelisk](#) in the centre of the square now serves as a memorial to Gen. Greene.