

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the



December 2010

A Letter from the President

Well, I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. Skidaway weather was great, though we do need some rain!!

Now that we've given thanks for our own blessings, it's time to share these blessings with others less fortunate. This month we "Ring the Paddles" for the Salvation Army at Belk's.



Gene McDonald President

To add to this great giving event we hope to get the Bethesda Key Club to help us for some of the time. December is also the time when we make our annual appeal for our foundation. You all should have received my letter by this time outlining the foundation and its purposes. All of our foundation monies are destined for the neediest children. I hope you find it in your heart to give at least \$100 to the foundation this year.

Since my next note will be after the Christmas holidays, I hope you all have a Merry, Joyous and Holy Christmas! Thanks

Gene



KEEP THE FIRE GOING!!!

Chili Cook-Off 2010



**Gene Mc Donald with winners-
Texas Roadhouse**



Elizabeth "Chili Pepper" Jacobi



Savannah Stompers



Peter Rabbit



Thank You Letter
Chili Cook-Off/Nov 2010

WOW!!!! What an event! Our 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off was a spectacular success thanks to you and your staff. The weather was great, the chili was spicy (SomeHOTTT) and the smiling face of those who served it was just an added bonus!

On behalf of our members, the 19 Agencies we support with fund raisers and most importantly, the children who benefit from the work of these Agencies, I want to thank you for your continuing participation in our Chili Cook-Off. Kiwanis' Mission is "To Change the World, One child, One Community at a Time". Without your support we could not extend this Mission to the at risk children of Savannah and Chatham County.

We, at The Kiwanis Club of Skidaway focus our fund raising on community events where we can highlight our participants and sponsors to the whole Landings community. This year we were especially proud to have members of the 3rd Infantry Division and The famed Night Stalkers as our guests. Many of these men and women had just returned from deployment. You can be sure that they and the Landings community recognize and appreciate your support

The Chili Cook-Off is one of our largest fund raisers and as we go through our Kiwanis year we can insure that your participation is continually acknowledged and applauded. We look forward to your involvement in our 2011 event and we welcome any suggestions you may have to further improve it.

Thank you again

Sincerely

Gene McDonald
President

Cc: Jack Holliday

December 2010 Schedule of Speakers

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
December 2	<i>Blake Caldwell & Paul Karillo</i>	<i>“Skidaway Farms”</i>
December 9	<i>Lynn Gensamer</i>	<i>“The Humane Society”</i>
December 16	<i>Russ Simpson</i>	<i>“The Savannah Community Foundation”</i>
December 23	<i>Jim Giddens from the Methodist Church</i>	<i>“Christmas & the Holidays”</i>
December 30	<i>Happy Holidays to all!</i>	

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- \$141 provides 3 children with food, clothes and toys this Christmas
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Fund raising events:

Chili Cook- Marianne Schutz & Melissa Emery

Concert on the Green – Richard Nelson co-chair Jerry Broff

Pancake Breakfast – Chris Butler

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Services—Community:

L.O.V.E – Joyce Glenn

Habitat for Humanity – Howard

Gandelot

Music Medicine-Elizabeth Jacobi

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Sunshine – Gwen Leathley

50/50 Drawing – Marianne Schutz



Ellis Square is one of the original squares and was historically the site of the City Market. In 1954 the old City Market building was torn down and replaced by a parking garage in an attempt to encourage more downtown shopping. In 2005 the parking garage was torn down and replaced by an underground parking structure developed through a public-private partnership. This provided the opportunity to restore a public square at ground level above the parking structure.

After extensive public input, a plan was developed to create an urban plaza that could accommodate a variety of uses. The result is a dynamic public space that includes a visitor center, restrooms, an interactive fountain, a variety of seating options, and space for music and other performances.

The park also include a bronze statue of Savannah native and well known songwriter Johnny Mercer