

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the

KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



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LAST & FINAL CALL FOR PANCAKES

Annual Pancake Breakfast & Raffle

Date: February 3, 2007

Location: Skidaway Island PresbyteriaChurch

Price: Adults \$7.00; Day of Event \$9.00

Children under 8 Free

7:00 am to 11:00 am

This is it! We're almost there. Keep selling those tickets for a great "all you can eat breakfast" and for chances to win a raffle prize. Prizes include a night at The Mansion at Forsyth Park, \$100 gift certificate to Kasey's Grille, and Grand Prize of a Garmin Street Pilot (in-car navigator). Thanks for all your hard work doing something good for the kids of Chatham County.

Any questions call Skip Salus 2629 or Chris Aiken 9123.

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Presidents Corner

Keith Glenn

I want to welcome the ten new members that have joined us since Oct 1st. We hope your Kiwanis experience will be enjoyable, interesting and helpful for the kids. You old heads – please go out of your way to make our new members feel welcome. You can easily recognize them by their colored name tags.

The ten new members represents roughly a third of this years goal of 29 new members.



Our goal is based on an assumption that we will loose only 14 current members for a net gain of 15 members. If successful that would be the first gain in membership in the last few years.

While we have successfully continued roughly the same level of service and fund raising activities with a smaller club; an

infusion of new members would certainly be therapeutic. While we have a large core of dedicated members, new members bring fresh ideas in addition to relief from our routines.

New member recruitment is best done by the entire membership. We all have opportunities to contact potential new members; you just need to make it a priority. New residents are obvious candidates, but not the only ones. Long

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time residents are also prime candidates and should not be ignored. You will never know unless you **ask if they have considered joining Kiwanis.**

We have made some minor changes to the 50/50 to increase interest in the game and our administrative funds. As you should remember from the Orientation; we must keep Administrative Funds separate from the Fund Raising activities. Our funding sources for the Administrative Budget are the annual dues (after payments to Kiwanis International and Georgia District) and our 50/50 game. Most of the Administrative Expenses are independent of the size of our club.

For example the expenses for our weekly speakers breakfast. At the same time our Administrative funds are directly dependent on the size of our club. As a result increased payments to Kiwanis International and the Georgia District plus a smaller membership we are forecasting a deficit for the year. While we have prior year funds to cover this year's deficit; we need to set the course for a balanced budget. The changes to 50/50 could yield a small increase in funds; **but the best solution is more members;** another good reason to help with the recruiting.

Many thanks to the Pan Cake Breakfast Team headed by Skip Salas and Chris Aiken for another successful event.

Welcome New Members

Many members will remember former member Ken Mitchell, who was re-recruited by Keith Glenn. We are happy to have Ken back in the fold. Ken and his wife Betty live at 17 Tarrow Ridge Road. Ken graduated from Ohio State University (forget about Florida, and wait until next year). Betty Mitchell also has a membership application in the works.

Gary M. Hughes moved to the Landings in July of 2005, from Thousand Oaks, California. Gary and his wife Monica, reside at 19 Little Comfort Road. He is sponsored by Kurt Faxon.

Gary is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, and was employed by Continental Can/Silgan Containers in Sales and Marketing.

Another Ohio State graduate, Tim Athey, has joined our Kiwanis Club. Tim is sponsored by Ron Morris (membership Chair—do as I say, thank you). Tim and his wife, Marilyn, live at 39 Tidewater Way. They moved to the Landings in January, 2006, from Miami, Florida. Tim worked for Schneider National Trucking, Consolidated Freightways, and Warehouse Industries in Logistics and Supply Chains. And now he is active in Athey and Associates in consulting.

Board of Directors' Meeting

As noted above, three new members were approved at the monthly Board of Directors on January 8th.

Mr. Glenn reminded Board that the Division 22 Rally will be held in Statesboro on February 3rd. It is an evening meeting, so that Directors and Members will have had time to digest the morning pancakes—the rally is scheduled the same day as the Pancake Breakfast. Mr. Glenn encouraged attendance at both events.

Treasurer Harry Krogh reported good news in the Service Account thru December 31st, 2006.

This is the account covering fund raising, so our agencies should be well off. The Administrative Account is funded by dues and 50/50, and absent some substantial improvement, a good size deficit is forecast.

Gene McDonald will chair the Chilli Cookoff in 2007, after a bang up 2006 effort which raised over \$14000 net, a new record, according to Bill Wright, V.P. Fund Raising.

The Directors, with emphasis on new and continuing Members, asked for a quarterly report to all members on recruitment and retention progress.

January Speakers

The speaker for January 4 knew he was supposed to start talking at about eight o'clock, but in the morning? "That must be a mistake," he thought. So we got out early on January 4

We did have a speaker for **January 11**. Clair Cornwell-Williams is a Savannah wife and mother of two who is active in the community affairs of Chatham County. She is also one of three judges on the Chatham County Recorder's Court. This is the court to which all criminal matters in Chatham County are initially brought. This jurisdiction includes minor traffic offenses and extends all the way to such violent crimes as rapes and murders, although the more serious crimes are generally transferred to another court for trial.



Judge Clair Williams

Judge Williams recounted a number of her experiences as a judge hearing criminal matters. Surprisingly, some of those experiences were quite humorous.

The judge's principal message for people who feel secure in their gated communities was that they are still affected by what happens in the larger community, and should give their full support to anti-crime measures in that larger community.

Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Jack Dribel spoke on **January 18**. Seven of Colonel Dribel's thirty years of active duty were spent searching for American MIA's lost during the Vietnam War. In his presentation, "Laos, The Ho Chi Minh Trail & Searching for Americans" he led us through the rugged mountains and dense jungles of Laos, a tiny, landlocked country bordering Vietnam. Laos was never officially a participant in the Viet-



LtCol Jack Dribel

nam war, but was used as a supply route by the Vietcong. Many Americans were lost while engaged in military action in or over Laos attempting to disrupt Vietcong supply lines. Colonel Dribel showed photographs and painted verbal pictures that illustrated how extremely difficult and uncertain the search for those lost Americans has been.

Laos is thinly populated country whose terrain alternates between rugged mountains and swampy lowlands, in either event covered by dense tropical rainforest. Even with a good idea of the location of a lost aircraft, finding it may take months, or it may never be found. However, the search for an aircraft is only the beginning of the far more difficult search for missing crew members or their remains. That is a search that can only be conducted by the committed.

On **January 25** Robin Wingate, Chapter Executive Officer for the Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross, gave us the "American Red Cross: Neighbors Helping Neighbors."



Robin Wingate

Born in Anchorage, Alaska, Ms. Wingate grew up in the U.S. Air Force. She has been married for 23 years to Don Wingate, an Air Force retiree who is now actively engaged in a second career, that being in the computer field, working for the Chatham County School District. Robin and Don have a 21 year old, daughter, Nicole.

Robin is a member of the downtown Rotary Club of Savannah, has served on the United Way Campaign Cabinet for the last two years and serves as the President of the FEMA (Savannah) Emergency Food and Shelter Board.

A great surprise to many in the audience was the fact that the Red Cross functions primarily through the efforts of unpaid volunteers. For example, the Savannah chapter does its good works through a partnership between 14 Red Cross employees and 761 volunteers, with an annual operating budget of \$1.5 million.

Among other highlights of her talk, Ms. Wingate pointed out that the American Red Cross

of Savannah of Savannah provides emergency food, clothing and shelter to 300-400 area children annually through its disaster relief program, provides water safety and other health education to more than 1,400 children annually

and provides children and family-related activities for military dependent children during periods when the military member (mother or father) is deployed.

At Bethesda -

Building a City of the Future

Middle School students in the Bethesda Science Club compete for a trip to Washington in the National Engineering Week's Future Cities



Faculty advisor David Davies and friends

Competition to be held later this month. But first they headed northwest, with regional competition taking place in Atlanta in late January.

The task? A simple one. Construct a large, table-top model of a city from the year 3000—a city that may not even exist today, but which

will exist a thousand years from now. And the model must depict the year 3000 version of that city.

Did I say this was a "simple" task?

Building the table-top model can be challenging. The middle school boys must do all the hands-on work. This may involve the using tools and techniques they haven't yet learned. But they can be coached in the tools and techniques by high school level Bethesda students, by David Davies, the Science Club faculty advisor, and by John Bradbury and Frank McCarthy, two Kiwanis Club of Skidaway volunteers.

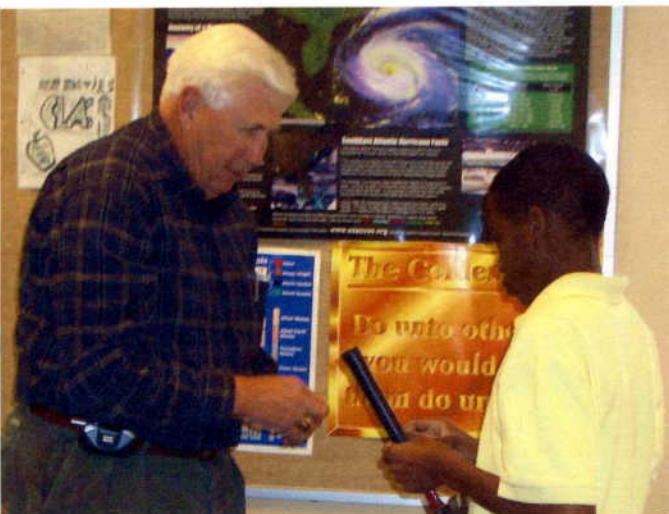


Shane Larson

"I gave them some ideas on how to make their presentation," said Shane Larson, Science Club President and Bethesda high school freshman who was part of Middle School team that competed last year."

The table-top model would have been easy enough to

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Kiwanis volunteer Jahn Bradbury counsels middle schooler Curtis Curry



Kiwanis volunteer Frank McCarthy counsels middle schooler Cody Cribbs

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build if you knew what you were building. But who has pictures of a city from the year 3000? Who knows how its people will be housed, and what sort of work they will do. What sort of transportation will they have? What sorts of lives will they live? What sources of energy will they use?

The contest rules call for the use of SimCity, a popular computer program, for designing the city of the future. No problem! These lads are quick with computers.

Brainstorming their way through endless possibilities, the boys came up with "Hydrotopia," an island city in the Pacific Ocean near the equator. The future city's principal

commercial activity will be the manufacture of energy rich hydrogen fuel cells that will be sold and used throughout the solar system and beyond.

Hydrotopia will also have beautiful housing and commercial areas, air, sea and space ports, excellent medical facilities, a research university and "Stellar-net Communications," an enterprise that provides direct, hands-free communications services connecting people throughout the galaxy. A big tourist draw will be Seatopia, an under-ocean theme park that lets visitors get up close and personal to the barrier reef without getting wet.

You can't say the boys of Bethesda aren't thinking ahead. Far ahead!

**Kiwanis Club of Skidaway
OFFICER/DIRECTORS**

- President - Keith Glenn - 598-9483
- President-Elect - Evin Hietbrink - 598-9483
- VP-Services - Gary Bocard - 598-7041
- VP-Fund Raising - Bill Wright - 598-9049
- VP / Recording Sec. - Richard Shomaker - 598-7103
- VP / Admin. Sec. - Richard Watters - 598-1347
- Treasurer - Harry Krogh - 598-0752
- Past President - Thomas Rood - 598-9753

Other DIRECTORS

- Gary Brewer - 598-7792 - term = 2006-2009
- Frank Zugel - 598-4653 - term = 2006-2009
- Melissa Emery - 598-1883 - term = 2004-2007
- Thomas Sharp - 598-5422 - term = 2004-2007
- Donald Kipp - 598-7530 - term = 2005-2008
- Robert Caswell - 598-8890 - term = 2005-2008

Kiwanis Calendar of Coming Events

- February 1 -** Membership Meeting
Speaker - Ray Gaster - "The U.S.O."
- February 8 -** Membership Meeting
Speaker - Julian Ward- "Estate Planning - Answers to Questions you won't Ask"
- February 15 -** Membership Meeting
Speaker - Fellow Kiwanian Steve Arkin - "The New Tax Laws"
- February 22 -** Membership Meeting
Speaker - Maria Lancaster - "The Savannah Music Festival"
- March 1 -** Membership Meeting
- March 10 -** Mid-Winter Training Conference, Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, Georgia.
- April 28 -** District Talent and Art Show Finals - Carrollton, Georgia
- Officer Election -** Due **June 1, 2007**
- July 3 - 7 -** Kiwanis International Convention in, San Antonio, Texas. Register now, for this should be a great convention.
- August 17 - 19 -** District Convention, Albany, Georgia.