

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the



February 2010

President's Letter

At the January 21st breakfast meeting, one of the team members that helped on the “Move Day” into our new container located here at the Landings came across the original document of our Kiwanis Club Charter. This original Charter had been *incarcerated* in the former mall storage cell for a number of years without any or very few visitations. No longer will this important document be hidden in the dark, thanks to those Kiwanians who brought it out into the light for all members of this club to view and remind us of the value of this Charter for the many agencies our club has supported since Oct 1, 1987. This Charter has delivered over a million dollars in financial support for the many thousands of “at risk” kids in the Savannah and Chatham County community. And more important, your personal time, talent, and love that you have given to this same community for the past 23 years. Our club Charter carries the name “Golden K of Skidaway” and true to this title, millions upon millions of “Golden” moments, events, and acts of generosity have been provided. Let the “light” shine on this valuable deed for the “KIDS” of Savannah. Go visit our Charter which is proudly displayed on a rotation bases in the Lobby’s of Sun Trust and Merrill Lynch and other Kiwanis sponsors in the future.



Bill holding original found Club Charter

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Interested in Joining Kiwanis Club of Skidaway?

Be our guest at a meeting.

Kiwanis is a world wide organization of over 600, 000 members. Our Skidaway Island club is over 20 years old and currently has 170 members. We meet weekly for breakfast every Thursday at the Plantation Club in the Landings. We have truly great guest speakers covering all different topics. Our goals are to help disadvantaged youth and adults by funding various charitable organizations and by volunteering time and labor for those various causes. Becoming a Kiwanian is a wonderful experience. It is a club of fellowship and good heart. **Give us a try!**

For further information Please Call Gary Bocard [912] 398-7051 or Bill Wright [912] 598-3106

[Please see page 3 article concerning Kiwanis background]

We are on the eve of our 17th Pancake Breakfast and we all look forward to this exceptional fund raising event for those kids of Savannah and sharing our service with the community for their support. Great opportunity to become better acquainted with our new members and for them to have an early engagement in Kiwanian service.

New membership is on an excellent pace and those that have already sponsored new members are to be commended for their individual results. Our goal of ending the year with 161 total memberships will be accomplished with 10 more additional applications. "Right Now" is the time to recruit.

TEAM KIWANIS IS ON A "ROLL"

Bill

Kiwanis New Member

Barry Kumins spent 36 years in a variety of management positions with Conoco before retiring at the end of 2005. He worked in several diverse locations throughout the United States and Europe, including Prague, where he lived for nine years during the Czech Republic's transformation from a centrally planned economy to a market economy. He served as President and a Board Member of the American Chamber of Commerce, a Board member of the Harvard Club, and a Board member of the Polish Oil Federation.

Born in New Haven, CT, he was raised in Belmont, MA. He has a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from Rennselaer and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He also attended Harvard's Program for Management Development and spent six years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Aside from Kiwanis, his interests include golf, bridge, travel and fast cars. Barry and his wife Carol moved to The Landings in 2008 and maintain a second home in Plymouth, MA.



Welcome Barry to Kiwanis!

Ordinary people performing

EXTRAORDINARY WORK

Kiwanis, through guidance and example, works to develop future generations of leaders. Every day, Kiwanians are revitalizing neighborhoods, organizing youth-sports programs, tutoring, building playgrounds, and performing countless other projects to help children and communities. [What is a Kiwanian?](#)

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Kiwanis Name

The name “Kiwanis” means “we trade” or “we share our talents.” It was coined from an American Indian expression, Nunc Kee-wanis.

Kiwanians are volunteers changing the world through service to children and communities. Kiwanis members help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, mentor the disadvantaged, and care for the sick. They develop youth as leaders, build playgrounds, raise funds for pediatric research, and much more. No problem is too big or too small. Why? Because working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. When you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream, and succeed, great things happen!

As Kiwanis clubs and members, we see it everyday!

Membership

- About 8,000 clubs in 96 countries
- More than 260,000 adult members
- Approximately 320,000 youth

Mission

To serve children of the world.

Service

Each year, clubs:

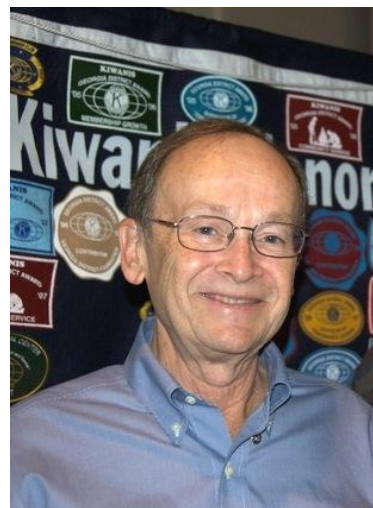
- Sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects.
- Raise more than \$107 million.

February 2010 Schedule of Speakers

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
February 4, 2010	Robin Wingate	CEO Savannah Chapter American Red Cross
February 11, 2010	Rob Gibson	Executive Director Savannah Music Festival
February 18, 2010	Command Sgt Major Estevan Sotorosado,	Nightstalkers US Army
February 25, 2010	Nicole Weller	Head Golf Instructor, the Landings

WELCOME NEW MEMBER-BEN GUSTAFSON

Ben moved to the Landings nine months ago to escape the long Buffalo, New York winters. He received multiple degrees from the University of Rochester and SUNY College at Buffalo. He taught social study course and also was a U.S. Customs inspector on the Canadian border. He is married with 7 children. Welcome to Kiwanis of Skidaway Ben!



THE HISTORY OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS

From a backyard summer camp for people with intellectual disabilities to a global movement, Special Olympics has been changing lives and attitudes for more than 40 years.



First Steps. Eunice Kennedy Shriver guided children with intellectual disabilities into sports at her Camp Shriver events, which were the predecessor to Special Olympics. [Learn more about Mrs. Shriver.](#)

June 1962

[Eunice Kennedy Shriver](#) starts a summer day camp for children and adults with intellectual disabilities at her home in Maryland to explore their capabilities in a variety of sports and physical activities. [See a slideshow about the camp](#)

19-20 July 1968

The 1st International Special Olympics Summer Games are held at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois, USA. 1,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities from 26 U.S. states and Canada compete in track and field and swimming. [See a slideshow about the first Games](#)

December 1971

The U.S. Olympic Committee gives Special Olympics official approval as one of only two organizations authorized to use the name "Olympics" in the United States.

Volunteering for Special Olympics involves working with handicapped children in the elementary grades. We do bowling in the fall and running the 50 meter run in the spring. Typically we have 12 to 15 Kiwanians help organize and score these events and then award ribbons to all the winners. All the participants are winners so the ribbon color is not a big deal. Our yearly donation to this group buys all these ribbons which are cherished by the students and appreciated by the SO management. I think everyone who has helped at these events walks away a better person for giving their time with these handicapped kids.

Bob Reinhard

A Look at January 2010 Speakers



Amanda Webb
Director of Marketing
Quantam Inc.



Deb Thompson-GM WSAV TV



Kevin Brennan-News Director WSAV TV

LAST & FINAL CALL FOR PANCAKES



Annual Pancake Breakfast & Raffle

Date: February 6, 2010

Location: Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church

Price: Adults \$8.00; Day of Event \$10.00

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. This year the Grand Prize is a Wii Game Package. Other

prizes include Golf and Tennis lessons, and Gift Certificates to area Restaurants. Thanks for all your hard work doing something good for the kids of Chatham County.

Any questions call Ed Coulson (9611), or Chris Butler (678-687-9975).

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Inter-Club - Jim Chapman

Kiwanigram - Rob Bayless

Kiwanis Education/ Orientation - Keith Glenn

Membership New - Gary Bocard

Programs/Speakers - Dan Umbel

Legends of Golf - Jim Giorgio, Terry Overton

Fund raising events:

Chili Cook - Frank McCarthy, Jim Beurle

Co-chair-

Concert on the Green - Richard Nelson

co-chair Dick Glover

Pancake Breakfast - Ed Coulson chair

Vice-chair- Chris Butler

Corporate Fund Raising - Jeff Heeder chair

Services—Community:

L.O.V.E - Joyce Glenn

Habitat for Humanity - Howard Gandelot

Music Medicine-Elizabeth Jacobi

Interfaith Hospitality Network - Mark Forssell

Kids Café - Gary Bocard

Library for the Blind - Dave Wyland

Mediation Center - Dick Watters

Pediatric Oncology Support - Jim Beurle

Red Cross Blood Drive - Chris Britten

Salvation Army - Ron Morris

Savannah Friends of Music-Melissa Emery

Social Apostolate - Bob Egan

Telfair Museum - Jack Neises

Village Library - Jim Chapman

Services - Young Children:

Early Childhood Education-Tom Clark

Fishing Program - Tom Rood

Greenbriar - Gene McDonald

ROCK GROUP - Tom Clark

Bethesda Home - Gary Hughes

Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus

Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children

(CASA) - Allen Berger,

Horsin' Around- Pete Liptrot

Junior Achievement - Dave Cooper, & Steve Duesler

Mighty 8th AF Museum - Tom McMullin

Notre Dame Academy - Gary Bocard

Park Place Outreach - Jack Hart

Special Olympics - Bob Reinhard

St. Paul's Academy - Bill Trice

Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber

SPONSORED YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Bethesda Key Club - Chuck Owen

NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

West Chatham - Sam McLaughlin-New

Club Builder

HUMAN & SPIRITUAL SERVICE

Human & Spiritual Service Programs -

Jim Giddens

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

Auditor - Roger Nord

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Otto,

Emeritus

Safety Coordinator - Jack Sherrill

Social and Trips - Dave Fox

Song Leader - Elizabeth Jacobi

Sunshine - Gwen Leathley

50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr



Fort Pulaski National Monument

General Robert E. Lee was an engineer on construction of this coastal fort. In 1862, defense strategy changed worldwide when Union rifled canons first overcame a masonry fortification. Although the success of this experiment surprised military strategists, accuracy and range of the rifled cannon rendered brick fortifications obsolete. After capturing the fort, Union Maj. Gen. David Hunter ordered release of area slaves. Many were recruited into the Union Army's First South Carolina Colored Regiment. The park, where moss drapes from trees and vegetation includes cabbage palms and various wetland grasses, has a visitor center, book store, exhibits, programs, picnic area and trails. Highway 80 East heading for Tybee Island. (912) 786-5787