

KIWANIGRAM

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KIWANIS CLUB *of* SKIDAWAY



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President's Corner Realizing Potential

Erv Hietbrink

As I write this our grandkids are still roaming the house happily playing with new toys and probably looking forward to the next big events of their lives. When I close my eyes and find an occasional quiet moment and place I ponder what these precious little people will encounter as they grow to maturity. Their world will no doubt change more than yours and



mine did. However, I'm confident that they will be prepared for whatever challenges they face. Why? Because I see them now growing up in a nurturing environment filled with good guidance and loads of love.

Then my thoughts wander to those many children who, through no fault on their own, aren't so fortunate....the ones for whom our club works hard to make a difference in their

lives. Like the young ones in your family and mine, they certainly have potential and deserve for it to be realized. Perhaps we can't assure that for everyone but we can certainly work on it one child at a time. This is our Kiwanis club goal and I like to think that our efforts make a difference those kids in Savannah.

Before long you'll be called upon by Chris Aiken, or a member of her Pancake Breakfast committee, for work assignments at our February fund raising effort. Whether it's buying or selling tickets, stuffing tubes, or volunteering at the event itself, please do your part to make this another successful one. It takes all of us

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Need to Restart Membership Drive

Well, we're now into our first month of the new calendar year but already into the fourth month of the Kiwanis Program year and we have four new members thus far. As you can see from the accompanying chart, we're on pace to make 50% of our goal this year of 30 new members. I urge everyone to redouble their search for new blood for our club. The challenge I made back in October that each member of the following two groups; the Board of Directors and the new members from '06 and '07 to sponsor a new member this year still stands. If anyone has a prospect in mind, let me know and we'll have them attend a chapter cocktail party where they will receive information about Kiwanis and more specifically what we do for children in this community. Remember, recruitment is everyone's responsibility. So let's all get behind this charge and ensure both the growth and the future of our club.

Tom Rood

Membership Chair

2007-08 New Member Recruitment

Progress Report

Status as of **12-31-07**, a fourth of the way
through the Kiwanis year.

No. of New Members on **= 4** — **Annual goal = 30**

New Members

John Williams
Richard Nelson
David Shockley
Hazel Shockley

Sponsors

Erv Heitbrink
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Ralph Schilly

President's Corner (from page 1)

doing our part!

As I've said before, we're off to a good start this Kiwanis year but there is much left to be done. There are funds to be raised, new

members to be tapped, services to be provided, new friendships to be made and obligations to the Georgia District and Kiwanis Interna-

tional to be met. In short, lots of opportunity to excel. Let's keep at it and end the year not just "good" but "great".

Directors Meeting

Notes by Dick Shomaker

It was an unremarkable meeting, but perhaps a few things are worth noting.

Harry Krogh, Treasurer, said the 2007-2008 Budget is based on a membership of 150, and we need to enlist 15 or 20 new members, not only for budget purposes but to maintain our position in the community where we are such a vital force.

Bill Wright, Vice President Services has asked all agency and committee head to try to determine the number of children impacted by our contributions and services. This is important information for our Club, and is also needed for some of our reports to state, and international.

Member Bob Aiken completed an audit of the Club's books for 2005-2006, and found no exceptions. Tony Baker will audit the Club's 2006-2007 shortly. Mr. Hietbrink thanks all past Club treasurers for this service.

Gary Bocard has completed a review of the Savannah Community Fund. This organization has custody of the Club's Long Term and Current Funds. Their investment record is conservative, with returns adequate. Mr. Hietbrink recently reminded members that contributions to the foundation are tax deductible, and build our long term assets.



Suggestions for Speakers

Who do you know that would be a good speaker for a Kiwanis meeting? Or maybe you don't know them, but would still like to hear them speak at one of our meetings. Please give 2007-2008 Speaker Chairman Tom Sharp a call (598-5422), or send him an e-mail (tmsharp@bellsouth.net). Your suggestions will be welcome.



SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

Let's think pancakes!!! We had a great Chili Cook-off, now it's time to get ready for our next event.

The 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2008 at the Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church. We look forward to seeing our members show their talents in the kitchen, at the grill, on the serving line, or wherever is needed. We will be starting volunteer signup shortly, so make sure to volunteer early to get the special spot you want. If you have any questions, please call Chris Aiken (598-9123) or Ron Weber (598-4493).

Historic District Habitat Almost Ready

By Dana Taylor

We all know about Habitat for Humanity. Half a dozen Skidaway Kiwanians are among those who provide hands on volunteer labor, helping to build homes for people who could not afford to pay normal prices for new homes.

But in Savannah's Historic District? Any new home there is required to blend in with its venerable neighbors. That makes for more demanding building and appearance requirements.

In steps a nationally known real estate brokerage that happens to be a Platinum Sponsor of Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity. Decisions get made! Things happen!

Ground breaking at 216 East 33rd Street occurs on July 19, a mere half year ago. Construction starts. Building code requirements mean that some of it,— plumbing and electrical, for example — must be done by licensed professionals. But a great deal of it can be done by unskilled volunteers, donating their labor on this home-to-be.

That's the role played by our fellow Kiwanis members and a number of other Landings residents.

Your reporter first visited the site on September 12. By that time the foundation was complete and most of the first floor had been framed in. Subsequent visits saw the structure growing and developing into a residence in which any owner could take pride.

The current best estimate sees the 33rd Street habitat reaching "ready for occupancy" condition by the end of February 2008.

Site photos from September through mid December make up most of this three page article.

My thanks to Skidaway Kiwanis Habitat construction volunteers Roger Nord, Tom Rood and George Turnbull, who helped me with this article.



September 12 - Front view looking north. No hint yet of second story. Nor of a roof over the front porch.



Another view of the front.



Volunteers using work space east of the house.



The house lies two short blocks to the east of Abercorn.





Mid-October front view shows the Tyvek barrier in place and the beginnings of a full roof over the front porch.



The rear view, looking south, shows a smaller roofed porch in the back.



Work in progress in October included work (man in green shirt) on the full bath (there is also a half bath). On lower left we see the beginnings of a stairway to the second floor. At bottom right we look out on work on the front porch roof.





Above left , a front view looking northeast on a dreary December 18. Siding covered most of the house, but no stairs yet lead up to the front porch. Above right we see a more or less finished back porch in the shaded view from the north.

To the left, below, we see two views on the first floor. To the right are two taken on the second floor. The bright, fresh plaster makes it seem lighter inside than it was outside.



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Fund raising events:

Chili Cook-Off - Jim O'Malley, Jim Beurle
 Concert on the Green - Gary Hughes
 Pancake Breakfast - Chris Aiken, Ron Weber

Corporate Fund Raising - Emerson Ham, Jeff
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Services—Community:

Community in Schools - Joyce Glenn
 Dollars for Doers - Bruce Powley
 Habitat for Humanity - Frank Guy, Bob Yeomans
 Interfaith Hospitality Network - Mark Forssell
 Juvenile Court Citizen Review Panels - Chuck
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Kids Café - Gary Bocard
 Library for the Blind - Dave Wyland
 Med Bank - Emmet Casey

Mediation Center - Dick Watters
 Outstanding Citizen - Sid Carr
 Pediatric Oncology Support - Pete Liptrot
 Red Cross Blood Drive - Chris Britten
 Salvation Army - Ron Morris
 Social Apostolate - Bob Egan
 Telfair Museum - Jack Neises
 Village Library - Jim Chapman

Services - Young Children:

Fishing Program - Tom Rood
 Greenbriar - Melissa Emery
 Early Childhood Education - Tom Clark

Services - Youth:

Bethesda Home - Dave Smith
 Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus
 Hesse Bears - Emmet Casey
 Junior Achievement - Dave Cooper
 Mighty 8th AF Museum - Jim Keller
 Notre Dame Academy - Gary Bocard
 Park Place Outreach - Jack Hart
 Special Olympics - Robert Haas
 St. Paul's Academy - Bill Trice
 Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber

SPONSORED YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Bethesda Key Club - Chuck Owen
 SCAD Circle K - Dianne Franz

NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

West Chatham - Hazel Brown, Dick Shomaker

HUMAN & SPIRITUAL SERVICE

Human & Spiritual Service Programs - Jim
 Giddens

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

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Sunshine - Gwen Leathley

50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Meeting Assignments for January

Breakfast Meeting Set Up and Greeters -

Gary Brewer and David Cooper

Song Leader - Will Weeks

Invocation -

Jan 3--- Phil Bus

Jan 10---Dick Cahill

Jan 17---Jim Chapman

Jan 24--- Chuck Church

Jan 31--- Tom Clark

Speaker Chair - Nancy Hamson

Chatham Scenes

Have you taken any interesting photos of things, places, activities in Chatham County? Perhaps you would share them with your fellow Kiwanigram readers. (With full credit to you as the photographer.) Space permitting (and there is almost always space) the Kiwanigram would be pleased to give you a place to show your photos.

Mail them to Dana Taylor, hand them to Taylor at a meeting or e-mail them to danamt@bellsouth.net.

Kiwanis Calendar of Coming Events

January 3 **Membership Meeting - Speaker,** Chip Grayson, Coastal Solutions, Inc.

January 10 **Membership Meeting - Speakers,** Tim Iley and Al Kennickell, Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf.

January 17 **Membership Meeting - Speaker not yet identified.**

January 24 **Membership Meeting - Speaker not yet identified.**

January 31 **Membership Meeting - Speaker,** Emerson Ham, Merrill Lynch.

February 9 **Pancake Breakfast** - Skidaway Presbyterian Church.

April 28 **Blood Drive** - (Monday) 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Skidaway Island Methodist Church.

May 4, 2008 **Concert on the Green** - Landings Association Athletic Field.