

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the

KIWANIS CLUB *of* SKIDAWAY



JUNE 2008

President's Corner Celebrating Success

Erv Hietbrink

With the Concert on the Green over we need to recognize **Gary Hughes** and **Jeff Heeder** for co chairing the event and say thanks to all the members who helped them make the event a success. Didn't the kids from the Savannah Arts Academy do themselves proud! I heard lots of very positive comments from attendees.



We have now completed all of the fund raising programs for the year and need to say thanks to **Gene McDonald** for his leadership. His efforts in putting together the overall plan, in selecting the chairpersons for each event and his general guidance from event to event were certainly one of

the keys to our success.

When all is said and done the net result of all of our fund raising efforts year will enable us to reach the goal of distributing over \$1,000,000 to Savannah area youth related charities in the club's first 20 years. You may recall that this was one of the "bold and motivating goals" that we set a few years ago when **Tom Rood** was our president.

By the way, we'll be celebrating that anniversary later this year with a grand event in September that is being planned by **Melissa Emery** and her committee. We'll present all of our 2008 charity checks at that time and expect each of the agencies that we support to be there to help us celebrate the occasion. We hope all of you will want to participate and I

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Helping Junior Achievers *Skidaway Kiwanians Lend A Hand*

By Dave Cooper

Its often been said that the key to our future is our children and their education. As you know, we Kiwanians sponsor Jr. Achievement's mission of supplementing traditional education with alternate and real life experiences. Our Skidaway Kiwanis Club has for years been involved with Jr. Achievement, and most recently has been concentrating our efforts at Hesse Elementary School. Hesse students are a diverse bunch of energetic kids from K1-6 with an array of enthusiastic teachers.



Dave Cooper

This year we Kiwanians formed a cadre of "teacher catalysts" to reinforce a sequential array of strategic thinking patterns in our client kids. Our efforts followed a nationally structured program based on student ages and grades, from first grade to fifth. For each kid the focus shifted from "myself" on through "my family", "my neighborhood", "my town", and "my country." Our Kiwanis "Catalyzers" included

Tom Rood, Erv Heitbrink, Keith Glenn, Chuck Ortman, Bob Reinhard, Ralph Schilly, Jeff Heeder, Skip Salus, and me, Dave Cooper.

Keep in mind the world is very different than when we grew up in Ozzie and Harriet times. Hesse elementary school kids are mainly latchkey and waiting for dual income parents to get home, Moms and Dads who may or may not share their kids' enthusiasm and

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would suggest that you stay tuned for more information as the committee releases it in a month or so.

P.S. Special thanks to those of you who are working hard on recruiting new members. As of last report we had approved 21 new members so far and that brings us to an overall club membership to 154. We still need another 9 to reach the new member goal that we set at the start of the year. Keep up the good work.

Board of Directors Meeting of May 12, 2008

By Dick Shomaker

Gary Hughes and Jeff Heeder reported on the successful Concert on the Green, which had the Savannah Arts Academy Jazz Band as the entertainment. The Board applauded these two gentlemen, and their committee, and agreed that this activity is becoming a community affair, just like the Chili and the Pancake. The numbers look like a better result than last year, and better than plan.

Mr. Hietbrink attended the District's training session for incoming new Lt. Governors, and told the Board about the District's goals for 2008-2009, which were discussed by the District's Governor Elect, Carlton Norris. Emphasis is again placed on increasing membership in District (State), and adding new clubs.

Preliminary thoughts were discussed for a celebration of the Club's 20th year anniversary, and our contributions of \$1,000,000 to the Savannah community. The Plantation Ball Room is reserved for September 20th, 2008 for a Gala, so hold the date.

Way to Go! *Concert Delightful Surprise.*

Gloom and doom surrounded us. Sub-prime lending had rocked the country. Real estate prices and sales had both plummeted. Oil and gasoline prices kept reaching new highs, and food seemed to be following. Talk of recession was everywhere. People were hanging on to their dollars. Charitable giving had suffered. How could the Concert on the Green avoid the same fate?

To make matters worse, the Concert's income targets for the year had been set before all the pessimism hit our economy. Gary Hughes and Jeff Heeder, the Concert co-chairs, must have been sick.

Mother Nature came through, dealing us a beautiful day on May 4. The mild weather loosened the icy grips many potential concert goers had on their purses. They flocked in to hear the young people from Savannah Arts Academy's Skylight Jazz Band. Ticket sales at the gate came in far above expectations.

The result — Gary, Jeff and their team exceeded their target by \$3,000! And that, my friends, is great news for the kids who are the ultimate beneficiaries of our charitable fund raising. It was a job well done. It was one of those efforts that make us proud to be Kiwanians.

Welcome New Members

By Dick Shomaker

Richard D. Bayard is sponsored to the Club by our esteemed joke master, Sid Carr. "Rick" and his wife Nancy reside at 11 Delegal Road, and moved here from Wilmington, Delaware. Rick has a Bachelor of Arts from Franklin and Marshall, and a Masters Degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Regional Planning (MCP). Rick has interest in neighborhood development and carpentry.

Walter C. Lehneis and his wife live at 12 Stargrass Retreat, near their neighbor Bill Wright, who sponsored "Walt" for Club membership. Walt and his wife, Tina, moved here from North Andover, Massachusetts. Before retiring, Walt worked in light manufacturing management. He has a Bachelors of Science from the University of Vermont, and has skills in business administration and marketing.

Our Club has recently been joined by Thomas M. Brendle. Tom and his wife Judith, are at home at 1 Ale House Retreat. They moved here from Andover Massachusetts. Tom graduated from and later taught at West Point, and was in the service for about twenty years. He holds an MBA from Long Island University, and a PhD from the Fletcher School of Tufts University. Tom completed his working career with 20 years in private industry. He is sponsored by Bob Caswell.

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. Please give Speaker Chairman Tom Sharp a call (598-5422) or e-mail (tmssharp@bellsouth.net). Your suggestions will be welcome.

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energy for learning and growing. The kids need all the inspiration and guidance they can get, and seem eager to accept it.

Soooo, what do we get for our investment of time, money, and energy? It's not a horserace. It's a long haul, a leap of faith, and most importantly an opportunity for us Kiwanians to give back what we've learned in the hope that our successors can benefit from our experiences.

The Hesse School experience last fall semester was mixed bag -- an adventure not without challenges. Bob Reinhard had a great time and kept fiddling with a pencil exercises, advertising, batch vs. assembly line production processes, and an energetic bunch of fifth graders. Chuck Ortmann was able to get his first graders to discriminate between "needs" and "wants," e.g. "Mr Chuck, I want a puppy but I NEED to go the the bathroom right NOW." Keith Glenn was unable to establish contact with his teacher designee. Bummer. Jeff Heeder taught a good second grade class. Skip Salus taught fifth graders. I had great times with an enthusiastic second grade classes, and was able to arrange a Hesse/Fengdu China elementary school connection, but my assembly line production process turned into utter chaos.

At the end of the session, I was presented with a customized class-made poster, and both Skip and Bob Reinhard received a plethora of thank you notes and cards. Skip became more or less a father figure to his 5th grade class and was an advertising guru. Tom Rood's third graders moved him greatly, although Ralph Schilly's third graders were in his words "more than a handful." Erv Hietbrink's second

graders were taught by a PhD, and he did all he could to demonstrate his leadership qualities so as not to disappoint, and is still tearfully holding on to his "Thank You" cards. All in all, we provided our best efforts for over 200 kids at Hesse in the fall semester, and I think we collectively got as much or more as we gave.

This program we followed is the dreamchild of Leslie Scott Hale, Manager of Education at Jr. Achievement of Savannah. Leslie watches over all of us, Kiwanians, students, teachers, and administrators, like a den mother. She and the teachers are a joy to work with, not to mention the kids.

As a team, we have created no Astronauts or CEO's yet, but they may be lingering in the bud. At the very least, we have given some inspiration, caring, and leading by example to our youth in their tender and formative years. Anybody who hasn't forgotten what its like to be a kid can add a great deal to this program. Your participation will not just be for the students, but for yourself as well. It really does bring back youthful memories to reinvigorate you.

For enthusiasts who want to stretch their wings a bit, Jr. Achievement has many other programs and opportunities throughout Savannah. For example, this semester I'm teaching a "Success Skills" course for Jrs and Srs. At Woodville Tomkins Technical High School. Woodville is analogous to a "magnet" type school where gifted students are bussed in a couple of times a week for specialized training. At Woodville we are dealing with teambuilding and trustbuilding, business and strategic planning, marketing yourself, resume development, and interview skills. The

program is exercise driven and highly interactive. We are way outside the conventional structure and having a great experience.

We will be putting on another Hesse program this fall, and I encourage all past and prospective "Sr. Achievers" to dive right in. The water is just fine.

Next Year's Officers Election Results

At the Annual Meeting on May 8 the membership elected the following individuals to serve the club for the year beginning October 1, 2008 (* denotes incumbent):

President, Gary Bocard;

President Elect, Bill Wright;

Vice President-Services, Gene McDonald;

Vice President-Fund Raising, Tim Frame;

Vice President-Marketing, Melissa Emery;*

Vice President-Recording Secretary, Dick Shomaker;*

Vice President-Administrative Secretary, Dick Watters;*

Treasurer, Jay Ahrens;

Director, Jim Beurle (3 year term);

Director, Terry Overton (3 year term).

In addition to the above, Gary Brewer, Frank Brugel, Mark Forssell and Dave Fox continue as Directors with terms expiring 9/30/09 (Brewer and Zugel) and 9/30/10 (Forssell and Fox).



Chatham Scenes**Chatham's Other Lighthouse**

The Cockspur Light, on an islet just off the eastern end of Cockspur Island (Fort Pulaski), dates back to 1772. The current version was completed in 1837, and marked the south channel of the Savannah River.

The most famous person associated with the light was the "Waving Girl," Florence Martus, the a sister of a post-Civil War lighthouse keeper.

The Cockspur Lighthouse was decommissioned in 1909, and abandoned in 1949.

This photo was taken from a



few hundred feet north of US 80, on the eastern tip of Tybee Island. just east of Lazoretto Creek. I had to time my visit there to arrive

when the tide was fairly low, as the islet is awash much of the time, with only the light tower visible.

Dana Taylor

Kiwanis Calendar of Coming Events

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| June 5 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Sean Burgess, Landings Association, Landings Association Water Systems |
| June 12 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, John Kendrick, Big Brothers Big Sisters, New program for Chatham County |
| June 19 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Landings Resident Neil Brecker, the long history of Jews in Savannah. |
| June 26 | Membership Meeting - Speakers, Charlotte Rehmert and Major Sam Hearne, Salvation Army program and mission |
| June 26-28 | 2008 Kiwanis International Convention, Orlando, FL |
| July 3 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Hart Williford, Memorial Health |
| July 10 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Kent Woo, Orthopedic Surgeon |
| July 17 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Bill Edwards, Talk Radio Host |
| July 24 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, John Weatherbee, WTOC Weather Man |
| July 31 | Membership Meeting - Speaker, Barry Buxton, Vice President, SCAD |
| Aug. 15-17 | Georgia District of Kiwanis Convention, Peachtree City, GA |

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terms expiring 2008

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terms expiring 2009

Gary Brewer
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Terms expiring 2010

Mark Forssell
 Dave Fox

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Tom Sharp

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Administration:

Attendance Reception - Jack Hart
 Attendance Records - Gary Brewer
 Awards - Pat Cummiskey
 District/Division Reports - Frank Zugel
 Inter-Club - Jim Chapman
 Kiwanigram - Dana Taylor
 Kiwanis Education/ Orientation - Keith Glenn
 Membership (New) - Tom Rood
 Membership (Retention) - Keith Glenn
 Programs/Speakers - Tom Sharp
 Legends of Golf - Dave Smith, Jim Giorgio

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 Heeder,

John Hamson

Services—Community:

Community in Schools - Joyce Glenn
 Dollars for Doers - Bruce Powley
 Habitat for Humanity - Frank Guy, Bob Yeomans
 Interfaith Hospitality Network - Mark Forsell
 Juvenile Court Citizen Review Panels - Chuck Ortman
 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
 Horsin' Around - Pete Liptrot
 Early Childhood Education - Tom Clark

Services - Youth:

Bethesda Home - Dave Smith
 Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus
 Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children
 (CASA) - Allen Berger, Mary Hull
 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

Auditor - Roger Nord
 Board Advisor - Hazel Brown
 Club Historian - Martin Otto
 Legal Counsel - Bob Schivera
 Marketing and Web Page - Melissa Emery
 Publicity - Tom Rood
 Photography - Melissa Emery; Martin Otto, Emeritus
 Safety Coordinator - Jack Sherrill
 Social and Trips - Dave Fox
 Song Leader - Dave Wyland
 Sunshine - Gwen Leathley
 50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Meeting Assign- ments for the Month

Breakfast Meeting Set Up and Greeters -

Frank Zugel and Tony Martin
 Song Leader - Dave Wyland

Invocation -

June 5 - - Jim O'Malley
 June 12 - - Roger Nord
 June 19 - - Jerry Nusloch
 June 26 - - Ron Morris

Speaker Chair - Marianne Schutz

Why This Crazy Year?

The Kiwanis administrative year begins on October 1. Originally, clubs and districts operated on the calendar year. However, Kiwanis International officers were elected at the annual conventions in early summer and assumed office immediately or, beginning in 1950, on August 1. This led to many problems of budgeting, programming, and leadership. For example, each International President worked with two sets of district governors and club presidents, and vice versa. Finally, in 1969 the administrative year beginning October 1 was adopted for all levels of Kiwanis organization.

Political Activity in Kiwanis Clubs

The standard form of Kiwanis Club bylaws prevents the clubs from being used for any political purpose or, as a club, from actively participating in the political candidacy of any person. But this does not mean that the club cannot take an interest in public affairs. Article XIV, Section 1, of the Standard Form for Club Bylaws states, "This club shall seek, by fair discussions at its meetings and in other ways, to keep its members informed on all questions of public importance and any proposed legislation affecting

Golf for Greebriar

CSX will host a golf tournament at Henderson golf Course on June 20 to benefit Greenbriar Children's Center. Kiwanis is a sponsor of Greenbriar. If you would like to play in this event, cost is \$100 per person. Contact Melissa Emery for more information.

the community, state, province, or nation in which this club is located." Equal time is normally given to opposing political candidates or supporters on each side of controversial issues.

For Sale Hunter 30 Sailboat

1981 sloop with Yanmar diesel, wheel steering, Harken roller furling with 150% and 110% genoas, GPS, bimini, two burner stove, propane grill, sleeps six, easily handled by two - perfect for a couple. Moored at Landings Harbor. \$15,000. Call Mark Forssell at 598-8137 or Nelson Lawson at 598-8570.