

KIWANIGRAM

of SKIDAWAY

President's Greeting

June/July 2013



Fellow Kiwanians,

In this month's message, I intended to follow through with my commitment to discuss the behind-the-scenes work that we do as a club, specifically the steps we take to fund our agencies. Instead, I'm going a different direction.

When I was writing my April message, our committees and subcommittees were putting the finishing touches on months of preparation for our Concert on the Green. Unfortunately our event had to be postponed due to "wetness" (the best description the committee could come up with). So, as a result of wetness, we had to spring into action. This is what I intend to talk about...

Our membership and those who volunteered to spearhead our Concert were *amazing!* On Sunday (the date of the event) at 9am, our committee came together on the Green to make the tough decision to postpone. Within hours, they found agencies to receive our food. The next day at 4pm they reconvened to discuss what to do next by playing out the pros and the cons to everything. At that meeting, it was brought to our attention that a few of our

subcommittee chairpeople were going out of town. Phone calls were made and within hours they had their replacements. Over the next few weeks, reconfirming all of the talent, the fields, the dates, and starting in the hole a few thousand dollars changed the dynamic of the event.

But, without feeling sorry for ourselves, our team remained steadfast in our convictions and persevered. We had to ensure we would serve the at-risk children in our community and we wouldn't fail!

Not only did our committee have to regroup, but we also asked our membership to work hard to maintain our previous ticket sales and then make up the difference in the fixed costs we had by selling more tickets. Again, we ALL made it happen!

Who are we as a club? This is yet another answer to that question! Tell all of your friends that if they want to be a part of something special, we would love them to join.

Proud to be a Kiwanian!
- Dan

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Scene from the 2013 Concert on the Green

Fundraising News

2013 Concert on the Green— A Rousing Success

After weeks of planning and a lot of hard work, we were ready to go for our annual Concert on the Green May 5. The band was hired, the food prepared, and the stage was set. But it wasn't to be... at least not on May 5th. We were rained out.

But did that stop us, Kiwanis of Skidaway? Not a chance! The Concert on the Green team executed their back-up plan, replaced the skydivers with the helicopter, and never looked back. And what did the rest of us do? We volunteered all over again to set-up and tear down, serve food and drinks, take tickets, control traffic, and all the other tasks so important to make the Concert a success.

Two challenges we faced were recovering from the expense of the food that was already prepared (\$2,500) and dealing with potential requests for refunds. We donated the food to West Broad Street YMCA, Park Place, and SAFE Shelter. Finally, during the following two weeks, you sold enough additional tickets to cover all of the expenses that resulted from the original rain cancellation.

Concert on the Green 2013 was a rousing success. It was a beautiful evening, the air was filled with wonderful music, and a great time was had by all. Check out our photo gallery on page 5 to see more.

An amazing effort by an amazing team! Thank you!
- 2013 Concert on the Green Committee



Show Our Colors Update

Show our Colors program continues with strong support from Landings residents. July 4th is the first anniversary of program and we are in the middle of completing the first renewal cycle. We've netted roughly \$15K from the first year's efforts. So far, the renewal rate for the 4th is over 75% of last year's subscribers and we should pick up a few more. With renewals and new subscribers, we are at roughly 90% of last year's participation (of 107).

Most of the work is being done by a core of roughly 20 people and broader participation is needed. In that light, we are looking for another volunteer to assist with the execution of the event. As before, we also need more volunteers to assist with tube stuffing and setting/removing the flags.

Contact *Keith Glenn* or *Phil VanEss* to learn more.

New! Take a Chance for Kids!

Tom Sharp announced "Take a Chance for Kids" at our June 13 breakfast meeting. This new fundraising program is modeled after the Show Our Colors campaign in several dimensions: It is an ongoing fundraiser that does not involve selling tickets and it can be implemented with minimum overhead, so virtually all of the proceeds go directly to helping Savannah's at-risk children. Preparations for this new fundraiser have been underway for seven months, and the program was launched to applause at the meeting.

How does it work? In a nutshell, the program is a multi-chance raffle. For just \$25, chance-takers will receive a ticket that has 12 chances—one each month for a year or until they win, whichever comes sooner—to win \$500 in cash or a \$500 gift certificate redeemable at any of our corporate sponsors. For those who would like to increase their odds, Kiwanis will give one free ticket with every four purchased! The lucky winner will be selected by a random number generator at our last breakfast meeting of each month, starting July 25; and winners will be announced at the meeting and in the TWATL.

This opportunity to take a chance for kids is expected to sell out quickly. A limited number of tickets will be sold. The goal—after funding the \$6,000 of prizes and defraying incidental printing and publicity costs—is to raise \$20,500 in the first year.

All Kiwanians are invited to participate, and Tom would like to share this "elevator talk" to help you land your sale. Once people know about this opportunity, the tickets should sell themselves!



Take a Chance for Kids

- Brand New Program!
- 12 Chances to win \$500
- Tickets only \$25
- Extra ticket with purchase of four
- Monthly drawings will be held the last Thursday of the month at Kiwanis' breakfast meeting
- Your choice of prizes:
 - \$500 Cash or
 - \$500 Gift Certificate, redeemable at any Kiwanis Club of Skidaway corporate sponsor
- Proceeds go Chatham County charitable organizations that support children
- Limited number of tickets available
- Don't wait! 2013 participants will have priority to buy tickets next year.
- **Help Give Kids a Chance!!!**

Tickets available from any Kiwanian or by contacting Tom Sharp (598-5422, tmsharp@bellsouth.net)

SAVANNAH SQUARE



Corporate Sponsors

Savannah Square is Newest Gold Sponsor

Savannah Square is proud to become a Kiwanis of Skidaway corporate sponsor. Says Sales Director, Cody Hetzel, "We want people of all ages to have a good life. We think supporting Kiwanis of Skidaway's efforts to help Savannah's at-risk children is a good way for our neighbors on Skidaway Island to get to know us and the excellent facilities and services Savannah Square offers Savannah's senior citizens."

Savannah Square is a senior living retirement community offering independent senior living, assisted living, skilled nursing home care, rehabilitation, and respite/short-term care. It's located just off West Montgomery Cross Road, between Abercorn and Middleground Road. Step inside Savannah Square's doors and discover charming senior living with a historic grace reminiscent of the Old South. Beautiful gardens and squares surround the many residential options available at Savannah Square: The Cottages at Savannah Square, Riceland Clubhouse apartment homes, Palmetto Inn Assisted Living, and The Health Center. Call 927-7550 for more information or to schedule a tour, or visit savannahsquareretirement.com.

*Jeff Heeder, Chairman,
Corporate Sponsor Program*

Agency News

Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire

Incorporated in 1986, the Mediation Center of Savannah is a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing opportunities for voluntary mediation of disputes where the parties seek alternatives to traditional litigation. The Center encourages the use and development of alternative dispute resolution (ADR). It relies on dedicated volunteer mediators who have experience in business, law, real estate, social work, education, and many other areas.

All of the Center's mediators are certified with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, are registered with the Supreme Court of GA, and attend annual in-service trainings. There are three levels of certification:

- General Civil Mediator Training (32 hours)
- Domestic Mediator Training (40 hours for registered Civil Mediators)
- Domestic Violence Mediator Training (14 hours for registered Domestic Mediators).

Beyond the training, mediator candidates must observe mediation sessions and then successfully mediate disputes with supervision before they serve as mediators on their own.

Other very important services that the Center offers are Peer Mediation training and supervision, a Parenting Workshop which divorcing parents are required by the Court to attend, Family Law Workshop and, starting next month, Planning for Death or Disability Seminar.

The Peer Mediation Program trains students in our public schools to serve as mediators to work with disputing students who face expulsion or suspension if their dispute results in a fight. In 2012, 645 students trained to be mediators and 682 students participated in mediations with 96% of mediations resulting in an agreement solving the dispute. Schools with Peer Mediation Programs showed a reduction in their Out of School Suspensions by 24% compared to a 15% reduction in schools without Peer Mediation Programs.

The Parenting Workshop is a four-hour seminar taught by licensed counselors and domestic mediators to parents with pending family cases involving minor children. The seminar is designed to educate parents on patterns, problems and conduct which result in harm to children and to educate parents on healthy habits, parenting skills, communication techniques and conflict resolution skills.

The Family Law Workshop is a three-hour seminar offered to community members who need to file a family case but who cannot afford an attorney. The seminar is taught by attorneys and participants receive instructions, forms and guidance to assist them in completing their family cases.

In June, the Center will offer "**Planning for Death and Disability**" which will be taught by volunteer attorneys. Through this two-hour seminar, community members will receive forms and instruction on how to complete wills and advance directives and how and when to file guardianship documents.

The Mediation Center's motto is "Building Bridges in Savannah since 1986." To learn more about how our Club supports the Mediation Center and how you can get involved, please contact me.

*- Jerry Nusloch, Club Liaison,
Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire*

CCA's Kids Fishing Derby Breaks All Records!

Kiwanians of Skidaway volunteered to help Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway's annual kids fishing derby be the best one ever.

As CCA's Chuck Smith reported immediately following the event:

"This year's derby led by (Georgia CCA President) Tom Rood was our best yet. Two new records were set.

- 119 kids caught at least ONE fish. This was the highest single year total yet. Tom gave everyone the charge at the beginning to try and help every kid catch a fish. Only 4 kids who returned a score sheet did not catch a fish this year. Just about everyone stayed until the end.
- Kids caught 615 Bluegills which is the most fish ever caught at a single derby.

About 50 volunteers plan, coordinate, and execute fishery management activities throughout the year which culminate with the derby but which also maintain the kids fishing lagoon #56 as a "Year-round" Kids fishing hole and family destination point.

The Kids Derby and The Kids Fishing Program benefits kids. Additionally it promotes volunteerism and improves community life. It is great to see families spending quality time together outdoors without a lot of cell phone and computer use."

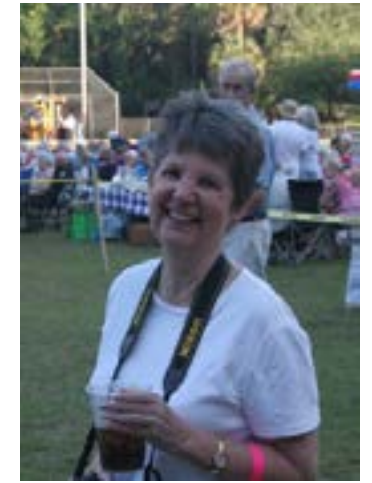
Many thanks to Kiwanis of Skidaway volunteers—Chris Butler, Ed Coulson, Jim DiGiorgio, Bill Heald, Ed Lavish, Bob Longueira, Lou Molella, Ron Morris, Tom Rood, Marianne Schutz, Dick Shoemaker, Scott Walton, Jan Wright, and Bob Yeomans—for helping with this very special event.

Club & Member News Mid-Year Honorees

President Dan Umbel honored the following members at our April mid-year awards celebration (L-R) Maestro Mark Forrsell, 2013 Chili Cook-Off co-chair & Concert on the Green chair Jim Overton, Project Eliminate chair Gene McDonald, Circle K Club liaison Frank McCarthy, New Member recruiter extraordinaire Ben Gustafson, and Programs chair Bob Norton for these and other noteworthy contributions to our Club.



KIWANI GALLERY



CONCERT on the GREEN 2013!

The swingtime sounds of Fred Nimmer's band and Penny Lynn Smith's warm vocals created a lovely musical evening on the green, and members of St. Andrew's School Orchestra delighted the audience.

Bottom right: Concert on the Green chair Jim Overton and a concert-goer thank our corporate sponsors for supporting our efforts to help Savannah's kids.

Join us again next year!



KIWANI GALLERY



New members! Above: Bill and Trish Shanahan with sponsor Ben Gustafson and Dan Umbel
Below: Amy Utley with sponsor Jack Huber and Dan Umbel



In May, we honored our veterans by singing the official songs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines.

Upper 2 photos: Our Navy veterans

Lower 2 photos: Our Army veterans

Lower right: Our Air Force veterans



Volunteers needed!

We need volunteers to help take pictures at our meetings and events. If you can help, please let Melissa Emery or our Kiwani-gram staff know!

June Programs

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic
June 6	Kerri Goodrich , Executive Director/CEO, Performance Initiatives <i>Topic: Update on Performance Initiatives' work with children</i>
June 13	Dr. Susan Clark , Physical Therapist, Spine and Sport <i>Topic: Physical Therapy Issues for Military Personnel</i>
June 20	Tom Stephens , Better Business Bureau <i>Topic: Business in Savannah</i>
June 27	Stephen Bradshaw , Author <i>Topic: Letters from the Gulf War</i>

June Membership Milestones*

2 years—Brad Lucas, Cecilia Russo

3 years—Toni McBride

6 years—David Cooper

7 years—Sandra Mayer

14 years—Dick Shomaker

*Based on data provided by Kiwanis International.
If you were a member of another club before joining our club, please let us know and we will update our records.

June Birthdays

June 3—Kurt Faxon

June 3—Keith Glenn

June 3—Tom McMullin

June 3—Dirk Von Hollen

June 12—George Turnbull

June 21—Craig Burgess

June 21—Bill Keaton

June 23—Cecilia Russo

June 29—Bryan Donaldson

June 29—Bob Oliver

Happy
Birthday!

Thanks to our Speaker Coordinators!

June—Julie Gerbsch

July—Alice Carlyle



Guest speakers for May 2013
(clockwise from upper left):

- Union Mission President & CEO Dr. Frances Carter,
- West Broad YMCA Executive Director & CEO Peter Doliber,
- Rebekah Robinson, and
- Chatham County District Attorney Meg Heap.

July Programs

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic
July 4	No Meeting—Enjoy the 4th!
July 11	Bill Stewart, President & CEO, Project Management Leadership Group
July 18	Robin Gould, Animal Rescue, Humane Society
July 25	Rhett Mouchet, Associate Broker, Commercial Sector, Mouchet/Mitchell Group & Judge Realty <i>Topic: Development in Chatham County/Savannah</i>

Upcoming Events

- No Meeting—July 4**
 Enjoy your July 4th festivities and we look forward to seeing you at on July 11th at Plantation.
Contact: Jack Hart
- Smith Brothers' Ice Cream Event & Kiwanis Fundraiser—July 20**
 Saturday, July 20 (2-5PM)—Come to Smith's for hotdogs, sodas, and free ice cream.
Contact: Jeff Heeder
- First "Take a Chance for Kids" Drawing—July 25**
 We will draw our first \$500 winner at this meeting.
- New Member Orientation—**
 Thursday, July 25, immediately following our membership meeting.
Contact: Keith Glenn

Sneak Preview for August

Check out our website to see the wonderful speakers that Jim Overton has lined up for us for August. Here's how:

- Go to www.kiwanisofskidaway.com
- On the home page, see the Guest Speaker slides for July and August. Other slides promote our Show Our Colors and Take a Chance for Kids programs, with links to how to sign up and the "elevator speech," respectively.
- On the home page, click on "Calendar." You will see more details about our guest speakers, their organizations, and other Club activities.

July Membership Milestones*

1 year—Lee Carroll, Bob Chandler
 2 years—Bruce Custis
 5 years—Ed Lavish
 7 years—Frank McCarthy, Ron Weber
 16 years—Bill Trice

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July Birthdays

July 3—Jack Huber
 July 4—Julie Gerbsch
 July 4—Ernie Ranft
 July 5—Pete Liptrot
 July 6—Ben Gustafson
 July 6—Tom Horner
 July 10—Andrew Dekle
 July 10—George Hensley
 July 11—Skip Salus
 July 13—Joe Dobransky
 July 17—Tom Rood
 July 18—Jay Ahrens
 July 18—Jan Wright
 July 28—Bill Wright
 July 30—Dick Hughey
 July 30—Frank Liebgott
 July 31—Gary Brewer

Happy
 Birthday!

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For more information about the Corporate Sponsor program, contact Jeff Heeder (jeffrey.heeder@suntrust.com). Sponsor application forms are also available at www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors.

GA District Lt. Governor – Allen Rassi

2012/13 Board Officers

- **President** – Dan Umbel
- **Past President** – Greg Stinson
- **President-Elect** – Melissa Emery
- **VP-Secretary** – Ron Weber
- **VP-Treasurer** – Jay Ahrens

Board of Directors

- **Terms expiring 2013:**
Gary Hughes, Frank McCarthy, Jim O'Malley
- **Terms expiring 2014:**
Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton, Tom Sayers
- **Terms expiring 2015:**
Joyce Glenn, Frank Liebgott, Bob Norton
- **Board Advisor:** Tom Sharp

Club Administration

- Attendance Reception – Jack Hart
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Roger Nord
- Awards – Dan Umbel
- Club Historian – TBD
- District/Division Reports – Ron Weber
- Dollars for Doers – Jim O'Malley
- Education/Orientation – Keith Glenn
- Fundraising – Bob Norton
- Human/Spiritual Service – Rev. Jim Giddens
- Inter-Club – TBD
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Marketing – Frank Liebgott
- Membership – Greg Stinson
- New Member Experience – Joyce Glenn
- Photography – Melissa Emery
- Programs/Speakers – Bob Norton
- Publicity/Website – Frank Liebgott
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley

2012/13 Fundraising Committees

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 3, 2012) – Marianne Schutz, Jim Overton
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 9) – Chris Butler, Matt Price
- **Legends of Golf** (late April) – Jim DiGiorgio, Terry Overton
- **Concert on the Green** (May 26) – Jim Overton
- **Corporate Sponsors & Partners Program** – Jeff Heeder
- **Show Our Colors** – Keith Glenn, Phil van Ess
- **Take a Chance for Kids** – Tom Sharp

Volunteer Service to Community Agencies

- America's Second Harvest – Gary Bocard
- Armstrong Circle K Club – Frank McCarthy and Chris Aiken
- Backpack Buddies – Tim Baldwin
- Bethesda Academy – Gary Hughes
- CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children) – Charlie O'Brien
- Childhood Cancer Family Support – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children's Advocacy Center – Skip Salus
- Early Childhood Education – Tom Sharp
- ELIMINATE (Eliminate Maternal & Neonatal Tetanus) – Gene McDonald
- Greenbriar – Gene McDonald
- Habitat for Humanity – Howard Gandelot
- Horizons – Greg Stinson
- Horsin' Around – Pete Liptrot
- Interfaith Hospitality Network – Mark Forssell
- Junior Achievement – Steve Duesler
- Kids Cafe – Gary Bocard
- Kids Fishing Program – Tom Rood
- Landings Military Family Relief Fund – Lou Molella, Jack Munroe
- Library for the Blind – Dave Wyland
- L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators) – Joyce Glenn
- Mediation Center – Jerry Nusloch
- Music Medicine Institute – Elizabeth Jacobi
- National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force – Tom McMullin
- Notre Dame Academy – Gary Bocard
- Park Place Outreach – Jack Hart, Jim Overton
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Chris Britten
- Savannah Friends of Music – Melissa Emery
- Savannah Philharmonic – Julie Gerbsch
- Social Apostolate – Bob Egan
- Special Olympics – Bob Reinhard
- Telfair Museum – Jack Neises
- The Salvation Army – Ron Morris
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah – Jan Wright
- Youth Challenge Academy – Jack Huber

Kiwani's Club of Skidaway is dedicated to helping the disadvantaged and at-risk children of the greater Savannah community. Since our Club was established in 1988, our members have volunteered over 300,000 service hours and raised and distributed over \$1.2 million to agencies that provide services to these children and their families.

Friends of Kiwanis Club of Skidaway: To receive an email copy of our monthly Kiwanigram newsletter, please contact our Editor, Jan Wright (vjanwright1@comcast.net).

KIWANIS CLUB OF SKIDAWAY

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