

KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



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A letter from Club President Greg Stinson

A big Kiwanis “thank you” goes out to Keith Glenn and his legions of tube-stuffing and flag-sticking volunteers for the “**Show our**

Colors” campaign. This new fundraising effort – which will now place two American flags in the yards of participants on the eve of four patriotic holidays and pick them up the next day – is off to a great start. The first holiday was the Fourth of July. We had 123 participants at The Landings and The Marshes, and the fundraiser added nearly \$5,000 to our coffers, which will benefit charities serving needy children in Savannah and Chatham County. In addition to Keith’s fundraising efforts, Jan Wright won the **50/50 drawing** on Thursday, July 12th, and promptly donated her winnings to the “Show our Colors” fundraiser. Her donation was \$759, after she drew the winning ace from five remaining cards. Thanks for your generosity, Jan!

We will place flags again for Veterans Day (November 11), Presidents Day (February 20), and Memorial Day (May 27). If you, your friends, or neighbors missed signing up, Keith will be delighted to receive your registration form and check for \$50, so you can “Show our Colors” for the next four patriotic holidays, including July 4, 2013. For your convenience a registration form is printed on page 4 of this Kiwanigram.

A big Kiwanis “thank you” also goes out to Rob Bayless for serving as Editor-in-Chief for our **Kiwanigram** for 50 issues. The Kiwanigram is an important part of our effort to stay informed

and connected, and our new editor, Jan Wright, will continue that tradition. Thanks, Rob & Jan!

The Kiwanis Board approved **new membership** applications for Lee Carroll (sponsored by Neil Bader) and Bob Chandler (sponsored by Jim Waterman) at its July 16 meeting, and I look forward to inducting both soon! For now, please join me in welcoming Lee and Bob!

The Board is making recommendations on the **distribution of funds** from our 2011/12 fundraising efforts. Thursday, October 4th, will likely be the meeting at which we present the checks to the various charities. Plan to attend!

One of my long-time dream vacations would be to travel to Scotland to watch the Open Championship and on to Paris to watch the finale of the Tour de France. This year, you could actually do that and throw in a trip to some summer Olympics events. There would have to be some shuttling, as both events end on the same weekend, but you could then lounge around London until the start of the Olympics. I guess this year, I’ll have to rely on my remote control!

Remember, it’s all about the kids! *Greg*

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Fundraising News

New Gold-Level Sponsor: Volvo of Savannah

Erv Hietbrink invites all members to welcome Volvo of Savannah as our newest gold-level sponsor. Owned and operated by the Tolman Family (Ralph and Anna), this dealership has been the place to buy Volvos in Savannah for the last 47 years. They take great pride in taking care of customers, and Erv says “buying a car from them is like joining their family.” Their service department is staffed by fully trained and certified technicians, managed by a team of folks who have been with the dealership for over 10 years.

Ralph has had a lifelong interest in autos and sports cars. When you visit his showroom (8301 White Bluff Road), it's not unusual for one of his antique cars to be on display right alongside the latest Volvo models. One or more of them have often been on display at our Chili Cook Off and Concert on the Green events.

When he isn't on the floor at Volvo of Savannah, Ralph is usually at the Carolina Volvo in Hilton Head, which he and Anna also own. At other times, he may be using his plane for the Child's Miracle Network to transport a sick child seeking special medical treatment at another location.

If you're in the market for a new car, please plan to visit Volvo of Savannah, and thank Ralph for supporting our Club!



New Silver-Level Sponsor: F.P. Wortley Jewelers

We are delighted to report that F.P. Wortley Jewelers has increased its sponsorship level from bronze (\$750/year) to silver (\$1,500/year). Thank you, Rick and Kelly!

Established in 2005, Wortley Jewelers is an elegant 2,300 sq. ft. environment in which to make your next jewelry purchase. They have a magnificent inventory, including 15 showcases dedicated to bridal engagement, anniversary, and wedding jewelry and 21 more that round out a beautiful selection of fashion jewelry, watches,

pearls, and gold. Please be sure to visit F.P. Wortley Jewelers (in Abercorn Commons, next to Michael's) for all your jewelry purchases and repairs, and let Rick and Kelly know that you're a Kiwanis member!

Agency News

Horizons Savannah

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Greg Stinson

Horizons Savannah seeks to prevent the “summer slide” by hosting public school children who qualify for free or reduced lunch for a 6-week summer enrichment program. Earlier this year, Horizons Savannah announced a new partnership with **Bethesda Academy**. This summer, Bethesda Academy is hosting 130 under-privileged students from Horizons Savannah’s academic enrichment program for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. All Horizons students will continue to begin and end their day at **Savannah Country Day School**, making this a true collaborative effort between these two private schools and this critical summer program. This summer’s program began June 18th and runs Monday through Friday.

Horizons Savannah employs paid, certified teachers from public and private schools as well as a Reading Specialist. Work is done in small groups, and skills learned during the school year are reinforced through hands-on activities. The program also focuses on teaching and application of science, technology, engineering and math. Students participate in activities such as making their own ice cream or building kites to bring these lessons to life. All students are also given swimming instruction, which provides a potentially life-saving skill as well as an opportunity to boost students’ confidence about themselves and their ability to learn something new. The program employs counselors to serve as role models to the students as well as maintain a low student to staff ratio of approximately 4:1 in all activities.

Families pay only a small registration fee to participate. About 90% of Horizon’s students return to the program each year. For more information, see www.horizonssavannah.org and click on “program.”

L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators) Summer Camp

- Special to the Kiwanigram from L.O.V.E.’s Summer Camp coordinator Bill Monroe

I am happy to report that L.O.V.E.’s 2012 Summer Camp Program sponsored 44 children from 6 elementary schools. Kids were placed in 5 summer camps and had a great time, thanks to our site coordinators’ efforts and the generosity of the L.O.V.E. organization and our sponsors.

Students Served, by Elementary School and Summer Camp Program

	East Broad	Gadsden	Haven	Isle of Hope	Juliet Low	Spencer	Total
City of Savannah Cultural	1	1					2
Coastal YMCA		4	2		2		8
Frank Callen B&G Club	8		3	1	3	5	20
Horizons Savannah		1					1
West Broad YMCA		10	3				13
Total	9	16	8	1	5	5	44

Speaker Programs

August 2	Christy Edwards , Executive Director, Horizons “A Horizons Experience”
August 9	Pending confirmation
August 16	Mary Jane Crouch , Executive Director, America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia “Childhood Hunger Initiatives”
August 23	Dr. Jay Howington , Neurosurgeon, Memorial University Medical Center “Strokes”
August 30	Jay Self , Film Service Director, City of Savannah “Savannah's Media Production”

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“Show Our Colors” Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

**Sign-up today
to show your colors
on these 4 patriotic holidays!**

Veterans Day 2012
Presidents Day 2013
Memorial Day 2013
Independence Day 2013

Please send this form and your \$50 check
(payable to Kiwanis Club of Skidaway) to:
Keith Glenn, 2 Crepe Myrtle Court, Savannah 31411.
Questions? Call Keith at 598-9483 today!

Photo Gallery



Above L-R: District 4 **Commissioner Pat Farrell** shared his perspectives on the future of the "Special Option Sales Tax" at our July 5 meeting. **Sgt. Robert Brooks** (Chatham County Sheriff's Office, with Max) and **Guinn Friedman** (Operations Manager, Humane Society for Greater Savannah) spoke on "Operation New Hope" at our July 12 meeting, a program that teaches low-risk inmates to housebreak and train dogs.

Below L-R: Food and wine expert **Tim Rutherford** joined us at our July 19 meeting and gave a delightful program on "The Origins of Southern Food," and **Dr. Kathy Love** is scheduled to be our July 26 speaker on "Savannah Technical College's Role in Workforce Development." Our **"Show our Colors"** campaign was spotted in Deer Creek on July 4.





Happy August Birthdays!

3 – Terry Overton
 7 – John Hamson
 17 – Jim DiGiorgio
 18 – John Fishburne
 22 – Tony Baker & Dan DeGood
 23 – Richard Barnett
 24 – Curt Shambaugh
 25 – Bill McNellis
 26 – Bruce Custis & Emerson Ham
 29 – Jack Sherrill
 30 – Ron Morris
 31 – Al Cywin

*If we missed your birthday,
 it's not in our database. Send your
 birthday to Secretary Ron Weber.
 (Month/day is fine!)*



Pete Liptrot (left)
 attended Kiwanis on his
 80th birthday on July 5
 and enjoyed members'
 "Happy Birthday"
 serenade.

George Hensley (with
 Greg Stinson below)
 celebrated his 92nd
 birthday at our July 12
 meeting.

Jan Wright (bottom)
 drew the Ace of Clubs
 in our 50/50 drawing
 the same day.



Editor's Note – I'd like to express my thanks to:

- **Rob Bayless** for his many years of service to our Club as Kiwanigram Editor-in-Chief, and for his help as I get started as your new Editor. Thank you, Rob!
- **Gene McDonald** for offering to proofread each issue.
- **Ron Weber** for offering to do our monthly distribution.
- **Members of our Board** who met with me.
- **Everyone** who contributed content for this issue.

Our Kiwanigram is always a work in progress, and I value
 your feedback and suggestions for future issues.

– Jan

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**Let's be sure to thank our sponsors
for their financial and in-kind support
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Corporate Sponsor program, see:
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**Bart, Meyer & Company
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GA District Lt. Governor:
Horace Harrell

2011/12 Board Officers:

- **President** – Greg Stinson
- **Past President** – Gene McDonald
- **President Elect** – Dan Umbel
- **VP-Services** – Todd Martin
- **VP-Fundraising** – Dick Nelson
- **VP-Secretary** – Ron Weber
- **VP-Treasurer** – Jay Ahrens
- **VP-Marketing** – Melissa Emery

Board Directors:

- **Terms expiring 2012**
Jim O'Malley, Marianne Schutz
- **Terms expiring 2013**
Gary Hughes, Frank McCarthy
- **Terms expiring 2014**
Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton

Board Advisor: Tom Sharp

Club Administration:

- 25th Anniversary Celebration – Gary Hughes
- Attendance Reception – Jack Hart
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Roger Nord
- Awards – Dan Umbel
- Club Historian – Martin Otto
- District/Division Reports – Ron Weber
- Education/Orientation – Keith Glenn
- Human/Spiritual Service – Rev. Jim Giddens
- Inter-Club – Jim Chapman
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Membership – Gene McDonald
- Photography – Melissa Emery, Martin Otto
- Programs/Speakers – Cecilia Russo
- Publicity – Tim Athey
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Melissa Emery

2011/12 Fundraising Committees:

- **Corporate Sponsors & Partners Program**
Jeff Heeder
- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 5)
Marianne Schutz & Melissa Emery
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 4)
Chris Butler, Todd Martin, Frank Liebgott
- **Legends of Golf** (April 19-23)
Jim DiGiorgio, Terry Overton
- **Concert on the Green** (May 6)
Sam McLaughlin, Dan DeGood
- **Show the Colors** – Keith Glenn
- **50/50 Raffle** – Marianne Schutz

2011/12 Volunteer Services to Community Agencies:

- America's Second Harvest – Gary Bocard
- Bethesda Academy* – Gary Hughes
- Bethesda Key Club – Tom Morrisett
- CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children)* – Craig Hull
- Childhood Cancer Family Support – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children's Advocacy Center* – Skip Salus
- Early Childhood Education – Tom Sharp
- ELiMiNaTe (Eliminate Maternal and 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 Mollela, Jack Munroe
- Library for the Blind – Dave Wyland
- L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators) – Joyce Glenn
- Mediation Center* – Jerry Nusloch
- Mighty 8th Air Force Museum – Tom McMullin
- Music Medicine Institute* – Elizabeth Jacobi
- Notre Dame Academy – Gary Bocard
- Park Place Outreach* – Jack Hart, Jim Overton
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Chris Britten
- Savannah Friends of Music* – Melissa Emery
- 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

Kiwanis 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. Recipient agencies for 2011 are noted with an asterisk above.

Friends of Kiwanis Club of Skidaway: If you would like to receive an email copy of our monthly Kiwanigram newsletter, please contact our Editor, Jan Wright (vjanw@comcast.net).