

Kiwanigram of Skidaway

Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

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2017-18 President Tom Stephens



**KIDS Need KIWANIS,
KIWANIS Needs YOU!**

sKIDaway:
What more can we say?



Message from the President

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

As we start the New Year most of us resolve to do something to make us healthier, stronger or just a better person in the coming year. This is also something your club is working on as we look forward to 2018. We have many things already in the works to help us prosper and grow. I have listed below a few key items. Let's all resolve to make these happen:

- Continue to grow in membership through additions and retention.
- Involve every member in a service project.
- Expand "Show Our Colors" program.
- Double our Sponsor Program.
- Increase the sale of "Pancake Breakfast" tickets
- Improve the net income from "Concert at the Harbor" or its replacement.
- Improve comradery among members... more social activities.
- Increase publicity for all of our events and activities.

For the club to reach these goals, everyone needs to get involved. If you are not on a committee or involved in any of these programs, please volunteer. Please see me or any of the following individuals to find out more.

- Ben Gustafson Membership
- Tom Stephens Service Projects
- Keith Glenn Show our Colors
- Larry Wills /Jeff Heeder . Sponsor Program
- Kevin O'Neil Pancake Breakfast"
- Walt VanBrunt Concert at the Harbor event
- Jim Smart Social Activities
- Jan Wright/Lydia Moore .. Publicity

Why do we want to expand our efforts and reach with these activities? It is very simple: Kids Need Kiwanis. Our club is viewed as making a difference in our community and for that you should all be proud.

Thanks for all you do.

Tom Stephens

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Breakfast and Show our Colors Flag Program) plus other activities bring in \$55,000. We receive another \$15,000 from sponsor fees. The cost of running these events is approximately \$15,000 which leaves \$55,000 of income, all of which is distributed to the Savannah children's charities that we support.

In addition to the distributions from our events, our Club uses funds from the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Foundation, which is voluntarily funded by our Club members, to supplement the Club's grants. On average, the Foundation makes grants totaling \$10,000 per year, which brings total Kiwanis distributions to \$65,000. More information about the Foundation will be published in a future issue of the Kiwanigram.

***Editor's Note:** Russ Simpson of The Savannah Foundation, which manages Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Foundation's investments, will be our guest speaker on February 8.*

Fundraising News

Show Me the Money

- Bruce Schneidewind, Club Treasurer

Do you wonder how your dues are spent? Curious about how much money our events earn? How much we distribute to charities? How much our officers are paid? Read on!

Now that I have your attention – your officers are paid nothing. Just like all of you, the officers and board members are volunteers, and together we all provide the largest source of “income” to the Club in the form of service, which is as they say, priceless.

Accounting for the actual money we deal with is done using two funds, one for Administration and one for Fundraising/Service. These funds are completely separate and never comingled.

The Administration Fund is used for all Club operations. The primary source of income is member dues, at \$140/year, or about \$18,000 in total for the Club for a year. Another source of funds is the weekly 50/50 raffle which yields about \$3,000/year, net of payouts. Our expenses for the year are approximately equal to revenues and include Kiwanis International and Georgia District dues (\$107 per member per year), weekly breakfast expenses and other administrative costs.

The Fundraising/Service Fund is used for all fundraising and grant activities. In a typical year we raise a total of \$70,000. Our 3 major events (Chili Cook-Off, Pancake

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Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, February 24
Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church
7 AM – 11 AM

Tickets \$10, \$12 at the door, kids under 8 free
Available at www.kiwanisofskidaway.com or from any Kiwanian
Contact: 912-713-1733

All net proceeds benefit Savannah's at-risk kids



Service News: Agencies Say Thanks

Thank you so much for your investment in Junior Achievement. The Kiwanis Club of Skidaway's donation of \$2,500 was integral to the overwhelming success of our programs. We appreciate your willingness to have an essential role in our impact on students lives.

Junior Achievement classes and programs in grades K-12 were implemented in schools all across our area of coastal Georgia, impacting over 100,000 students in the past decade. Your support helps us to sustain that success. With your help, we are giving the children of our community the skills and tools necessary to lead an economically successful life.

Again, thank you for being part of JA of Georgia – and for your investment in the future of our community.

Sincerest appreciation, Robert Grant, Director of Development, Junior Achievement of Georgia – Coastal Region

Dear friend of Horizons Savannah,

Thank you so much for your support, which remains crucial to our mission – improving opportunities for young people through education, recreation, arts, culture, and the power of a caring community. Please peruse our annual report to see examples of how your contribution has made a difference in the lives of our students...

With warm Regards and Deep Gratitude, Scott Lauretti, Board President, Horizons Savannah

Dear Kiwanis Club of Skidaway,

Thank you for all you have done for the Mediation Center. As I write to update you on recent developments at the Center, I am asking you once again to consider supporting our work in the Coastal Empire during this season of charitable giving...

With gratitude, Jill Cheeks, Executive Director, Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire

The Kiwanigram is published bi-monthly: in November, January, March, May, July, and September. Articles are due by the 15th of the publication month. Thank you.

Club & Member News

New Members: Please join us in welcoming new member **Ken Puglisi** (sponsored by Bobby Gillham), whose membership application was approved at our January 8 Board meeting.

New Member Orientation: Our next new member orientations are scheduled for January 25 and February 22. New and prospective members and their sponsors are encouraged to attend orientation together.

Board Meetings are held the second Monday of the month, starting at 8:05AM, in the Merrill Lynch boardroom in the Village.

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Membership Anniversaries:

- **December:** Larry Wills (1998), Ken Mitchell (2001), Joyce Glenn (2004), Tony Biegler (2014), Chuck Beck and Jack Holliday (2008), Jim Smart (2014), Suzanne Muldar (2015), Nick Faraklas (2016)
 - **January:** Jim Giddens (1989), Sam McLaughlin (1996), Thom Greenlaw (1997), Bob Reinhard (1998), John Fishburne and John Geraghty (2009), Susan Disney-Greenberg (2013), Alan Blount and Elaine Gillham (2017)
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Guest Speakers & Club Events

December

- 12/04—**Red Cross Blood Drive**
- 12/07—**Dave Fox**, Historian
- 12/14—**Christmas & Hanukkah Program**
- 12/21—**Nicolle Weller**, LPGA Professional
- 12/28—**No Meeting: Happy Holidays!**

January

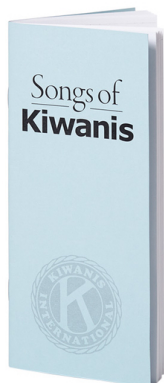
- 01/04—**Cancelled due to Weather**
- 01/11—**Pamela Roundtree**, Crimestoppers
- 01/18—**Ann Higbee**, Savannah Book Festival
- 01/25—**Lee Summerford**, Forest City Gun Club (history, economic impact, and juniors program)

February

- 02/01—**CEO Savannah River Landing**
- 02/01—**Governor's Rally** in Waycross
- 02/08—**Russ Simpson**, The Savannah Foundation
- 02/15—**Meg Heap**, Crime and Drugs
- 02/22—TBC

March

- 03/01—**Lyle Miller**, Plant Riverside Hotel progress
- 03/08—**Christina Kelly**, Author: Good Karma
- 03/15—**Jimmy Ray**, Savannah St. Patricks
- 03/22—**Fort Stewart: Tour of Second Division**
- 03/29—**Mike Toma**, Local Economy



More Original Lyrics from Tony Lembeck

Kiwanis Was Made for You and Me

Here in Savannah, there's lots of children
Who need some help and have trouble learnin'.
But through Kiwanis, the tide is turning.
Kiwanis was made for you and me.

If you've got time and if you are caring,
Come join Kiwanis and do some sharing.
You'll make some children so very happy.
Kiwanis was made for you and me!



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Please join us in recognizing our corporate sponsors and plan to visit their business, use their products and services, and thank them for supporting our club's fundraising efforts to help Savannah's at-risk kids.

Annual donations for each sponsor level are: Diamond (\$3,000), Gold (\$2,000), Silver (\$1,500), and Bronze (\$750). For more information, [see www.kiwanisofskidaway.com](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com) or contact Jeff Heeder or Larry Wills.

Did You Know? Links to all of our sponsors' websites are available at www.kiwanisofskidaway.com. Our email is info@kiwanisofskidaway.com and we're on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kiwanisofskidaway.



Georgia District Lt. Gov. – Debi Pearce

2017-2018 Officers & Directors

- **President** – Tom Stephens (502) 641-3720
- **President-Elect** – Vacant
- **VP/Secretary** – Jan Wright
- **VP/Treasurer** – Bruce Schneidewind
- **Past President** – Ben Gustafson
- **Directors, with terms expiring:**
 - 2018** – Dave Fox, Kevin O’Neil, Jim Smart
 - 2019** – Bobby Gillham, Rudy Halbart, Jen Singeisen
 - 2020** – Alice Carlyle, Walt VanBrunt, Larry Wills
- **Board Advisor** – Dan Umbel

Club Administration

- Attendance Reception – Chris Butler
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Jay Ahrens
- Awards – Dan Umbel
- Club Historian – **Volunteer needed**
- District/Division Reports – Jan Wright
- Dollars for Doers – Dan Umbel
- Fundraising – Walt VanBrunt
- Grant Allocation – Thom Greenlaw
- Inter-Club – Sam McLaughlin
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Marketing/Public Relations – Jan Wright
- Membership – Ben Gustafson (912-335-2770)
- Member Education/Orientation – Dan Umbel
- Photography – Dick Glover, Michael Siegel, Keith Glenn
- Programs/Speakers – Jack Sherrill
- Publicity: Off Island – Cecilia Russo
- Publicity: On Island – Lydia Moore
- Social & Trips – Jim Smart
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Jan Wright
- Youth Protection Guidelines – **Volunteer needed**

Kiwaniis Club of Skidaway is dedicated to helping the disadvantaged and at-risk children of the greater Savannah community. Since our club was established in 1987, our members have volunteered over 350,000 service hours and raised and distributed over \$1.5 million to agencies that provide services to these children and their families.

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www.kiwanisofskidaway.com

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600 Landings Way South, Savannah, GA 31411

2017-2018 Fundraising Committees

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 4) – Bobby Gillham
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 24) – Kevin O’Neil, Mike Pavlis
- **Skidaway Marathon** (March 24) – Dan Umbel & Lydia Moore
- **Show the Colors** (year-round flag program) – Keith Glenn, Jim Smart, Melissa Emery, **more volunteers needed**
- **Corporate Sponsors** – Jeff Heeder, Tim Baldwin
- **Take a Chance for Kids** – Tom Sharp
- **50/50 Drawing** – Susan Disney-Greenberg

Volunteer Service to Community Agencies

- America’s Second Harvest/Kids Cafe – Gary Bocard
- Backpack Buddies of Skidaway – Tim Baldwin
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) – Obie O’Brien
- Childhood Cancer Family Support Fund – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children’s Advocacy – Skip Salus
- Corporate Academy – Jack Sherrill
- Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center – Michael Siegel
- Family Promise – Mark Forssell
- Greenbriar – Melissa Emery
- Habitat for Humanity – Howard Gandelot
- Horizons – Greg Stinson
- Junior Achievement – Tom Stephens
- Kids Fishing Program – Tom Rood
- Landings Military Family Relief Fund – Lou Molella
- L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators) – Tom Rood
- Mediation Center – Ben Gustafson, Dave Fox
- Nat’l. Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force – Tom McMullin
- Park Place Outreach – Jack Hart, Jim Overton
- Performance Initiatives – Jeff Heeder
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Chris Britten
- Richmond Hill Key Club – Bob Norton
- Savannah Early Childhood Foundation – Ron Weber, Ben Gustafson
- Savannah Friends of Music – Melissa Emery
- Savannah Philharmonic – Melissa Emery, Julie Gerbsch
- Social Apostolate – Bob Egan
- Special Olympics – Bob Reinhard, Ed Coulson
- The Salvation Army – Mike Brown, Thom Greenlaw
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah – Jan Wright
- Youth Challenge Academy – Dick Nelson, Keith Glenn

Corporate Sponsors are very important partners for our club and 100% of their donations are used to help children. Annual donation levels are \$3,000 for Diamond sponsors, \$2,000 for Gold sponsors, \$1,500 for Silver sponsors, and \$750 for Bronze sponsors. Kiwanis Club of Skidaway recognizes our sponsors through publicity at fundraising events, at membership meetings, on our website, and in our Kiwanigram; and our club provides complimentary admission tickets to our fundraising events as a gesture of appreciation for their support. For more info, contact Jeff Heeder (jheeder@comcast.net) or see www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors.