

Kiwanigram of Skidaway

Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

Georgia District 4 — Savannah, GA — December 2016/January 2017



Message from the President

What a very special club our Kiwanis of Skidaway is! As I struggle to think of how to express this, I am reminded of the sharing and acts of kindness our members have exhibited over the past month. We have rung bells for The Salvation Army, participated in a Special Olympics bowling program, donated blood at our blood drive, tutored children through L.O.V.E. and Junior Achievement, and supplied meals through Backpack Buddies. Those of you who work with local service agencies know just how important our contribution is to our community.

I think about the KIWANIS FORMULA which embodies the idea that when we share Kiwanis with others, our community benefits from better Kiwanis service and becomes a better place that we can be proud of. We are truly serving the children of our area.

Thank you to all of our members, and hopefully you will share a wonderful holiday season with family and loved ones. Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays. - Ben Gustafson

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Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

**Holiday
Breakfast Meeting**

Thursday, December 22 at 7:30 A.M.
Plantation Ballroom

**Full Buffet Breakfast
& Coffee-Only Service**

R.S.V.P. to
info@kiwanisofskidaway.com
or call 659-9358
by 12 Noon, Tuesday, December 20

Fundraising News

Chili Cook-Off Update

Thanks to everyone who bought and sold tickets. The current net from this fundraiser, which will be distributed to improve the lives of Savannah's at-risk children, is >\$13,000. Please be sure to visit at least one of the participating vendors before December 31 to thank them for supporting our event. See our photo gallery for a thank you card that you can print and take with you.

It's Time for Pancakes!

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Mike Pavlis and Kevin O'Neil

Hello Kiwanians. With the new year around the corner, the smell of fresh pancakes is in the air. We're asking for all hands on deck to start our 2017 fundraising season off with a bang at The Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, February 25. There is no doubt that Kiwanis has the best pancake flippers and servers in the state. We request your help in getting the word out, selling tickets and volunteering your time to help this event be the very best. Look for announcements and updates at our weekly Kiwanis breakfast meetings.

Agency News

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Thom Greenlaw and Mike Brown

Bell ringing at Belk's is a Kiwanis Club of Skidaway tradition going back many, many years. This year we filled 28 of 30 two-hour slots and collected \$2,814.97. Please join us in thanking our volunteers, and we invite everyone to plan to help out next year:

- Monday: Lou and Gerry Molella, Thom Greenlaw, Ron and Cheryl Weber, Chuck and Norma Beck, Terry and Marilyn Overton
- Tuesday: Bill and Trish Shanahan, Tony Biegler and Mike Brown, Jack Holliday and Bill Heald, Joyce and Keith Glenn, Ben Gustafson and Mike Brown
- Wednesday: Bob Norton and Jack Sherrill, Bob Levenson and Ed Lavish, Jerry Beets and Suzanne Mulder, Bob and Jane Reinhard
- Thursday: Mike and Maggie Newman, Jeff Heeder and Bobby Gillham, Jim and Maryanne O'Malley, Jan Wright and Jack Hart, Erv Hietbrink and Tom Sharp
- Friday: Howard and Judy Gandelot, Richard and Jan Wright, Chris and Bill Sickels, Chris and Diane Butler, Bill Wright and Bob Longueira
- Saturday: Susan Disney-Greenberg and Bob, Ron and Peg Morris, Bruce and Sherry Schneidewind, Ed and Pat Coulson

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Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, February 25
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: 912-598-5171

All net proceeds benefit Savannah's at-risk kids

Our Valued Sponsors

Please join us in thanking our sponsors. Plan to visit their business, use their services, and thank them for supporting our club's fundraising efforts to help Savannah's kids.

- **Diamond sponsors:** Brad Durham, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
- **Gold sponsor:** A&C Gold
- **Silver sponsors:** Color Concepts
- **Bronze sponsors:** Bart, Meyer & Company, Bernard Williams Insurance, CertaPro Painters, Comfort Keepers, Critz Auto Group, Jalapeños Mexican Grill, Optimal Hearing, Savannah Dental Aesthetics, Savannah Toyota, Volvo of Savannah/Mitsubishi Motors
- **In-kind support:** The Skinnie, TWATL

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#ICYMI

(In Case You Missed It)

Editor's note: This is a new column for our Kiwanigram that captures highlights from President Ben Gustafson's weekly updates since our last newsletter.

New Members

- Please join me in welcoming our newest members: **Bill Sickels**, **Bobby Gillham** and **Nick and Judy Faraklas**.

Thank You, Kiwanis Volunteers!

- I want to thank all of you who worked so hard to make our **Chili Cook-off** successful. With the hurricane, we faced some real challenges in organizing, advertising, selling tickets, and getting restaurants to participate. It was well attended and I have only heard great comments.
- Many thanks to all who helped out at the **Special Olympics** bowling. It was great to see all the kids having such a good time! Special thanks to Bob Reinhard and Ed Coulson who organized our participation.
- Thank you to all those who participated in ringing bells last week for **The Salvation Army**. A good cause and a lot of fun.
- Thank you to those who volunteered to give the gift of life at the **Kiwanis-sponsored Red Cross blood drive**.

Volunteers (Still) Needed!

- We've been invited to provide scoring and runner volunteers for SCCPSS's "**Reading Bowl Competition**." The Middle School competition will be **January 30** at The Whitney Complex, with training provided 8-9AM and the competition running 9AM-Noon. The High School competition will be **January 31** at Johnson High (same training and competition schedule). There is also a need for volunteers to stuff goodie bags for all participants earlier in January. For more information, or if you wish to volunteer, please call Club Secretary Jan Wright (659-9358), whom I've asked to be SCCPSS's liaison for our club's involvement.
- **Greenbriar Children's Center** has a need for volunteers to help with gift wrapping at Oglethorpe Mall **December 2-24**. To sign up, email smajors@greenbriarchildrenscenter.org.

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Foundation

- Members are requested to consider making a donation of \$100 (or whatever you feel comfortable giving) to the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Foundation. Please make your tax-deductible check payable to Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Foundation. Earnings on donated funds provide another source of revenue to help children in need. Thank you.

Breakfast Meetings at Plantation

- Our board approved a **new breakfast menu and procedure** at its December 12 meeting. See the article on page 4 for details, and plan to have a hot breakfast each Thursday with your fellow Kiwanians and guests.

Agencies Say Thanks

Junior Achievement

Dear Joyce,

Thank you and the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway for the generous donation of \$2,500. Too, thank you for the time and commitment your members give to Junior Achievement through their roles in the classroom as a volunteer! We have so appreciated the ongoing partnership between your dynamic club and JA — you've all made a tremendous impact on our efforts.

Gratefully yours,

*Johnathan Barnett, Vice President of Statewide Operations
Junior Achievement of Georgia*



Photo above: Junior Achievement chair Tom Stephens with his Hesse K-8 graduates; Photo below: Project Eliminate chair Gene McDonald reported Kiwanis Club of Skidaway has met its \$20,000 fundraising goal and is approaching \$25,000.



Club Administration News

Weekly Updates

Each week, usually on Monday, President Ben Gustafson will share a weekly update by email to all members. This update will also include volunteer opportunities. Please be sure to inform Ben and Secretary Jan Wright of any news that needs to be included in these updates by the preceeding Friday. Thank you!

Breaking Breakfast Meeting News!

We are pleased to announce a change in the breakfast offerings at our weekly meetings. Several approaches have been tried over the past couple of years, all of which have been less than satisfactory. Trish Shanahan, Joyce Glenn and Ben Gustafson have been meeting with the Plantation staff for the past several months to negotiate a breakfast menu and pricing plan that meets both Kiwanis and Plantation Club needs. The new menu (see box this page) is somewhat flexible in the ability to modify offerings in response to member wishes and allows for a different menu in succeeding weeks.

We must guarantee the Plantation Club a minimum equivalent of \$310/week (equivalent to 20 full breakfasts at \$13.00 each, plus 20 coffee-only sales at \$2.50 each). This guaranteed food and beverage minimum serves to cover the cost of the use of the ballroom. If we do not have \$310 in breakfast orders, we must make up the difference from our club's administrative resources.

We have been assured by the Plantation managers and Chef Sam that the new breakfast buffet—which will begin on December 22—is going to be high quality, nicely presented and delicious.

We will also be offering an incentive to purchase the full breakfast. Those who buy breakfast and participate in our 50/50 drawing will be given an extra matching number of 50/50 tickets. (For example, if you buy 3 tickets for \$2, you will receive 6 if you have also bought the full breakfast that day.) We are requesting that each of you try the new breakfast offering and let us know how you like it.

For planning purposes, Plantation Club requires that we provide a headcount in advance of the number of people who will buy breakfast. To reserve your breakfast:

- Sign up with Chris Butler at the check-in table
- Send an email to info@kiwanisofskidaway by noon Tuesday

Reservations for coffee-only service are not required.

We are developing an RSVP system to accept and compile breakfast reservations on our website. The system will allow you to make reservations for one or more meetings for yourself and your guests. We are evaluating WordPress plugins for this, and the new RSVP system should be available by mid-January. Stay tuned for news!



Menu Week #1

Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Grits
Sausage Links or Patties
Fresh Seasonal Fruit
Fresh Buttermilk Biscuits,
served with White Gravy on the side
Coffee/Tea

Menu Week #2

Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Grits
Applewood Smoked Bacon
Fresh Seasonal Fruit
Hash Browns
Low-Fat Greek Yogurt,
with Berries and Granola selection
Coffee/Tea

Menu Week #3

Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Grits
Potatoes O'Brien
Sausage Links or Patties
Fresh Seasonal Fruit
Coffee/Tea

Menu Week #4

Scrambled Eggs
Applewood Smoked Bacon
Fresh Seasonal Fruit
French Toast
Hash Browns
Coffee/Tea

Menu Week #5 (when applicable)

Chef's Selection Frittata
Potatoes O'Brien
Applewood Smoked Bacon
Fresh Seasonal Fruit
Coffee/Tea

"Coffee Only" Menu

Hot Coffee (Decaf & Regular)
Hot Water and Tea Bags
Creamers and Assorted Sweeteners

Menu Price

Breakfast: \$13.00
(\$10.12, plus 20% service fee and 7% tax)
Coffee Only: \$2.50
(\$1.95, plus 20% service fee and 7% tax)

MINIMUM GUARANTEE: \$310.00

Equivalent to:
20 Hot Breakfasts and 20 Coffees Only

Club & Member News

New Members

Please join us in welcoming **Nick & Judy Faraklas** (sponsored by Ben Gustafson).

Club Board Meetings

- **When:** Second Monday of the month
- **Where:** Merrill Lynch board room, in the Village
- **Time:** 8:05 AM

Board meetings are open to the membership. Please inform Secretary Jan Wright if you plan to attend. Thank you.

Guest Speakers for 2016–2017

December

- 12/01—**Hank Reed**, NATO COO (retired)
- 12/08—**Erik Raeburn**, Savannah State Head Coach
- 12/15—**Dr. Jay Howington**, Savannah Neurological Institute
- 12/22—**Local Clergy: “Wonder, Spirituality & Joy”**
- 12/29—**No Meeting: Happy New Year**

January

- 01/05—**No Meeting: Happy New Year**
- 01/12—**David Harris**, Lucas Theatre for the Arts
- 01/19—**Bill Izzard**, Savannah Score
- 01/26—**Dan Pavlin**, Buy Local/Landings Race

February

- 02/02—**Mark Forssell**, U.S. Nuclear Submarines
- 02/09—**Dare Dukes**, The Deep Program
- 02/16—**Rob Gibson**, Savannah Music Festival
- 02/23—**LTC Mike Squires**, Hunter Army Air Field Garrison Commander

March

- 03/02—**Cdr Jerry McLaughlin**, Mighty Eighth B17 Restoration
- 03/09—**Ron Stephens**, Georgia Legislature Issues
- 03/16—**Catie Sykes**, Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA)
- 03/23—**Tony O’Reilly**, Small Business Assistance Corporation (SBAC)
- 03/30—**Tom Sayers**, Estate Planning and Trusts

April

- 04/06—**Don Waters**, Brasseler U.S.A.
- 04/13—**Anne Lindsey**, UGA Marine Extension
- 04/20—**No Meeting — Spring Break**
- 04/27—**TBD**

May

- 05/04—**Herb Windom**, Skidaway Island Anecdotes
- 05/11—**LTC Jennifer Mykins**, Army Combat Aviation Battalion Commander
- 05/18—**Dr. Johnson**, Medical Information
- 05/25—**Jerry Davis**, Reverse Logistics

New Membership Application, Upcoming New Member Orientation

Our club has a new Member Application form that we hope will be more inviting for prospective members and help us get them involved more quickly. It's available from Chris Butler at the check-in desk and can be downloaded from www.kiwanisofskidaway.com. The new form: (1) no longer collects work and education statistics that Kiwanis International previously required but no longer uses, (2) has more room for applicants to share their skills and interests and (3) reflects the reality that prospective members may not be able to attend orientation before they apply to join and may plan to attend as soon as possible thereafter.

New Member Orientation programs will be offered immediately following our breakfast meeting on these dates: **December 22, January 26, February 23 and March 30**. New and prospective members and their sponsors are encouraged to attend orientation together.



Kiwanis Announces New Foundation Name: Kiwaniis Children's Fund

This is an exciting time for the Kiwanis International Foundation. Very soon, we will begin the rebranding of our foundation as the Kiwanis Children's Fund, which has been approved by the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees. We believe the Kiwanis Children's Fund is poised for greatness. That change will take place very soon, and we are excited to share with you some of the details behind what we know will be a fruitful, strategic move for all of Kiwanis. This decision was made after an extensive study and careful consideration.

- Third-party consultants evaluated our foundation's brand and recognized an opportunity to increase positive awareness and participation by connecting the name of our foundation to the Kiwanis motto: serving the children of the world.
- A global survey in seven languages overwhelmingly supported Kiwanis members' interest in a name change that ties our foundation to our mission.
- The name change is a logical extension of Kiwanis International's brand solidification.

The benefits of the rebranding efforts will be far-reaching. With enhanced understanding of our foundation's purpose and a stronger intellectual and emotional connection to the Kiwanis motto, members will be more predisposed to make donations to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. We believe this will lead to greater participation among clubs and individuals, increased availability of funds and, most importantly, more services provided to kids. The logistics of the change are well under way.

- The Kiwanis International Foundation will be "doing business as" the Kiwanis Children's Fund; so there are no legal changes required.
- Kiwanis International and Kiwanis Children's Fund staff members are updating materials in phases in order to implement the change as quickly and efficiently as possible, with minimal financial impact.
- The logo for the Kiwanis Children's Fund will stay aligned with the current Kiwanis International branding strategy. A sample of the logo is included at the bottom of this message.
- Kiwanis International will craft special versions of the name "Kiwaniis Children's Fund" to reflect nuances in various languages and cultures. For example, through our survey, we learned that "fund" is an unfavorable term in South America; so the Kiwanis Children's Fund will be referred to in Spanish as the Kiwanis Children's Foundation.
- The Kiwanis Children's Fund will continue implementing best practices for fundraising and distribution of funds to support Kiwanis clubs, districts and district foundations as they serve the children of the world.

We hope you share the same sense of excitement and optimism as we begin this important step into the future of the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Yours in service,

Jane M. Erickson, 2016–17 President, Kiwanis International

Chia Sing Hwang, 2016–17 President, Kiwanis Children's Fund

Chili Cook-Off 2016



Thank you, Participating Restaurants!

- Alligator Soul
- Byrd Cookie
- Cohen's Retreat
- Five Spot
- Jalapeños Mexican Grill
- La Napolera
- Miss Sophie's
- Troy Mediterranean Cuisine
- Village Bar & Grille
- Wyld Dock Bar

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Chili Cook-Off 2016



Thank you, Community Group Participants!

- America's Second Harvest
- Bowtie BBQ
- Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity
- Landings Club North (Deer Creek/Marshwood)
- Landings Club South (Oakridge/Plantation)
- Merrill Lynch
- Publix
- Union Mission

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Photo Gallery

December 1 Breakfast Meeting

Left: President Ben Gustafson opens the meeting

Middle: Guest speaker Hank Reed III gives an engaging presentation on his work with NATO

Right: Club Treasurer Bruce Schneidewind



Photo Gallery



December 8 Breakfast Meeting—Left: Jeff Heeder introduces new member Bobby Gillham; Center: Savannah State head football coach Erik Raeburn talks about instilling work ethic, belief in self and sense of family and his PFP (players-formations-plays) system; Right: Former Kiwanian Fred Scott introduces Coach Raeburn.



December 5-10 Bell-Ringing for The Salvation Army
Left: Howard & Judy Gandelot; Middle: Jan & Richard Wright, with Riley and her Christmas buddies (Riley's uncle is involved with The Salvation Army in his home town and her mom wanted to take this picture); Right: Chris & Bill Sickels.



More Bell-Ringing and December 15 Breakfast Meeting
Left: Lou and Gerry Molella; Middle: Thom Greenlaw; Right: A packed house listens intently while Dr. Jay Howington talks about brain death, how to recognize it, how to help families make informed medical decisions and organ donation.



Georgia District Lt. Gov. – Kathy Harrell

2016-2017 Officers & Directors

- **President** – Ben Gustafson (912-335-2770)
- **President-Elect** – Tom Stephens
- **VP/Secretary** – Jan Wright
- **VP/Treasurer** – Bruce Schneidewind
- **Past President** – Joyce Glenn
- **Directors, with terms expiring:**
 - 2017** – Charles Arraiz, Tim Baldwin, Cecilia Russo
 - 2018** – Dave Fox, Kevin O'Neil, Jim Smart
 - 2019** – Thom Greenlaw, Peter Pickerill, Jen Singeisen
- **Board Advisor** – Dan Umbel

Club Administration

- Attendance Reception – Chris Butler
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Roger Nord
- Awards – Dan Umbel
- Club Historian – Vacant
- District/Division Reports – Jan Wright
- Dollars for Doers – Dan Umbel
- Fundraising – Jim Smart
- Grant Allocation – Bob Norton
- Human/Spiritual Service – Rev. Jim Giddens
- Inter-Club – Sam McLaughlin
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Marketing/Public Relations – Cecilia Russo
- Membership – Joyce Glenn
- Member Education/Orientation – Dan Umbel
- Photography – Dick Glover, Keith Glenn
- Programs/Speakers – Jim Overton
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Jan Wright
- Youth Protection Guidelines – Vacant

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 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.

Contact us: info@kiwanisofskidaway.com

www.kiwanisofskidaway.com

By mail: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

600 Landings Way South, Savannah, GA 31411

2016-2017 Fundraising Committees

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 5) – Al Stiles
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 25) – Kevin O'Neil, Mike Pavlis
- **Concert on the Green** (TBD) – Thom Greenlaw
- **Show the Colors (Flags)** – Keith Glenn, Phil van Ess
- **Corporate Sponsors** – Jeff Heeder, Tim Baldwin
- **Take a Chance for Kids** – Tom Sharp, Chris Butler
- **The Eliminate Project** – Gene McDonald
- **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
- Bethesda Academy – Gary Hughes
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) – Charlie O'Brien
- Childhood Cancer Family Support Fund – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children's Advocacy – Skip Salus
- Corporate Academy – Jack Sherrill
- Family Promise – Mark Forssell
- Habitat for Humanity – Howard Gandelot
- Horizons – Greg Stinson
- Horsin' Around – Vacant
- 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 – Jerry Nusloch
- 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 – Tom Sharp, Chris Butler, Ron Weber
- 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, Tom Greenlaw
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah – Jan Wright
- Youth Challenge Academy – 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 Dan Umbel (dan_umbel@yahoo.com) or see www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors.