

KIWANIS CLUB *of* **SKIDAWAY**

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A letter from Club President Dan Umbel

Fellow Kiwanians,

The holiday season is upon us and the importance of this time of year means different things to different people. For us, it means my son Connor's seven-foot tall blow-up penguin staring at Bob's (Norton) house, a ridiculous list of wants for Santa, and my mom's German stollen cake. For each of you, it probably means something different; and for the children and families who we support through our Kiwanis service, it definitely means something far different from anything Connor understands.

This December we are calling on our membership to give a little extra help. Through three upcoming service projects, you can make a huge difference with the at-risk kids in our community. On Thursday, December 6th, you can join Bob Reinhard to work with children in the Special Olympics helping them enjoy competition and on the same day join Gary Bocard down at Second Harvest to pack boxes full of food that will be given to needy families. Also, starting on December 17th, you can join Ron Morris and the Salvation Army at Belk "ringing" our Ding and Dong paddles to raise money to support local families. So, let this message be just one more that asks you to partake in the saying, "it is far better to give than to receive." Rest assured that the families on the receiving end will be very grateful.

Also, each week it has been great to announce all of the guests who are attending our meetings. Keep up the good work bringing prospective members to our group. Hopefully, they are having fun and we'll see them with a Kiwanis name badge soon.

All the Best!

- Dan

Call for Volunteers!

Many thanks to Julie Gerbsch, Alice Carlyle, Jim Overton, and Brad Lucas for stepping up to organize monthly speakers for May, July, August, and September, respectively.

We need 2 volunteers to co-chair our 2013 Concert on the Green committee. 2012 co-chairs Sam McLaughlin and Dan DeGood have great hand-over notes, and Sam will offer his valuable assistance. Contact Bob Norton (355-1960, bobnorton1950@gmail.com), to learn more about it or to volunteer!

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Fundraising News



The 15th Annual Chili Cook-Off

What a beautiful day it turned out to be this year for this Annual Kiwanis fundraiser. The sky was sunny all day and everyone enjoyed themselves, especially our Island children. There were so many animals for petting, ponies to ride, a magician to entertain, craft projects and, of course, cookies to decorate and eat. The kids also wore themselves out at the Moon Walk. It was well after 2 p.m. before we pulled the plug and let the air out of this annual experience.

Chili Cook-Off Award Winners and Runners Up

	<u>Restaurant</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
JUDGES' AWARD		
Winner	Texas Roadhouse	America's 2 nd Harvest
Runner Up	Village Bar & Grille	Merrill Lynch
PRESIDENT'S AWARD		
Winner	Johnny Harris	Smith Brothers
Runner Up	Toucan/Sweet Potatoes	Plantation Club
HOTTEST CHILI	La Nopalera	Deer Creek Club
BEST PRESENTATION	Toucan/Sweet Potatoes	Plantation Club
PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD		
Winner	Smith Brothers	America's 2 nd Harvest
Runner Up	Texas Roadhouse	Merrill Lynch
- Dave Fox, Chairman, Judging		

Once again, the chili was hot, hot, hot at the La Nopalera booth, but the margaritas were smooth. They won the "Hottest" Chili and their space partner, Deer Creek Club, was a close second in this category.

Each year we have winners in the Restaurant and Commercial divisions. Everyone looks forward to the results. This year we had a late entry from the Merrill Lynch office. Their chili was Runner Up in the Commercial Division's "Judges' Award" and "People's Choice Award." Great going, guys! My understanding is that there is a secret ingredient in their chili that we hope Eddie Ambrose and member Matt Price will share with us someday.

This year's event raised almost \$13,000 for our charities. The Chili Cook-off is a lot of hard work, but it's well worth all the efforts of our members and participants. Thank you all for giving of your time and monies to make this such a big success.

- Marianne Schutz
Co-chair with Jim Overton



Agency News

Park Place Outreach – YES (Youth Emergency Shelter)

- Jim Overton, Park Place Outreach Board member

The door at Park Place Outreach is always open for young runaways who need a place to stay for the night or several nights. "We see kids who are having difficulties at home, such as family issues, conflicts with mothers, fathers," said one of our caring Park Place case managers. The agency – formerly called the Savannah Runaway Home – has helped around 6,000 young people since 1984.

All services at Park Place Outreach are provided at no cost. Some of the services are: 24/7 care, crisis intervention, 24-hour telephone crisis line, 12-bed emergency shelter, counseling (individual, group or family), 3 meals and 3 snacks daily, after-school tutoring, weekly life skill groups, curfew violator program, after care services, recreational services, street outreach program with peer mentors, peer counseling, after-school drop-in center, adolescent dating, violence prevention program, runaway prevention program, outreach program, and parenting classes.

The Kiwanis Club of Skidaway has supported Park Place Outreach for many years with our donations, time, and energy. For that, the Agency is most grateful and looks forward to Kiwanis' continued support in the future.

Union Mission

- Jan Wright, AASU Professional Communications & Leadership graduate program

Thank you to all Kiwanians who donated coats, jackets, and sweaters to Armstrong's coat drive benefiting Union Mission, which has been serving Savannah's homeless community since 1936. As of our November 20 delivery date to Union Mission, the drive collected had 1,439 items – 615 coats and jackets and 824 other garments. Of these totals, Skidaway Island donors provided 330 garments – 208 coats and jackets and 122 other garments.

Donations have continued to pour in. As of today, nearly 2,000 garments have been collected, including over 500 garments for infants.

Union Mission distributed coats and jackets on Thanksgiving Day to people in need in our community. Union Mission's Brenda Webber told me they have also donated garments to People Helping People (which provides meals and clothing each Sunday in Forsyth Park), to an agency helping victims of Hurricane Sandy (3 bags of coats), and through Union Mission's other Savannah networks to serve the homeless and shivering. Thank you for your Gift of Warmth this winter!



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The Salvation Army

- Ron Morris, The Salvation Army liaison

It's that time of year again for our Club to Ding and Dong outside Belk to help raise funds for The Salvation Army. Last year, our Club raised more than any other volunteer group. Let's continue that tradition! We will be manning the kettle from December 17 through December 22. If you can volunteer for 2 hours, let me know (598-7882, savannahronm@yahoo.com). We will also have sign-up sheets at our Thursday meetings.

Red Kettle History

- Courtesy of The Salvation Army

In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken. He only had one major hurdle to overcome – funding the project.

Where would the money come from, he wondered. He lay awake nights, worrying, thinking, praying about how he could find the funds to fulfill his commitment of feeding 1,000 of the city's poorest individuals on Christmas Day. As he pondered the issue, his thoughts drifted back to his sailor days in Liverpool, England. He remembered how at Stage Landing, where the boats came in, there was a large, iron kettle called "Simpson's Pot" into which passers-by tossed a coin or two to help the poor.

The next day, Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He soon had the money to see that the needy people were properly fed at Christmas.

Six years later, the kettle idea spread from the west coast to the Boston area. That year, the combined effort nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy. In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years. Today in the U.S., The Salvation Army assists more than 4.5 million people during the Thanksgiving and Christmas time periods.

Captain McFee's kettle idea launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but all across the world. Kettles are now used in such distant lands as Korea, Japan, Chile, and many European countries. Everywhere, public contributions to Salvation Army kettles enable the organization to continue its year-round efforts at helping those who would otherwise be forgotten.



Remember: You can designate your annual donation to our Foundation to [Project ELIMINATE](#). Just note that designation on your check.

**Thanks,
- Gene McDonald**



Club & Member News

<i>Date</i>	<i>Guest Speakers for December</i>
December 6	Kristi Parker Lt. Governor, Coastal Division, Circle K Clubs of Georgia
December 13	Lagoon Chat TLA Speaker
December 20	Interfaith Service & Christmas Carol Sing-Along
December 27	Happy Holidays!



Landings Association Directors (left) incoming-VP John Fitzgibbon and (right) Chuck Beck and (center) TLA General Manager & Chief Operating Officer Shari Haldeman engage Kiwanis Club of Skidway members' support for the upcoming vote to adopt Georgia's Property Owner Association Act provisions for The Landings.

***From Savannah Sommelier owners Christi and Kevin Smith:
"We wish all Kiwanians a happy and healthy holiday season.
Thank you for your past patronage, and we look forward to serving you in 2013."***



Happy December Birthdays!

1 – James Bradshaw
3 – Dean Sebastian
7 – Chris Williams
8 – George Bellino
13 – Jack Munroe
21 – John Scott
23 – Dick Shomaker
31 – Kelly Bouchillon

*Missed your birthday? Send your birthday to Secretary Ron Weber.
(Month/day is fine!)*

Welcome New Members!

Member (Sponsor)

Jerry Beets (Frank McCarthy)
Thomas Horner (Bruce Schneidewind)
Michael McIntyre (Erv Hietbrink)
Bryan Donaldson (Willson Blake)



L-R: 2012 Chili Cook-Off 1st Prize Winner Matt Thornburg, Smith Brothers Store Manager Gary Griffin, and 2011 Chili Cook-Off Runner-Up Phil Banks wish all Kiwanians “the happiest of holidays and blessings in the New Year.”

Smith Brothers in the Village

Kiwanigram's roving reporter met recently with Smith Brothers Store Manager, Gary Griffin, to congratulate him on Smith Brothers' success at our 15th Annual Chili Cook-Off.

A charter member of Rotary Club of Skidaway Island, Gary shared, “All of us at Smith Brothers are just proud to be part of the community. We try to participate in as many events as we can, like the Chili Cook-Off, which we have participated in every year since the very first Cook-Off 15 years ago.” He quickly whisked our reporter off to the deli area, continuing, “It's not just about me. I want you to meet Matt (Thornburg) and Phil (Banks) who are the ones who've helped us win, not just this year, but many times over the years.” A smiling chef Matt Thornburg, whose chili won 1st Place in the President's and People's Choice categories this year, added “I had a great time and am very happy to have won 1st Place ... twice!”

Harry and Leon Smith founded Smith Brothers in 1924 in the old City Market. The store moved to Bull Street in 1930 and then Habersham Street in 1948 and remained in the family until it was sold in 1993 to current owner Robert Anderson. Twenty-five years ago, in October 1987, Smith Brothers opened their doors to serve the residents of Skidaway Island who otherwise had to drive back to Savannah for most supermarket items. The store was one of the first businesses in the new Village Shopping Center and opened with Gary Griffin as the store manager and Willie Hughes as the market manager, who both continue to serve in those positions today.

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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 2013

Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton, Tom Sayers

• Terms expiring 2014

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
- 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
- Website – Melissa Emery

2012/13 Fundraising Committees:

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 3)
Marianne Schutz, Jim Overton
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 2)
Chris Butler, Matt Price
- **Legends of Golf** (April)
Jim DiGiorgio, Terry Overton
- **Concert on the Green** (May 4) - TBD
- **Corporate Sponsors & Partners Program** – Jeff Heeder
- **Dollars for Doers** – Jim O'Malley
- **Show the Colors** – Keith Glenn
- **50/50 Raffle** – Marianne Schutz



2012/13 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) – TBA
- 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
- 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.*

***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).*