

# KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the



December 2011

## *A letter from the president-Greg Stinson*

Today is Thanksgiving Day. It is a great day to spend time with family members and share a traditional meal that reminds us of all of the wonderful blessings we enjoy today, and have enjoyed over the years. We remember family members that have passed and the joy and inspiration that they continue to bring to us as we live out our lives. I am thankful that we Kiwanians have built a club, 25 years in the making; that gives each of us the opportunity to share our blessings with those less fortunate. Our club is what we make it and is fashioned in the image of how we would wish the world and community would be if we possessed the power to shape them. We do. We can impact one child at a time and give them memories and inspiration that they can share with their children in Thanksgivings to come. It is our legacy and we have the opportunity to create that legacy. If you aren't yet involved in a charity serving our community please take the time to get involved and help create Thanksgivings that will be meaningful for years to come for others. We will try to take five minutes at future Kiwanis meetings to showcase each of our sponsored charities so each of you become familiar with what each charity does for less fortunate children. You can then decide which charity is the best fit for your time and talent.

We have made changes to the Kiwanis Sponsors Program that make to it more efficient to administer. These changes free up the sales team to sell the merits of the program without getting entangled in the administration of the program. Jeff Heeder called me yesterday and told me that he has successfully sold a new Diamond sponsor. We will name this new sponsor at a future meeting when a representative of the business can be present to accept our heartfelt thanks. Congratulations and thanks to Jeff. The money we receive from this new sponsor will fund more activities to benefit those less fortunate. Thanks Jeff!

P.S. – Don't forget to fill out our "We patronize our Sponsors" cards and give them to our sponsors which are conveniently listed in the back of the Kiwanigram. Jack Hart has a supply of cards when you run out.



"It's all about the kids".

Greg

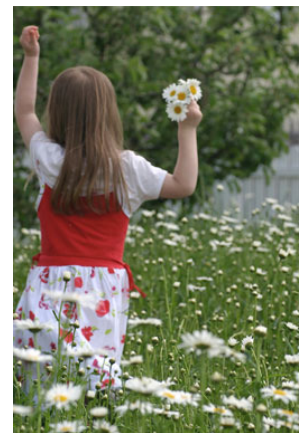
## ***December 2011 Schedule of Speakers***

<b><i>Dec. 1</i></b>	<b>Robin Wingate, Chapter Executive,</b>	<b>Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross</b>
<b><i>Dec. 8</i></b>	<b>Andrea Dove from Bethesda Academy</b>	<b><u>GOAL</u></b>
<b><i>Dec. 15</i></b>	<b>Gary Taylor from Savannah Chatham Metro Citizen Police Academy</b>	<b><i>Organization and Activites of the Local Police Force</i></b>
<b><i>Dec. 22</i></b>	<b>Maria Wargovich from Coastal Health District</b>	<b><u>Healthy Home Initiative</u></b>
<b><i>Dec.29</i></b>	<b>To be Determined</b>	<b>To be Determined</b>

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### **COASTAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER SAVANNAH, GA**

THE PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT CENTER PROVIDES A SAFE, CONFIDENTIAL, CHILD-FRIENDLY SITE FOR VIDEOTAPING INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWS WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY OR SEVERELY PHYSICALLY ABUSED, OR WHO HAVE WITNESSED VIOLENCE. VIDEOTAPING INTERVIEWS PREVENTS CHILDREN FROM HAVING TO TALK REPEATEDLY ABOUT EMBARRASSING PERSONAL DETAILS OF THEIR ABUSE, REDUCING THE TRAUMA OF DISCLOSURE FOR YOUNG VICTIMS. VIDEOTAPES ALSO PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT RECORD OF THE CHILD'S INITIAL STATEMENT FOR COURT PURPOSES



## ***2011 Kiwanis Chili Cook-off by Marianne Schutz and Melissa Emery***

What a great Saturday for Chili, beer and fun at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Chili Cook-off. The weather was a little chilly in the early morning hours, but all our volunteers showed up for duty. As the “Chili Vendors” arrived Jim Overton’s wife Lis stood ready to direct them to their respective booths.

Jim and his crew had everything organized to perfection. We even had some GM cars from Critz to show off in the center of the field.

Our musical entertainment this year was provided by Pete Liptrot and experience. We hope to get them back again next year.



The kids had so many things to do this year like face painting, cookie decorating, crafts and our very own Landings Magic men Ed Hiser and Jim Ruhl had them entertained. The Pony rides and Petting Zoo are always popular.

We broke all records with our gate sales this year – 251 in total. Considering the Rock and Roll Marathon, Mixed Member Guest Tournament plus so many other events, it was a great turnout.

There were 19 Chili Vendors this year representing both the Restaurant and Commercial Divisions of the event. The People’s Award went to Texas Road House in the Restaurant Division and the Marshwood Club in the Commercial Division. Sandfly BBQ and Smith Brothers were this year’s runner ups.

The grand prize winner of the Raffle was Jacqueline Donovan who won the brand new Kindle Fire. Many other Kiwanians won Gift Certificates to various restaurants, drycleaner and salons in the area.

As of this date we have received almost \$18,000 before expenses, which will be used to help the Disadvantaged Children of Savannah.

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## 2011 Chili Cook-off





# Special Olympics Bowling

*November 17, 2011*



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Terry Overton

#### Fund raising events:

Chili Cook- Marianne Schutz

& Melissa Emery

Concert on the Green – co-chairs-

Sam McLaughlin & Dan DeGood

Pancake Breakfast – Chris Butler

Co-chairs Todd Martin & Frank Liebgott

Corporate Fund Raising - Jeff Heeder

#### Services—Community:

L.O.V.E - Joyce Glenn

Habitat for Humanity - Howard Gandelot

Music Medicine-Elizabeth Jacobi

Interfaith Hospitality Network – Mark

Forssell

Kids Café - Gary Bocard

Library for the Blind - Dave Wyland

Mediation Center - Jerry Nusloch

Childrens Miracle Design – Jim

Beurle

Red Cross Blood Drive - Chris

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Salvation Army - Ron Morris

Savannah Friends of Music-

Melissa Emery

Social Apostolate - Bob Egan

Telfair Museum - Jack Neises

#### Services - Young Children:

Early Childhood Education-Tom Clark

Fishing Program - Tom Rood

Greenbriar – Gene McDonald

ROCK GROUP - Tom Clark

Bethesda Home – Gary Hughes

Bethesda Key Club – Tom Morrisett

Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus

Court Appointed Special Advocates for

Children. (CASA) Craig Hull

Horsin' Around- Pete Liptrot

Junior Achievement - Steve Duesler

Mighty 8th AF Museum – Tom McMullin

Notre Dame Academy - Gary Bocard

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Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber

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Otto

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Social and Trips - Dave Fox

Sunshine - Gwen Leathley

50/50 Drawing - Marianne Schutz



### Troupe Square

This square, located on Habersham between Charlton and Harris Streets, was laid out in 1851. It was named for George Michael Troup, Congressional Representative, Governor, and Senator. There was only one other square, Washington Square, named for a person who was alive when so honored.

On the West side of the square there are the high stoop McDonough Row Houses, built in 1882 that were the object of one of the first historic restoration efforts in the 1960s when federal funds became available for historic preservation activities.

Kennedy Row, low stoop brick houses on the West side of the square, were built in 1872 and also rehabilitated in the Troup Square Renewal Project.

On the West side of the square, there is a dog fountain that was reinstalled in the 1980s.

The Armillary Sphere in the center of the square was created in the 1970s and represents an ancient astronomical device. It originally had gold continents inside and twelve Zodiacs on the rim; but were removed to prevent theft or further vandalism.