
KIWANIGRAM *of* SKIDAWAY

FEBRUARY 2013



Message from Club President Dan Umbel

Hello fellow Kiwanians,

As the first month of 2013 comes to a close, I hope you and your New Year's resolution are doing well and still committed to one another. Each year, my resolution to wake up early and go to the Fitness Center never comes to fruition. Hopefully you don't have the same issue with yours.

As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway, our resolve is not only a commitment that we make to ourselves, but also a commitment to children who are victims of neglect and abuse, children who are homeless and hungry, and children who suffer from mental and/or physical disabilities. Our resolve must be strong, must not fade and must always come to fruition. We have volunteered for the responsibility of helping the at-risk children of Greater Savannah and must do all we can, all the time.

This month we tasked ourselves to increase our membership, the stewards of our cause, as well as ensuring the success of one of our major fundraisers, *The* Pancake Breakfast. Last Sunday our members stepped up to have the largest prospective member cocktail party in recent memory with well over 10 prospects in attendance. Thank you to our board, especially Melissa Emery for donating her home and Greg Stinson for organizing, and thank you to those members who brought guests. I think we did a good job telling our story of fellowship and service and am sure we will see great results.

And, we are only 10 days away from *The* Pancake Breakfast; keep working hard to sell as many tickets as you can. Our co-chairs Chris Butler and Matt Price thank you for your commitment and ask for one more big push heading into the big day.

Thank you for your resolve in all of our endeavors as we serve the at-risk children in our community.

All the best!

Dan



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Agency News

Project ELIMINATE—Our Georgia District is off to a good start on Project ELIMINATE, which is working to prevent maternal and neonatal tetanus, morbidity, and mortality in developing countries. Along with our fellow southern districts, a total of nearly \$3 million has been pledged. Georgia has contributed over \$500,000.

Overall, Kiwanians have committed over \$21 million in the first year. Our goal is \$110 million over a five-year period. Our Club is a little slow out of the gates with about \$1,500 paid or committed thus far, but I expect this to pick up over the year. Thanks to all who have contributed. Please contact me if you would like to add to our total.

- Gene McDonald
598-4250, genemcdon@comcast.net

AASU Circle K Club—The Circle K Club that our Club is sponsoring at AASU has now been officially established. Georgia District Lt. Gov. Kristi Parker has a number of members signed up and is actively recruiting. The Club should be fully up and running in the next month or two. We'll have Kristi back to one of our future meetings to discuss how AASU's Circle K Club can interact with our Club.

- Frank McCarthy

Fundraising News

Don't Be Left Out!
Help Show Our Colors!

Presidents Day is February 18 and it's the next holiday to **Show Our Colors!** If you or your neighbors haven't participated in this fundraiser, now is the time! Join us in celebrating our Presidents and honoring our country.

Your \$50 donation buys installation of two lawn flags for four National holidays (Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day) with the proceeds going to help the children of Savannah. Also, we can always use more volunteers to help with the distribution of flyers and the placement and removal of the flags. Call us!

- Keith Glenn, 598-9483
- Phil Van Ess, 335-8083



"Thank You, Smith Brothers!"

The next time you're in the Village, be sure to visit our newest Gold Sponsor, Smith Brothers, and thank store manager Gary Griffin and his team for their support. Thank them for providing such a great deal on food purchases for our Pancake Breakfast, and thank them for helping our Club help the children of Savannah!

- Jeff Heeder, Corporate Sponsor chair



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La Nopalera Restaurant
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The Village Bar & Grille

☞ Bronze Sponsors

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Klein Law Group, LLC
Jalapeños Mexican Grill
Russell D. Clemmons, DDS, LLC
Savannah Sommelier
The Savannah Bank
The Skinnie
TWATL
Wild Birds Unlimited



Club Events and Member News

Date	Upcoming Guest Speakers & Programs
February 7	Robin Gold, CEO, Savannah Book Festival
February 14	Jack Ramanos, Former CEO, Simon & Schuster <i>"The Business of Books in our Electronic Age"</i>
February 21	Mike Traynor, Publisher, Savannah Morning News
February 28	David Harper, Fortune 500 Consultant on Organizational Transformation <i>"Millennials (Generation Y) in the Workforce"</i>



All you can eat !

The Kiwanis 20th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 9th, 2013 • 7:00 am – 11:00 am
@The Skidaway Presbyterian Church

Advanced Tickets \$10 each or \$12 at the door
Kids under 8 eat for FREE !

Tickets are available from any Kiwanis Member or call:
Chris Butler 443-1492

Tickets can also be purchased online @www.kiwanisofskidaway.com



*Let's make this year's breakfast
the best ever
for Savannah's kids!*

Upcoming Events...

- **New Member Orientation**—Thursday, January 30 and Thursday, February 28 , immediately following our membership meeting.
Club contact: Keith Glenn
- **Pancake Breakfast**—7-11AM, Saturday, February 9, at Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church (see flyer).
Club contacts: Chris Butler, Matt Price
- **Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf**—Friday-Sunday, April 26-28 at Savannah Harbor Golf Resort. We will be helping with cars before, during, and after the event.
Club contacts: Jim DiGiorio, Terry Overton
- **Concert on the Green**—Sunday, May 5 at The Landings Association's athletic field. We need committee member volunteers for this annual community fundraising event.
Club contact: Bob Norton
- **Kid's Fishing Derby**—Sunday, May 26 at the Kids' Fishing Lagoon.
Club contact: Tom Rood



February Birthdays!

1 – Bob Chandler
 1 – Bob Egan
 1 – Bob Longueira
 1 – Michael King
 5 – Alice Carlyle
 9 – Tim Frame
 11 – Tom Morrisett
 11 – Philip Van Ess
 18 – Melissa Emery
 20 – Dana Taylor
 22 – Willson Blake
 22 – Lee Carroll
 24 – Charles O'Brien
 25 – Jim Beurle
 26 – Scott Walton
 27 – Herman Hill
 28 – Chris Butler

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January Birthday!

3 – Toni McBride

Welcome New Members!

Member (Sponsor)

☞ Charles Arraiz (*Erv Hietbrink*)
 ☞ Susan Disney-Greenberg (*Gene McDonald*)
 ☞ Amy Utley (*Jack Huber*)

(Top L-R) New member Mark Toth and Dan Umbel and (below) Tybee Island Marine Science Center's Costello



Happy Valentine's Day!

Don't forget your sweetheart! Need an idea for something special?
 Our corporate sponsors offer excellent options! Be sure to mention Kiwanis of Skidaway!

Photo Gallery



Guest Speakers for January

(clockwise from upper left)

✧ **Maria Procopio**, Executive Director,
Tybee Island Marine Science Center

✧ **Steven Freund**, Executive Director,
The Landings Club

✧ **Ed Conant**, retired U.S. Navy officer,
speaking on *The Accidental Columnist*

Thanks to everyone who's helped with the excellent speaker program we enjoy at our weekly meetings! If you'd like to recommend a speaker, please contact Bob Norton!

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**GA District Lt. Governor**

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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

2012/13 Fundraising Committees:

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 3, 2012)
Marianne Schutz, Jim Overton
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 9)
Chris Butler, Matt Price
- **Legends of Golf** (April)
Jim DiGiorgio, Terry Overton
- **Concert on the Green** (May 5) - 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) – Charlie O'Brien
- 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).*