# 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



# **Our Valued Corporate Sponsors**

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# **Club Events and Member News**

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



# All you can eat!

The Kiwanis 20th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Morrissett
- 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!

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# **Welcome New Members!**

## Member (Sponsor)

- ☑ Susan Disney-Greenberg (Gene McDonald)

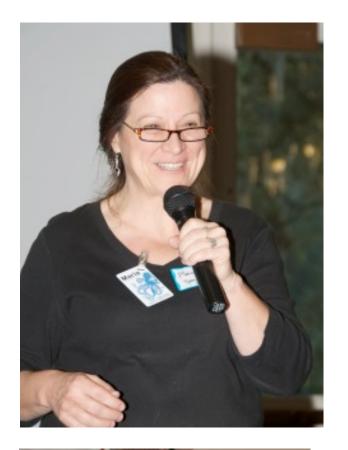
(Top L-R) New member Mark Toth and Dan Umbel and (below) Tybee Island Marine Science Center's Costello



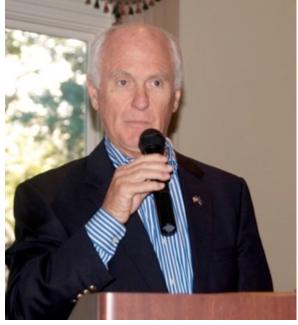
# Happy Valentine's Day!

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
- See 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!

#### KIWANIS CLUB OF SKIDAWAY

600 Landings Way South Savannah, GA 31411 www.kiwanisofskidaway.com

### **GA District Lt. Governor**

Allen Rassi

#### 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 Morrissett
- 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
- Mediation Center Jerry Nusloch
- Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> 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).