

KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY

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A letter from Club President Dan Umbel

Fellow Kiwanians,

Happy New Year!

"*Momentum*" is what comes to mind as I write this month's message.



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Last Thursday I had the opportunity to watch my Duke Blue Devils in their first bowl game since 1994, a game many pundits thought would be a blowout in favor of their opponent Cincinnati, one of the co-Big East Champs. This game was a seesaw of emotion and *momentum*. The ESPN commentators couldn't believe it, but Duke actually led 16-3 at the end of the 1st quarter, and then fell behind by one point going into halftime. Coming out of the half, Cincinnati scored the first 10 points, extending their lead to 11. Down but not out, Duke fought back by scoring 18 points in the 4th quarter. With 1:21 left, the game was tied at 34-34 and Duke had just driven 77 yards to the 5-yard line and was poised to score the winning points. Until... we fumbled... momentum killer.

What is the point to this message? We have *momentum* coming out of November's Chili Cook-Off. We raised more money than we have in past years and need to make sure that *momentum* carries into our Pancake Breakfast in February. NO FUMBLES ALLOWED!! Chris Butler and Matt Price have been working hard organizing our 2013 Pancake Breakfast; let's rally around them to make this one our best! Be ready to pick up your tickets on Thursday, January 3rd. I look forward to celebrating our success with you after that final pancake is flipped!

All the Best,
Dan

P.S. Duke lost 48-34 because we lost our momentum and the ball.

Save the Date!

What: Prospective Member Cocktail
When: Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 5PM
Where: The Emery's, 43 Cotton Crossing West
RSVP to: Melissa Emery, 598-1883
*Our goal is to have 10 prospective members
and their sponsors attend this event!*

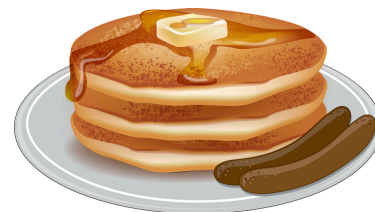
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Fundraising News

It's Pancake Time!

- Chris Butler and Matt Price



Our annual Kiwanis **Pancake Breakfast** will be held on **February 9** at **Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church**. The event will begin at **7AM** with ceremonial flip of the first pancake by Club president, Dan Umbel, and the serving line will close at **11AM**. Tickets are \$10 if purchased before the event and \$12 at the door. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or a book of 8 for \$10. The big prize will be a \$175 gift certificate to Ruth Chris, which includes a chauffeur-driven limo to and from the restaurant. Other great prizes from local merchants will be included in our raffle prizes.

The Pancake Breakfast has been a long-time tradition at The Landings. This year will mark the 20th year of this event! We usually serve over 800 people, so during the last 19 years well over 15,000 people have enjoyed pancakes and fellowship. The event has also become a celebrity attraction for some well-known celebrities such as Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, and Lady Gaga. Don't be surprised if you see a few Hollywood stars this year!

The Pancake Breakfast is one of three major community events that our Club does each year. It's a great source of revenue, and we rely heavily on it to help fund our Club's donations to local organizations. Because the event is held on Skidaway, we could have a limited market ... Let's expand that market this year by inviting some of our off-island friends to join the fun! We need each one of our Kiwanis members to sell their allotted number of tickets and raffle tickets. If you can't sell your tickets, please don't return them to us but instead purchase them and donate the tickets to the Club. We will find a good use for the tickets.

On a sad note, Jim Chapman recently passed away. Jim was a huge Pancake Breakfast supporter and always had sausage given to the Club for the breakfast. Many people thought Jim was able to get the sausage donated by Jimmy Dean, but Jim was the one who purchased and donated it. He also was very involved in donating time and effort on the day of the event. Jim will be missed.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask Chris Butler or Matt Price. We are co-chairs for the Pancake Breakfast and will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding this event. Thanks for your support!



In Memoriam

James M. Chapman, 77, died Wednesday, December 5, 2012 while visiting Mallorca, Spain. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors, Hodgson Chapel.

More fundraising news...

Show Our Colors is getting ready for Presidents Day (Monday, February 18).

To order your lawn flag installation for the next 4 holidays, contact Keith Glenn (598-9483) today! Thank you!

(L-R) Anne Bowen and Justin Addington shared their musical gifts with us at our December 20 meeting and led our Christmas carol sing-along.

Agency News



Coastal Children's Advocacy Center

- Skip Salus, Kiwanis of Skidaway's agency liaison

The Coastal Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC) provides a confidential, child-friendly site for video-recording forensic interviews with children who have been sexually or severely physically abused or witnessed violence. Recording interviews prevents children from having to talk about their abuse repeatedly, thus decreasing the trauma of disclosure, and preserving young victims' initial statements for court purposes.

CCAC offers free counseling, crisis intervention, information on child abuse and the criminal justice system, referrals to other community agencies, case management, emotional support, and follow-up services. The center serves more than 200 child victims and witnesses annually, the majority of whom are between 3 and 11 years old.

CCAC is part of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia, an accredited chapter of the National Children's Alliance. Our Club's financial support helps to ensure that CCAC's compassionate and cost-effective services remain available to every child who needs CCAC's help. For more information, call the center at 912-236-1401, or visit www.ccac-savannah.org.

Junior Achievement at Hesse K-8

- Steve Duesler, JA Volunteer Coordinator

Junior Achievement focuses on teaching elementary and middle school students the basics of financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and the free-enterprise system. Kiwanis of Skidaway volunteers lead Junior Achievement programs at Hesse K-8 School during the second semester of the school year. Volunteers commit to teaching a minimum of six, pre-planned, one-hour classes to students. Junior Achievement is responsible for supplying all the necessary materials to conduct a successful learning experience.



In a normal year, we need 16-18 volunteers to successfully execute the program. We will begin sign-ups in January 2013 and hope we can count on our members to make this year another fantastic success. For more information or to volunteer, please contact me (savlcr@bellsouth.net, 598-7247).

Special Olympics

- Bob Reinhard, Special Olympics Volunteer Chairman

Twenty-two Kiwanians volunteered for two days (December 5 and 6) of bowling sessions. Each person took a lane responsibility to assist the young elementary school aged and older high school handicapped kids enjoy a morning bowling experience.

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All the bowlers received medals or ribbons to show where they finished within in their lane competitors. Our Kiwanis donation to Special Olympics is used to purchase these awards. You can see in the pictures the kid's delight in receiving these awards.

Here are some quotes from some of the volunteers on their experience with Special Olympics:

- Bruce Custis: "Not sure who had more fun – the kids or me. Wonderful experience and very heart warming."
- Chris Butler: "I have done this for three years and it is truly special being with the kids. This year I passed on our Christmas Party at Ms. Wilkes to be at this event."
- Steve Duesler: "Makes one realize how fortunate we are. A little of our time can make a positive difference in a child's life."
- Ed Coulsen: "It truly was a very satisfying experience. Especially since one of my bowlers (a little girl in a wheelchair) had a high score of 95."
- Jack Huber: "Enjoyed the kids. The older group is a bit tougher to handle, but are good guys who try hard."



April will be our spring track event. I hope we can field our normal volunteer group to assist them at this event at Savannah Country Day School. The Special Olympics crew (paid and volunteer) expresses its deep appreciation for our club's financial and volunteer assistance.



Other agency news:

A "Hymns for Hope" concert benefitting the Interfaith Hospitality Network will be held at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church on January 27, starting at 5PM. Price: \$15 at the door. For more information, call 598-8460.

Club & Member News

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Guest Speakers for January</i> |
|--------------------|---|
| January 3 | Guy Petruzzelli, MD, Memorial Hospital "Cancer Care for 2013" |
| January 10 | Mark Edwards & Steven Freund – The Landings Club |
| January 17 | Moshen Badran, CEO, Goodwill of Savannah |
| January 24 | Maria Procopio – Tybee Marine Science Centre |
| January 31 | Tad Sanders & Chris Steigleman – The Landings Club "Rebuilding Oakridge Golf Course" |



Clockwise from upper left:
Reverends Sam Buice, Sam Henderson, and
Jim Giddens bring Advent and Christmas
tidings to members at our December 20
meeting.



Happy January Birthdays!

3 – Dick Glover
4 – Chas Sitrin
11 – John Geraghty
14 – Jerry Beets
15 – Greg Stinson
17 – Pat Cummiskey

Missed your birthday? Send your birthday to Secretary Ron Weber.

Circle K Lt. Governor Kristi Parker addressed our Club on December 6.

A few days later, she received approval to establish a Circle K Club at Armstrong.



Welcome New Members!

Member (Sponsor)

Daniel Malachuk (Mark Forssell)

Amy Utley (Jack Huber)

Charles Arraiz (Erv Hietbrink)



New members Jerry Beets (above center) and Bob Oliver (below center) with sponsor Frank McCarthy and Club President Dan Umbel.



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for their financial and in-kind support
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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
- Website – Melissa Emery

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) – 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).*