

Kiwanigram of Skidaway

Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

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2017-18 President Tom Stephens



**KIDS Need KIWANIS,
KIWANIS Needs YOU!**

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What more can we say?

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CLUB *of* **SKIDAWAY**



Message from the President

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

These are exciting times for our Club. We have so many talented members who are working hard to make sure you are kept informed, entertained and provided service opportunities that fit your interest. To mention a few... Jack Sherrill and his team are doing a great job in arranging speakers and field trips. The recent trip to Fort Stewart, organized by Lou Molella, Jack Sherrill and Dave Fox, was most enjoyable and informative. The artifacts in the China Room at Fort Stewart were amazing. The songs and music each week are the best. Tony Lembeck's creative lyrics and music by Mark Forssell make everyone smile. This issue celebrates many more volunteers.

On the service front, I want to make sure everyone is aware of our next major fund raiser. The Kiwanis Board decided this year not to continue with the "Concert at the Harbor." Many of you remember this as the "Concert on the Green" in the past. This was not an easy decision, as this event was enjoyed by all when the weather cooperated. The weather risk for an outside concert is the primary reason it was decided to look for a replacement event.

The Board discussed several options and has chosen an indoor bluegrass concert event, combined with an auction, as our next major fund raiser, with net proceeds to be granted to Savannah Early Childhood Foundation. Walt VanBrunt and Rudy Halbart announced the event at our last Kiwanis meeting. The concert/auction will take place on July 18th in the Plantation Ballroom. Please mark your calendars as you will not want to miss this fun evening.

Walt and Rudy will be looking for volunteers to assist them in planning and executing the event. If you are asked to assist, please say yes. This will be a community event and we want everyone to please talk this up with your neighbors and friends. Tickets will go on sale in early May. We also need to obtain items for the auction. The auction will take place during the concert intermission. We need five items that can be placed in the auction. This will be a live auction led by an auctioneer. Please see or email Walt, Rudy, or myself with any ideas or suggestions to help us locate the items for auction.

Your continued support and willingness to serve is most appreciated.

Tom

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**MAR
24**

**2018 Optim Orthopedic Skidaway Island
marathon and half marathon**

Public · Hosted by [RunSkidaway](#) and [Endurance Race Services](#)

Optim Marathon

- Kevin O'Neil and Lydia Moore

What a great day for Kiwanis!

I wanted share the names of all the volunteers who assisted us on Saturday, March 24, in reaching our goal for \$3K for at-risk children in Chatham County.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up your beautiful Saturday morning to help secure the course for the runners and to cheer them on. Thank you to the water-station volunteers for keeping those runners hydrated and safe.

I would like to also thank the Kiwanis members who went above and beyond by seeking and locking in additional volunteers through family, friends, and neighbors. As you can see by the list of names, they were very much needed!

I know the hurdle this year was the Web.com golf tourney meeting for marshals, but many of you reached out and I appreciate that communication.

I would like to also thank Jan Wright for getting out over 35 emails to the membership, all while out of the country in Hanoi. Thank you so much Jan, you're a life saver!

Race Day Volunteers:

Charlie Arraiz, Jane Ault, Tim & Marcia Baldwin, George & Laura Bellino, Tony Biegler, Dr. Booth, Mike & Shirley Brown, Katie & Ben Brown, Rich & Jan Brown, Dean Carroll, Judy Case, Ed & Pat Coulson, Dan DeGood, Melissa Emery, Nick Faraklas, Toni Floyd, Mark Forssell, John Geraghty,

Fundraising News

Pancake Breakfast

- Kevin O'Neil, Alan Fleming, and Nick Faraklas

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Pancake Breakfast a successful event and fun fund-raiser.

Thanks to all who bought or sold tickets, and thanks to our **Event Volunteers**:

Charlie Arraiz, Jerry Beets, Jim Beurle, Tony Biegler, Willson Blake, Alan Blount, Gary Bocard, Mike Brown, Art Chapple, Ed & Pat Coulson, Pat Cummiskey, Susan Disney-Greenberg, Melissa Emery, Nick Faraklas, John Fishburne, Toni Floyd, Dave Fox, Howard Gandelot, John Geraghty, Bobby & Elaine Gillham, Joyce Glenn, Thom Greenlaw, Bill Heald, Jeff Heeder, Clare Higby, Jack Holliday, Ed Lavish, Tony Lembeck, Frank Liebgott, Bob Longueira, Frank McCarthy, Gene McDonald, Sam McLaughlin, Lou Molella, Lydia Moore, Mike Newman, Bob Norton, Bob & Brenda Oliver, Kevin O'Neil, Ken Puglisi, Bob Reinhard, Tom Rood, Skip Salus, Tom Sayers, Marianne Schutz, Tom Sharp, Jack Sherrill, Bill & Chris Sickels, Charles Sitrin, Jim Smart, Al Stiles, Tom Stephens, Dan Umbel & sons, Greg Witbeck, Bill Wright, Jan Wright, and Youth Challenge Academy.

Bobby Gillham, Keith & Joyce Glenn, Jennifer Grayson, Ben & Diane Gustafson, Mary & Kathy Hardigan, Susan Heath, Jeff & Nancy Heeder, Ed & Johanna Lavish, Tony Lembeck, Bob Longueira, Shannon McBride, Robert McNamara, Lydia Moore, Ron Morris, Mike Newman, Bob Norton, Kevin & Mason O'Neil, Terry Overton, Marilyn Potts, Bob Reinhard, Tom Rood, Bruce Schneidewind, Jill Selman, Tom Sharp, Sheila Stallings, Al Stiles, and Walt VanBrunt.

Let's do it again next year!

Let's Show Our Colors

- Keith Glenn

Memorial Day and Fourth of July holidays are a great time to promote and support our flag program. This fund-raising program has raised nearly \$80,000 since its inception in July 2012. *Let's show our colors!*



Join us in remembering the sacrifices of our service member while helping Savannah kids

Sign up today to enjoy 2 lawn flags on 4 national holidays (July 4th, Presidents Day, Veterans Day and Memorial Day). We install the flags before each holiday and remove them shortly afterwards. While you show the colors, take pride that your donation will help an at-risk child in Chatham County.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY

Please send this form & your \$50 check (payable to Kiwanis Club of Skidaway) to Keith Glenn, 2 Cape Myrtle Ct. Savannah 31411. Questions? Call Keith at 598-9483

Service News

Junior Achievement

- Tom Stephens

Kiwanis of Skidaway and Rotary Club members collaborated to cover all of the elementary grades (1st through 5th) at Hesse Elementary, bringing the Junior Achievement experience to 752 students in February/March. Many thanks to:

- 1st grade (Our Families): Tim Baldwin, Jim Eleczko, Toni Floyd, Phil Turek, and Jan Wright
- 2nd grade (Our Community): Lynn Gensamer, Mike Newman, Bob Norton, and Tom Rood
- 3rd grade (Our City): Art Chapple, Bill Jahn, Michael & June Klavon, Ed Lavish, Cliff Lindholm, Bob Murphy, and Jim Smart
- 4th grade (Our Region): Jim Eleczko, Eric Gulster, Ron Krannich, George Lawrence, Doug Powelson, Peter Schram, and Dick Sullivan
- 5th grade (Our Nation): Tony Biegler, Mike & Shirley Brown, Gene McDonald, Bob Reinhard, and Al Stiles.

Junior Achievement is a very rewarding experience, both for the students and the volunteers. *Plan to join us next year!*

Special Olympics

- Bob Reinhard

Our Track & Field event, planned for April 10, was rained out. Thanks to all who volunteered... I will let you know when the event is rescheduled.

Girl Scout QuestFest

- Jan Wright

In early July, we will be stuffing backpack swag bags for the 2,500 Girl Scouts who are expected to attend the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia's QuestFest this summer. We are organizing this as a joint service project by Kiwanis of Skidaway women and one or more local P.E.O. chapters. Stay tuned for details and contact me at vjanwright1@comcast.net, if you or your spouse would like to help.

Club & Member News

New Members: Please join us in welcoming new members **Anne Marie Darsney** (sponsored by Tim Baldwin) and **Tony Lombard** (sponsored by Ben Gustafson), whose membership applications were approved at our March and April Board meetings, respectively.

New Member Orientation: Our next new member orientations are scheduled for April 26 and May 31. New and prospective members and their sponsors are encouraged to attend orientation together. For more information, contact Dan Umbel.

Board Meetings are held the second Monday of the month, starting at 8:05AM, in the Merrill Lynch boardroom in the Village.

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Membership Anniversaries:

- **March:** Roger Nord (2000), Emerson Ham (2002), Jack Hart (2002), Scott Howard (2002), Jim O'Malley (2003), Bob Longueira (2008), Bob Levenson (2013), Bob & Jeanette Grabener (2017), and Greg Witbeck (2017)
- **April:** Gary Bocard (1994), Bill Wright (2000), Chris Sickels (2000), Greg Stinson (2006), Elizabeth Jacobi (2008), Lou Molella (2008), Dan Umbel (2008), Craig Burgess (2012), and Al Stiles (2015)

Guest Speakers & Club Events

March

- 03/01—**Lyle Miller**, Plant Riverside Hotel progress
- 03/08—**Christina Kelly**, Author: Good Karma
- 03/15—**Jimmy Ray**, Savannah St. Patricks
- 03/22—**Field Trip to Fort Stewart:**
Tour of Second Division
- 03/29—**Mike Toma**, Local Economy

April

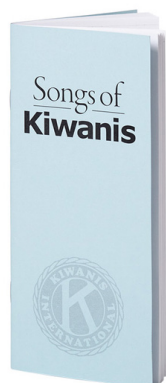
- 04/05—**Dr. Ann Levett**, Supervisor, SCCPSS
- 04/12—**Tony Lembeck**, Temple Mickve Israel
- 04/19—**Peter Paolussi**, The Cathedral
- 04/26—**Stratton Leopold**, Movies and Ice Cream

May

- 05/03—**Harold Yellin**, Savannah Real Estate
- 05/10—**Kathy Siler**, Skidaway Island Incorporation
- 05/17—**Jared Orten**, Savannah Bananas
- 05/24—**LTC Ken Dwyer**, Topic TBC
- 05/31—**Stephanie Lindley**, Byrd Cookie Company

June

- 06/07—**Paul Pressley**, Colonial Georgia
- 06/14—**William T. Moore**, Drugs and Crime
- 06/21—**Rich Burke**, Landings Developer
- 06/26—**Kiwanis Night at the**
Savannah Bananas' Ball Park
- 06/28—**TBD Military**



More Original Lyrics from Tony Lembeck

To the tune of "In the Good Old Summertime"

It's a fact that we observe:
Kids should get what they deserve.
People of Savannah know
That we are here to serve.



We do our best to pitch right in,
Assisting children in need.
Kiwanis Club of Skidaway,
We'll help them to succeed.



Meet New Member Anne Marie Darsney

- *Special to the Kiwanigram
from Tim Baldwin*

Anne Marie was born and raised in Lynn, MA. She met her husband Bill in high school. They've been married 45 years; have two children and four grand-children ages

3 – 6 years old. She's enjoying being a grandma and visits Massachusetts frequently to keep up with both of her children's families.

While Anne Marie and Bill are die-hard New Englanders, they bought their home in The Landings in 2005 and moved here full time in 2011 after one snow storm too many. Bill has been working full time but plans to retire in June of this year.

Since arriving at The Landings, Anne Marie has plugged into many new experiences including New Neighbors, Landlovers, Skidaway Farms, beginning golf, Carefree Boating, and volunteer work that includes Memorial Children's Hospital and West Broad Street YMCA.

Anne Marie's education and work experience has always focused on children's issues and development. She received a Bachelor and Master's Degree from Wheelock College in Boston, focusing on Early Intervention. She operated her own registered Home Day Care program for 10 years, and worked for Federal Early Intervention programs in MA and VT providing services to families of children birth to 3 with developmental delays or at risk for developmental delays. She spent 13 years working at The Family Place Parent Child Center which is part of a network of parent child centers in Vermont offering an array of services to support parents and young children.

Why Kiwanis? In her own words Anne Marie says, "The work of my former employer, The Family Place Parent Child Center, is very important work. Supporting families by building resilience not just for the child but very importantly for the parents is critical in the overall well-being and success of our children today. And it is especially important to provide this support as early as possible."

The Kiwanigram is published bi-monthly: in November, January, March (April), May, July, and September. Articles are due by the 15th of the publication month. Thank you.

"When I read about the mission of the Kiwanis Club to support young children at risk and to support the agencies involved in this mission, I realized this was an organization I wanted to be involved with. And then, when I looked at some of the specific groups that we support, e.g., Special Olympics, The Coastal Child Advocacy Center, Wesley Community Centers, Greenbriar Children's Center, and the Savannah Early Childhood Foundation, I realized that we were reaching out to the same critical programs that are embraced by the Parent Child Center. I thank you for welcoming me and I look forward to making a contribution to our very important work."

Editor's Note: We welcome "Meet New Member" articles from new member sponsors.

From our Membership Chair

OUR MEMBERS ARE SPECIAL

I am often asked the question, "What is Kiwanis?" I consulted a publication given to me by our club Secretary, Jan Wright, entitled "**Kiwanis is a Verb.**" It describes Kiwanians as people who: "Care more than others think is wise. Risk more than others think is safe. Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible."

Our members have joined a unique organization which provides services to our communities' neediest children. We have an opportunity to engage socially with great friends and keep informed about the major issues which concern us. We volunteer in ways that can truly make a difference. And we have fun doing it.

Since October, we have added 9 new members, bringing our total membership to 132. A warm welcome to new members Penny Burgess, Alan Fleming, June Klavon, Michael Klavon, Ken Puglisi, Jennifer Grayson, Kim Kramer, Anne Marie Darsney, and Tony Lombard.

If you would like more information about joining the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway, just contact any Kiwanian or membership chair Ben Gustafson 912-335-2770, gustafsonbd@gmail.com. Our club and its members truly are special, and we'd love to have you be with us!

- *Ben Gustafson, Membership chair*

Nominating Committee Report

Nominations for the 2018-2019 program year are announced below. Elections will be held in two weeks, and our new team will be installed in October.

President:	Jeff Heeder
President-elect:	Bobby Gillham
VP-Secretary:	Jim Smart
VP-Treasurer:	Bruce Schneidewind
Past-President:	Tom Stephens
New Directors:	Terry Breyman, Nick Faraklas, Lydia Moore, Trish Shanahan

Incoming president Jeff Heeder is working to identify volunteers for all committee roles and so far has confirmed:

- Tom Stephens will be our Membership director, succeeding past president Ben Gustafson.
- Kevin O'Neil will be our Fundraising director, working with individual event chair people.
- Jan Wright will be our PR/Marketing director, working with a team of volunteers.

Please take a look at the last page of this Kiwanigram to see opportunities to help as a committee member or chair person and let Jeff know where you'd like to get more involved.

Many hands make light work. *Kids need Kiwanis... Kiwanis needs YOU!*

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Annual donations for each sponsor level are: Diamond (\$3,000), Gold (\$2,000), Silver (\$1,500), and Bronze (\$750). For more information, [see www.kiwanisofskidaway.com](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com) or contact Jeff Heeder or Larry Wills.

Did You Know? Links to all of our sponsors' websites are available at www.kiwanisofskidaway.com. Our email is info@kiwanisofskidaway.com and we're on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kiwanisofskidaway.

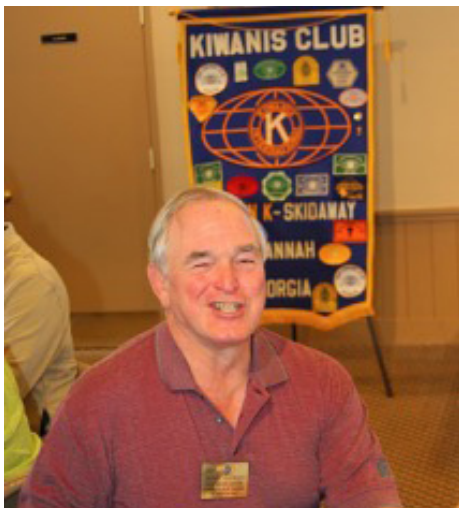
Kiwanis of Skidaway Photo Gallery — Were You Spotted?

Pancake Breakfast 2018



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Dick Glover





Save the date — Wednesday, July 18 — for our next event:

A Nashville Night for Savannah Early Childhood Foundation

Serving the at-risk children of Savannah, one child at a time... 10



Georgia District Lt. Gov. – Debi Pearce

2017-2018 Officers & Directors

- **President** – Tom Stephens (502) 641-3720
- **President-Elect** – Jeff Heeder
- **VP/Secretary** – Jan Wright
- **VP/Treasurer** – Bruce Schneidewind
- **Past President** – Ben Gustafson
- **Directors, with terms expiring:**
 - 2018** – Dave Fox, Kevin O'Neil, Jim Smart
 - 2019** – Bobby Gillham, Rudy Halbart, Jen Singeisen
 - 2020** – Alice Carlyle, Walt VanBrunt, Larry Wills
- **Board Advisor** – Dan Umbel

Club Administration

- Attendance Reception – Chris Butler, Ed Coulson
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Jay Ahrens
- Awards – Dan Umbel
- Club Historian – **Volunteer needed**
- District/Division Reports – Jan Wright
- Dollars for Doers – Dan Umbel
- Fundraising – Walt VanBrunt
- Grant Allocation – Thom Greenlaw
- Inter-Club – Sam McLaughlin
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schiviera
- Marketing/Public Relations – Jan Wright
- Membership – Ben Gustafson (912-335-2770)
- Member Education/Orientation – Dan Umbel
- Photography – Dick Glover, Michael Siegel, Keith Glenn
- Programs/Speakers – Jack Sherrill
- Publicity: Off Island – Cecilia Russo
- Publicity: On Island – Lydia Moore
- Social & Trips – Jim Smart
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Jan Wright
- Youth Protection Guidelines – **Volunteer needed**

2017-2018 Fundraising Committees

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 4) – Bobby Gillham
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 24) – Kevin O'Neil, Alan Fleming, Nick Faraklas
- **Skidaway Marathon** (March 24) – Kevin O'Neil, Lydia Moore
- **A Nashville Night for SECF** (July 18) – Walt VanBrunt, Rudy Halbart
- **Show the Colors** (year-round flag program) – Keith Glenn, Jim Smart, Melissa Emery, **more volunteers needed**
- **Corporate Sponsors** – Jeff Heeder, Larry Wills, Tim Baldwin
- **50/50 Drawing** – Susan Disney-Greenberg

Volunteer Service to Community Agencies

- America's Second Harvest/Kids Cafe – Gary Bocard
- Backpack Buddies of Skidaway – Tim Baldwin
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) – Obie O'Brien
- Childhood Cancer Family Support Fund – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children's Advocacy – Skip Salus
- Corporate Academy – Jack Sherrill
- Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center – Michael Siegel
- Family Promise – Mark Forssell
- Greenbriar – Melissa Emery
- Habitat for Humanity – Howard Gandelot
- Horizons – Greg Stinson
- Junior Achievement – Tom Stephens
- Kids Fishing Program – Tom Rood
- Landings Military Family Relief Fund – Lou Molella
- L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators) – Tom Rood
- Mediation Center – Ben Gustafson, Dave Fox
- Nat'l. Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force – Tom McMullin
- Park Place Outreach – Jack Hart, Jim Overton
- Performance Initiatives – Jeff Heeder
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Chris Britten
- Richmond Hill Key Club – Bob Norton
- Savannah Early Childhood Foundation – Ron Weber, Ben Gustafson, Lou Molella
- Savannah Friends of Music – Melissa Emery
- Savannah Philharmonic – Melissa Emery, Julie Gerbsch
- Social Apostolate – Bob Egan
- Special Olympics – Bob Reinhard, Ed Coulson
- The Salvation Army – Mike Brown, Thom Greenlaw
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah – Jan Wright
- Youth Challenge Academy – Dick Nelson, Keith Glenn

Kiwaniis Club of Skidaway is dedicated to helping the disadvantaged and at-risk children of the greater Savannah community. Since our club was established in 1987, our members have volunteered over 350,000 service hours and raised and distributed over \$1.5 million to agencies that provide services to these children and their families.

Contact us: info@kiwanisofskidaway.com

www.kiwanisofskidaway.com

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600 Landings Way South, Savannah, GA 31411

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