

Kiwanigram of Skidaway

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2017-18 President Tom Stephens

Message from the President

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

Our club, along with all others in the Georgia District, was asked to focus on membership and ways to increase our numbers. Through the leadership and efforts of our membership committee led by Ben Gustafson and other individuals who seek out and invite others to be a part of Kiwanis, we have been successful. Our membership rolls have grown this year with a total of 10 new members—Penny Burgess, Alan Fleming, Michael and June Klavon, Ken Puglisi, Jennifer Grayson, Kim Kramer, Anne Marie Darsney, and Tony Lombard; Kelly Bouchillon has reinstated his membership; and we have one membership application in hand for approval at our next Board meeting. I encourage club committee chairs and members to make sure new members are welcomed and given an opportunity to serve in their areas of interest.

Inviting a guest to attend one of our meetings sounds simple enough, but we need to be prepared for questions. Several years ago at a New Neighbors outing on the island, I asked an individual I had never met before to attend one of our Kiwanis meetings. I was not prepared for his simple question... "Why Kiwanis?". How would you answer? I stumbled through the questions with no specifics and I am sure the individual was not impressed. He never came to a meeting. Be prepared for questions with specifics. We should not only invite them but share what it means to you to be a Kiwanian.

Our efforts as a club support 30 organizations with our gifts and time. We do this because we believe in helping children, especially those considered at risk. Every child should be given a chance to have an enjoyable and fruitful life.

I encourage you to take a few minutes and reflect on what it means to you to be a Kiwanian. How it has helped and allowed you to make a contribution to our community that you may have not done otherwise. I know I would have never been involved with Junior Achievement if not for Kiwanis. This has been one of my most satisfying activities. To see the smiles of children who are eager to learn what I am trying to teach is wonderful. Most of us will never know the positive impact we have on a child from the activities we are involved with, but trust me you do.

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

sKIDaway:
What more can we say?



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President's Message *(continued from page 1)*

Your continued participation in our many fund-raising activities and charities we support is much appreciated. I know you will be prepared to answer the question, "Why Kiwanis?"

- Tom

Why a Kiwanian?

- Jeff Heeder, *president-elect*

Why a Kiwanian? If not a Kiwanian, What? Kiwanis is a unique International Organization that allows all of the proceeds from our various fund raisers during the year to go to at-risk children within Savannah and Chatham County. We distribute funds to around 16–18 children's charities that are annually vetted by our committee members.

We are comprised of approximately 135 members (mostly Landings residents) who meet weekly for breakfast, fellowship, and to hear great speakers. Our fundraisers are fun and require participation and involvement of our members. Our combined efforts raise approximately \$60,000–\$80,000 annually for those at-risk children in our community. Why not make a difference in children's lives? Be a Kiwanian.



**SAVANNAH EARLY
CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION**
All Children Ready At School Age



The Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs
of Skidaway present

A Nashville Night for Savannah Early Childhood Foundation

featuring the

Michael & Jennifer McLain Band
Bluegrass & Blues Concert • Live Auction



6:00–9:30 pm • Wednesday, July 18
Plantation Club Ballroom
Passed Hors d'Oeuvres • Member/Cash Bar
\$75 pp

(Checks payable to Kiwanis Club of Skidaway)

All net proceeds benefit SECF

Fundraising News Nashville Night for Savannah Early Childhood Foundation

- Walt VanBrunt and Rudy Halbart

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway and Rotary Club of Skidaway Island are joining forces for a good cause and a good time... and you're invited. The good cause is Savannah Early Childhood Foundation, whose mission through a parent-centric model is to help babies, toddlers, and pre-school children experience the language-rich nurturing they need to be ready at school age. The good time is a bluegrass and blues concert starring the acclaimed Michael & Jennifer McLain Band from Nashville, TN (<https://www.banjocats.com/welcome>).

"A Nashville Night for Savannah Early Childhood Foundation" will be held Wednesday evening, July 18, at the Plantation Club ballroom. Festivities begin at 6pm with passed hors d'oeuvres and a member/cash bar before the band takes the stage for two one-hour sets you are sure to enjoy.

There will be a live auction of desirable items during intermission — bring your checkbook — and a number of door prizes. *(Continued on page 5)*

Interview with Paul Fisher President, Savannah Early Childhood Foundation

- Special to the *Kiwanigram* by Jan Wright

Editor's note: This is the third in our series of Kiwanigram articles with Paul Fisher, president of Savannah Early Childhood Foundation. For previous stories, see

- kiwanisofskidaway.com/wp-content/uploads/Kiwanigram_July2014.pdf (p.4)
- kiwanisofskidaway.com/wp-content/uploads/Kiwanigram_July2015.pdf (p. 4)

Jan: Thank you, Paul, for meeting with me. As our club gets ready for our dedicated Nashville Night fund raiser, we'd like to provide an update on SECF's progress and plans. Some of our members are new, and some have been following the SECF story since its inception.

Paul: It's always a pleasure. For your newer members, SECF was created as a parent-centric model to help parents be better able to be their children's first teachers, so kids get the language-rich, stimulating environment they need for critical brain development to occur in the first years of their lives. Our goal is "all children ready at school age," and achieving this goal will also help break the cycle of poverty and crime that the populations we serve have been living with for generations.

Jan: Two of the questions I receive from Kiwanians are: How does SECF use the money we raise, and what early results does SECF have to show for its efforts?

Paul: Most of the funds raised go to covering the cost of our Early Learning College programs at Parent University. We have one paid staff, Michael O'Neal, and a host of volunteers. To continue expanding our ELC programs, we will need to have more paid staff, and that is something we're working to achieve.

Breaking the cycle of poverty, crime, and drop-out rates is a generational issue and takes time, but we believe in the research that underpins our parent-centric model and see results in two ways. **First**, we see progress in the positive, life-changing impact our programs are having on individuals, one parent and one child at a time. (For SECF, "parent" includes all adults who have a nurturing influence in a child's life.) Our pre- and post-ELC tests show progress, and the fact that more parents are sticking with our multi-session programs each year, more parents are coming as couples, and more communities are asking us to get involved shows that our programs are both valued and having a positive impact. **Second**, we are looking forward to receiving SCCPSS's school readiness test scores for the 2018-2019 class of children who will be starting public school for the first time. It's been five years since we started Early Learning College, and we're eager to see whether, as we expect, the readiness scores of the children whose parents have attended ELC will be higher than the average. I wish we had those scores already, but we're still waiting to get them from the school system.

Jan: Many of our members will have seen your recent letter to the editor in Savannah Morning News.¹ What are you most excited about for SECF's future impact?

Paul: Our private/public partnership is essential to SECF's success, both to ensure we have the financial resources we need for program continuity and so we can knit together the community resources needed to achieve our goal. We're encouraged by the growing demand for SECF to expand our services—also in new ways that better include men—and look forward to the impact our new Baby Showers program can have to reach parents who need shorter sessions than ELC currently provides.

Jan: We're glad that Rotary and Kiwanis are joining forces to raise awareness of SECF's programs through our fund-raising efforts. Can you share the role that these clubs continue to play?

Paul: The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Savannah founded SECF and all but one of our 11 Board members is either a Kiwanian or a Rotarian. From Kiwanis of



Top: Recent plenary session at Early learning college at Parent University. Middle: Small-group discussions at the new Baby Showers program at Yamacraw Village. Bottom: Michael O'Neal provides encouragement to an expectant mother at Baby Showers.

Skidaway, Ron Weber was recently elected as our vice president, succeeding Tom Sharp, and Ben Gustafson and Lou Molella are Board members.

Jan: I also asked Ron Weber for a few words on why he volunteers with SECF, and he shared two thoughts:

1. "I believe the majority of Savannah's crime is the result of poverty. The way to reduce crime is to eliminate poverty. This is done through education, which results in better paying jobs."
2. "The majority of human brain development occurs between birth and 5 years of age. SECF is a parent-centric initiative focusing on the parent as the child's first teacher. Its primary objective is to have all children ready to enter the school system."

¹ Here is the link the April 29 Savannah Morning News letters to the editor page: <http://www.savannahnow.com/opinion/20180429/letters-to-editor-monday-trumps-ideas-on-sex-education-lacking>. Scroll down to see Paul's letter.

Show Our Colors Update and Volunteer Recognition

Strong renewals and new subscriptions—many from The Marshes thanks to **Mark Forssell's** efforts—have Show Our Colors "on track to net \$18,000 for this program year," said team leader **Keith Glenn** at a recent breakfast meeting. And there's still time to raise more, with our 4th of July celebration, before this year's grants are distributed in September.

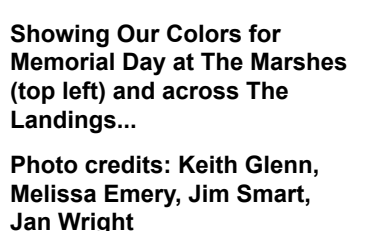
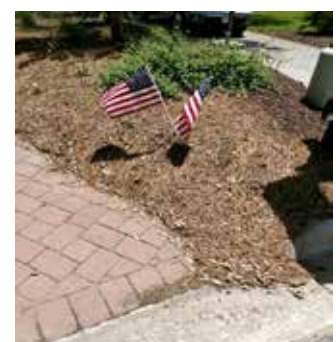
Why Kiwanis? Installation team captain **Jim Smart** replies, "Team members enjoy the camaraderie that comes from volunteering to help Savannah's kids." Many thanks to these members for installing and retrieving flags for this Memorial Day: Willson Blake, Gary Bocard, Terry Breyman, Pat Cummiskey, Mark Forssell, Jim Garrison, Keith Glenn, Melissa Emery, Jack Holliday, Tony Lembeck, Tony Lombard, Bob Longueira, Gene McDonald, Ken Mitchell, Terry Overton, Bruce Schneidewind, Jack Sherrill, Bill Sickels, Jim Smart, Ron Weber, and Bill Wright.

Why Kiwanis? Tube stuffing brigade captain **Frank Liebgott** replies, "This group, like all of us in Kiwanis, are doing it "For the Kids." There can be no better cause than being there for young people who need a helping hand. These team members share another element too... it's **fun!** Most of the members involve their spouses and turn it into a fun event. One of our members says, "it's a great way to spend a couple of hours alone with my husband." No matter the reason, this is a terrific bunch of people." He adds, "It is also important to note that whenever I have a couple of members unavailable for a particular distribution I NEVER have a problem getting other Kiwanians to jump-in and take over. The spirit of Kiwanis of Skidaway is very, very special."

Many thanks to the core team for helping with Show Our Colors, and also for our annual Chili Cook-Off and Pancake Breakfast: Jerry Beets, Hazel Brown, Mike Brown, Pat Cummiskey, Melissa Emery, John Fishburne, Bobby Gillham, Jack Hart, Bill Heald, Jeff Heeder, Ed Lavish, Frank McCarthy, Gene McDonald, Tom McMullen, Bill McNellis, Ron Morris, Terry Overton, Bruce Schneidewind, Bob Reinhard, and Al Stiles... and thanks to everyone who fills in from time to time.

Why Kiwanis? Ask any of the growing number of Kiwanians who subscribe to our flag program, and they'll tell you it's a great way to help our club raise more to distribute to local agencies that serve at-risk kids. If you'd like to join them, contact Keith Glenn (598-9483, jkeithglenn@bellsouth.net) or Jim Smart (757-344-3040, smartsville@aol.com).

Kids need Kiwanis, Kiwanis needs YOU!



Showing Our Colors for Memorial Day at The Marshes (top left) and across The Landings...

Photo credits: Keith Glenn, Melissa Emery, Jim Smart, Jan Wright

Service News

2018 Kids Fishing Program

- Tom Rood

Kiwanis is in a partnership with the Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia – Skidaway Island Chapter supporting the annual Kids Fishing Program. We are also tied-in with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Program with an objective of “Hooking Kids on Fishing Not Drugs.” Each Memorial Day weekend we conduct a Kids Fishing Derby at the Kids Fishing Lagoon. This year’s Derby drew 120 kids (44 beginners) with 114 catching at least one fish. The Derby is open to kids ages 3-15 years who are Landing’s residents and their guests, and also invited this year as our special guests were 8 kids from the Salvation Army.

We believe our Kids Fishing Derby benefits both the kids and our community. The kids learn a healthy outdoor activity, sportsmanship, and spend quality time with their families and other children. Everyone had a great time. Each year many of our volunteers comment, “I had as much fun as the kids.” The morning was topped off by distributing over 45 McDonalds and Bass Pro gift cards as door prizes and then rod/reels and tackle boxes as fishing prizes for the lucky winners.

This year our Kiwanis Club volunteered 16 members as referees, registrants and coordinators helping with the Derby. As referees, we help the kids record their catches and assist those needing help in landing and releasing the fish. The real satisfaction with the involvement in this event comes when you see the excitement in the eyes of a child who caught his/her first fish.

Quick volunteer facts:

- About 40 volunteers helped put on this year's derby.
- 16 Kiwanians volunteered: George Bellino, Toni Floyd, Dave Fox, Bobby Gillham, Bill Heald, Ed Lavish, Bob Longueira, Tony Lembeck, Frank McCarthy, Lou Molella, Tom Rood, Dick Shoemaker, Jim Smart, Greg Stinson, Tom Stephens, and Jan Wright.
- 4 spouses of Kiwanians volunteered: Rosemary Longueria, Gerry Molella, Pam Rood, and Richard Wright.



As we went to press, event photos were not yet available. They will be included in our next issue along with quotes from Kids Fishing Derby participants.



Our annual Track & Field day with Special Olympics was rescheduled due to rain, and our volunteers were there in force to help out. Many thanks to (L-R: Bob Reinhard, Toni Floyd, Willson Blake, Gene McDonald, Jerry Beets, Bobby Gillham, Walt VanBrunt, Tim Baldwin, Susan Disney-Greenberg, Tony Biegler, Anne Marie Darsney, Mark Forssell, Dave Fox, and Keith & Joyce Glenn. (Not pictured: Judy Case, Alex Fleming)

A Nashville Night for SECF *(continued from page x)*

As we went to press, the following live auction items had been secured:

- A three-bedroom cottage on Lookout Mountain
- A two-bedroom oceanfront condo with pool on Amelia Island
- A three-bedroom oceanfront condo on Tybee Island
- An exquisite piece of jewelry donated by Harkleroad Diamonds and Fine Jewelry
- Two tickets for the 2019 Americans Traditions Competition (each performance)

“We’re glad to be working together for SECF,” said Kiwanis president Tom Stephens and Rotary president Toni Marwitz, embarking on the first event of what the clubs hope will become annual collaboration to raise awareness of, and financial support for SECF’s work through the Early Learning College at Parent University. “We’re excited that the clubs are joining forces for this event,” said Rotarian and SECF president, Paul Fisher, “especially since Rotarians and Kiwanians undertook the seminal research that led to the Foundation’s creation and dedicated volunteers from both organizations have served on SECF’s board since then.”

Tickets are \$75, and only 300 tickets can be sold. All net proceeds will be donated to Savannah Early Childhood Foundation, and they will be matched through a generous grant that SECF announced last month. Be part of SECF’s success story: Get your tickets today!

For tickets, see Walt VanBrunt, Rudy Halbart, or Jan Wright at our meetings, or email us at info@kiwanisofskidaway.com and we'll reserve your tickets for you.

Club & Member News

New Members: Please join us in welcoming returning member **Kelly Bouchillon**.

New Member Orientation: Our next new member orientations are scheduled for May 31 and June 28. 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:

- **May:** Pat Cumiskey (1997), Dave Fox (1999), Melissa Emery (2003), Jan Wright (2010), Bill McNellis (2011), Bob Norton (2011), Patricia Levenson (2013), Mike Pavlis (2014), Larry Matthews (2015), Jen Singeisen (2015), Toni Floyd (2016), Jon Reynhout (2016), and Walt VanBrunt (2016)
- **June:** Dick Shomaker (1999), Brad Lucas (2011), Cecilia Russo (2011), Rudy Halbart (2014), Shari Haldeman (2014), Mike Brown (2015), and Ellen Grimm (2017)

Guest Speakers & Club Events

May

- 05/03—**Harold Yellin**, Savannah Real Estate
- 05/10—**Kathy Siler**, Skidaway Island Incorporation
- 05/17—**Jared Orton**, Savannah Bananas
- 05/24—**LTC Ken Dwyer**, Overcoming Adversity
- 05/26—**Kids Fishing Derby**
- 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
- 06/25—**Kiwanis Night at the Savannah Bananas at Grayson Stadium**
- 06/28—**TBD Military**

July

- 07/05—**No meeting... Enjoy the 4th!**
- 07/12—**Regina Wages**, USO
- 07/18—**A Nashville Night for SECF**
- 07/19—**Sherrie Spinks**, Savannah International Trade & Convention Center
- 07/26—**Dennis Jones**, Chatham Emergency Management Agency

August

- 08/02—**Maria Zouves**, Savannah Voice Festival
- 08/09—**Field Trip to the Port of Savannah**
- 08/16—**Herb Hubbard**, YMCA
- 08/17-19—**99th Georgia District Convention**
- 08/23—**Mike Morris**, Author, *Escape from Saigon*
- 08/30—Rescheduled: **Stratton Leopold**, Movies & Ice Cream



More Original Lyrics from Tony Lembeck

To the tune of Consider Yourself at Home

How lucky we are to be
Kiwanians on Skidway Island.
We're ready to serve, just call.
We'll be there! Kiwanians do it all.
We'll all have a lot of fun,
Whatever we do is truly enjoyable.



'Cause deep in our hearts we know
Our input is helping the children grow.
We're tireless and upbeat!
And even when we just meet,
We all enjoy the friendships in Kiwanis Club.
Camaraderie is so sweet!



Meet New Member Tony Lombard

I confess to never having heard about Kiwanis until my neighbor, Ben Gustafson, told me about the organization. When Ben told me Kiwanis' mission is all about helping children, this piqued my interest due to novelty to me and obvious importance in the

bigger scheme of things. My only previous experience working with children came from doing "Science is Fun" demonstrations to third graders as part of a social-responsibility initiative by a corporation I worked for. I quickly discovered that I preferred questions from Oxford dons rather than the third graders! Their inquiring minds and intolerance of obfuscation was a tremendous learning experience for us demonstrators. I also have a fair amount of experience in being beaten by children in chess tournaments!

Bringing up and educating my own two sons largely fell on my spouse, Beverley, due to my heavy travel and project schedules during my three-decades-long corporate career. She did a great job: My elder son became a scientist/engineer and the younger one is finishing up his studies to become a teacher. They grew up and were educated in South Africa, Europe, Canada and of course the United States of America.

Beverley and I moved to The Landings seven months ago in order to set up a U.S. home base after all our years of moving around the world. We are very impressed by the welcome we have received from our fellow residents and hope to be able to plough back, even though it might be in small measure, some of the privileges we were fortunate enough to enjoy through our lives. Kiwanis is a perfect vehicle to do so! If I needed any verification, it certainly came from my son. I mentioned to him that I have joined Kiwanis. He immediately recollected the tremendous support he received from Kiwanis when he was with Americorps, teaching underprivileged children in Colorado a few years ago. – Tony Lombard

Editor's Note: We welcome "Meet New Member" articles from members and sponsors. Thanks, Tony, for contributing this article while your sponsor Ben was recovering from shoulder surgery!



Thoughts on Kiwanis Membership

There are two thoughts on membership that I'd like to share with you. Both are from organizations that I love.

The first comes from a booklet, *Kiwanis is a Verb*, written for new Kiwanians. The booklet begins: "Kiwanis is a verb.

It's something you do. Lots of Kiwanians do it a couple of hours a week – some a lot more. But in all of the doing there is a single purpose in Kiwanis – service to our communities, especially to benefit the neediest and youngest members of our communities."

How to "do" is a personal decision, as each of us discovers how to complete the sentence "*I Kiwanis by...*". The answer can change depending on what else is going on in our life, but the point is that all Kiwanians do in some way great or small. For me, I Kiwanis by writing, supporting our fundraisers, volunteering with Junior Achievement, and being upbeat about Kiwanis wherever I go. I believe our collective doing is worth doing and makes a difference. *How do you Kiwanis?*

The second comes from a P.E.O.¹ workshop I attended, where a Georgia state officer ran an exercise about growing membership. (In the description that follows, I've substituted Kiwanis for P.E.O.) Her plenary session on *Membership & You* was a personal and shared experience. She challenged us to think about why we don't propose others for membership, offering feedback that many Kiwanians don't think about Kiwanis between meetings or about sharing the gift of being part of an organization that helps kids and whose members genuinely care about each other. She asked each of us to think about the other organizations in which we are members and the people we have met in those organizations who have made a positive impression on us. With our individual prospective Kiwanian lists in hand, we were then led through a table exercise to develop elevator speeches that we can use to talk about Kiwanis and to invite prospective members to want to know more about our club and the concern for kids and each other that we share. That's what my sponsor, the late Jack Huber, did (after we got to know each other as members of the United States Power Squadrons) when he said, "You should be a Kiwanian!"

Why Kiwanis? I hope these thoughts provide inspiration!
– Jan Wright, club secretary

¹ Founded in 1869, P.E.O. is an international philanthropic educational organization that encourages women to reach their potential and provides financial support through scholarships and loans. Of the 24 women who are members of Kiwanis of Skidaway, 4 are P.E.O.s., as are 13 women whose husbands are Skidaway Kiwanians. (P.E.O. data are as of 01/18.)

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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.



Georgia District Lt. Gov. – Debi Pearce

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- **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
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- District/Division Reports – Jan Wright
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- Publicity: Off Island – Cecilia Russo
- Publicity: On Island – Lydia Moore
- Social & Trips – Jim Smart
- Tube Brigade – Frank Liebgott
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Jan Wright
- Youth Protection Guidelines – **Volunteer needed**

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.

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600 Landings Way South, Savannah, GA 31411

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

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