

KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



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A letter from Club President Dan Umbel

Hello Kiwanians,

As the first month of our new year comes to an end, I don't think it is too early to say thank you!

- First - Thank You for showing up to the meetings... Thank goodness my nightmare didn't come true!
- Second - Thank You for your Service! Our club has already called on you for help in supporting the at-risk children of Chatham County this year, and you have risen to the occasion. Volunteering for one of our headlining events at the 15th Annual Chili Cook-off! Volunteering to be a Speaker Chairperson! Volunteering for Special Olympics! Volunteering to head a committee or cause! Thank you!
- Third - Thank You for spreading the word about our club! We have already welcomed seven new members. This doesn't happen by accident, our club has a culture and a cause that attracts great people.

In this issue you will find information about a wide range of topics, including: how you can participate in Project Eliminate, changes to our Leadership Track, new Corporate Sponsors, as well as Birthday's and New Members! Thank you to Jan Wright for taking up the reins as our Kiwanigram Editor; and thank you to Rob Bayless for working so hard over the last four-plus years as Editor before her.

If we keep this momentum going, I am positive this isn't the last time that we say thank you for all that you do!

It is great to be a Kiwanian of Skidaway!

Dan

P.S. – Only a few days left until the Chili Cook-off, let's raise a bunch of money for the kids!

Call for More Volunteers!

- *Bob Norton, Speaker/Program chair*

Many thanks to Jeff Heeder, Seth Walker, Marianne Schutz, Pat Cummiskey, Mark Toth, Kurt Faxon, Lou Molella, and Melissa Emery for volunteering to organize our monthly speaker programs for October through April and June. We need volunteers to arrange speakers for May, July, August, and September. If you can take a month or would like to suggest a speaker or topic, please give me a call! Thank you!

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Fundraising News



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus

Project Update

- Gene McDonald, Club project chair

Project Eliminate is a major undertaking by Kiwanis International in conjunction with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to eliminate maternal and neo-natal tetanus (MNT) worldwide.

This disease currently ravages children and mothers in 32 countries central Africa and Asia, down from 40 countries when Project Eliminate began in 2010. The elimination tool is a series of three (3) vaccinations for women of childbearing age. Without this simple preventative measure, up to 60,000 children a year die of this disease, one every 9 minutes.

Kiwanis International is undertaking a five-year campaign to raise \$110 million to fight this disease. Our Club has committed to help in two ways: (1) by dedicating all Hixon Award contributions to Project Eliminate and (2) by soliciting donations from individuals and Corporations without infringing on our existing fundraising efforts for the children of Chatham County.

Here are the ways you can help:

- Private Donations – One-time or multi-year pledges
- Matching Gifts – Some Corporations will match employees' direct donations to charities
- Designated Annual Foundation gift – Each year we solicit donations to our local foundation, you can designate this gift to Project Eliminate
- Corporate Gifts – Many Corporations or their Foundations will give only directly to charities and will not give through third parties like our local Kiwanis Club. Project Eliminate is a direct charity so it viable to solicit some of the major corporations in the area. They can give directly to Project Eliminate, and we will receive credit as well.

If you'd like to give or would like help in soliciting individual or corporate donors, talk to me at any of our Thursday meetings, or please contact me at genemcdon@comcast.net.



**Club President Dan Umbel
congratulates Keith Glenn,
our 2012 Hixon Award recipient.**

More Fundraising News

Welcome Gold Sponsor: Byrd Cookie Company

Byrd Cookie Company is an 88-year-old Savannah legend – a must-see stop for the millions of tourists who visit our beautiful city each year and a favorite for local residents who savor Byrd's tasty treats, delight in its gift offerings, and enjoy its in-store dining. Who among us has not enjoyed a Byrd cookie or given or received one of their world-famous cookie tins?

October is a special month for Byrd Cookie Company, with the grand opening of its new retail store in historic Savannah after an 85-year hiatus. You can now enjoy shopping at two locations:

- 6700 Waters Avenue, just north of Eisenhower Drive, and
- 213 E. St. Julian Street, in City Market.

You can also shop on-line at www.byrdcookiecompany.org, or follow Byrd on Facebook or Twitter.

October is also special month because Byrd Cookie Company has joined our family of sponsors as a new gold-level sponsor. The next time you're on Waters or in City Market, plan to stop by and let our friends at Byrd know how much we appreciate their support.



Agency News



Music Medicine Institute

MMI Founder/Director and fellow Kiwanian, Elizabeth Jacobi, attended the American Music Therapy Association Conference, held October 11-14 in St. Charles, IL. While there, Elizabeth showcased the programs MMI offered during this April's Month of the Military Child. She also showcased our Club for its support of MMI's efforts (see our photo gallery).

Reports Elizabeth, "It was especially gratifying to see the enthusiastic interest that US and international professional and student music therapists had in replicating our Month of the Military Child programs in their home towns."

For information on those programs and group scenes of the 125 children and music therapists who participated, see www.musicmedicine.org and click on Recent News.

Club & Member News

<i>Date</i>	<i>Guest Speakers for November</i>
November 1	Col. John Hort and Col. Kevin Gregory Ft. Stewart, Hunter Army Air Field Rear Garrison Commanders
November 8	Shari Haldeman, John Fitzgibbon, and Chuck Beck The Landings Association
November 15	Capt. Carl Ramey Southside Commander, Savannah-Chatham Metro Police
November 22	Happy Thanksgiving!
November 29	Kent Harrington "Cruise Ships in Savannah"

Upcoming Special Events

Chili Cook-off – Saturday, November 3, 9AM-2PM. Contacts: Jim Overton and Marianne Schutz. Sell your tickets and be sure to invite a friend!

U.S Naval Academy Men's Glee Club Concert – Friday, November 9, 6PM, St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Free to the public. Doors open at 5:30PM. Contact: Steve Duesler. For more information, see www.usna.edu/music.

Georgia Southern-Howard Football Outing – Saturday, November 10. Contact: Dave Fox.

The Imperative of Leadership – Monday, November 12, 6PM, Armstrong Center, 13040 Abercorn Street. This is a lecture by Maj. Gen. Jeffrey E. Phillips. Contact: Julie Gerbsch.

Coat Drive Benefitting Union Mission – Now through November 20 at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church. Collecting new and gently used coats and jackets, sizes toddler to adult. Sponsored by Armstrong's Professional Communications & Leadership graduate program in partnership with Union Mission. Give the gift of warmth today! Contact: Jan Wright.

Special Olympics Bowling Session – Wednesday, December 5, and Thursday, December 6, 10AM-Noon. Sign-ups will be in mid-November. Contact: Bob Reinhard.

Bell-Ringing for The Salvation Army – Information coming soon! Contact: Ron Morris.

Editor's Note: If you would like your event to be included in the Kiwanigram, please send an email to vjanwright1@comcast.net with details. The deadline is the 3rd Thursday of the month. Thank you!



15th Annual Chili-Cook-off
Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
TLA Athletic Field

Featuring up to **20** local restaurants' favorite
chilis. You taste 'em, you judge 'em.

Raffle prizes! Games, magician, petting zoo,
and more for kids!
Beer, sodas, hot dogs and Italian ices.

Tickets \$10 ahead, \$12 day of event
Kids under 8 - FREE!

Tickets available from any Kiwanis member, at
Smith Brothers, or online at
www.kiwanisofskidaway.com.
Call Marianne Schutz (4622)
for more information.

All proceeds help the children of Savannah.

**Participating
Chili Masters**

America's Second Harvest

Deer Creek Club

Jalapeños

Johnny Harris

Kroger

La Nopalera

Marshwood Club

Oakridge Club

Piggly Wiggly

Plantation Club

Sandfly Barbeque

Smith Brothers Village Market

Smokehouse Station

Starfish Cafe

Texas Roadhouse

Toucan/Sweet Potatoes

Village Bar and Grille



Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Hixon Award recipients (L-R_: Bob Yeoman, Bill Wright,
Ron Morris, Tom Rood, Pete Liptrot, Gary Bocard, Erv Hietbrink, 2012 recipient Keith Glenn,
Sam McLaughlin, Hazel Brown, and Bob Reinhard.



Happy November Birthdays!

2 – Dan Umbel
3 – Lou Molella
13 – Emmet Casey
17 – Pat Cummiskey
19 – Jim O'Malley
22 – Erv Hietbrink
25 – Tom Brendle
25 – Jim Chapman

Missed your birthday? Send your birthday to Secretary Ron Weber. (Month/day is fine!)

Belated October Birthday greetings to Dave Fox (October 3)

Photo Gallery



Welcome New & Returning Members! **Tim Frame, Bob Oliver, and Mark Toth**

Photos: (Above) Dan Umbel presents a Past President's gavel to Greg Stinson on October 11. (Below L-R) October speakers, SunTrust's Keith Lerner and Club member Kurt Faxon; Elizabeth Jacobi gives a shout out to our Club at the American Music Therapy Association Conference.





Scenes from our 25th Anniversary Celebration



Clockwise from upper left:
Speaker Rev. David Tribble, Bethesda Academy President;
Maestro Mark and Shirley Forssell,
Founding member Tom Potterfield, and
Past Lt. Gov. Erv Hietbrink and President Dan Umbel



Thank You to our 25th Anniversary Committee

Tom Sharp (chairman, reservations, seating),
Skip Salus (banquet), Melissa Emery (invitations, slide show),
Jack Huber & Pete Liptrot (slide show), Mark Forssell (piano);
Betha Pingle & Jan Wright (decorations, programs), and
President Greg Stinson



Our Valued Corporate Sponsors

Diamond Level



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS



**Let's be sure to thank all our sponsors
for their financial and in-kind support
and give them our business
whenever possible!**

*For more information about our
Corporate Sponsor program, see:
www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors.*

Gold Level

**Bart, Meyer & Company
Byrd Cookie Company
Smoke Station BBQ
Volvo of Savannah**

Silver Level

**Comfort Keepers
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La Napolera Restaurant
Savannah Toyota
The Village Bar & Grille**

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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 Directors:

- **Terms expiring 2013**
Gary Hughes, Frank McCarthy, Jim O'Malley
- **Terms expiring 2014**
Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton, Tom Sayers
- **Terms expiring 2015**
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)
Marianne Schutz, Jim Overton
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 2)
Chris Butler, Matt Price
- **Legends of Golf** (April)
Jim DiGiorgio, Terry Overton
- **Concert on the Green** (May 4)
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) – Craig Hull
- Childhood Cancer Family Support – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus
- Early Childhood Education – Tom Sharp
- ELIMINATE (Eliminate Maternal and 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 Mollela, 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).