

Kiwanigram of Skidaway

Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

Georgia District 4 — Savannah, GA — October/November 2016



Message from the President

Hello fellow Kiwanians,

We have certainly had some challenging times during the last two months with Hermine and then Matthew turning our island into a landscape of downed trees and damaged houses. As a result of Matthew, we almost had to cancel or postpone one of our signature fund-raising events, the Chili Cook-off. Thankfully, we were able to get restaurants, children's activities and member involvement which made for a fantastic time for everyone. It was great to see all the smiling faces of adults and especially children enjoying a wonderful day at the harbor. Special thanks to Al Stiles, Terry Overton, Dave Fox and Tom Stephens who provided leadership and many hours of hard work in making this event possible.

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Kiwanis of Skidaway Distributes \$65,400

(\$62,500 for Local Agencies)

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, Kiwanis of Skidaway mobilized \$65,400 for programs that serve children, and \$62,500 (96%) of it was invested locally.

It provided \$50,000 of grants to 16 local agencies, with grant amounts as follows:

- **\$1,000–\$2,500:** Backpack Buddies of Skidaway, Childhood Cancer Family Support Fund, Coastal Children's Advocacy Center, Horizons, Family Promise, Junior Achievement, Mediation Center, National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force, Performance Initiatives and Wesley Community Centers of Savannah
- **\$4,000–\$5,000:** America's Second Harvest (Kids Cafe), Local Outreach Volunteer Educators, Park Place Outreach, Social Apostolate and Youth Challenge Academy
- **>\$5,000:** Special Olympics

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President's Message (cont'd)

Congratulations and thank you to our new officers and Board members who took office in October:

President-Elect – Tom Stephens

Secretary – Jan Wright

Treasurer – Bruce Schneidewind

Board members – Thom Greenlaw

Peter Pickerell

Jen Singeisen

Jim Smart

We owe a special thank you to Secretary Ron Weber and Treasurer Jay Ahrens who are retiring from these important positions after 8 years. They have been outstanding in providing leadership and guidance to our club and they will be greatly missed. Also greatly missed will be our retiring Board members, Phil van Ess and Chris Butler who have served for three years. Last, but not least, I also want to express my appreciation for the leadership and guidance exhibited by our outgoing President, Joyce Glenn. She will remain on our Board of Directors as Past President.

Bob Reinhard and Ed Coulson again organized our participation in Special Olympics bowling. Our members and the children involved had a wonderful time, and the joy on the kid's faces was great to see. Our next activity is the annual bell ringing for Salvation Army at Belk's. Mike Brown and Thom Greenlaw are organizing this event and will be asking for your participation. The dates we are committed to are December 5-10. Please sign up. You will enjoy it.

It is going to be a busy and exciting and rewarding year! I wish you all a great holiday season with family and friends. We have much to be thankful for.

- Ben Gustafson

Kiwanis Distributes \$65,400 (cont'd)

The club also provided \$1,500 of *Dollars for Doers* grants (\$300 each) for these agencies: Coastal Conservation Association, Congregation Agudath Achim, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home, Hesse K8 PTA.

In addition, the Club raised \$11,000 for Savannah Early Childhood Foundation through its dedicated Take a Chance for Kids raffle and provided \$2,900 of grants to Kiwanis International, Kiwanis Georgia District and Richmond Hill Key Club.

We thank our corporate sponsors for their support, our members and neighbors for participating in our Chili Cook-Off, Pancake Breakfast, Concert on the Green, Show the Colors, Over the Edge, and Take a Chance for Kids events, as well as the individuals who donated to The Eliminate Project. You all help to serve the at-risk children of Savannah, one child at a time!

Our Valued Sponsors

Please join us in thanking our sponsors. Plan to visit their business, use their services, and thank them for supporting our club's fundraising efforts to help Savannah's kids.

- **Diamond sponsors:** Brad Durham, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
- **Gold sponsor:** A&C Gold
- **Silver sponsors:** Color Concepts
- **Bronze sponsors:** Bart, Meyer & Company, Bernard Williams Insurance, CertaPro Painters, Comfort Keepers, Critz Auto Group, Jalapeños Mexican Grill, Optimal Hearing, Savannah Dental Aesthetics, Savannah Toyota, Volvo of Savannah/Mitsubishi Motors
- **In-kind support:** The Skinnie, TWATL

Fundraising News

Chili Cook-Off

Chili Cook-Off 2016 was a fantastic success, with an expected net of over \$14,000.

Hundreds of residents and guests came to Landings Harbor Marina on a beautiful fall day to enjoy each others' company, the beautiful setting, and the fantastic chili served up by 17 restaurants and community contestants. Thanks to everyone who helped to solicit contestants, set up and take down the booths, and sell tickets. What a wonderful way to take a break from Hurricane Matthew clean-up and raise much-needed funding to support Savannah's at-risk kids.

There were 10 participants in the restaurant group: Alligator Soul, Byrd Cookie, Cohen's Retreat, Five Spot, Jalapeños Mexican Grill, La Napolera, Miss Sophie's, Troy Mediterranean Cuisine, Village Bar & Grille and Wild Dock Bar. There were 8 participants in the community group: America's Second Harvest, Bowtie BBQ, Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity, Landings Club North (Deer Creek and Marshwood), Landings Club South (Oakridge and Plantation), Merrill Lynch, Publix, and Union Mission.

As a group, contestants said they enjoyed participating in this annual community event to raise funding for local agencies that serve Savannah's at-risk children. *Please be sure to visit at least one of the participating vendors before December 31 to thank them for supporting our event.*

Show the Colors

Last year's Show the Colors campaign netted \$14,550 to help Savannah's kids. This is a wonderful fund-raiser. Catch the patriotic spirit and pass it on! We're off to a good start this Veteran's Day, as tubed flyers produced 79 new subscribers. What would it take to have everyone on your street show the colors?

Agency News

Junior Achievement

The Skidaway Kiwanis Club is proud to partner with Junior Achievement of Georgia at Hesse K8 School. Through club member dedication to the program and students, our student reach continues to grow from 571 (2015-16) to 769 (tracking 2016-17).

We were very pleased to welcome Hesse's new Principal, Kimberly Newman, to an August meeting, for a brief meet and greet. Ms. Newman was excited to see the strong commitment to her school and students and welcomes all Kiwanis to volunteer.

Special Thank You to our outstanding 2016-17 volunteers: Scott Singeisen, Toni Floyd, Erv Hietbrink, Rudy Halbart, Susan Disney-Greensberg, Bob Norton, Tom Rood (2 classes!), Ruth McMullin, Tom Stephens, Jen Singeisen, Ed Lavish, Jim Smart, Brent Scoggins, Bob Reinhard, Doug Carroll, Art Chapple, Mike Brown and Walt VanBrundt. *(continued on p4)*

2016 Chili Cook-Off Winners

Judges Award

Restaurants

- 1st place: Byrd Cookie
- Runner Up: Jalapeños Mexican Grill

Community

- 1st place: Union Mission
- Runner Up: Landings Club North (Deer Creek and Marshwood)

Presidents Award

Restaurants

- 1st place: Village Bar & Grille
- Runner Up: Wild Dock Bar

Community

- 1st place: Bowtie BBQ
- Runner Up: America's Second Harvest

Hottest Chili

Restaurants

- Winner: La Napolera

Community

- Winner: America's Second Harvest

Best Presentation

Restaurants

- Winner: Jalapeños Mexican Grill

Community

- Winner: America's Second Harvest

People's Choice

Restaurants

- 1st place: Troy Mediterranean Cuisine
- Runner Up: Alligator Soul

Community

- 1st place: America's Second Harvest
- Runner Up: Landings Club South (Oakridge and Plantation)



Fall classes (Elementary level) are filled, but we are committed to six more classes (Middle level) in the winter (January/February) and could use your help. See Tom Stephens to join Team Kiwanis at Hesse! (See also page 8.)

Special Olympics

It's November, it's time bowling time! Bob Reinhard and Ed Coulson thank all the club volunteers who helped Special Olympics athletes to have fun together and compete for recognition and prizes. Before you know it, we will be getting ready for our Spring track & field events. Plan to join us! (See also pages 6 & 8.)



Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, February 25
Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church
7 AM – 11 AM

Tickets \$10, \$12 at the door, kids under 8 free
Available at www.kiwanisofskidaway.com or from any Kiwanian
Contact: 912-598-5171

All net proceeds benefit Savannah's at-risk kids

Club Administration News

What is the Kiwanis I-Plan?

Kiwanis International's strategic plan, the Kiwanis I-Plan, is designed for each district and club to use as a guide to create their own plans and choose their own paths toward accomplishing common goals. The plan focuses on four goal areas—or priorities—that will help clubs, districts and our overall organization thrive for years to come as a positive force for good in the world:

- **Inspiration: Membership & Engagement.** Goal: To build, retain and support a growing Kiwanis membership network
- **Impact: Meaningful Service.** Goal: To perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority
- **Image: Our Kiwanis Image.** Goal: To enhance the Kiwanis image worldwide
- **Investment: Financial Viability.** Goal: To ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship

At their November meeting, our club's Board members previewed the I-Plan tool and had preliminary discussions on how it might be useful for our club, also taking into account the results of our recent member survey. If you'd like to read more about Kiwanis I-Plan, see <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis/about-kiwanis/i-plan>.

Let's Stay in Touch!

Our club uses at least eight communication tools to help keep members and the public informed. If you have additional suggestions, or your contact information changes, please let Marketing Chair Cecilia Russo and Secretary Jan Wright know.

- **Weekly email blasts**—Last year's president Joyce Glenn debuted weekly email blasts, a practice that worked well and is continuing. These are typically sent on Monday.
- **Special phone blasts**—We subscribe to a service that enables us to record messages that are delivered via phone blasts. We use phone blasts to make special announcements about changes in meeting venues and special events.
- **Breakfast meeting announcements**—We will continue to have announcements during the business section of our breakfast meetings.
- **Our website**—Our website has a wealth of information on its public and member pages, and it is also the place to buy tickets online for our Chili Cook-Off and Pancake Breakfast. See www.kiwanisofskidaway.com. For member-only news, look under "Membership" and login using 715Thursday as the password.
- **Our new Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/kiwanisofskidaway)—If you use Facebook, please visit, like our page and invite your friends to like our page, too.
- **Our new bi-monthly Kiwanigram newsletter**—With our weekly email blasts, we are moving to a bi-monthly format for our Kiwanigram newsletter. *Our editor wants and needs help.* Would you be willing to help with writing and following up with columnists so all articles are ready by the deadline?
- **Orientation materials**—We conduct new member orientation (usually the last Thursday of each month) and have information packets for corporate sponsors.
- **Event Publicity**—In addition to using the above tools, event publicity is done through a variety of channels: TWATL, Skinnie, Landings gate exit signs, TLA's email blast, large flyers, tubed 1/2-page flyers and your word-of-mouth.

Club & Member News

New Members

Two new members have joined since October 1. Please join us in welcoming **Bill Sickels** (sponsored by Chris Aiken Sickels) and **Bobby Gillham** (sponsored by Jeff Heeder).

Member and new member directories are available on our club's website. Visit www.kiwanisofskidaway.com and, under membership, click "Login." Enter the password and you can access information for members only. If you need the password, contact webmaster Jan Wright at 659-9358.

Our next new member orientation will be November 17.

Weekly Breakfast Meetings

- **When:** Every Thursday morning
- **Where:** Plantation Club ballroom
- **Time:** Breakfast and beverage service begins shortly after 7:15 AM and our business meeting begins by 7:50 AM, followed by our guest speaker's presentation. Meetings will conclude no later than 9:00 AM.
- **How much:** Please check with our check-in desk for charges, if you wish to enjoy coffee only, continental breakfast or full breakfast. Payment may be made to Landings Club accounts or by cash.

Bring a friend!

Guest Speakers for 2016-2017

October

- 10/06—No Meeting: Hurricane Matthew
- 10/13—No Meeting: Hurricane Matthew
- 10/20—Dr. Tom Lockamy, SCCPSS
- 01/28—Dr. Brad Durham, DDM

November

- 11/03—Tim Morrissey, WJCL TV
- 11/10—Raoul Rushin, Landings Company
- 11/17—David Canham, First Responders
- 11/24—No Meeting: Happy Thanksgiving

December

- 12/01—Hank Reed, NATO COO (retired)
- 12/08—Chris Roberts, Local Artist
- 12/15—Dr. Jay Howington, Neurological Institute of Savannah
- 12/22—Local Pastors: Christmas Program
- 12/29—No Meeting: Happy New Year

January

- 01/05—No Meeting: Happy New Year
- 01/12—David Harris, Lucas Theatre for the Arts
- 01/19—Bill Izzard, Savannah Score
- 01/26—Dan Pavlin, Buy Local/Landings Race

February

- 02/02—Mark Forssell, U.S. Nuclear Submarines
- 02/09—Dare Dukes, The Deep Program
- 02/16—TBC, Savannah Music Festival
- 02/23—LTC Mike Squires, Hunter Army Air Field Garrison Commander

March

- 03/02—Cdr Jerry McLaughlin, Mighty Eighth B17 Restoration
- 03/09—Ron Stephens, Georgia Legislature Issues
- 03/16—Catie Sykes, Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA)
- 03/23—Tony O'Reilly, Small Business Assistance Corporation (SBAC)

Upcoming Georgia Kiwanis Events for 2016-2017

- **2017 District Convention:** August 25-27, Waverly Renaissance Hotel, Atlanta, GA

For the latest on Georgia Kiwanis news, see your Georgia Kiwanian magazine or visit www.georgiakiwanis.org.



Message from Past President Joyce Glenn

It was my pleasure to serve as president. Anyone who holds this office needs the support of Kiwanis members. With that in mind I would like to thank the many people who have made 2015-2016 a great experience for me.

First, I thank all the people who have been presidents of Kiwanis. They have made this club the outstanding organization it is. They have provided the ground work for all of us to follow.

The membership committee headed by Bob Norton provided 14 new members. Our membership success was recognized by Kiwanis International. Job well done to the membership committee. The funding committee headed by Tim Baldwin led us through changes in the process. Also it was a time of limited funds, and hard decisions had to be made. Thanks to Tim and his committee for their excellent work. Our heads of fundraising projects faced some unusual challenges, but handled them with ease. Both Terry Overton and Tim Baldwin had to deal with last-minute changes of venue. Their efforts resulted in kudos from people who attended the Chili Cook-Off and the Concert on The Green. Mike Pavlis and Kevin O'Neil headed up the Pancake Breakfast, with wonderful results for pancake lovers and our agencies. Keith Glenn continues to provide leadership for our Flag program.

The power team provided us with outstanding programs. They have done so much to enhance our weekly meetings. You certainly made a difference.

Of course, I have to thank the Board who have provided guidance and advice. Thank you for being there to help me. A special thanks to Ron Weber and Jay Ahrens who are leaving the Board after EIGHT YEARS of service.

Lastly, thanks to Ben Gustafson and Keith Glenn. Ben has been a sounding board and advisor. I am sure he will do a great job as president. Keith has been my support not just in Kiwanis but in life.

I am sure I have missed thanking everyone who needs thanking. Please know that working with all of you has been my pleasure.

-Joyce



Agencies Say Thanks

Special Olympics

Bob,

Please pass along my sincerest thank you to those members of the Kiwanis who served as volunteers at last week's bowling event for Special Olympics. Without your continued support and that of your fellow Kiwanis members, the Area 17 Fall Games would not have been the success that it was. Know that your time and commitment to Special Olympics are greatly appreciated.

Thank you and have a great day!

*David Hooker, Science Teacher and Girls Soccer Coach,
Savannah Country Day School*

Coastal Children's Advocacy Center

Joyce,

On behalf of our board, staff, and most especially, the child abuse victims we serve, I want to thank you and the other Kiwanians for the very generous donation of \$2,500 to the advocacy center. Your gift will make it possible for us to purchase a significant quantity of educational coloring, comic and activity books, as well as pamphlets for children and parents on a variety of topics related to molestation, family violence, the criminal justice system, postponing sexual involvement, growing up with grandparents, fostering, substance abuse, and related issues. These materials will be in both English and Spanish.

It was so kind of the Club to host me for breakfast today, and I deeply appreciate the hospitality of the membership. I look forward to visiting with you every fall, as you are such a warm and welcoming group!

Thanks again for your support of the center, and for all that your Club does to make this a better community for our youngest and most vulnerable children.

Warmly,

Kris Rice, Executive Director

Wesley Community Centers of Savannah

Dear Members of the Grants Distribution Committee,

It was a pleasure to attend the celebratory breakfast this morning. I enjoyed the program and spending time with you.

It is on behalf of Wesley Community Centers of Savannah, Inc., that I write to thank you for the generous donation of \$2,500. This donation will directly benefit the homeless and low-income women, children, and families who rely on Wesley's many services including our nationally-accredited Early Childhood Center, youth services, and Family Advocacy program.

Thank you again for your dedication to Wesley and those we serve. You are a blessing to us.

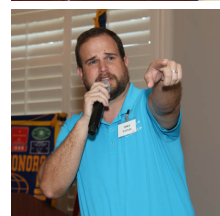
Kind regards,

Tammy A.K. Mixon-Calderon, Executive Director

Photo Gallery



Left Above: Special Olympics Bowling; Left Middle: Salvation Army Bell Ringers; Left Bottom: Junior Achievement
Right Above: Army Bands from our 2016 Concert on the Green at Landings Harbor; Right Below: Weekly Meeting Memories





Georgia District Lt. Gov. – Kathy Harrell

2016-2017 Officers & Directors

- **President** – Ben Gustafson (912-335-2770)
- **President-Elect** – Tom Stephens
- **VP/Secretary** – Jan Wright
- **VP/Treasurer** – Bruce Schneidewind
- **Past President** – Joyce Glenn
- **Directors, with terms expiring:**
 - 2017** – Charles Arraiz, Tim Baldwin, Cecilia Russo
 - 2018** – Dave Fox, Kevin O’Neil, Jim Smart
 - 2019** – Thom Greenlaw, Peter Pickerill, Jen Singeisen
- **Board Advisor** – Dan Umbel

Club Administration

- Attendance Reception – Chris Butler
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Roger Nord
- Awards – Dan Umbel
- Club Historian – Vacant
- District/Division Reports – Jan Wright
- Dollars for Doers – Dan Umbel
- Fundraising – Jim Smart
- Grant Allocation – Bob Norton
- Human/Spiritual Service – Rev. Jim Giddens
- Inter-Club – Sam McLaughlin
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Marketing/Public Relations – Cecilia Russo
- Membership – Joyce Glenn
- Member Education/Orientation – Dan Umbel
- Photography – Dick Glover, Keith Glenn
- Programs/Speakers – Jim Overton
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Jan Wright
- Youth Protection Guidelines – Vacant

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 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

By mail: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

600 Landings Way South, Savannah, GA 31411

2016-2017 Fundraising Committees

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 5) – Al Stiles
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 18) – Kevin O’Neil, Mike Pavlis
- **Concert on the Green** (TBD) – Thom Greenlaw
- **Show the Colors (Flags)** – Keith Glenn, Phil van Ess
- **Corporate Sponsors** – Dan Umbel, Jeff Heeder, Tim Baldwin
- **Take a Chance for Kids** – Tom Sharp, Chris Butler
- **The Eliminate Project** – Gene McDonald
- **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
- Bethesda Academy – Gary Hughes
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) – Charlie O’Brien
- Childhood Cancer Family Support Fund – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children’s Advocacy – Skip Salus
- Corporate Academy – Jack Sherrill
- Family Promise – Mark Forssell
- Greenbriar – Gene McDonald
- Habitat for Humanity – Howard Gandelot
- Horizons – Greg Stinson
- Horsin’ Around – Vacant
- 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 – Jerry Nusloch
- 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 – Tom Sharp, Chris Butler, Ron Weber
- 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, Tom Greenlaw
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah – Jan Wright
- Youth Challenge Academy – Keith Glenn

Corporate Sponsors are very important partners for our club and 100% of their donations are used to help children. Annual donation levels are \$3,000 for Diamond sponsors, \$2,000 for Gold sponsors, \$1,500 for Silver sponsors, and \$750 for Bronze sponsors. Kiwanis Club of Skidaway recognizes our sponsors through publicity at fundraising events, at membership meetings, on our website, and in our Kiwanigram; and our club provides complimentary admission tickets to our fundraising events as a gesture of appreciation for their support. For more info, contact Dan Umbel (dan_umbel@yahoo.com) or see www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors.