

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the



October 2011

A letter from our new president-Greg Stinson

According to WTOC, we have “enjoyed” 120 days of 90 degree or higher temperatures through September 28, 2011. This is a new record, surpassing a 1986 record of 114 days. I don’t know about you but there are weather records of which I would not like to be a participant; that is one.

Fortunately there are indications that Fall is on the way. Dave Fox is coordinating the Kiwanis football/tailgating party to Georgia Southern scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2011. Their opponent is Furman and it should be a good game and a fun time. The Chili Cook-off is coming up on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at the athletic fields.

These events are the two things I look to each year to tell me the Mother Nature is going to turn the blast furnace down for several months. Let’s pray for a mild winter that will allow for plenty of golf and other outdoor activities.

We had a nice meeting yesterday at the Plantation Club. It is always rewarding to see the checks passed out to the charities at which we donate so much time and energy. This event reinforces the importance of our year-round efforts. I applaud all of the time and energy you donate to help the kids of Savannah and these charities. The money is great and very much needed but your personal involvement is the real commitment.

Congratulations to Erv Hietbrink on being the recipient of the Kiwanian of the Year Award. It is richly deserved and Erv has been a selfless volunteer for our club and he is very much appreciated. The bestowing of this award was worth it if, for no other reason, it was the first time I have seen Erv speechless. Gene, you should be proud of the job you have done as President of our club. 2010-11 was a great year and you were the ever-present steward of our efforts. Now you can sleep in a few minutes more on Thursday mornings.

Thanks for your Board service Jim Beurle and Terry Overton, your counsel was/is very much appreciated.

Welcome to the Board Jim Overton and Jeff Heeder. Jay Ahrens will remain our Treasurer and Ron Weber stays on as Secretary as does Tom Sharp our Board Advisor. Bill Wright steps down as Past President, being replaced by Gene McDonald. Todd Martin will be starting out the leadership track as Vice President of Services and Dick Nelson will become our Vice President of Fundraising and Melissa Emery is Vice President of Marketing. Dan Umbel moves up the ladder to President-Elect. Congratulations to all of you!

I have asked for Melissa Emery’s assistance in surveying you, our members, for your feelings and suggestions for your club. At time of submission of this newsletter we have received only sixty responses. This is less than 40% participation; we should be able to do better than that. Please refer to Ron Weber’s email reminder, dated September 29, 2011, which contains the survey link. I promise you it can be answered in five minutes and your input will help us shape the club for the year ahead. My goal is to respond to the survey suggestions to make a great club even better. As they say in business “happy employees make for happy customers.” If you enjoy your club you will be more likely to participate in its’ activities and increased participation will help the kids

Remember, it is all about the kids!



Greg

Special Olympics

Special Olympics will hold their fall bowling event on Nov. 17. It will entail volunteers to help from 9:30 am to about 12 noon--working with the kids at the Tibet Bowling Alley. Please contact Bob Reinhard.

New Kiwanis Gold Sponsor

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Each building will feature various design elements unique to the specific brands. Phase 1 incorporated Mercedes-Benz's "Autohaus" Global Design initiative featuring an integrated and open sales and service reception layout. Phase 2 will incorporate Buick/GMC's new design initiative that visually represents Buick's "Unpretentious Luxury" and GMC's "Engineering Excellence". Phase 3 will be a ground-up new BMW dealership incorporating BMW's belief that architecture is critical to a client's experience.

All three buildings will incorporate multiple interactive displays, a central café and open architecture for three-point contact between Sales, Service & Parts and Accessories.

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**October
2011 Schedule of Speakers**

<i>October 6th:</i>	Michelle Wagoner-	Coastal Center for Development Services
<i>October 13th:</i>	Carole Kaczorowski	- Kids Net Savannah
<i>October 20th:</i>	Adam Van Brimmer-	Savannah Morning News
<i>October 27th:</i>	To be announced	

Ryder Cup Golf Results

The fourth annual Ryder Cup golf competition between nine two person teams from the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs was held on September 27th on the Palmetto golf course.

Although the Kiwanis team had won the last two outings, they were unable to secure the victory, losing by a score of 21-16. With the exception of the 5 point match between the Presidents of each club, each of the other eight matches were contested for a total of 4 points each. Of the nine matches, two ended in a tie and four matches were decided by a single point. The Rotarians were able to win three of those very close four matches, many of which were secured on the final hole. Erv Heitbrink and Ed Lavish led the Kiwanis team by winning 3 1/2 points



followed by Kurt Faxon and Chris Butler with 2 1/2. Gene McDonald and Gary Bocard secured a tie in the Presidents division for 2 1/2 points as did Jack Munroe and Mark Forssell for 2 points. Congratulations to the Rotary team and Greg Stinson will be scheduling a time when he visits the Rotary meeting for the trophy presentation.



**Front Row left to right: Mark Forssell, Gary Bocard, Terry Overton, Jack Munroe, Erv Heitbrink, Gene McDonald, Jeff Heeder, John Hamson.
Back row left to right: Kurt Faxon, Ed Lavish, Jack Hart, Jay Ahrens, Gary Hughes, Robert Longueira, Chris Butler, Dave Cooper, Tom Rood.**

They Rotary Ryder Rabble



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Captain Matt Starling, owner of Gold Sponsor Smoke Station Bar B Que is now offering Fresh Fish Dinners every Friday. Please check it out and don't forget to give him one of our Kiwanis cards distributed and available at our breakfast meetings-also available with reservations only on Thursday nights. Back room is available for large groups.

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Legends of Golf - Jim Giorgio, Terry

Overton

Fund raising events:

Chili Cook- Marianne Schutz & Melissa Emery

Concert on the Green – Richard Nelson
co-chair

Pancake Breakfast – Chris Butler

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Corporate Fund Raising - Jeff Heeder

Services—Community:

L.O.V.E - Joyce Glenn

Habitat for Humanity - Howard

Gandelot

Music Medicine-Elizabeth Jacobi

Interfaith Hospitality Network - Mark

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Library for the Blind - Dave Wyland

Mediation Center - Jerry Nusloch

Childrens Miracle Design – Jim Beurle

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Savannah Friends of Music-Melissa

Emery

Social Apostolate - Bob Egan

Telfair Museum - Jack Neises

Village Library - Jim Chapman

Services - Young Children:

Early Childhood Education-Tom Clark

Fishing Program - Tom Rood

Greenbriar – Gene McDonald

ROCK GROUP - Tom Clark

Bethesda Home – Gary Hughes

Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus

Court Appointed Special Advocates for
Children

(CASA) - Allen Berger,

Horsin' Around- Pete Liptrot

Junior Achievement - Steve Duesler

Mighty 8th AF Museum – Tom McMullin

Notre Dame Academy - Gary Bocard

Park Place Outreach - Jack Hart

Special Olympics – Bob Reinhard

Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber

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DEVELOPMENT

Bethesda Key Club – Tom Morrisett

West Chatham – Sammy McLaughlin-

New Club Builder

HUMAN & SPIRITUAL SERVICE

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Sunshine - Gwen Leathley

50/50 Drawing - Marianne Schutz



Pulaski Square

This square on Barnard Street between Harris and Charlton Streets was laid out in 1837 and named for Count Casimir Pulaski, the highest ranking foreign officer to die in the American Revolution.

The red brick Jewish Education Alliance building on the East side of the square is now a dormitory for the Savannah College of Art and Design. The house on the Northwest corner of Barnard and Harris is new housing, completed in 1993. The house across from it is the 1839 house of Francis Bartow, a Confederate hero. It is now several apartments.