

# KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



Kiwanigram

October 2012



## A letter from Past President Greg Stinson

As we enter autumn, it's time to transition from the outgoing leadership to the new leaders. I would like to thank Gene McDonald,

Past President, and outgoing Directors Marianne Schutz, Dick Nelson, and Todd Martin for their service to our club as Board Members. We welcome new Board Members, Joyce Glenn, Frank Liebgott, Bob Norton, and Tom Sayers to our Board and thank Jim O'Malley for agreeing to serve another year to help us balance out our rotation.

Thank you for letting me serve as your President as we complete 25 years of dedicated service to the less fortunate children of Savannah. And, welcome to our new President, Dan Umbel and President-Elect, Melissa Emery. I am confident that they will receive the same support and dedication from you, our members that I have enjoyed. Thank you,

*Greg*

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## A letter from Club President Dan Umbel



This week we celebrate the efforts and impact that our club has made in Chatham County over the past twenty-five years.

Over that time, our dedicated members have contributed tens of thousands of hours to help thousands of local children as well as raised and donated over \$1 million to local agencies that serve at-risk children in our community. As we usher in the next twenty-five years, celebrating the history of our club will provide momentum for us as we focus on the basics that made us so successful; great members and a concentrated effort to help the children in our community.

Our club, like that of the first one established in Detroit in 1915 was founded on fellowship and service. This year we will have a renewed commitment to the "membership experience" as well as getting everyone involved in serving our community's children through "hands on volunteerism."

I am confident that the talent of our current 150+ members is unmatched. So, as we look forward to the history that we create every day I rest assured knowing that the impact we can have on our community will be just as great when the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee prepares for that celebration twenty five years from today.

I look forward to serving as your President!

All the Best!

*Dan*

## **Fundraising News**

### **Corporate Sponsors Program – An Important Fundraising Pillar**

*- Special to the Kiwanigram from Corporate Sponsors chairman, Jeff Heeder*

Several years ago, Sam McLaughlin invited local businesses to help sponsor our Concert on the Green community event fundraiser. The sponsors got publicity and helped the Concert raise additional funds to support our agencies. This arrangement was so successful – both for our sponsors and our Club – that our Board decided to establish a Corporate Sponsors Program as an official pillar of our fundraising efforts.

Over the years, the program has grown. In 2012, twenty-four corporate sponsors provided over \$30,000 of cash and in-kind contributions to our Club. Eight of our members have signed up their company as a corporate sponsor (3 diamond, 1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze), bringing in \$14,000 of revenue this year.

If you know of a business that could be interested in being part of our Corporate Sponsors Program, please contact me. I will be happy to discuss what's involved and the benefits our sponsors receive (besides publicity at our meetings, fundraising events and our newsletter, sponsors also receive tickets to our three fundraising events), and give you a sponsor sign-up form. You may also be interested in the information that is available on our website at [www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors).

It's important that all Club members make the extra effort to thank our sponsors for their commitment and support. Patronize their business whenever possible, and let them know we appreciate their sponsorship. Kiwanis business cards will be available at the sign-in desk at our weekly meetings that you can use to say "thank you" whenever you visit one of our sponsors.

### **Welcome New Bronze Sponsor: Savannah Sommelier**

*- Special to the Kiwanigram from Jeff Heeder, Corporate Sponsor chairman*

I am delighted to share the good news that Savannah Sommelier is our newest corporate sponsor. Founded in 2003, Savannah Sommelier is located in the Village (15 Lake Street – Suite 150, 598-4441, [www.savannahsommelier.com](http://www.savannahsommelier.com)). Please join me in thanking proprietors Kevin and Christi Smith for their sponsorship of our Club.

If you haven't visited Savannah Sommelier yet, you will be interested to learn about their business. Kevin and Christi shared, *"We are purveyors of select wines and spirits. Our mission is simple, in that we provide unparalleled customer service while offering quality products with diverse selections of single vineyard wines and premium spirits. Our on-floor sales folks have vast product knowledge and always pair our wines with food for our customers. Our procurement philosophy centers around tasting everything before we put one bottle on the shelf. This practice gives us an advantage when a customer is seeking a particular flavor profile in wines and spirits. We pride ourselves on performing the necessary steps in researching and acquiring specific wines and spirits for our customer base. Our customers can truly expect us to follow up on all their requests regardless of the nature."*

Having a dinner party for those special guests? Call Kevin for wine pairing suggestions for your Board of Fare, and let him know you are a Kiwanian! Savannah Sommelier also offers a large collection of fine crystal and high-quality cigars for your enjoyment.

## Agency News

### Childhood Cancer Family Support Fund (Formerly Kids Miracle Designs)

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Jim Beurle and Donna M. Hammontree, LCSW, CCM, Clinical Resource Management, Backus Children's Hospital

Parents and care givers who have a critically ill child need to be able to focus on the ill child as well as on all of the other children who live in the home. At the same time, financial matters are ongoing and increase social and emotional stress when the parent has to miss work or loses a job in order to tend to the pediatric patient.

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, a parent or care giver has to be present with the child most of the time to attend to physical needs, provide emotional support, provide transportation to frequent and lengthy medical appointments and hospital stays, and consent for medical treatments. If there are two parents in the home, one will generally have to quit work so that the family immediately loses income while also experiencing an increase in expenditures related to transportation to appointments, medical prescriptions, medical supplies, and food. If the ill child lives with a single parent who has to quit work, the financial distress can be even worse.

Families who have a child with a chronic medical condition such as Sickle Cell Disease or a bleeding disorder experience longer-term financial stress. Sometimes the pediatric patient will have to be hospitalized, which requires that a parent or other caregiver be present with the child. Over time the financial stress takes a toll on the family.

The Childhood Cancer Family Support Fund was founded by the Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Department medical staff at Memorial University Medical Center to help address family needs while they also strive to physically heal the child. The Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Island has generously provided grants to the fund since its inception.

The fund is restricted to benefit families who have a child treated at The Children's Hospital at Memorial University Medical Center in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department with supportive care issues, including but not limited to the following:

- Outpatient clinic needs, such as meal vouchers and snacks for patients involved in lengthy outpatient procedures;
- Assistance with transportation when Medicaid transport is not an option and the family is in need of assistance;
- Family emergency assistance with basic expenses, such as utilities, phone, care repairs, rent, or other;
- Scholarships for patients pursuing college or vocational training post secondary education allocated annually based on available funds and appropriate application by recipients;
- Expenses related to patient and/or caregiver supportive or educational group meetings when other funds are unavailable;
- Patient items related to diagnosis and treatment, including but not limited to a hairpiece, durable medical equipment, clothing, or diapers in extreme situations, and personal items when other resources have been exhausted;
- Patient and caregiver educational materials when all other resources have been exhausted;
- Care baskets for families managing a new diagnosis or experiencing a traumatic hospitalization;
- Assistance with medications when all other resources have been exhausted;
- Plant from the medical care team when a patient passes away;
- Gift cards for day-to-day expenses;
- And other issues identified by the Board.

The Fund is not intended for day-to-day direct patient treatment services.

The Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department at The Children's Hospital at Memorial has 3 physicians: Martin Johnston, M.D.; Andrew Pendleton, M.D.; and John Whittle, M.D., M.S.

## Club News



Agency representatives joined us for our Installation Breakfast meeting on October 4 and received their checks. In 2012, the following agencies received funding from our Club: Bethesda Academy, Boys and Girls Clubs of Savannah, CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children), Childhood Cancer Family Support Fund, Coastal Children's Advocacy Center, Greenbriar Children's Home, Horizons, Horsin' Around, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Junior Achievement, L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators), Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, Music Medicine Institute, Park Place Outreach, Pathway Counseling Center, Savannah Early Childhood Development, Savannah Friends of Music, Social Apostolate, Special Olympics, Wesley Community Centers of Savannah, and Youth Challenge Academy.

### Circle K Club at Armstrong Atlantic State University

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Frank McCarthy

The Skidaway Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Circle K Club at Armstrong Atlantic State University. The Circle K Club provides an opportunity for students to learn leadership skills while providing services to the community. The Club is the initiative of Ms. Kristi Parker. Kristi has transferred to AASU from East Georgia College where she was president of their Circle K Club. She is currently the Lt. Governor for the Coastal Division of Circle K. As Kristi progresses with the start-up of the Club, we look forward to her meeting our members at one of our upcoming weekly meetings.

### Upcoming Events

**Kiwanis Club of Savannah Golf Tournament** – Thursday, October 25. For more information about this special fundraising event, see Ron Weber's email.

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

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

**Special Olympics Bowling Session** – Wednesday, December 5, 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 Club event to be included in the Kiwanigram, please send me an email with details. The deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Thank you!*

## October Programs

October 4	<b>Officer Installations and Awarding of Checks to Agencies</b>
October 11	<b>Gene McDonald “Kiwanis’ Project ELIMINATE”</b>
October 18	<b>Keith Lerner, CFA, CMT</b> Senior Strategist, SunTrust Private Wealth Management <b>“The Overall Economy, Market, and Potential Impact of the Upcoming Election”</b>
October 25	<b>Kurt Faxon “PGA Rules: The Good, Bad, and Ugly”</b>

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### “Show Our Colors” Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign-up today  
to show your colors  
on these 4 patriotic holidays!**

Veterans Day 2012  
Presidents Day 2013  
Memorial Day 2013  
Independence Day 2013

Please send this form and your \$50 check  
(payable to Kiwanis Club of Skidaway) to:  
Keith Glenn, 2 Crepe Myrtle Court, Savannah 31411.  
Questions? Call Keith at 598-9483 today!



**KIWANIS**  
CLUB of **SKIDAWAY**

**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](http://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 Café

Texas Roadhouse

Toucan/Sweet Potatoes

Village Bar and Grill



L-R: Greg Stinson passes the reins to  
Dan Umbel on October 4; Headmaster  
Mark Toth and Sara Rubenstein present  
on St. Andrews School on September 20.





### ***Happy October Birthdays!***

Oct 1 – Elizabeth Jacobi  
Oct 1 – Seth Walker  
Oct 3 – Dave Fox  
Oct 4 – Chris Aiken  
Oct 5 – Craig Hull  
Oct 7 – Joyce Glenn  
Oct 7 – Scott Howard  
Oct 8 – Ron Weber  
Oct 9 – David Wilhelm  
Oct 17 – John Eppel  
Oct 22 – John Holliday  
Oct 23 – Gwen Leathley  
Oct 28 – Bill Heald  
Oct 31 – John Aufderheide

*If we missed your birthday,  
it's not in our database. Send your  
birthday to Secretary Ron Weber.  
(Month/day is fine!)*

### ***Welcome New Members!***

**Matthew Price  
Philip Van Ess**

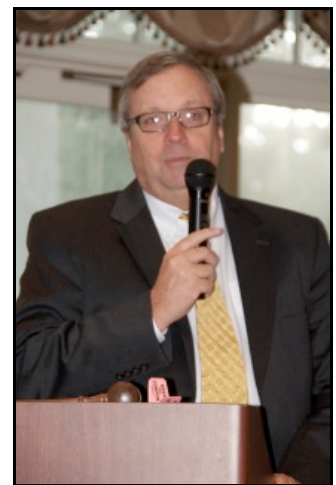
### **Welcome 2012/13 Officers and Directors**

(L-R): Past President Greg Stinson, Jim O'Malley,  
Frank McCarthy, President Dan Umbel,  
Treasurer Jay Ahrens, President-Elect Melissa Emery,  
Gary Hughes, Joyce Glenn. Missing from photo:  
Secretary Ron Weber, Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton,  
Bob Norton, Tom Sayers, Frank Liebgott.

## ***Photo Gallery***



Guest speakers (top): CEMA Director Clayton Scott speaks on "Chatham County Emergency Management;" (below L-R): Hesse Principal Lawrence Butler speaks on "The Importance of Believing in Children" and Mercer Medical School Dean Dr. Maren presented on "Trends in Medical Education at the Savannah Campus."



## ***Our Valued Corporate Sponsors***

### ***Diamond Level***



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**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](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors).*

### ***Gold Level***

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

### ***Silver Level***

**Comfort Keepers  
F.P. Wortley Jewelers  
La Napolera Restaurant  
Savannah Toyota  
The Village Bar & Grille**

### ***Bronze Level***

**Bernard Williams  
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Critz Auto Group  
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Klein Law Group, LLC  
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**GA District Lt. Governor:**  
Horace Harrell

### 2012/13 Board Officers:

- **President** – Dan Umbel
- **Past President** – Greg Stinson
- **President Elect** – Melissa Emery
- **VP-Services** – TBA
- **VP-Fundraising** – TBA
- **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:

- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Tom Sharp
- Attendance Reception – Jack Hart
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Roger Nord
- Awards – Dan Umbel
- Club Historian – TBA
- District/Division Reports – Ron Weber
- Education/Orientation – Keith Glenn
- Human/Spiritual Service – Rev. Jim Giddens
- Inter-Club – Jim Chapman
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Membership – Gene McDonald
- Photography – Melissa Emery
- Programs/Speakers – Bob Norton
- Publicity – Tim Athey
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Melissa Emery

### 2012 Fundraising Committees:

- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 4)  
Chris Butler, Todd Martin, Frank Liebgott
- **Legends of Golf** (April 19-23)  
Jim DiGiorgio, Terry Overton
- **Concert on the Green** (May 6)  
Sam McLaughlin, Dan DeGood
- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 3)  
Marianne Schutz, Jim Overton
- **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](mailto:vjanw@comcast.net)).