

KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



Kiwanigram

September 2012



A letter from Club President Greg Stinson

People are starting to return from vacations and summers spent elsewhere. Although The Landings is not like Florida, where

there are two distinct seasonal population counts, winter and summer, we do see things a get little quieter here during the summer months. For those of you returning, welcome back!

Both Skidaway and Kiwanis will see activity picking up. Our club's upcoming events are:

- Our breakfast meeting for officer installation and the awarding of checks to our charities is Thursday, October 5.
- Kiwanis Club of Skidaway will celebrate our 25th Anniversary on the evening of Tuesday, October 9, at the Plantation ballroom. Cock-tail hour will be 6-7PM, followed by a superb sit-down dinner at 7PM. This will be a night to enjoy each other's company and review the history, events, and personalities that have made our club such a successful and fun organization. Stay tuned for details – for now, save the date!
- Our Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Saturday, November 3.
- Our annual football outing to Statesboro will be for the Howard-Georgia Southern game on Saturday, November 10, at 2PM.
- Our second "Show Our Colors" installation of American stick flags will take place Saturday, November 10, and retrieval will be Tuesday, November 13.

Then we go right into the busy holiday season.

It seems like we have had an unusual number of deaths of current and former Kiwanians in the last several months, including Bob Aiken, Woody Leathley, Sid Carr, and – most recently – Martin Otto and Chuck Lehr. All of these Kiwanians loved what we do for needy children and were active in helping us build the legacy that is Kiwanis. Thanks for their personal sacrifices and dedication and may God bless all of you and your families.

We will be awarding checks totaling \$62,500 to 22 charities serving needy kids at our installation breakfast on Thursday, October 5. Coupled with about 12,000 hours of volunteer time this year, we should all be proud of our club and the generosity we represent. Thanks to all of you who work tirelessly to make our community a better place to live.

Remember, it's all about the kids!

Greg

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Agency News



Hesse Bear Buddy Program

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Steve Duesler

Hesse Elementary & Middle School is The Landings' neighborhood public school, and its student population now exceeds 1,000 children. The Bear Buddy program is dedicated to providing tutorial support to children who need help in reading, math, and science. Adult volunteers and students are matched with assistance from a Hesse School coordinator; and volunteers can tutor from one person to an entire class, depending on their interest and comfort level. Bear Buddy volunteers also provide enrichment to Hesse's gifted classes, by teaching students to play the game of chess.



Sixteen Kiwanis of Skidaway volunteers were involved with the Bear Buddy program during the 2011/12 school year and supplied over 700 hours of support to Hesse students. With the 2012/13 school year ready to commence, we are looking forward to Kiwanis volunteers once again stepping up to make a difference in a child's life. I will have more information at an upcoming breakfast meeting. In the meantime, if you have questions or might like to volunteer, please let me know.

Backpack Buddy Program

A Partnership with America's Second Harvest

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Gary Bocard



Chatham County's Backpack Buddy Program was started in 2008 by Landings residents Norm and Julie Hirsch and Congregation Mickve Israel to provide weekend meal packages for elementary school students identified by their school administrators as being at risk for childhood hunger. For the 2012/13 school year, over 25 congregations

and civic organizations are involved in the program, serving 1,500 children.

On Skidaway Island, Skidaway Island United Methodist Church joined the program in early 2012 and will be serving about 130 students at Butler Elementary School for the 2012/13 school year. SIUMC purchases most foods from America's Second Harvest. A typical weekend pack includes: 2 white milks, 2 chocolate milks, 2 fruit juices, 4 proteins, 2 vegetables, 2 fruits, 2 cereals, and 1-2 snacks. The cost for each pack is about \$2. Kiwanians who would like to participate in this effort can do so in three ways: (1) hands-on help – helping to pack food packs or deliver them to the school; (2) financial help – sponsoring meals for one or more students for a weekend, month, or school year; and (3) spiritual help – praying for the Backpack Buddy program's participating schools, students, and volunteers. For more information, contact John Scott, 598-0125.

Speaker Programs

September 6	Dr. Lawrence Butler , Principal, Hesse Elementary School “The Importance of Believing in Children”
September 13	Clayton Scott Director, Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)
September 20	Mark Toth , Head of School, St. Andrew’s “Leading the Way”
September 27	TBA
October 4	Officer Installations and Awarding of Checks to Agencies

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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

Veterans Day 2012
Presidents Day 2013
Memorial Day 2013
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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!



Happy September Birthdays!

5 – Craig Hull
10 – Bob Norton
11 – Neil Bader
13 – Sandra Mayer
14 – Brad Lucas
15 – Bob Yeomans
17 – Bob Reinhard
20 – Kelly Burke
23 – Ed Coulson & Tom Sayers
27 – Chris Britten & Earl Crew
30 – Jack Hart

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

Photo Gallery



Dr. Jay Howington (above) spoke to us about strokes at our August 23 meeting. **Jay Self** (below) updated us on the beneficial impact of filmmaking on employment and other dimensions of Savannah's economy at our August 30 meeting.

In Memoriam

Martin Richard Otto

9/29/23 – 8/23/12

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Charter Member

and

Charles Ellis Lehr, Jr.

10/9/22 – 8/26/12



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GA District Lt. Governor:
Horace Harrell

2011/12 Board Officers:

- **President** – Greg Stinson
- **Past President** – Gene McDonald
- **President Elect** – Dan Umbel
- **VP-Services** – Todd Martin
- **VP-Fundraising** – Dick Nelson
- **VP-Secretary** – Ron Weber
- **VP-Treasurer** – Jay Ahrens
- **VP-Marketing** – Melissa Emery

Board Directors:

- **Terms expiring 2012**
Jim O'Malley, Marianne Schutz
- **Terms expiring 2013**
Gary Hughes, Frank McCarthy
- **Terms expiring 2014**
Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton

Board Advisor: Tom Sharp

Club Administration:

- 25th 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 – Cecilia Russo
- Publicity – Tim Athey
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Melissa Emery

2012 Fundraising Committees:

- **Corporate Sponsors & Partners Program**
Jeff Heeder
- **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
- **Show the Colors** – Keith Glenn
- **50/50 Raffle** – Marianne Schutz



2011/12 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. Recipient agencies for 2011 are noted with an asterisk above.

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).