

KIWANIGRAM

of SKIDAWAY

President's Message

April 2014



Dear Kiwanians,

We've had some interesting and exciting things happening the last month or so in our club. Thanks to all of you, we had a very successful brainstorming session, and the board and I are looking at the results and will report back to you soon. We've also made a major change in our calendar and planning for the Concert on the Green, which you will read about separately in this Kiwanigram. I want to thank Frank Liebgott for his leadership in making these changes, which we think will make the event more appealing to the public, less work for our members, and more enjoyable than ever.

In early April, once the brainstorming results are evaluated, we plan to send out an electronic survey to all of our members. Please watch for that, and take the few minutes it requires to fill out the questionnaire. Your opinions matter as we look at how to strengthen and grow our club. We have one of the best clubs in the state, giving away far more money than most of our compatriots, but there are ways we can improve and do better.

Erv Hietbrink and I traveled to Macon for the mid-winter training session put on by the Georgia District. We both came away from the day feeling that we had learned something useful that we could apply to our current and, in Erv's case, up-coming jobs in Kiwanis. (I personally think that Erv could teach all of the Lt. Governors a few things, but he will modestly tell you that there is always more to learn.)

Please invite a friend or two to attend the prospective new member cocktail party at my home on April 6, 5-7 p.m. It just won't be any fun if you aren't here!

- Melissa



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2014 "One Day of Service" volunteers helped clean The Salvation Army's kitchen on Montgomery Street. (L-R: Armstrong CKI's Ayanna Thompson, Jim Beurle, Norma Beck, Chuck Beck, Nancy Minor, Ed Lavish, Melissa Emery, and Peter Pickerill.

Fundraising News

2014 Concert on the Green— Many Changes This Year

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Frank Liebgott

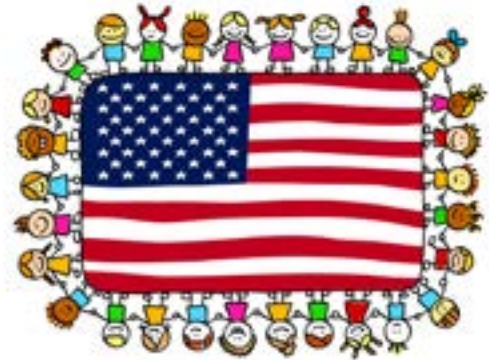
The 2014 Concert on the Green was originally scheduled for Sunday, May 4. However, we have a great opportunity to make this year's Concert even bigger and better, and we are going to take advantage of this opportunity. The great news is the 3rd I.D. Infantry Band will be our orchestra this year! This will be their first event here at The Landings and what we hope will be the first of many. If you have not heard them perform they are outstanding. Their schedule is very limited, and our 2014 Concert will be Sunday, August 17.

There will be several other changes to the Concert this year. We will not be selling tickets at all, but will ask attendees to make a suggested donation at the gate to raise money for our various charities. We will no longer set-up and sell tickets for the Conductor's Circle, but will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, water, and other beverages.

There are still many details to be worked out and we will be providing more information as we move forward. This is a great opportunity to take our marketing and fundraising in a new direction and, like all our activities, our success will depend on everyone's full support.

- 2014 Concert on the Green Committee

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Questions? Call Keith at 998-9483.

Thank you for your support!

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Kiwanis International Foundation Thanks Our Club for Gift Honoring Georgia District Governor Baranko

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$50 in honor of Katrina J. Baranko to The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). The Eliminate Project, our global campaign for children, is a monumental effort to protect the crucial connection between mother and child.

Your gift helps tremendously as we work toward raising the US\$110 million needed to close the funding gap and save or protect the lives of more than 61 million mothers and their future children. The effects of MNT are excruciating—tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch, unable to be comforted by their parents and caregivers. Kiwanis International and UNICEF are working together with confidence and optimism to eliminate MNT from the face of the Earth. A series of three doses of the vaccine, costing roughly US\$1.80, can protect a mother and her future babies. Your philanthropy helps deliver these life-saving vaccines to disadvantaged women in the most remote places in the world.

Thank you for contributing your time and financial resources to The Eliminate Project. Together, our efforts will ensure that all mothers and newborn babies have the opportunity to life a life without the threat of maternal and neonatal tetanus.

With all good wishes, Steve Hinson, Manager of Major & Planned Giving, Kiwanis International Foundation

Editor's Note: Contact Gene McDonald to learn more about The Eliminate Project.

Agency News

Music Medicine Institute Celebrates April's Month of the Military Child

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Elizabeth Jacobi,
Founder and Director, Music Medicine Institute

As part of its continuing efforts to serve the needs of Savannah-area military and civilian families, the Music Medicine Institute (MMI) is again collaborating with the Live Oak Public Libraries in Savannah and Hinesville to offer a series of free events to coincide with April's nationwide celebration of the Month of the Military Child. The 2014 programs, open to all children aged 6–10, are fun and involve therapeutic musical workshops intended to foster creative expression and healthy living.

MMI has a continuing commitment to help children, especially those of our fighting men and women, to cope with developmental problems associated with long, often frequent absences of one or more of their parents due to overseas or emergency deployments. Our annual programs at both the Southwest Chatham Library next to the Savannah Mall and the Hinesville Library have been wonderful successes, and we're excited about what we have planned for this April.

Made possible in part by support from the Arts Ashore Legacy Fund and the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway, the 2014 programs will take place every Saturday throughout April.

Southwest Chatham Library – Saturday, April 5, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Hinesville Library – Saturday, April 12, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Interactive Drumming — A creative drum circle experience in which children join in

and take turns leading a drum circle. Participants learn through creative rhythmic play on a group-gathering drum. Drums and percussion instruments are provided, but participants may also bring their own.

Music is a Window to Me—Improvisational music making, instrument play and exploration, singing, and artwork which help children express feelings and develop healthy self esteem. Participants create and share original songs made up during the session.

Southwest Chatham Library – Saturday, April 19, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Hinesville Library – Saturday, April 26, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Music and Movement—Music and movement, parachute, line dance, and musical brain games. Children learn new ways music can be used to stay healthy and active.

Music, Stories and Imagery—Music in storytelling based on the book “Music, Stories, and Imagery” by Linda Powell. Participants go on an imaginary adventure using classical music, then share their journey by creating original artwork. Music relaxation techniques for home use are presented.

Music Medicine Institute staff professionals, associates, and specially trained volunteers lead each of the sessions. All sessions are free and open to the public. *For more information, visit www.musicmedicine.org or www.liveoakpl.org.*

It's Track & Field Time for Savannah's Special Olympians

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Bob Reinhard, Special Olympics Coordinator

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, April 16** (rain date April 23), for the spring track and field events for Special Olympics. They will be held at Savannah Country Day School. We need volunteers to help with the 50-meter run and long jump. I will have sign up sheets at our April 3 meeting. It's a 3-hour commitment starting at 9 a.m. and ending about noon. We do a great job *financially* supporting Special Olympics—so please sign up to *physically* help these kids have a great time showing what they can do and to celebrate their effort and achievements! Thanks!



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For more information visit musicmedicine.org

Armstrong Circle K Leaders Attend District Convention, Receive Top Honors

Date: 26 February 2014

Dear Skidaway Kiwanis Club:

I apologize for the lateness of this letter. Thank you so very much for sponsoring my trip to the Circle K International District Convention two weekends ago. It was quite an honor and I feel extremely blessed to be under the influence and mentorship of such a thoughtful Kiwanis Club. Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can ever help with any projects or anything of the sort. The DCON trip went wonderfully. We all felt very welcomed and learned so much. We picked up numerous ideas for new service projects and made friends throughout the district. It felt good to see how many other people out there we could relate to which helped us to feel more like part of a larger community.

The conference was held at the Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center in Peachtree City. It started around 8pm on Friday and went until around 12pm on Sunday. At the conference, we had meetings about what was going on collectively for Circle K and in individual groups within the district. We fellowshiped through a group dinner, games and a few quick service projects. Some of the service projects that we did include: making dog toys for the humane society, stress balls and coloring books. This was called the Service Olympics and it was a really fun time. It was nice to fellowship in a manner that honored the reason we'd all come together: to live a life of service. We also elected new board members and had an award ceremony. Rebekah and I actually won for Outstanding President and Vice President, which was a surprising honor. After sharing our experiences with our other officers, we are excitedly looking forward to being able to return next year with a bigger group. Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Ayanna Thompson, Armstrong CKI Vice President

Editor's Note: In March, Armstrong CKI members elected Ayanna Thompson to be the club's president for the coming school year.



L-R (above): Rebekah Robinson and Ayanna Thompson



Junior Achievement 2014

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Jen Singeisen,
Director of Programs, Junior Achievement of Georgia, Southern District

Junior Achievement is proud to partner again with the Skidaway Kiwanis Club to deliver in-class programs to the students of Hesse K-8. The following dedicated volunteers served over 250 students, not only enriching their curriculum by discussing financial literacy and entrepreneurship, but by mentoring and building impactful relationships. All Junior Achievement programs are volunteer driven, and we appreciate the tremendous and continuing commitment to the students and community by the Skidaway Kiwanis. I look forward to growing the program in the coming years.

Charles Arraiz
Erv Heitbrink
Ed Lavish

Gene McDonald
Jerry Nusloch
Bob Reinhard

Tom Rood
Skip Salus
Tom Stephens

Jim Waterman
Jan Wright



Note from Tom Stephens, Junior Achievement Coordinator: JA's curriculum is closely aligned to Hesse's Standards of Learning. The curricula our Club supported this year were: Grade 1—Our Families, Grade 2—Our Community, Grade 3—Our City, and Grade 6—It's My Future. We hope to have enough volunteers to cover all grades next year. Plan to join us!

Club Calendar for April

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic
April 3	Dot Bambach , President Ogeechee and Landings Audubon Societies <i>Topic: Vulture Culture—Things You Never Knew about a Most Despised Bird</i>
April 10	John (Crawfish) Crawford , Senior Naturalist and Marine Science Educator, UGA Faculty, Marine Extension Service <i>Topic: A Dynamic Stability, the Natural History of the Georgia Coast</i>
April 17	Michael Traynor , Publisher, Savannah Morning News <i>Topic: Transformation of the Newspaper Business</i>
April 24	Kristin Peney , Executive Director, Wilderness Southeast (WiSE) <i>Topic: Science Experiences for 6th Graders</i>

Upcoming Club Events

- **New & Prospective Member Cocktail Party**
Sunday, April 6, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Contact: Melissa Emery
- **Club Board Meeting**
Monday, April 14, starting at 8:15 a.m.
Contact: Ron Weber
- **Special Olympics Track & Field**
Tuesday, April 16, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Savannah Country Day School.
Contact: Bob Reinhard
- **Take a Chance on Kids Drawing**
Thursday, April 24, we will draw our \$500 winner for March at our meeting.
Contact: Tom Sharp
- **New Member Orientation**
Thursday, April 24, immediately following our membership meeting.
Contact: Keith Glenn

Upcoming District Events

- **Circle K Int'l. Convention**
June 18–22 in Nashville, TN
- **Georgia District Convention**
August 15-17 in Savannah, GA

Photo: Jim Waterman brings Rock & Roll to our March meetings while President Melissa Emery embraces St. Patrick's fun.

New Members (Sponsors)

- Tom Reese (Cecilia Russo)
- Peter Pickerill (Charles Arraiz)

April Birthdays

- April 2—Frank McCarthy
- April 3—Tim Baldwin
- April 4—Bill Trice
- April 25—Gary Hughes
- April 27—Michael Newman
- April 28—Chuck Beck

Membership Milestones for April

- 1 year—Dick Hughey
- 2 years—Craig Burgess
- 6 years—Elizabeth Jacobi, Lou Molella, Dan Umbel
- 8 years—Greg Stinson
- 11 years—Melissa Emery
- 14 years—Chris Aiken, Bill Wright
- 20 years—Gary Bocard



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For more information about the Corporate Sponsor program, contact Jeff Heeder (jeffrey.heeder@suntrust.com). Sponsor application forms are also available at www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors.

KIWANI GALLERY

March 13 Brainstorming Session Photos by Dick Glover



GA District Lt. Gov. – Tom Crankshaw

2013–2014 Board Officers

- **President** – Melissa Emery
- **Past President** – Dan Umbel
- **President-Elect** – Bob Norton
- **VP-Secretary** – Ron Weber
- **VP-Treasurer** – Jay Ahrens

Board of Directors

- **Term expiring 2014:**
Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton, Tom Sayers
- **Term expiring 2015:**
Joyce Glenn, Frank Liebgott
- **Term expiring 2016:**
Chris Butler, Ben Gustafson, Phil van Ess, Jan Wright
- **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
- Dollars for Doers – Dan Umbel
- Education/Orientation – Keith Glenn
- Fundraising – Bob Norton
- Human/Spiritual Service – Rev. Jim Giddens
- Inter-Club – TBD
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Marketing & PR – Frank Liebgott
- Membership – Greg Stinson
- New Member Experience – Joyce Glenn
- Photography – Keith Glenn, Dick Glover
- Programs/Speakers – Ben Gustafson
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Jan Wright

2013–2014 Fundraising Committees

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 2, 2013) – Bruce Custis, Jim Overton
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 8) – Cecilia Russo, Christine Swanson, and Matt Spencer
- **Concert on the Green** (August 17) – Frank Liebgott
- **Corporate Sponsors Program** – Jeff Heeder
- **Show the Colors** – Keith Glenn, Phil van Ess
- **Take a Chance for Kids** – Tom Sharp

Volunteer Service to Community Agencies

- America's Second Harvest – Gary Bocard
- Armstrong Circle K Club – Julie Gerbsch, Chris Aiken
- Backpack Buddies – Tim Baldwin
- Bethesda Academy – Gary Hughes
- Bethesda Key Club – TBD
- CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children) – Charlie O'Brien
- Childhood Cancer Family Support – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children's Advocacy Center – Skip Salus
- Corporate Academy – Jack Sherrill
- The Eliminate Project – Gene McDonald
- Greenbriar – Gene McDonald
- Habitat for Humanity – Howard Gandelot
- Horizons – Greg Stinson
- Horsin' Around – Pete Liptrot
- Interfaith Hospitality Network – Mark Forssell
- Junior Achievement – Tom Stephens
- Kids Fishing Program – Tom Rood
- Landings Military Family Relief Fund – Lou Molella, Jack Munroe
- Library for the Blind – Dave Wyland
- L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators) – Joyce Glenn
- Mediation Center – Jerry Nusloch
- Music Medicine Institute – Elizabeth Jacobi
- National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force – Tom McMullin
- Park Place Outreach – Jack Hart, Jim Overton
- Performance Initiatives – Jeff Heeder
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Chris Britten
- Savannah Early Childhood Foundation – Tom Sharp
- Savannah Friends of Music – Melissa Emery
- Savannah Philharmonic – Julie Gerbsch
- Social Apostolate – Bob Egan
- Special Olympics – Bob Reinhard
- Telfair Museum – TBD
- The Salvation Army – Ron Morris
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah – Jan Wright
- Youth Challenge Academy – Keith Glenn, Pete Liptrot

Kiwani's 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 \$1.3 million to agencies that provide services to these children and their families.

KIWANIS CLUB OF SKIDAWAY

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