

# KIWANIGRAM *of* SKIDAWAY



## President's Message

February 2014

Dear fellow Kiwanians,

**P**ancakes! Sausage! Bacon! Mmmmm!

*Every year* we ask our members to sell tickets to what we have referred to as the “best breakfast deal on Earth.” It *is* a great deal. It is a deal for our patrons, and a chance for them to meet up with friends and family. It’s a great deal for Kiwanis because so much of the food and supplies are generously donated. But it is an even better deal for the kids we help through our fundraising efforts. That’s what we need to keep in mind as we work on selling tickets, flipping pancakes, pouring coffee, and cleaning up messy tables.

*Everything* we are doing is for those kids, to help give them a chance at a better future. They will never know our individual names or how hard we worked or even why we bothered, but they will know that something changed in their lives for the better. So please, ask another couple of your friends to buy tickets, sell a pack of raffle tickets, and sign up to help at the event.

*Every penny* we raise goes to help those kids who think their futures look pretty bleak today. Let’s give them a chance at a better tomorrow.

- Melissa



## Issue Highlights

<b>President's Message</b> .....	1
<b>Updates from Kiwanis International</b>	
Kiwanis Defining Statement Modified.....	1
President Gunter Gasser Shares 2013-2014 Goals.....	3
<b>Fundraising News</b>	
Pancake Breakfast .....	2
Sponsor Update, Show the Colors .....	3
<b>Club Calendar for February</b>	
Speakers, Upcoming Events, Birthdays, Milestones, In Memoriam .....	4
<b>Circle K News</b> .....	5
<b>Our Sponsors</b> .....	6
<b>KiwaniGallery</b> .....	7
<b>Club Contacts &amp; More</b> .....	8

## Update from Kiwanis International

### Kiwanis' Defining Statement Modified

**I**n January 2014, Kiwanis International announced that Kiwanis' defining statement has been modified to read: “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to *improving* the world one child and one community at a time.” Previously, the statement read “*changing*.”



## Fundraising News

### Pancakes, Fun, and Prizes!

It's seven in the morning and a wonderful smell drifts through the door and finds its way into the meeting hall of Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church. At first, you have no idea why in the world you are up so early on a Saturday morning, but then the smell really registers. You know that smell. You love that smell. That smell brings back fond memories of friends and family gathering together. It is the smell of freshly made pancakes just waiting for you! And there, on the table, all fluffy and warm, are the homemade pancakes you have been dreaming about! And, they are by far the best pancakes you will ever have in your life!

Why are they the best pancakes you ask? Is there a special ingredient that makes these the best ever? The blueberries, the love and joy that goes into making these? Of course, but most importantly, what makes these pancakes the best ever is that they are made by the volunteers of Kiwanis to share with the community; all for the common goal of supporting our neediest children of Chatham County.

Please join your neighbors and fellow Kiwanians for the 21st Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast! The breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 8th at Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church. The event will begin at 7AM with ceremonial flip of the first pancake by Club President, Melissa Emery, and the serving line will close at 11AM. **This year there will be exciting activities and entertainment for the children** such as: Magic Marc, Magician and 2010 Author of *The Magic of Giving* (Pelican) and a coloring contest sponsored by Christine Swanson and Dan Umbel of Merrill Lynch.

Tickets may be purchased from Smith Brothers or any Kiwanis member or by calling one of this year's event co-chairs Cecilia Russo at 665-0005, Christine Swanson at 598-2999 or Matt Spencer at 927-7272 ext 209. They can also be bought online at [www.kiwanisofskidaway.com](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com). As always, the tickets are \$10 if purchased before the event and \$12 at the door. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or a book of 8 for \$10.



# Pancake Breakfast



<b>Saturday, February 8</b> <b>7 a.m. – 11 a.m.</b> Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church <small>Contact Cecilia Russo, 352-7977 or                  Christine Swanson, 598-2999</small>	<b>\$10, kids under 8 free</b> <b>(\$12 at the door)</b> <small>Tickets available from any Kiwanian,                  at Smith's service window,                  and <a href="http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com">www.kiwanisofskidaway.com</a></small>
--	--

Proceeds benefit at-risk kids

***Remember! When you sell tickets, don't sell pancakes! Sell how enjoying pancakes with friends can help Savannah's kids have a better life!***

***Have a pancake, Help a kid!***

The Pancake Co-Chairs and Committee are working diligently on some **amazing prizes!** So far we have secured items from

- **John Davis Florist**
- **Low Country Luxe**
- **Savannah Philharmonic Finale Tickets**
- **Pearl's Salt Water Grille**
- **The Exchange**
- **Pirates House**
- **One-Eyed Lizzy's**
- **Barracuda Bob's**
- and many more!

- *Cecilia Russo, Christine Swanson,  
and Matt Spencer*  
**2014 Pancake Breakfast Co-chairs**

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

# LANDSCAPE

CONSULT DESIGN BUILD

*Landscape design since 1989*



**ZIPPERER**  
**Z**

LAND MANAGEMENT

Contact us for a free estimate:

912-691-0532 or [www.zippererland.com](http://www.zippererland.com)

All major credit cards accepted. Licensed and insured.

## Update from Kiwanis International

### President Gunter Gasser Shares 2013-2014 Goals

President Gasser set three goals for 2013-2014 and is asking every club to double its efforts to help achieve them:

- **Grow Kiwanis membership**—so we have more hearts and hands to help improve the world, one child and one community at a time. He encourages us to grow our own club's membership, help another Kiwanis family club to renew its capacity, and help establish new clubs in under-served areas.
- **Increase our service to the world**— especially in areas of the world where children are hungry and do not have full access to education.
- **Save more women and babies**—by supporting The Eliminate Project. President Gasser notes that the project is on track, but more fundraising is needed to reach our \$110 million goal and to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth by 2015.

President Gasser delivers this January message in less than 2 minutes in this video:

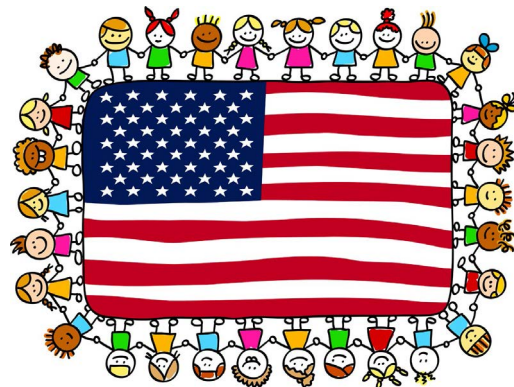
[http://vimeo.com/82033148?utm\\_source=KIUpdate&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=January&utm\\_campaign=english](http://vimeo.com/82033148?utm_source=KIUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_term=January&utm_campaign=english)

## Sponsor Update

Please join me in thanking the partners at **Bart, Meyer & Company**, **Critz Auto Group**, and **Merrill Lynch Wealth Management** for renewing their sponsorship for FY2014 this month!

- Jeff Heeder, chairman  
Corporate Sponsor program  
598-3457, [jeffrey.heeder@suntrust.com](mailto:jeffrey.heeder@suntrust.com)

## Show the Colors: Celebrate our Democracy, Help an At-Risk Child



Sign up today to enjoy 2 lawn flags on Presidents Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veterans Day 2014. We'll install them before each holiday and remove them afterwards. While you show the colors, take pride that your donation will help an at-risk child in Chatham County.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support!**

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

**KIWANIS**  
CLUB of SKIDAWAY



# Club Calendar for February

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic
February 6	<b>Col. Christopher Black</b> , Commander of the Nightstalkers army unit at Fort Stewart, accompanied by <b>Sergeant Major Billy Webb</b> <i>Topic: Past, Current, and Future Operations of Nightstalkers</i>
February 13	<b>Gregory Miller</b> , Chief Economist, SunTrust Banks, Inc. <i>Topic: The State of the Economy</i>
February 20	<b>Robin Wingate</b> , Director of Southern Georgia area Red Cross <i>Topic: Local activities, including emergency response, and an update on the Landings Military Family Relief Fund</i>
February 27	<b>Gabe Pitt</b> , Doctor of Audiology, Optimal Hearing of Savannah <i>Topic: Hearing loss and its effect on dementia and Alzheimer's</i>

## Upcoming Events

- **Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, February 8, 7:00–11:00 a.m., at Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church  
*Contact: Cecilia Russo, Christine Swanson, Matt Spencer*
- **Club Board Meeting**  
Monday, February 10, starting at 8:15 a.m.  
*Contact: Ron Weber*
- **Show the Colors**  
Volunteers needed to help install and remove flags for Presidents Day! If you can help, contact Keith Glenn (598-9483) or Phil van Ess (335-8083).
- **Circle K District Convention**  
February 21-23 in Peachtree City, GA
- **Take a Chance on Kids Drawing**  
Thursday, February 27, we will draw our \$500 winner for February at our meeting.  
*Contact: Tom Sharp*
- **New Member Orientation**  
Thursday, February 27, immediately following our membership meeting.  
*Contact: Keith Glenn*

### *In Memoriam*

**John T. "Jack" Neises**

April 13, 1930–January 22, 2014

## February Birthdays

- Feb 1—Bob Egan, Bob Longueria
- Feb 5—Alice Carlyle
- Feb 11—Tom Morrissett, Phil van Ess
- Feb 16—Dick Nelson
- Feb 18—Melissa Emery
- Feb 21—Willson Blake
- Feb 22—Lee Carroll
- Feb 24—Charles O'Brien
- Feb 25—Jim Buerle
- Feb 26—Dave Devore
- Feb 28—Chris Butler

## Membership Milestones for February

- 1 year—Art Chapple, Clare Higby, Matt Spencer, Tom Stephens, Bill Webner
- 2 years—Tim Baldwin
- 3 years—Dan DeGood
- 4 years—George Bellino, Chas Sitrin
- 5 years—Jack Munroe
- 7 years—Ed Coulsen
- 5 years—Willson Blake
- 8 years—Kelly Burke
- 12 years—Jim Beurle, Chris Britten
- 13 years—Ron Morris
- 14 years—Tom Rood
- 15 years—Keith Glenn
- 16 years—Tom McMullin
- 17 years—Emmett Casey, Mark Forssell
- 23 years—Bill Barton
- 25 years—Bob Schivera



## Circle K News

### Starting Strong: Armstrong students teach children financial responsibility

- Courtesy of [www.armstrong.edu](http://www.armstrong.edu)

At Armstrong, we strive to create an environment where students can thrive academically while growing into civic-minded community leaders.

One organization which personifies this mission is Circle K International of Armstrong, the collegiate branch of Kiwanis International. In October, Circle K took Armstrong's mission one step further by partnering with Junior Achievement at White Bluff Elementary School in Savannah.

"Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization designed to teach K-12 students the value of entrepreneurship, financial planning and more," said Circle K president and sophomore biology major **Rebekah Robinson**.

Robinson, along with six other Circle K members, began visiting White Bluff Elementary in October. Each volunteer was assigned to a teacher, and taught a 30-45 minute class once a week for five weeks.

"We're trying to educate them about making financial decisions so they can start thinking about it early on, before it really matters," said Robinson.

Robinson worked with a class of first graders and thoroughly enjoyed the impact she made. She taught her students about wants versus needs, what money is for and how you need a job to make money.

"It's great to get to know the kids and see how excited they are to learn," she said. "They are always so sweet and so excited to see what we're going to do every week."

Another component to Junior Achievement is teaching children about community service. Robinson's students followed the lives of cartoon characters who had fun doing various community service projects. "The characters show the students that they can do it too," she said.

According to Armstrong's assistant vice president of development and Circle K staff advisor **Julie Gerbsch**, Junior Achievement is just as beneficial to Armstrong students as it is for the students at White Bluff Elementary.

"Armstrong students learn just as much from the Junior Achievement experience as the younger students they teach, although their learning is more about developing their own organizational and time management skills -- and communication style too," said Gerbsch. "Local school students benefit from seeing our Armstrong student role models volunteering as Junior Achievement instructors, while working hard to complete their own studies toward their professional goals and dreams."

For Robinson, a program like Junior Achievement is critical for both Armstrong and the students they reach. It not only teaches young students financial literacy, but it also empowers them to become the best versions of themselves through education, hard work and service to their community, something exemplified every week by Circle K volunteers.

"These kids are going to one day make the decisions that influence our economy and our country," said Robinson. "We're just giving them a good head start."

*Editor's Note: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway began its Junior Achievement mentoring at Hesse Elementary this month. See our March Kiwanigram for a story about this year's experience. For more information about Junior Achievement, contact **Tom Stephens**.*

# VALUED SPONSORS

## Diamond Sponsors



Bank of America Corporation  
Bouchillon & Ham Group



## Gold Sponsors

**Byrd Cookie Company**  
**Savannah Square**  
**Smith Brothers\***  
**Volvo of Savannah**

## Silver Sponsors

**Armstrong Atlantic**  
**State University**  
**Bart, Meyer & Company**  
**Comfort Keepers**  
**The Village Bar & Grille**

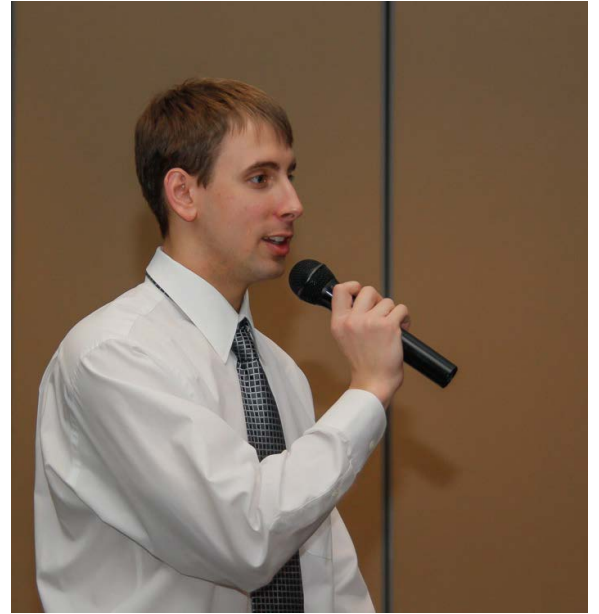
## Bronze Sponsors

**Bernard Williams Insurance**  
**Certa Pro Painters**  
**Critz Auto Group**  
**Jalapeños Mexican Grill**  
**Russell D. Clemmons, DDS, LLC**  
**Savannah Sommelier**  
**The Savannah Bank**  
**The Skinnie\***  
**TWATL\***  
**Wild Birds Unlimited**  
**Zipperer Land Management**

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 monthly Kiwanigram and provides complimentary general admission tickets to our Chili Cook-Off, Pancake Breakfast, and Concert on the Green fundraising events as a gesture of appreciation for their support. Corporate sponsors with asterisks have provided donations in kind (food, advertising) that increase fundraiser net revenues by offsetting expenses.

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

# KIWANI GALLERY



Clockwise from upper left: Guest Speaker Lois Modell, Executive Director, Center for Blind and Low Vision, and her colleague present on available services and adaptive techniques for living at our January 23 meeting; 50/50 chair Susan Disney-Greenberg shares an enjoyable joke before the winning card is drawn!



## Happy Valentine's Day!

### Photo Credits this Issue

pp 2 & 7: Dick Glover; p. 5: [www.armstrong.edu](http://www.armstrong.edu)



**GA District Lt. Gov.** – Tom Crankshaw

### 2012/13 Board Officers

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

### Board of Directors

- **Terms expiring 2014:**  
Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton, Tom Sayers
- **Terms expiring 2015:**  
Joyce Glenn, Frank Liebgott
- **Terms 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** (May 4) – 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 – Frank McCarthy and 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
- Early Childhood Education – Tom Sharp
- 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 Cafe – Gary Bocard
- 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
- Notre Dame Academy – Gary Bocard
- Park Place Outreach – Jack Hart, Jim Overton
- Performance Initiatives – Jeff Heeder
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Chris Britten
- 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

**K**iwani'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

600 Landings Way South  
Savannah, GA 31411  
[www.kiwanisofskidaway.com](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com)