

# KIWANIGRAM

## of SKIDAWAY



### President's Message

January/February 2015

**H**appy New Year! Or maybe I should be saying Happy Birthday. January marks 100 years of Kiwanians worldwide serving the children of the world.

It is a rich history and you are part of it. Our club has been serving the children of Chatham County and making a difference in their lives for 27 years. We believe that we can make a difference in a child's life—it's what we do—it's who we are—it's why we are Kiwanians. So I ask that you share your experiences with at least one person who isn't a member.

Part of being a Kiwanian is our willingness to volunteer in the community, either at an agency that our club funds or at another agency that helps improve the lives of those who are less fortunate than we. Volunteering could also mean assisting in the operating of our club. Don't let the thought of volunteering become intimidating.

Please remember to mark your calendar for February 21. That's day of our Pancake Breakfast at the Presbyterian Church. Club members will be asked to volunteer their time on that day. I can say from experience that flipping pancakes isn't difficult as long as the

tent covers the cooks during inclement weather.

Please also mark your calendar to show a change of date and time for our March 12 meeting. Our meeting will be Friday, March 13, and will be held as a 12 noon luncheon at the Plantation Club ballroom. This will also be our Division's Rally for the Governor of the Ga. District: Jimmy McCorlew. Kiwanians from clubs in St. Mary's, Brunswick, Jesup, Waycross and downtown Savannah will be joining us in honoring our Governor. I hope you will plan to be there!

Best to all.

- Bob

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For a snapshot of  
**Kiwanis International's first 100 years:**  
<http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis100/history/timeline>

# Pancake Breakfast 2015

Hey Kiwanians, it is that time of year again when the great eats and great fellowship meet over great pancakes. Mark your calendars for this year's Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 21, at the Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church. The doors open at 7am, so come with an empty stomach and enjoy all the hot, fluffy, sweet pancakes you can stand. Tickets for the breakfast are now on sale for the event everyone looks forward to every year.

In addition to all the good pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, there will be some great raffle prizes donated by local merchants. So, don't forget to buy those raffle tickets!

The Pancake Breakfast is one of the three major events for our Club this year. It is a great source of revenue, and we rely heavily on it to help fund our Club's donations to local organizations.

**Thanks in advance** to all our tube stuffers for distributing flyers to our neighbors on Skidaway, everyone who will sell at least one ticket to a friend, and all our volunteers who have confirmed with Chris Aiken that they will man our set up, check-in, kitchen, and clean-up stations on event day.

Thanks for helping to make this year's Pancake Breakfast another resounding success!

- Mike Pavlis, Pancake Breakfast chairman  
912-658-8833

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

## Pancake Breakfast



**Saturday, February 21** **\$10, kids under 8 free**  
7 a.m. – 11 a.m. **(\$12 at the door)**

Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church  
Contacts: Chris Aiken, 598-9123  
Jan Wright, 659-9358

Tickets are available from Kiwanis members and online at [www.kiwanisofskidaway.com](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com)

**Proceeds benefit at-risk kids**

## Agency News

### Kiwanis of Skidaway's Junior Achievement Volunteers Set Record at Hesse

For the 2014/2015 school year, Kiwanis Club of Skidaway volunteers served 283 elementary students and (estimate) 60 middle school students, for a 50% growth in one year. Wow! (230 students were served in 2013/14.) This school year, Skidaway Kiwanians taught 13 classes (grades 1–3) in the fall and three classes (grades 6–8) in the spring. Thank you!

What's up for next year? Hopefully to engage teachers of grades 4–5 to offer the program in their class, and also to expand the program to reach more middle-grade students throughout the year. To volunteer, contact Tom Stephens.

- Jennifer Singeisen, Director of Programs, Junior Achievement of Georgia, Southern District

# District News



## Georgia District Governor Jimmy McCorlew Coming to Savannah

As our Governor, Jimmy McCorlew is holding rallies in all of the 19 Georgia divisions, so he's logging lots of miles. Friday, March 13, is the date that he will be coming to be with us in Division 4; and we're planning a luncheon meeting for him at the Plantation Club Ballroom and you're all invited. (This meeting will take the place of our normal Thursday morning meeting.)



It's a terrific opportunity for you meet the "top dog" of the Georgia District and hear about the success stories around our division and across the district. We'll be joined by many representatives of the Brunswick, Jesup, Saint Marys, downtown Savannah, and Waycross clubs and I suspect we may even have some Georgia District committee chairs with us as well.

It should be a great Kiwanis event! We're hoping for a good crowd, so please come...and, most certainly spouses are welcome.

- Georgia District 4 Lt. Governor, Erv Hietbrink

# THE FORMULA



## Club News

### Kiwanians of Skidaway "Love It, Share It, Live It"

"Love It, Share It, Live It!" is the tag line for Kiwanis International's *The Formula* membership drive campaign. Our loving reporter asked a few of our members to share their thoughts on what being a Kiwanian means to them and why they "Love It, Share It, Live It," and three responded by press time. We will continue this column throughout Kiwanis International's anniversary year and invite you to share your thoughts.

- **Ben Gustafson** (member since 2010): "Being an active Kiwanian means I have the opportunity to share whatever expertise and resources I have with children who are in need."
- **Ed Lavish** (member since 2008): "Kiwanis is an organization that allows me to have breakfast once a week with old friends and meet new friends. It allows me hear and meet the leaders of various community organizations as well as some of the various leaders in our community. To all of whom, I may ask questions that I otherwise would not be able to ask. Kiwanis also allows me to contribute to the community and participate in various community activities such the Concert on the Green, Handicap Bowling, Special Olympics track and field, and more. It brings a new meaning to my retirement years in which I may contribute and feel needed."

# Club Calendar for February

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic
Feb 5	<b>Heather Merbs</b> , Director, Oatland Island Wildlife Center <i>Topic: Programs for Children &amp; Families and Volunteer Opportunities at Oatland</i>
Feb 12	<b>Keith Glenn</b> , USAF General (retired) <i>Topic: Airplane Stories</i>
Feb 19	<b>Kiwanis International Centennial Celebration</b>
Feb 26	<b>Victoria DiNatale</b> , Founder, Standing Victorious, LLC <i>Topic: Standing Victorious™: A Campaign Against Bullying</i> <i>Note: Please invite your neighbors with school-age children to attend.</i>

## Upcoming Club Events

- Take a Chance for Kids**  
 Drawings began in January and will conclude in March  
*Contact: Tom Sharp*
- Georgia District Mid-Winter Training**  
 Saturday, February 7, starting at 8:30AM at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA  
*Contact: Ron Weber*
- February Board Meeting**  
 Monday, February 9, starting at 8:15 a.m.  
*Contact: Ron Weber*
- Pancake Breakfast**  
 Saturday, February 21, from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church  
*Contact: Mike Pavlis, Chris Aiken, Jan Wright*
- New Member Orientation**  
 Thursday, February 26, immediately following our membership meeting.  
*Contact: Keith Glenn*
- March Board Meeting**  
 Monday, March 9, starting at 8:15 a.m.  
*Contact: Ron Weber*
- Georgia District Rally**  
 Friday, March 13, starting at noon at the Plantation Club ballroom.  
*Contact: Erv Hietbrink*
- New Member Orientation**  
 Thursday, March 26, immediately following our membership meeting.  
*Contact: Keith Glenn*
- Concert on the Green**  
 Sunday, May 3, on the TLA Athletic field. Save the date!  
*Contact: Frank Liebgott*

## Kiwanis Prayer

*Heavenly Father:*

*We stand before You with the hands, minds, and hearts that You gave us. Help us to put our hands at Your service through the work of our club. Help our minds to understand the best ways to help those less fortunate. And we ask that You help all our hearts to inspire the actions our minds conceive.*

*We ask this in your name, Father,*

*Amen*

*Source: HSV#2—Invocations for Kiwanis Occasions. (1996). Indianapolis: Kiwanis International.*

# Member News for February

# KiwaniGallery

## New Members (Sponsors)

- Caroline Barnett (Chris Butler)

## Membership Milestones for February

- Bob Shivera (1989)
- Emmet Casey (1996)
- Mark Forssell (1996)
- Tom McMullin (1998)
- Keith Glenn (1999)
- Tom Rood (2000)
- Ron Morris (2001)
- Jim Beurle (2002)
- Chris Britton (2002)
- Ed Coulson (2007)
- Blake Wilson (2009)
- George Bellino (2010)
- Chas Sitrin (2010)
- Dan DeGood (2011)
- Tim Baldwin (2012)
- Art Chapple (2013)
- Clare Higby (2013)
- Matt Spencer (2013)
- Tom Stephens (2013)

## Membership Birthdays for February

- February 1—Bob Egan
- February 1—Bob Longueira
- February 5—Alice Carlyle
- February 11—Phil Van Ess
- February 16—Dick Nelson
- February 18—Melissa Emery
- February 20—Rudy Halbart
- February 21—Blake Wilson
- February 24—Charlie O'Brien
- February 25—Jim Beurle
- February 26—Dave Devore
- February 28—Chris Butler



## Recent Guest Speakers

Top left: **Peter Shannon**, Savannah Philharmonic

Top right: **Tim Rutherford**, Savannah Morning News

Middle left: **Jonathon Thompson**, Franklin Templeton Funds

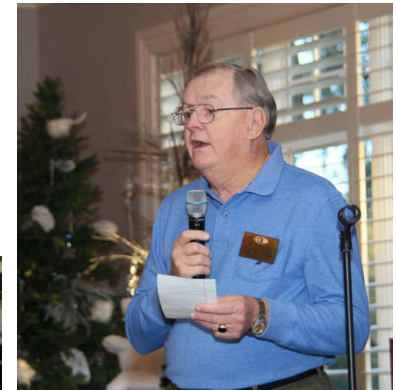
Middle right: **Lisa Groves**, Telfair Museum

Below left: **Bryan Ferris**, Rives E. Worrell Company

Below right: **Bill Lee**, Memorial Medical



# KiwaniGallery



## Thursday Mornings on Skidaway

Every Thursday at 7:15AM, Kiwanians of Skidaway meet at the Plantation Club ballroom for fellowship, breakfast, club news, a guest speaker, and the fun that comes from being with fellow Kiwanians. And, if we're lucky, once a year the Rotary Club's president (above middle) comes to concede the Ryder Cup. All in good fun, good faith, and for a good cause... improving the lives of the children of Savannah and the world, one child at a time.

*Plan to join us!*



Jan Wright visited KI's glühwein tent in Vienna.

Lt. Gov. Erv Hietbrink (center) visited the St. Marys club for their 100th anniversary celebration. With him are Peggy Shoemaker (membership) and Stephen Kinney (president).

# VALUED SPONSORS

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Wild Birds Unlimited**

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 admission tickets to our fundraising events as a gesture of appreciation for their support.

\* Corporate sponsors with asterisks have provided advertising donations in kind that increase fundraiser net revenues by offsetting expenses.

*For more information about the Corporate Sponsor program, contact Dan Umbel ([daniel\\_umbel@yahoo.com](mailto:daniel_umbel@yahoo.com)). Sponsor application forms are also available at [www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors).*

**GA District Lt. Gov.** – Erv Hietbrink

**2013–2014 Board Officers**

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

**Board of Directors**

- **Term expiring 2015:**  
Joyce Glenn, Frank Liebgott, Phil van Ess
- **Term expiring 2016:**  
Chris Butler, Ben Gustafson, Jan Wright
- **Term expiring 2017:**  
Tim Baldwin, Cecilia Russo, Christine Swanson

**Club Administration**

- Attendance Reception – Jack Hart, John Platte
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Roger Nord
- Awards – Melissa Emery
- Club Historian – TBD
- District/Division Reports – Ron Weber
- Dollars for Doers – Melissa Emery
- Education/Orientation – Keith Glenn
- Fundraising – Frank Liebgott
- Human/Spiritual Service – Rev. Jim Giddens
- Inter-Club – Sam McLaughlin, Christine Swanson
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Marketing & PR – Jan Wright
- Membership – Melissa Emery
- New Member Experience – Joyce Glenn
- Photography – Keith Glenn, Dick Glover
- Programs/Speakers – Peter Pickerill
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Jan Wright

**2014–2015 Fundraising Committees**

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 1) – Terry Overton
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 21) – Mike Pavlis, Chris Aiken, and Jan Wright
- **Concert on the Green** (May 3) – Phil van Ess
- **Corporate Sponsors Program** – Dan Umbel
- **Show the Colors** – Keith Glenn, Phil van Ess
- **Take a Chance for Kids** – Tom Sharp, Chris Butler

**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
- 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

**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.

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