

KIWANIGRAM

of SKIDAWAY



A Message from our President-Elect

July 2015

In June Keith, Erv and I traveled to the international Kiwanis convention. A trip to the convention is a reminder that we are part of Kiwanis International, also a reminder that Kiwanis is the largest service organization in the world. While there were 15,000 attendees, they all had one goal: To serve the children of the world. What follows are my other impressions of the convention.

We were in Indianapolis, which is the international headquarters of Kiwanis. The place to celebrate a 100-year birthday! Indianapolis has a thriving downtown. Most of the buildings were connected by sky walks. The challenge was not to get lost. Many of us wandered around asking which way now.

Our first impression of the attendees was the number of young people. They were everywhere. Full of enthusiasm and energy, they made you feel the future of Kiwanis was in good hands. Fact: There are now more Key Club members than Kiwanians.

There was a concern because Kiwanis membership has been decreasing, a concern we at Skidaway share. I came back with some ideas I will be sharing in the coming months. There were sessions on fundraising, public relations, keeping members happy and lots of ways to celebrate. Again we came back with ideas to share. We went to a delegates meeting, (there were 1,600 delegates) where we voted on amendments. The one that directly affects us was a \$10.00 increase in dues. This is the first increase in dues in 12 years. We also attended a large session in which we learned about Kiwanis through the decades. We are now experts, just ask us.

These are just some of the highlights. The trip was worth attending. We should be proud to be a part of the greatest service organization in the world. Kiwanis—100 years old, kids at heart. - *Joyce Glenn*

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Member George Hensley
Celebrated his 95th birthday this month.

Fundraising & Grant-Making News

Save the Date for *A Night at the Copa*

September 23, 2015 is the first of what Kiwanis of Skidaway hopes will become a “must do” annual event on Savannah’s social and charitable fundraising calendar. The dinner-dance event will be held in the Plantation Ballroom, and this year’s theme is “A Night at the Copa.” Jeremy Davis and the Equinox Orchestra are the headline attraction, and participants will have the opportunity to bid on valuable items in our auction. The net proceeds of the event and auction will be distributed at our Agency Awards Breakfast in early October.



This fantastic opportunity arose in June, and we are pulling out the stops working with Jeremy and Plantation’s catering team to put a wonderful event together. Save the date and start thinking about organizing a table of 10 for the buffet dinner.

- Dan Umbel, Melissa Emery and Jan Wright, co-chairs

Breaking Sponsor News!

A&C Gold and Diamonds, owned and founded by Kiwanis of Skidaway member Craig Burgess, has become a Silver Sponsor. Thank you, Craig!



A&C Gold and Diamonds: Specialist in estate jewelry, coins and coin collections, diamonds and diamond jewelry, and all gold and sterling silver since 1979.

New Grant Guidelines Approved

In a survey taken in late 2013, our Members told us they preferred to make fewer donations of larger dollar amounts so that we would have more impact in the community. New guidelines, developed to meet this goal, were approved by a quorum of our club’s membership on June 25. Club Secretary Ron Weber emailed a copy of the guidelines to everyone ahead of the June 25 meeting.

- Trish Shanahan & Tim Baldwin

ELIMINATE
maternal/neonatal tetanus



**One step
closer to
eliminating
MNT**

The Eliminate Project—Update & Appeal

At our July 9 meeting, Gene McDonald reported that Kiwanis of Skidaway members and friends have donated over \$16,000 to The Eliminate Project — enough to protect 8,889 mothers and their infants. Our goal for the year is \$20,000, enough for over 11,000 mothers and their infants.

All it takes is \$1.80 to administer vaccines that protect a mother and her newborns during the mother’s child-bearing years. Thanks to everyone who has supported The Eliminate Project by sharing the need, talking about Kiwanis’ involvement, and donating funds to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

If you’d like to have more information or to support this global health initiative, talk to Gene today or go to www.kiwanis.org and type Project Eliminate in the search bar. You can write a check, make a pledge, or donate your 50/50 winnings! You can also make a donation in honor or in memory of your family and friends. Thank you!

Special Report: Kiwanis at 100

1915 — JANUARY 21

Kiwanis is founded in Detroit, MI.

1916 — MAY 18–19

The first convention is held in Cleveland, OH. Business includes approving the organization's constitution and electing George Hixson as the president of the "National Kiwanis Club."

1918 — The first Kiwanis headquarters is established in Chicago, IL. On **MAY 21**, convention attendees in Birmingham, AL, raise \$17,500 in less than 10 hours to buy Kiwanis from founder Allen Browne.

1920 — Total membership reaches 28,500 in 267 clubs. Roe Fulkerson coins the motto "We Build," saying Kiwanis clubs build communities.

1922 — Toronto, Ontario, hosts the first convention outside the U.S.

1924 — Total membership reaches nearly 90,000, with more than 1,200 clubs.

1925 — Kiwanis sponsors the first Key Club, at Sacramento High School in California.

1940 — Walter Zeller donates 25 Canadian silver dollars to be auctioned off, establishing the fund we know today as the Kiwanis International Foundation.

1947 — The first Circle K International club, for male college and university students, is chartered.

1961 — Kiwanis International convention delegates vote to open clubs outside the United States and Canada.

1963 — FEBRUARY 25

The first club in Europe is organized in Vienna, Austria.

1968 — Kiwanis International Europe is formed.

1973 — Circle K opens its membership to women.

1975 — Builders Club becomes an official Kiwanis-sponsored program for young teens.

1982 — Kiwanis International opens its office at 3636 Woodview Trace in Indianapolis, IN.

1987 — JULY 7

After years of deliberation, delegates approve an amendment to welcome female members into Kiwanis clubs.

1987 — Golden K of Skidaway is chartered in Savannah, GA.

1994 — Kiwanis joins the fight to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders. Members resolve to raise \$75 million.

1996 — Golden K of Skidaway is the largest Golden K club in the world, with 331 members.

1999 — K-Kids club officially joins the Kiwanis family as a service club for elementary school students.

2000 — Aktion Club, for adults living with disabilities, joins the Kiwanis family as a sponsored program.

2004 — Service leadership is introduced to teenage students through Key Leader weekends.

2005 — Golden K of Skidaway becomes Kiwanis Club of Skidaway.

2005 — "Serving the Children of the World" becomes the new Kiwanis motto.

2006 — Kiwanis Club of Skidaway introduces its new logo and website.

2010 — JUNE 24

At the 2010 Kiwanis International convention in Las Vegas, NV, Kiwanis pledges to raise US\$110 million and join UNICEF in the effort to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from countries still affected by the disease.

2015 — JANUARY 21

Kiwanis celebrates its 100th anniversary.

2015 — JANUARY TO JUNE

The Kiwanis Centennial Tour, hosted by 2014–2015 President John Button, stops in various cities throughout the world.

2015 — JUNE 25–28

Kiwanis members worldwide gather in Indianapolis, IN for the 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Kiwanis International convention held jointly with the Key Club and Circle K conventions and the Aktion Club TLC conference.

2015 — OCTOBER

Sue Petrisin becomes the first female Kiwanis International president.

Source: Kiwanis International's "A Timeline of our History" brochure. For more milestones and photos see www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis100/history/timeline.

Kiwanis

100 Years Old, Young at Heart

Special Report: Savannah Early Childhood Foundation

June 25, 2015

Much has occurred since Savannah Early Childhood Foundation (SECF) last reported to Skidaway Kiwanis:

- We completed our third year of Early Learning College (ELC) by expanding to our third neighborhood (out of nine at full build out).
- Total attendance of the first two years of ELC was 1,700 — 300+ parents attending 5-6 class sessions each.
- Armstrong State University has built a data base for SECF to maintain attendance records and pre/post test data. Soon this data base will produce progress reports and support longitudinal studies.
- SECF continues to “stitch” more existing community resources to the fabric of the endeavor: The number today exceeds 30 community partners.
- A pilot was conducted for a new mode of learning in which parents work with their child to demonstrate use of knowledge acquired in the classroom.
- International Paper created a unique sabbatical for SECF Executive Director Mike O’Neal that pays full salary and benefits while he is working full time on early childhood endeavors.
- Mike O’Neal’s story was featured in Fortune magazine as one of 55 national “Employee Heroes of the Fortune 500.” To read Mike’s story, see <http://fortune.com/heroes-of-the-fortune-500/michael-oneal-27/>
- City of Savannah approved a \$25,000 budget line item to support Parent University
- SCCPSS approved a \$50,000 budget line item to support Parent University
- (At this writing) We are confident Chatham County will approve funding for this line item.
- June 2015 Parent University graduation broke 2014 record of graduates—2014: 170 graduates, 2015: 207 graduates.
- Since inception, SECF has raised \$400,000 in private funds with \$70,000 in the bank. Public funds highlighted above will represent 33% of the total cost/year at full build out (nine neighborhoods).
- This summer the Executive Management Team is raising funds and developing increased human capital to support expansion plans in order to double the number of neighborhoods served commencing this fall, from three neighborhoods to six.

The whole early childhood team truly appreciates Kiwanis’ continued support!!

Thanks,
Paul Fisher
President SECF



**SAVANNAH EARLY
CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION**
All Children Ready At School Age

THE FORMULA



LOVE IT. Together, you and your club members can do more than what you could do alone. Commit to doing more of what you love and what your community needs.

SHARE IT. Don’t be shy to share your success. If you don’t who will? Tell the media. Tell your other organizations and businesses. Tell your friends and family—and ask them to join you in service. Imagine what more you could do if there were more hearts and hands working alongside you.

LIVE IT. Dream big. Plan to do something this year that will show everyone your membership pride.

Guest Speakers for July

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic	Speaker Chairs: Jack Munroe, Peter Pickerill & Jan Wright
July 2	Skip Salus, Former Judge, Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Member <i>Topic: Recent Decisions of the Supreme Court 2014</i>	
July 9	Michael Jordan, CEO, Cosmos Mariner Productions <i>Topic: CSS Georgia—Savannah's Sunken Treasure</i>	
July 16	Nicole Weller, Golf Professional, The Landings Club <i>Topic: Golf at The Landings</i>	
July 23	Tom Cardiff and Matt Spencer, Boy Scouts of America <i>Topic: The State of Boy Scouting in Savannah</i>	
July 30	Esther Sheppard, Red Cross Savannah <i>Topic: The work of the Red Cross in Savannah</i>	

Guest Speakers for August

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic	Speaker Chair: Cecilia Russo
August 6	Michael Winckler, President & CEO, Goodwill of the Coastal Empire <i>Topic: Celebrating 5 Decades as a Social Enterprise—Last 50 Years, Next 50 Years</i>	
August 13	Rudy Halbart, Member, Kiwanis Club of Skidaway <i>Topic: Kayaking Is Fun—How to Get Started</i>	
August 20	Dr. Kelly Erola, Medical Director, Hospice Savannah <i>Topic: Hospice Savannah</i>	
August 27	Cheryl Haven Branch, Executive Director, SAFE Shelter <i>Topic: 911 on SAFE Shelter and Domestic Violence—History, Update, and Upcoming Projects</i>	

Renewal Time!

Kiwanis' year runs October – September 30. Renewal letters have been sent and we thank everyone who has completed their renewal already. If need another copy of the renewal letter, please contact Dan Umbel.

Annual dues are unchanged (even though Kiwanis International will be taking \$10 more) — \$125 for an individual member and \$200 for a couple.

If you haven't renewed yet, please take a moment to do so today! Thank you for being a member. We look forward to your renewal!



Club Calendar

Upcoming Events

- **July Board Meeting**
Monday, July 13, starting at 8:15 a.m.
Contact: Ron Weber
- **New Member Orientation**
Thursday, July 30, immediately following our membership meeting.
Contact: Keith Glenn
- **No August Board Meeting**
- **Georgia District Kiwanis Convention**
August 7-9 in Columbus, GA.
- **New Member Orientation**
Thursday, August 27, immediately following our membership meeting.
Contact: Keith Glenn
- **September Board Meeting**
Monday, September 14, starting at 8:15 a.m.
Contact: Ron Weber
- **A Night at the Copa**
Wednesday, September 23, at the Plantation Club ballroom. Stay tuned for details.
Contact: Melissa Emery
- **Installation of Officers**
Thursday, October 1, at Plantation.
- **Agency Awards Breakfast**
Thursday, October 7, at Plantation.

Kiwanis Prayer

Heavenly Father:

Our weaknesses are many, but your strength is great. Help us to avoid daily temptations. And remind us when we flee temptation not to leave a forwarding address.

Help us to develop the strength of character we need to live good lives and be true examples to our—and all—children.

And now bless this food to our use and us to Your service. Amen.

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

Member News

Membership Milestones for July & August

- 1991—Hazel Brown
- 1997—Bill Trice
- 2006—Frank McCarthy
- 2006—Ron Weber

July Birthdays

- July 4—Julie Gerbsch
- July 5—Pete Liptrot
- July 6—Ben Gustafson
- July 10—George Hensley
- July 11—Skip Salus
- July 17—Tom Rood
- July 18—Jay Ahrens
- July 18—Jan Wright
- July 20—Caroline Barnett
- July 28—Gary Bocard
- July 28—Bill Wright
- July 30—Dick Hughey
- July 30—Frank Liebgott
- July 31—Gary Brewer

August Birthdays

- August 1—Joe DiCicco
- August 3—Mike Brown
- August 3—Terry Overton
- August 5—Shari Haldeman
- August 6—Peter Pickerill
- August 8—Jerry Buckley
- August 17—Jim DiGiorgio
- August 18—John Fishburne
- August 19—Jim Giddens
- August 22—Dan DeGood
- August 23—Richard Barnett
- August 25—Bill McNellis
- August 26—Emerson Ham
- August 26—Jim Overton
- August 29—Jim Garrison
- August 29—Jeff Heeder
- August 30—Ron Morris
- August 31—Al Cywin

Let's Celebrate!

KiwaniGallery

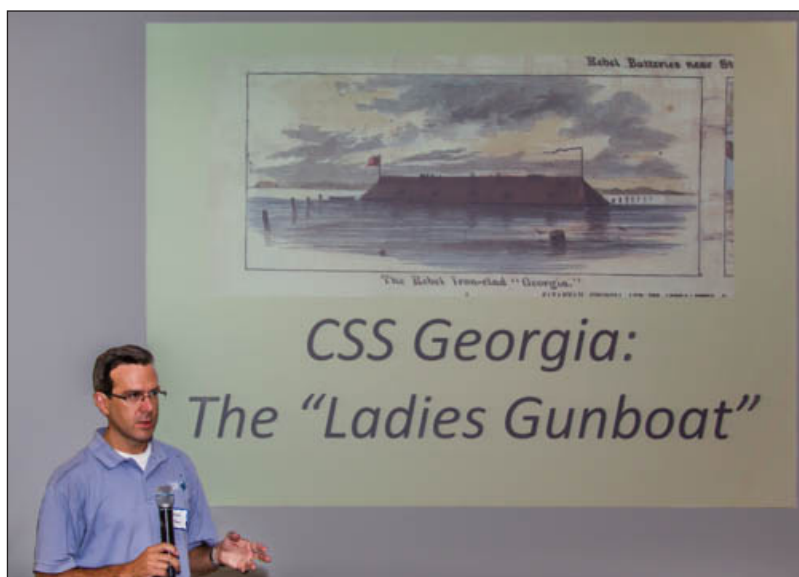
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Retired federal judge and fellow Kiwanian Skip Salus (above) was our speaker on July 2. Left & Middle: Jan Wright leads a Happy Birthday tribute to George Hensley on July 9.



Left above: Tony Biegler tells another well-delivered joke; Middle: Kevin O'Neill (with Susan Disney-Greenberg) drew the ace in our 50/50 drawing; and Left: Gene McDonald updates us on The Eliminate Project. Lower photos: Guest speaker Michael Jordan shares the history of the CSS Georgia.



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* Corporate sponsors with asterisks have provided donations in kind that increase fund-raiser net revenues by offsetting expenses.

For more information about the Corporate Sponsor program, contact Dan Umbel (daniel_umbel@yahoo.com). Sponsor application forms are also available at www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors.

GA District Lt. Gov. – Erv Hietbrink

2014–2015 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:**
Frank Liebgott
- **Term expiring 2016:**
Chris Butler, Ben Gustafson, Phil van Ess, 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, Christine Swanson, Chris Aiken, Cecilia Russo, and Jan Wright
- **Concert on the Green** (May 3) – Phil van Ess
- **A Night at the Copa** (September 23) – Dan Umbel, Melissa Emery and Jan Wright
- **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
- 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

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 1987, 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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