

# KIWANIGRAM *of* SKIDAWAY



## President's Message

March/April 2015

It is hard to believe that I have nearly completed 7 months as president of this club... And the club is standing and there hasn't been a coup d'état.

I want to thank Christine, Chris, Cecilia, Jan and Mike for their efforts in organizing this year's **Pancake Breakfast**. Our net profits should equal if not exceed last year's total. It is never too late to turn in money. And most of all, I want to thank everyone who volunteered on Saturday. Without your support, the breakfast would not have been as successful as it was.

On March 13, the **Governor's Rally** was held at Skidaway. Gov. Jimmy McCorlew was present along with Kiwanis members from Division 4. At the rally, Melissa Emery was recognized with a Henry C. Heinz Award. Congratulations to Erv Hietbrink and those who assisted Erv for putting on an incredible celebration.

April 1st was track and field day for the **Special Olympics**—one of our best ways to engage help these youth have a happy and memorable day. Thanks to all our volunteers!

I would also like to thank Dan Umbel for taking the reins on our **Corporate Sponsor** program, succeeding Jeff Heeder. Many thanks to Jeff for his years of service and to Dan for helping this program go from strength to strength.

May 3rd is the **Concert on the Green**. The 3rd Infantry Division's Band will be providing the entertainment for the second year in a row. And probably the most important feature of this event: There are no tickets to sell. All you have to do is remind your neighbors and friends to attend.

We shouldn't be complaining about the pollen. Remember, we don't have to shovel it.

Best to all, *Bob*

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*Save the Date!*



**Concert  
On the Green**

**Sunday evening, May 3**  
on the TLA Athletic Field

# Fundraising News

With the **Pancake Breakfast** successfully behind us, we now turn our attention to our final large fund raiser for this fiscal year: The **Concert on the Green!**

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help. Three ensembles from the 3rd Infantry ID Concert Band are confirmed to provide a great program, our own Dave Fox will emcee, and Rudy Halbert's magic show and other activities for children are ready to go.

Please help us get the word out by inviting your friends and neighbors to come for what promises to be a lovely evening to help Savannah's kids.

There are no tickets to sell. The suggested donation at the gate is \$20/adult. See you there!

Congratulations to the winners of this year's **Take a Chance for Kids** raffle, and thank you to the 70 members of our club who helped sell 923 tickets. After receipt of additional donations and payment of prizes, we raised over \$16,000 for Savannah Early Childhood Foundation to support Parent University and other outreach and education programs.

The 10 lucky winners (and source of their purchase) were:

- Phyllis Huffer (TWATL flyer)
- Chas Sitrin (Chas Sitrin)
- Vic Vaccarro (Bruce Schneidewind)
- Bev Brucher (Tom Sharp)
- Ray Suelflow (Tom Sharp)
- Gwen Leathley (Gwen Leathley)
- Sharp Inc. (Tom Sharp)\* donated to SECF
- Sonia Conklin (tube flyer)
- Ray Ernst (Bruce Schneidewind)
- Tom Sayers (Tom Sayers)

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## Thank You to:

- **St Presbyterian Church**
- **Our sponsors**
- **Our raffle donors**
- **Our volunteers**
- **Everyone who came!**

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

## **Concert on the Green** **A Patriotic Community Concert** Featuring the

### **3rd Infantry Division Concert Band**

**Sunday, May 3—4:30PM Social, 6PM Concert**  
**The Landings Association Athletic Field**



**Seating:** Bring your favorite lawn chairs or use our folding chairs

**Food:** Bring your own picnic or purchase hot dogs & soft drinks at the concert

**Children's Activities:** Magic show at 5:00PM, face painting & more!

**Suggested donation:** \$20/adult

Donations benefit at-risk children in Savannah

For more information: Call 335-8083; See [kiwanisofskidaway.com](http://kiwanisofskidaway.com)

# District News



## Division 4 Rally Recap

Approximately 70 Kiwanians representing the six clubs in Division 4 (Brunswick, Jesup, Saint Marys, Savannah, Skidaway, and Waycross) welcomed Georgia District Governor Jimmy McCorlew to our Rally on Friday, March 13. The meeting, hosted by our club, provided an opportunity for all attendees to learn what's happening across our division and the Georgia district.

In his remarks, Jimmy reemphasized his vision for the district and encouraged all clubs to strive to become “distinguished” before year end. He encouraged all clubs to focus on membership growth and complimented our club on its successful efforts so far. Also, he asked all clubs to have representation at both upcoming conventions – the Kiwanis

International Convention scheduled for June in Indianapolis and the Georgia District Convention scheduled for August in Columbus. Jimmy also presented the Georgia Leadership award to Stephen Kinney, president of the Saint Marys club.

Three Henry Heinz awards were also presented at the Rally. This district award is named for an early Georgia District Governor and banker who was instrumental in establishing the Georgia District Foundation. This year the Foundation chose to recognize those clubs that had contributed to the Foundation for five consecutive years by presenting a Heinz award to an individual chosen by the club's board. The following persons received awards: Fred Coolidge from Brunswick, Alan Rassi from Saint Marys, and Melissa Emery from Skidaway. The awards were presented by Horace Harrell, a member of the Foundation board, our past Lt. Governor, and a member of the Statesboro club.

Juanita Edwards from the Dalton club also attended the Rally. She is one of the candidates for the office of District Secretary/Treasurer, a position that will be voted on at our District Convention. Juanita currently coordinates District Training and was responsible for the Fall and Winter Training Conferences in Macon. She has served her Division as a Club President and Lt. Governor.

- Georgia District 4 Lt. Governor, Erv Hietbrink



(Left) Georgia District Governor Jimmy McCorlew presents the Georgia Leadership Award to Saint Marys president, Stephen Kinney; (middle) District 4 Lt. Gov. Erv Hietbrink congratulates Melissa Emery, Skidaway's recipient of the Henry Heinz Award, and (right) Erv addresses rally participants.

# 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.” We will continue this column throughout Kiwanis International’s anniversary year and invite you to share your thoughts.

- **Cecilia Russo** (member since 2011): “I have enjoyed getting to know such wonderful individuals who quickly became my Skidaway Island Kiwanis family. I value our weekly meetings and know I will always learn something new and enjoy a laugh too. Our projects and fund raisers directly impact at-risk youth in the Savannah community and it makes me very proud to be an integral part of such a worthy movement. I believe it is critical to lead by example and hope these programs empower students, teens and young adults to make a positive impact through service and leadership in their futures.”
- **Frank Liebgott** (member since 2010): “Kiwanis is a wonderful combination of two fulfilling experiences. First, it is a great opportunity to give back to the community in a meaningful and important way, helping children at risk who are not in ideal situations to change their life experience. And second, the Kiwanis environment, working with like-minded men and women is stimulating and rewarding.”
- **Joyce Glenn** (president-elect, member since 2004): “Kiwanis has many meanings for all of us. We enjoy the Thursday morning meetings, the fellowship, the informative programs, and time spent with friends. I, too, enjoy the Thursday meetings, but for me it is the service Kiwanis provides to The Landings community and to Savannah’s underprivileged children that has the most meaning. Our fundraising events are also community events. They provide opportunities for people to gather and strengthen the feeling of community here at the Landings. Most important is service to Savannah’s neediest children. For me personally the service we provide L.O.V.E. is important. With the money and volunteers from Kiwanis, L.O.V.E. mentors provide at-risk kids academic help and a stable caring adult in their lives. I am always proud to say I’m a Kiwanian. The response from people is usually, ‘Kiwanis they do really good things for the community.’ Yes, we do! I am glad to be a part of this great organization.”

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## Agency News—Back Pack Buddies Update

We asked Joy Howard, Skidaway Island Back Pack Buddies Program Director, to give us an update on the program this year. Joy says, “Our Skidaway Island Back Pack Buddies program provides weekend meals for 70 students (3rd through 5th grades) at Butler Elementary School. All of these children are eligible for federally sponsored free lunch (as well as breakfast and supper) at school 5 days a week. However, when they come into school on Mondays, the teachers notice many kids are hungry and lethargic with low attention spans and little energy after the weekend. Back Pack Buddies steps in to this gap providing food to sustain these children throughout the weekend.”

She continued, “The Kiwanis grant this year has provided approximately one third of our funding for the program resulting in approximately 600 lbs of nourishment delivered each week for distribution to these children. It is a heavy load each week, but the strong hearts and backs of many Kiwanis volunteers have helped make the deliveries manageable.”

Tim Baldwin, Kiwanis liaison to the program, reported that since October 2014, eight Kiwanians have volunteered a total of 38 hours to deliver food to the school. “The Back Pack Buddies program winds up in early May, so we’ll have at least another five or six deliveries before it ends. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time to this worthy cause.”

- Tim Baldwin, Kiwanis liaison to the Skidaway Island Back Pack Buddies program



# Guest Speakers for March

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic	Speaker Chair: Ed Coulson
Mar 5	<b>Billy Hickman</b> , Partner, Dabbs, Hickman, Hill & Cannon <i>Topic: Forensic Accounting</i>	
Mar 13	<b>Jimmy McCorlew</b> , Kiwanis District Governor, District 4 <i>Topic: District 4 Meeting and Luncheon</i>	
Mar 19	<b>Colleen Waldorf</b> , Red Cross Blood Bank <i>Topic: Red Cross April Blood Drive and Heritage Golf Tournament</i>	
Mar 26	<b>Rudy Halbert</b> , Member, Kiwanis of Skidaway <i>Topic: The Wonderful World of Magic</i>	

# Guest Speakers for April

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic	Speaker Chair: Greg Stinson
April 2	<b>Dick McDonough</b> <i>Topic: Golf Antiques and Memorabilia</i>	
April 9	<b>Karen Dove Barr</b> <i>Topic: Birds of Skidaway and the Southeast</i>	
April 16	<b>Lou Phelps</b> <i>Topic: Savannah Business Journal</i>	
April 23	<b>Kelly Erola</b> <i>Topic: Hospice Savannah</i>	<b>Please note:</b> <b>Our April 30 Meeting will be</b> <b>at the Skidaway Island</b> <b>United Methodist Church</b>
April 30	<b>Chief Jack Lumpkin</b> <i>Topic: Savannah–Chatham Metropolitan Police</i>	

# Guest Speakers for May

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic	Speaker Chair: Peter Pickerill
May 7	<b>Brian Hussey</b> , Board member, Low Country Down Syndrome Society <i>Topic: Low Country Down Syndrome Society's "Camp Buddy"</i>	
May 14	<b>Lt. Col. Brandon Tegtmeier</b> , Ranger Regiment Battallion Commander, Hunter Army Air Field <i>Topic: TBC</i>	
May 21	<b>Dr. Roger Lotson</b> , Director, Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Academy <i>Topic: TBC</i>	
May 28	<b>Jane Adams Nangle</b> , Board member, Reed House <i>Topic: Caring for People with Mental Disabilities</i>	

# Club Calendar

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## Upcoming Club Events

- **Special Olympics—Track & Field**  
Wednesday, April 1  
*Contact: Bob Reinhard*
- **Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Monday, April 6, 2–7 p.m. at Skidaway Island  
United Methodist Church  
*Contact: Chris Britten*
- **New Member Cocktail Party**  
Sunday, April 19, starting at 5–7 p.m. at the  
home of Joyce & Keith Glenn.  
*Contact: Joyce Glenn*
- **April Board Meeting**  
Monday, April 20, starting at 8:15 a.m.  
*Contact: Ron Weber*
- **New Member Orientation**  
Thursday, April 30, immediately following our  
membership meeting.  
*Contact: Keith Glenn*
- **Concert on the Green**  
Sunday, May 3, on the TLA Athletic field.  
*Contact: Phil van Ess*
- **May Board Meeting**  
Monday, May 11, starting at 8:15 a.m.  
*Contact: Ron Weber*
- **New Member Orientation**  
Thursday, May 28, immediately following our  
membership meeting.  
*Contact: Keith Glenn*



## Kiwanis Prayer

*Heavenly Father:*

*We thank You for all You have provided for us on this earth. We thank You for the skills You have given us, which allow us to earn our livings and care for our families. In gratitude for our blessings, may we share them with others in our efforts through Kiwanis.*

*We ask this in Your name, Father,*

*Amen*

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



# Member News

## New Members (Sponsors)

- Al Stiles (Milly Pitts-DiCicco)

## March Membership Milestones

- Bob Shivera (1989)
- **Erv Hietbrink (1995)**
- Pete Liptrot (1999)
- **Roger Nord (2000)**
- Emerson Ham (2002)
- Jack Hart (2002)
- Scott Howard (2002)
- Jim O'Malley (2003)
- Bob Longueira (2008)
- **Frank Liebgott (2010)**
- Dave Devore (2013)
- Peter Pickerill (2014)
- Tommy Reese (2014)

## March Birthdays

- March 1—Mark Forssell
- March 3—Larry Wills
- March 14—Tim Cook
- March 20—Jim Waterman
- March 25—Bill Barton
- March 29—Tony Biegler

## April Membership Milestones

- Gary Bocard (1994)
- **Chris Aiken (2000)**
- **Bill Wright (2000)**
- Melissa Emery (2003)
- Greg Stinson (2006)
- Elizabeth Jacobi (2008)
- Dan Umbel (2008)
- Lou Molella (2008)
- Craig Burgess (2012)
- Dick Hughey (2013)

## April Birthdays

- April 2—Frank McCarthy
- April 3—Tim Baldwin
- April 4—Bill Trice
- April 19—David O'Hearn
- April 20—Allen Downen
- April 25—Gary Hughes
- April 27—Mike Newman
- April 28—Chuck Beck

# Let's Celebrate!



Photo Credits this issue:  
Keith Glenn, Dick Glover, and Melissa Emery

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Our Feb. 26 speaker, Victoria DiNatale (founder Standing Victorious, LLC) sent us the anti-bullying resources that were listed in her presentation. Here they are.

## STANDING VICTORIOUS™ Resources

- Visit [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov) for parent and community resources
- Visit [gadoe.org](http://gadoe.org) to read Georgia's law, review Georgia's model policy against bullying, and watch educational videos about bullying
- If students are bullied, direct them to call...
  - Georgia's bullying hotline number – 1-877-SAY-STOP
  - The National Suicide Prevention hotline number – 1-800-273-TALK
- Visit [www.standingvictorious.com](http://www.standingvictorious.com) to contact Victoria and support her anti-bullying campaigns.

**KIWANIS Take a CHANCE for Kids**  
 Support Savannah Early Childhood Foundation  
 Take a Chance for Kids Winner  
 February 5, 2015

Chance ID	First Name	Last Name	Member
615	Ray	Suelflow	Sharp

**963 Total Chances**

Select New Winner    Reset System

## February Photos





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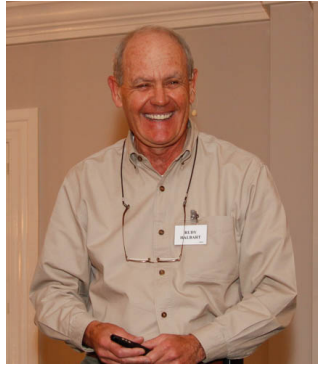


**March and April Photos:**  
From our Division 4 Rally on  
March 13 to our regular  
Thursday morning meetings  
with guest speakers and friends,  
Kiwanians of Skidaway enjoy  
fellowship and service together.





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**TWATL\***

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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 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](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

### 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
- **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 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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