

KIWANIGRAM

of SKIDAWAY



President's Message

March 2014

Dear Kiwanians,

Each year, our club works very hard to raise money to donate to agencies that help kids. One of my goals as President is to examine the fund-raising process in our club and make sure it is as efficient, fun, and pain-free as possible. Toward that end, we will spend our meeting on March 13 brainstorming our fund-raising process and asking ourselves how we might make it better. We will look at the pros and cons of our current events, brainstorm new or different events, and ask ourselves, "If we were starting out today with nothing and wanted to raise \$75,000, how would we do it?" It may turn out that the events we have now are just what we need and want, or it may be that we need to do some tweaking. Whatever the results, it is important to have the input of our members, so please do plan to come to the meeting on March 13 to express your point of view.

Another area we need to focus on is attracting new members. We need you to think about friends or acquaintances of yours who might make good Kiwanians and bring them to a meeting. The only way we will grow is if our current members make an effort to expand our circle. We have fun every week, and we learn a lot, so bringing someone to one of our meetings is actually an act of kindness! You will be introducing them to a new group of friends and helping them find ways they can contribute to our community. That's just being a good neighbor.

Planning is underway for the Concert on the Green. We have some interesting possibilities this year, which we will disclose soon. Stay tuned!

Thank you for all you do for the children of Savannah.

- Melissa

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Youth Challenge Academy volunteers were on hand to help with the Pancake Breakfast. Co-chair Christine Swanson said, "This event would not have been the success it was without them."

Fundraising News

Pancake Breakfast: A Roaring Success

- Special to the Kiwanigram from TLA's Lynn Lewis

The 21st Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast was a roaring success, with 1,000 breakfasts served.

The event was held at the Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church on February 8, and according to Christine Swanson, co-chair of the event along with Cecilia Russo and Matt Spencer, it was one of the largest turnouts ever.

"We served up a quarter of a ton of bacon and sausage, went through 220 pounds of pancake mix and 104 quarts of orange juice, and I can't even begin to tell you how much coffee," she said.

Swanson said this year's breakfast included some new additions, such as an appearance by Magic Mark and a coloring contest sponsored by Merrill Lynch. Perhaps it was these new additions that drew a larger-than-normal crowd or simply the giving spirit of Landings residents and other area attendees.

"It is important to note that approximately 30 agencies in the Chatham County area will benefit from 100 percent of the proceeds of this breakfast," Swanson said. "Our primary focus is helping disadvantaged children in this area. In the 26 years the Skidaway Chapter of Kiwanis has been in existence, we are proud to have raised \$1.3 million, all of which has gone to local charities."

Swanson said this year's breakfast could not have been the success it was had it not been for a number of factors, including the participation of more than 80 Skidaway Chapter Kiwanians who volunteered their time to organize, publicize, and work the event.

"We say thank you to everyone who helped to make our 21st Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast possible," she said. "We are grateful to all of our members and community supporters. I also extend a special thank you to Youth Challenge. This extraordinary group of young men and women did an amazing job helping us. They showed up before 6 a.m. that morning and stayed through cleanup helping to serve and clear tables. This event would not have been the success it was without them."

Although the Pancake Breakfast now is a pleasant memory, the group already is looking ahead to the next event. "Our Kiwanis Club has three major fund raisers each year," Swanson said. "Our next big event is Concert on the Green on May 4. That event is held on The Landings Association's Athletic Field. I encourage people to mark their calendars now and make plans to attend. Additionally, I urge everyone to make plans to attend next year's pancake breakfast as we already are planning for more exciting additions that you don't want to miss."





Erv Hietbrink has accepted to serve as Georgia District's Division 4 Lt. Governor for 2014–2015. Division 4 has seven clubs (370 members): Brunswick (68), Jesup (47), Liberty County (6), Saint Mary's (63), Savannah (28), Skidaway (129), and Waycross (29).

Data source: Georgia Kiwanian magazine.

Georgia District News: Erv Hietbrink Says “Yes” One More Time

Each year one club in each Division is asked to put up a candidate for the position of Lt. Governor of that Division for the following year. The candidate must be a past club officer (preferably president) or have previously held another office in the District. The candidate is presented at a Division Rally sometime before the end of the current year where all clubs in the Division affirm him or her as their incoming Lt. Governor. When the new Kiwanis year begins on October 1, the new Lt. Governor will provide oversight and guidance to all clubs in the Division and serve on the Georgia District Board of Directors.

Earlier this year, President Melissa Emery was informed that it was the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway's “turn” to provide a candidate for 2014–2015. After a thorough search of the qualified candidates, and offers of this opportunity to each of them, we concluded that Erv Hietbrink would be our man. Erv's previous experience as a Distinguished two-term Lt. Governor led us to conclude that we will be in good hands and that our club will be well represented.

In addition, Erv has agreed to participate in a special 3-year Kiwanis International Club & Membership Growth initiative. As such, he will serve on a District task force, led by former District Governor Dewey Smith, charged with growing the Kiwanis organization across Georgia.



Sponsor Update

Please join me in thanking diamond sponsor **Brad Durham** and bronze sponsors **Certa Pro** and **Russell Clemmons DDS** for renewing their sponsorship this month. So far in FY2014, new sponsorships and renewals have added nearly \$14,000 to our ability to support local agencies that help the at-risk children of Chatham County.

If you know a business that could be interested in helping to sponsor our Club, please let me know!

- Jeff Heeder, chairman
Corporate Sponsor program
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- *Special to the Kiwanigram from Pamela A. Haverland, Bart, Meyer & Company*

Bart, Meyer & Company, LLP is proud to support the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway again this year. We are happy to be part of this outreach in the Greater Savannah community and the Club's service to children in Savannah.

Bart, Meyer & Company is one of the largest estate planning firms in the Southeast. The Firm is located in the Village on Skidaway Island and has a boutique practice limited to the representation of private clients, fiduciaries, families and family businesses, physician groups, real estate transactions and related litigation.

We are proud to announce that four of the Firm's attorneys have been honored in the December 2013 issue of Georgia Trend magazine in the "Legal Elite" section which recognizes Georgia's top attorneys. Roy E. Paul was honored as one of the magazine's top lawyers in the General Practice area; Thomas B. Sayers was recognized as one of the top attorneys in the practice area of Taxes/Estates/Trusts; Amy R. Henderson was honored in the practice of Taxes/Estates/Trusts; and, Paul D. Meyer was recognized as one of Georgia's Top Business Lawyers.

Bart, Meyer & Company has also been honored with a Tier 1 regional ranking and recognized as a "Best Law Firm" for 2014 by U.S. News & World Report magazine. In addition, all five law firm partners are rated as "AV" Preeminent attorneys, which is the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards.

Our attorneys, supported by six experienced legal assistants, have focused their practice in the areas of trusts and estates, probate and estate administration, wealth transfer planning, estate and gift taxes, business succession planning, private foundations and asset protection. The Firm also specializes in legal consultation to physician groups and real estate transactions.

We are pleased to announce the opening of our second Savannah office in the near future. The new office will be located at 500 Stephenson Avenue. A location on Skidaway Island will continue to be open as well.

*Editor's note: Bart, Meyer & Company LLP has been a sponsor for our club for many years. The firm is a silver sponsor this year, and partner **Tom Sayers** serves as a member of our club's Board of Directors in the class of 2014.*



**SAVANNAH EARLY
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All Children Ready At School Age

Savannah Early Childhood Foundation in the News

Did you miss it? See Savannah Early Childhood Foundation (SECF) President Paul Fisher's February 23 "Commentary: Innovative Effort to Attack Savannah's Poverty, Crime at its Roots Shows Promise" at <http://savannahnow.com/column/2014-02-23/commentary-innovative-effort-attack-savannahs-poverty-crime-its-roots-shows#.UxRcJTnZdbw>.

Learn more about the centerpiece of SECF's program: Parent skill enhancement for parents of infants and toddlers in low-income neighborhoods to help assure that their children are truly ready for school. Learn more about how you can help, or visit www.savannahecf.org.



Young Children Priority One

Young Children Priority One (YCPO) is an ongoing community service program of Kiwanis International that addresses the needs of children age 0-5. All clubs are encouraged to carry out at least two YCPO projects per calendar year, though many clubs are able to do more—serving children, families and communities.

Young Children Priority One focuses on four key areas:

- Maternal and child health
- Child care and development
- Parent education and support
- Safety and pediatric trauma



Source: www.kiwanis.org

Club Calendar for March & April

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic
March 6	Misty Bethune , Safe Kids Savannah <i>Topic: Preventing Accidental Childhood Injury</i>
March 13	Club Meeting—Brainstorming our Fund-Raising Process
March 20	Craig Burgess , Owner, A&C Gold and Diamonds <i>Topic: Diamonds, Jewels, and Rare Coins</i>
March 27	W. Rex Templeton, Sr. , President, Morris & Templeton Insurance <i>Topic: Proposed New Flood Insurance Regulations</i>
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	J. Winston Porter , President of Environmental Strategies and former EPA Administrator <i>Topic: America's Energy Future</i>

Upcoming Club Events

- **Club Board Meeting**
Monday, March 10, starting at 8:15 a.m.
Contact: Ron Weber
- **Take a Chance on Kids Drawing**
Thursday, March 27, we will draw our \$500 winner for March at our meeting.
Contact: Tom Sharp
- **New Member Orientation**
Thursday, March 27, immediately following our membership meeting.
Contact: Keith Glenn

Upcoming District Events

- **Key Club District Convention**
March 1-3 in Atlanta
- **Mid-Winter Training Conference**
March 8 in Macon
- **Key Leader Conference FAA**
March 21-23 in Covington
- **Georgia District Convention**
August 15-17 in Savannah

March Birthdays

- March 1—Mark Forssell
- March 2—Larry Wills
- March 3—Gene McDonald
- March 14—Jerry Nusloch
- March 17—Millie Pitts-Dicicco
- March 20—Jim Waterman
- March 25—Bill Barton

Membership Milestones for March

- 1 year—Dave Devore
- 4 years—Frank Liebgott
- 5 years—Robert Marks
- 6 years—Bob Longueria
- 11 years—Jim O'Malley
- 12 years—Emerson Ham, Jack Hart, Scott Howard
- 14 years—Roger Nord
- 15 years—Pete Liptrot
- 19 years—Erv Hietbrink

**Happy
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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.

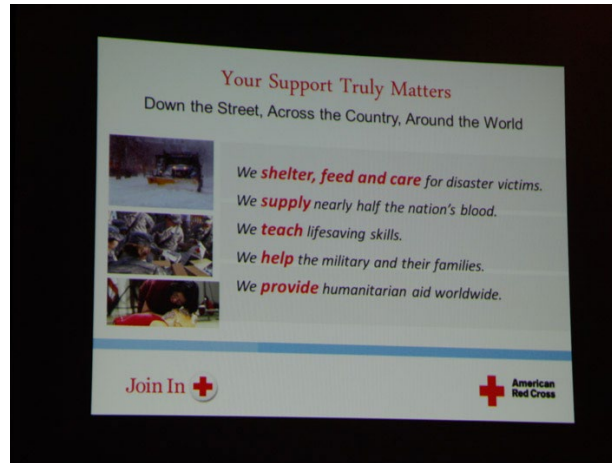
PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**Thanks to all our volunteers, sponsors, raffle donors, and patrons.
You've helped to improve the lives of Savannah's at-risk children.**

See www.kiwanisofskidaway.com for more photos!

KIWANI GALLERY



Top Row: Robin Wingate, Director of Southern Georgia Area Red Cross, shared how our support really matters and provided an update on the Landings Military Family Relief Fund at our February 20 meeting.

Middle Right (L-R): Lou Molella, Third Infantry Sgt. Ryan Bishop, President Melissa Emery, Robin Wingate, and Jack Munroe

Middle Left: Member Gabe Pitt, Doctor of Audiology, Optimal Hearing of Savannah, spoke on Hearing Loss and Dementia at our February 27 meeting.

Lower Left: Jack Munroe was our raffle winner for February's Take a Chance for Kids drawing. Net proceeds benefit Savannah's Early Childhood Foundation.

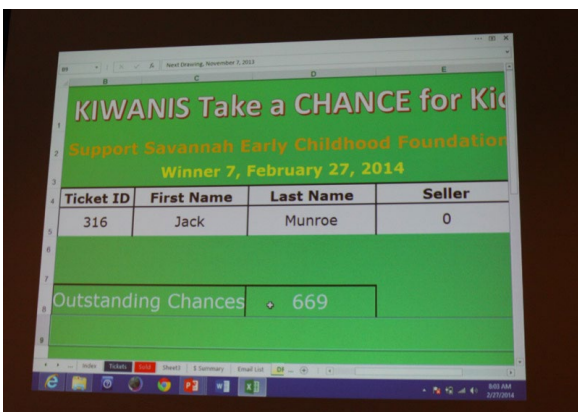


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- **President** – Melissa Emery
- **Past President** – Dan Umbel
- **President-Elect** – Bob Norton
- **VP-Secretary** – Ron Weber
- **VP-Treasurer** – Jay Ahrens

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
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- Photography – Keith Glenn, Dick Glover
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- 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
- 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 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.

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