

KIWANIGRAM

of SKIDAWAY



President's Message

May/June 2015

Hello Kiwanians,

Summer is definitely approaching. You know summer cannot be far off when the early morning temperatures are in the mid seventies. Summer is the usual time when one assumes one can rest, but our club's progress continues apace!

First, our nominating committee developed a fantastic slate of officers and new members of our Board of Directors, and all were elected at our June xx meeting. (See page 3.)

Second, a committee of members has been reviewing/amending the funding guidelines over the past six months and came up with two objectives/questions: (1) Do all of the agencies that Kiwanis funds directly support the disadvantaged children of Chatham County? and (2) Is the money actually having an impact with the agencies funded? You will be asked to vote on their recommendations at our June 25 meeting. (See page 3.)

The Concert on the Green was another superb event held on a weather perfect night. Speaking with people who attended the event, everyone thought the music performance by the 3rd Infantry Division was great. Congratulations to Phil van Ess and his committee for organizing this event. For the second consecutive year, members did not have to sell tickets and COG expenses were drastically cut.

With the summer approaching, my wife and I will be taking our annual vacation to Maine. I will be missing 7 consecutive Thursday morning meetings. Five previous club presidents have volunteered to chair the meetings in my absence. Please be gentle with them.

If you are going away this summer, may your journeys be safe and the weather enjoyable. - Bob

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Articles Needed

The Kiwanigram welcomes articles from our agency liaisons (see back page) to update our membership on agency activities and opportunities for fellow Kiwanians to volunteer. Kiwanigram editor Jan Wright will contact all liaisons to develop a calendar for these articles.

If you're a liaison and would like someone from your agency to be a guest speaker, please contact speaker coordinator, Peter Pickerill. Thank you!

Fundraising News

Show the Colors Goes Savannah-Wide with New PR

With Cecilia Russo's help, our Show the Colors campaign got a boost, as the May 18 Savannah News Wire carried a headline and news item about the program. This announcement takes our fundraising efforts to the entire area covered by Savannah News Wire—over 10,000 subscribers currently. Savannah News Wire is a weekly email blast from Carriage Trade PR.

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Subject: COMMUNITY HEADLINES * May 18, 2015 * Kiwanis Club selling American flags * Marketing to Millennials? * EYE Gotta Run/walk 5K--RUN4SIGHT
Date: May 18, 2015 8:05:36 AM EDT
To: V. Jan Wright
Reply-To: carriagetradepr@carriagetradepr.com



SAVANNAH NEWS WIRE™

(SAVANNAH, GA) **Speros, a national full-service technology company headquartered in Savannah, announces the grand opening of its new satellite office at 101 Memorial Drive, Suite A, in Hinesville on Wednesday, May 20.** Mayor James (Jim) Thomas Jr. is scheduled to participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. An open house will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit <https://mysavannah.wordpress.com/2015/05/07/speros-announces-hinesville-office-grand-opening/>

(SAVANNAH, GA) **The Kiwanis Club of Skidaway has started selling two American flags for four holidays: Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day and Presidents Day.** The Kiwanis Club will install the pair of flags in your yard before each holiday and remove them shortly afterwards for a donation of \$50. The donation will go to help an at-risk child in Chatham County. To sign up or for more information, contact Keith Glenn at 598-9483.



Thanks to all who have supported Project Eliminate by sharing the need and Kiwanis' involvement and by donating funds to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. All it takes is \$1.80 to protect a mother and her newborns during the mother's child-bearing years.

Project Eliminate coordinator for our club, Gene McDonald, shared the latest news from Kiwanis International on fundraising progress (gifts and pledges) as of mid-May 2015:

- All sources—\$80,788,953 (44.9 lives saved or protected, calculated by KI at \$1.80/life)
- USA—\$14,660,519 (8.1 million lives)
- Georgia—\$1,855,567 (1.0 million lives)
- Division 4—\$44,808 (24,893 lives)
- Kiwanis of Skidaway—\$16,038 (8,910 lives)

On average, Kiwanians worldwide have given US\$348.28/member. Our club's average is \$102.15/member. This giving is in addition to our fundraising to support at-risk children in Chatham County.

If you'd like to have more information or to support this global health initiative, talk to Gene today! You can write a check, make a pledge, or donate your 50/50 winnings! Thank you!

Concert on the Green

The logistics of the Concert on the Green went very well this year and everything came together the evening of the concert. Personal contact in all areas by the committee chairs with the people and activities that supported this effort helped tremendously.

Kiwanis volunteer sign-up was easy. Emailing the list of the volunteer positions needed to the members resulted in all requirements being met in one week! Our members responded again. Our excellent committee chairs continued to improve the check lists for each area to make their jobs “easier” and minimize the number of items that “fall through the crack.”

Several other organizations helped make this concert a success. The Landings Club staff provided a flexible food source. The TLA staff continuously worked with us and offered several suggestions. The Youth Challenge Academy continued to show they are a valuable partner to the concert’s success.

SFC Dana Fischl of the 3rd ID Band was great to work with and has a great singing voice. The audience liked the differing types of musical groups: Jazz Combo, Brass Quintet, and Acoustic Rock Band. First Sgt De La Rosa admitted they were still working the kinks out for this type of musical presentation. But to the soldier, they wanted to be here and want to come back.

We need to keep using the 3rd ID Band for a donation driven Concert on the Green. The two year history shows several things. Revenues are down but expenses were brought down more again this year. The membership likes the donation format and the audience supports this way of giving. We can continue to improve this model by increasing the attendance which will increase the bottom line by netting more than \$7000-\$8000.

This year’s committee will make several suggestions to improve the participation of The Landings residences.

- Phil van Ess, Concert on the Green chairman



Club News

New Grant/Donation Guidelines

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. Responding to this Member goal, the Board formed a committee to review current policies and procedures and develop grant and donation guidelines that would meet the expectations of our Members and serve us well for many years- yet give us the flexibility we need to answer the needs of the community. The new guidelines, approved by the Board in April, also:

- Mirror our mission
- Clarify the types of organizations, projects and programs that will be considered
- Engage our members with our grantees
- Make our mission and requirements clear to prospective grantees
- Demonstrate our compliance with federal law

The new guidelines have been emailed to all members and will be presented at our June 25th meeting. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and vote for their approval. You may also review the proposed guidelines on our website (www.kiwanisofskidaway.com, on the member pages). - Trish Shanahan

Report of the Nominating Committee

Below are our recommendations for the 2015/2016 Kiwanis Board:

President	Joyce Glenn
President-Elect	Ben Gustafson
Secretary	Ron Weber
Treasurer	Jay Ahrens
Directors (3)	Kevin O’Neil Dave Fox Tom Stephens

Respectfully submitted,

2015/2016 Nominating Committee

Joyce Glenn, Bill Wright, Dan Umbel, Jim Overton, Melissa Emery and Cecilia Russo

Club News



Kiwanis Helps CCA's Kids Fishing Derby

May 23rd was a GREAT DAY at the Landings at the 20th annual CCA free Kids Fishing Derby, and members of the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway were on hand to help. The kids—aged 3 to 15—caught lots of fish, spent quality time with families and adults, and enjoyed the beautiful outdoor weather.

This year 94 kids registered and caught and released 389 bluegills. Based on score sheets, 90% of kids caught at least one fish and averaged about five fish each. Both results are dramatically better than a year ago when the fish just weren't biting. Every participant received a CCA cap and Wildlife Guide, and each family received a one-year "CCA Youth Membership" which includes magazines promoting fishing fun and conservation. Additional door prizes were handed out and fishing prizes of rod & reel and tackle boxes were awarded for first fish, biggest fish, and most fish by age group, on a one prize per winner basis. Thanks to all Kiwanians who helped with this year's event!



Photo credits: Betsy Smith. CCA Skidaway volunteers have helped over 2,100 kids enjoy fishing as a healthy outdoor recreational activity. We encourage use of The Kids Fishing Lagoon #56 behind the Oakridge Fire House as a kids fishing hole and family destination spot. Adults can fish as long as they have a kid fishing with them. Picnic tables and benches are available. Please contact Dave Devore (598-9423) or Tom Rood (598-9753) with as much lead time as possible if you want CCA to help with rods & reels and/or coaching for a kids outing. CCA will help to the extent resources are available.

THE FORMULA



Mid-Year Honors

Opening with the statement that "you're all winners," past president Dan Umbel announced mid-year honors at our June 11 meeting. Tim Baldwin, Rudy Halbart, Kevin O'Neill, Terry Overton, Trish Shanahan, Tom Sharp, and Tom Stephens were recognized as Outstanding Kiwanians for 2014-2015; and Jan Wright was recognized as Kiwanian of the Year. Please join me in thanking these fellow members for their service.

Renewal Time!

Kiwanis' year runs October 1—September 30. Be on the lookout for your renewal letter later this summer. A stamped, addressed return envelope will be included for your convenience.

Annual dues are unchanged — \$125 for an individual member and \$200 for a couple. Thank you for being a member. We look forward to your renewal!

Guest Speakers for June

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic	Speaker Chair: Ed Lavish
June 4	Cheryl Rogers, Director, Witness Assistance Program, Chatham County District Attorney's Office <i>Topic: Witness Assistance Program</i>	
June 11	Dr. Jim Sanders, Director, Skidaway Odum School of Oceanography <i>Topic: Shrimping, Black Gill, and Ice</i>	
June 18	Lee Smith, County Manager, Chatham County <i>Topic: Chatham County Government Affairs</i>	
June 25	Joyce Glenn, President-Elect, Kiwanis Club of Skidaway <i>Topic: Board Business</i>	

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: Advanced Kayaking at The Landings</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>	

Many thanks to everyone who helped organize guest speakers this year.

We are covered for the remainder of 2015 thanks to Jeff Heeder (September), Julie Gerbsch (October), Peter Pickerill (November), and Jan Wright (December).

Club Calendar

Upcoming Club Events

- **June Board Meeting**
Monday, June 8, starting at 8:15 a.m.
Contact: Ron Weber
- **New Member Orientation**
Thursday, June 25, immediately following our membership meeting.
Contact: Keith Glenn
- **July Board Meeting**
Monday, July 13, starting at 8:15 a.m.
Contact: Ron Weber

Upcoming Kiwanis International and Georgia Kiwanis Events

- June 25-28, 2015: Kiwanis International Convention (Indianapolis) — President-elect Joyce Glenn will be representing our Club.
- August 7-9, 2015: Georgia District Kiwanis Convention (Columbus, Ga.)

Kiwanis Song Leadership

Singing a song together at the start of our weekly meetings is part of our fellowship tradition. Mark Forssell, Jim Waterman, and Jan Wright invite you to help with this, and summer is a great time to start! If you know how to play the piano or guitar and could accompany our song leader on occasion, please let Mark Forssell know. If you could select songs and lead our singing on occasion, please let Jan Wright know. Thank you!

Kiwanis Prayer

Heavenly Father:

Let Kiwanis widen our circles of interest and broaden our spheres of service.

Teach our members that we need not be rich to be generous, especially with our time; that service to others is the rent we must pay for the space we occupy; and that it is not the talented by the dedicated who serve You best. Amen

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

Member News

New Members (Sponsors)

- Jenn Singeisen (Tom Stephens)
- Jimmy Maloney (Ben Gustafson)
- Larry Mathews (Tom Stephens)
- Mike Brown (Ben Gustafson)

May & June Membership Milestones

- 1992—Bob Yeomans
- 1997—Pat Cumminskey,
Dave Wyland
- 1999—Dave Fox, Dick Shomaker
- 2006—Sandra Mayer
- 2007—Jim DiGiorgio
- 2010—Jan Wright
- 2011—Brad Lucas, Bill McNellis,
Bob Norton, Cecilia Russo
- 2014—Jerry Buckley, Tim Cook,
Joe DiCicco, Rudy Halbart,
Shari Haldeman, Mike Pavlis

May & June Birthdays

- May 8—Jacque Donovan
- May 9—Ed Lavish
- May 9—Roger Nord
- May 11—Charles Arraiz
- May 12—Hazel Brown
- May 12—Bruce Schneidewind
- May 13—Tom Sharp
- May 21—Mark Toth
- May 23—Dan Malachuk
- May 23—Bill Shanahan
- May 24—Dave Wyland
- June 1—Chuck Ortmann
- June 3—Keith Glenn,
- June 3—Tom McMullin
- June 3—Dirke Von Hollen
- June 18—Gabe Pitt
- June 21—Craig Burgess
- June 23—Cecilia Russo
- June 23—Chris Swanson
- June 29—Bob Oliver

Let's Celebrate!

KiwaniGallery

Photo Credits this issue: Dick Glover



Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines!

It's become a May tradition to honor members for their service in our armed forces.

Upper left: **Navy veterans**

Jim Overton, Tom McMullin, Mark Forssell, Tom Stephens, Sam McLaughlin, Skip Salus, Al Cywin

Middle left: **Army veterans**

Pete Liptrot, Jim Garrison, Jerry Beets, Bill Heald, Chas Sitrin, Jim Emery

Upper right: **Army veterans**

Tom Sharp, Jerry Nusloch, Bill Wright, Tony Biegler, (not visible), Lou Molella, Jack Holiday, Larry Wills

Lower Left: **Air Force veterans**

Clare Higby, Jack Munroe, Jerry Nusloch, Keith Glenn, Jim Beurle

Lower right: **Marines veterans**

Pat Cummiskey, Mike Brown, Obie O'Brien



**Thank you for your service
in our armed forces and to Savannah's kids!**



KiwaniGallery



We had a great turn-out when Savannah Metropolitan Police Chief Jack Lumpkin was our guest speaker on April 30.



Major Dan Kearney and Command Sergeant Major Craig Bishop, Battalion 51, 1st BN, 75th Ranger Regiment, were our guest speakers on May 14.

The attached link is to an amazing article about some of Major Kearney's experiences.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/24/magazine/24afghanistan-t.html?pagewanted=a>

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

Serving the Children of Savannah and the World, One Child at a Time

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Clockwise from upper left:

Dr. Roger Lotson, Director, Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Academy

Lt. Gov. Erv Hietbrink with Henry C. Heinz Award recipient Melissa Emery

Brian Hussey, Board member, Low Country Down Syndrome Society

Jane Adams Nangle, Board member, Reed House

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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 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
- **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

Kiwani 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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