

# KIWANIGRAM

## of SKIDAWAY

Nov/Dec 2014

### President's Message



The holiday seasons are approaching and provide many opportunities not only for tangible goods but holiday cheer. It is a time for me to give thanks for the blessings in our lives.

I want to thank everyone who was involved with this year's Chili Cook-Off.

Saturday morning was not enjoyable. The weather was not accommodating.

Without the hard work of Terry Overton and his crew & volunteers, the event would not have been as successful as it was.

I am also thankful that my Over the Edge experience for the Boy Scouts was uneventful. I know I wasn't graceful when I went off the side of the building, but

I wasn't being awarded style points. I was upright and walking when I reached the terra firma and that is what matters most.

I am thankful for being a member of this club: a Kiwanian. This fellowship we share is important. The opportunity to serve others drives our club and the knowledge that we can and do make a difference in Chatham County. Love It, Share It, Live It.

For those who are traveling for the holidays; may your journeys be safe and your visits enjoyable. I would like to wish each of you a safe holiday season.

- Bob

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**Terra Firma!**

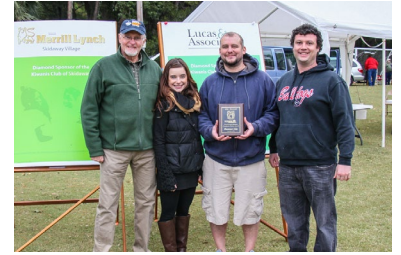
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The competing chili entrants included organizations that have been supporters throughout the history of the event and 8 first-timers (noted with asterisks):

Alligator Soul\*  
 America's Second Harvest  
 B. Tillman/Byrd Cookie Company\*  
 Fioré/Bella's\*  
 Five Spot\*  
 Jalepeno's  
 Marshwood Club  
 Oakridge Club  
 Plantation Club  
 Sandfly Sports Bar and Grill\*  
 Savannah Golf Club  
 Savannah Tech Culinary School\*  
 Texas Roadhouse  
 The Marshes of Skidaway  
 Toucan/Sweet Potatoes\*  
 Troy's\*  
 Village Bar & Grille  
 Volvo of Savannah/Savannah Mitsubishi  
 SunTrust Wealth Management\*



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 Melissa Emery

Chili Cook-Off, pages 2–7:  
 Dick Glover



# Chili Cook-Off 2014

Comments from attendees praised the innovativeness of the offerings and many opined that the cooler than usual temperatures suited the hot chili.

We thank everyone who attended: Your participation helped us to raise funds to support our grants to local agencies that serve at-risk children in Chatham County.

I would like to thank the committee heads: Gene McDonald for leading the restaurant team through hard-working, never-say-die example; Frank Liebgott for ably handling publicity and printing; Dave Fox for steadfast leadership of the judging process; Ben Gustafson and Dick Hughey for manning the complex ticket and raffle sales effort; Marianne Schutz for enriching the event with an attractive raffle; and Ed Lavish for efficiently delivering our concession services, and the “let’s get it done” attitude of Kiwanis members, scheduled and unscheduled, who made the event a success.

Thanks to all for your efforts!!

- Terry Overton, Chili Cook-Off chairman

## Cook-Off Winners

| Restaurant Division            |                  | Commercial Division        |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>People’s Choice Award</b>   |                  |                            |
| Sandfly Sports Bar & Grill     | <b>1st</b>       | The Marshes of Skidaway    |
| Troy’s                         | <b>Runner-Up</b> | America’s Second Harvest   |
| <b>Judges’ Award</b>           |                  |                            |
| Texas Roadhouse                | <b>1st</b>       | Plantation Club            |
| B. Tillman/Byrd Cookie Company | <b>Runner-Up</b> | Savannah Golf Club         |
| <b>President’s Award</b>       |                  |                            |
| Five Spot                      | <b>1st</b>       | The Marshes of Skidaway    |
| Sandfly Sports Bar & Grill     | <b>Runner-Up</b> | SunTrust Wealth Management |
| <b>Hottest</b>                 |                  |                            |
| Jalapeno’s                     |                  | Oakridge Club              |
| <b>Best Presentation</b>       |                  |                            |
| Alligator Soul                 |                  | Plantation Club            |



















**Chilly Chili  
Cook-Off 2014...  
And everyone had  
a good time!**



# FY2014 Grants to Agencies

## FY2014 Grant Recipients

During its fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, Kiwanis of Skidaway awarded \$78,500 in grants to these local agencies:

- America's Second Harvest
- Backpack Buddies
- Bethesda Academy
- Childhood Cancer Family Support
- Coastal Children's Advocacy Center
- Greenbriar Children's Home
- Horizons
- Horsin' Around
- Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Junior Achievement
- Local Outreach Volunteer Educators
- Music Medicine Institute
- Nat'l. Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force
- Park Place Outreach
- Performance Initiatives
- Savannah Early Childhood Foundation
- Savannah Friends of Music
- Savannah Philharmonic
- Social Apostolate
- Special Olympics
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah
- Youth Challenge Academy

The club also provided \$1,800 in *Dollars for Doers* grants to CCA of Skidaway, Congregation Agudath Achim, The Exchange Club, Safe Kids Savannah, The Salvation Army, and Special Pops Tennis of Savannah and \$3,994 in grants to Kiwanis International, Kiwanis Georgia District, and Armstrong's Circle K Club. Individual members donated \$11,000 to The Eliminate Project.



## Agencies Say, "Thank You, Kiwanis!"

Dear Sirs,  
Thank you for your donation to Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) for 2014. Your support of our mission will help to end homelessness for homeless families in this community. Families continue to be the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Annually more than 4,000 individuals experience homelessness in Savannah/Chatham County with over 13% of those being children.

Although there are many factors that lead to homelessness, according to the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, most homelessness in Savannah is a result of some type of economic distress. Your donation will help to support the services and programs of IHN to help these families with children regain their independence and re-join mainstream society as healthy individual, tax paying citizens, and good neighbors. Many children's lives will be changed by your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely, LaVanda Brown, M.Ed., Executive Director  
**Interfaith Hospitality Network of Coastal Georgia**

Dear Mr. Norton,  
We would like to thank you for helping the food bank nourish our neighbors in need. Your gift, along with support from our community, helped provide more than 10.1 million pounds of food last year for local hunger relief.

For every dollar received we and our community partners are able to provide five nutritious meals. We assist with the nutritional needs of working poor families, food insecure school children, people with disabilities, and senior citizens struggling with low incomes. Your support helps make this possible.

I would like to extend an invitation for you to visit and take a tour of the food bank. I know you will be pleased with our programs, and the good work that you are helping us accomplish. If your schedule permits, my number is 912.236.6750. By supporting the Food Bank, you make it possible for us to accomplish our task to nourish our community through food distribution, education, and empowerment.

Thank you for your support, and please know that we are honored to have you as a valued partner in our mission—to *utilize food and education to improve lives and create a hunger-free community.*

With sincere appreciation, Mary Jane Crouch, Executive Director  
**America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia**



Dear Bob,  
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Music Medicine Institute, we express our deep appreciation for the award granted for continuing music therapy efforts with the military children of our community. You help give them the great joy that music brings along with furthering their skills in coping with the deployment of a parent. We are looking forward to exciting growth in 2015 which we will share with you.

With gratitude,  
Elizabeth Jacobi, Director, Music Medicine Institute

**Music Medicine Institute**

## Dollars for Doers Grants

Dear Melissa,  
On behalf of the Georgia Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), please accept our appreciation for your generous sponsorship for the Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis walk.

The Savannah Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis walk took place on Sunday, October 19th, at the Daffin Park. Walkers came with their companies and families together to help find a cure for the more than 1.4 million American's living with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

We estimate that over 42,000 children and adults in Georgia are living with these debilitating chronic diseases. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely, Marcia Greenburg,  
Regional Director, Southeast  
and Ginger Pearce, Walk Manager  
**Georgia Chapter, Crohn's & Colitis  
Foundation**

**Note:** Our club donated \$300 to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation in October, as the first Dollars for Doers grant of FY2015. At its November meeting, the Board of Directors approved \$300 grants for The Salvation Army and Southside Fire Department. For more information about the Dollars for Doers program and to download a copy of the grant application form, visit our website and login under the Membership tab. (For the password, contact Jan Wright at 912-659-9358.)

### Take a Chance for Kids

**A dedicated Kiwanis Club of Skidaway  
fundraiser to support  
Savannah Early Childhood Foundation**

- \$25/ticket or five tickets for \$100
- Tickets have 10 chances to win \$500
- Drawings will be held in the first quarter of 2015
- Make your check payable to SECF
- All donations are tax-deductible

**Buy your ticket today!  
Only 1,200 will be sold.**



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





# District News

November 6, 2014.



“**Kiwanis’ Centennial In Service**” and our logo feature a Kiwanian and little girl passing balloons.

As almost everyone has known for about 100 years now, Kiwanis is one of the greatest service organizations in the world. Kiwanis members stage about 150,000 service projects annually, have about 6 million service hours doing so, and raise about \$100 million every year for their communities and other needs.

On our logo, we have it so one cannot determine if the Kiwanian is passing balloons to the little girl for an accomplishment or the little girl is passing balloons to the Kiwanian for a Century of Service. They may well be passing the balloons to each other for both reasons.

This year is a very exciting time for us as we will be “**Celebrating Kiwanis’ Centennial in Service,**” and we hope you will join us if you are looking for a great service organization to be come part of. Kiwanis is fun! You will have the opportunity to serve others through the great organization that we are, and you’ll enjoy networking, creating great and enduring friendships and learning leadership skills in educational programs.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining our Great District of Kiwanis International.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

- Jimmy McCorlew, District Governor, Georgia District of Kiwanis International



## 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.

- **Tom McMullin** (member since 1998): “There is a great deal of good humor at the meetings. It is a great way to start a day in upbeat fashion. The Kiwanis-sponsored events for kids are very satisfying. You know you are doing something real and are appreciated.”
- **Trish Shanahan** (member since 2013): “I am reminded every day through the work of Kiwanis how fortunate I am, and I am inspired by my fellow Kiwanians’ effort to better the lives of the children of Savannah.”
- **Frank McCarthy** (member since 2006): “What does Kiwanis mean to me? Camaraderie in working together to support the community organizations that help the disadvantaged kids in Chatham County.”



# Club Calendar for December & January

| Date   | Guest Speaker & Topic  |
|--------|--|
| Dec 4  | <b>Bill Lee</b> , SVP & Chief Strategy Officer, Memorial Medical<br><i>Topic: Children's Hospital &amp; Future Plans</i>   |
| Dec 11 | <b>Bryan Ferris</b> , Project Manager, Rives E. Worrell Company<br><i>Topic: Construction of the New Hesse K-8 School</i>  |
| Dec 18 | <i>Program: Christmas Message &amp; Music</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rev. Jeffrey Garrison</b>, Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church</li> <li>• <b>Pastor Jason Talsness</b>, Messiah Lutheran Church</li> <li>• <b>Rev. Lauren Flowers</b>, St. Peter's Episcopal Church</li> <li>• <b>Justin Addington</b>, Director of Music &amp; Worship and <b>Anne Bowen</b>, Accompanist, Skidaway Island United Methodist Church</li> </ul> |
| Dec 25 | <b>No Meeting—Merry Christmas!</b>   |
| Jan 1  | <b>No Meeting—Happy New Year!</b>  |
| Jan 8  | <b>Tim Rutherford</b> , Savannah Food Critic<br><i>Topic: TBD</i>  |
| Jan 15 | <b>Lisa Groves</b> , Director, Telfair Museums<br><i>Topic: TBD</i>  |
| Jan 22 | <b>Alison Hopton Davis</b> , SCAD Office of the President<br><i>Topic: SCAD Worldwide</i>  |
| Jan 29 | <b>Ed Conant</b> , Retired Commander, U.S. Navy<br><i>Topic: Today's Submarine Force</i>   |

## Upcoming Club Events

- Board Meetings**  
Monday, December 8, starting at 8:15 a.m.  
Monday, January 12, starting at 8:15 a.m.  
*Contact: Ron Weber*
- New Member Orientation**  
Thursday, January 29, immediately following our membership meeting.  
*Contact: Keith Glenn*
- Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, February 21, from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church  
*Contact: Cecilia Russo, Mike Pavlis, Chris Aiken, Jan Wright*
- Take a Chance for Kids**  
Drawings begin in January and will conclude in March  
*Contact: Tom Sharp*
- Kiwanis Centennial Celebration**  
Kiwanis' 100th anniversary is in January 2015. Stay tuned for news!  
*Contact: Bob Norton*





# Member News for November, December & January

## New Members (Sponsors)

- David O'Hearn (Hazel Brown)
- Tony Biegler (Kevin O'Neil)
- Jim Smart (Bill Shanahan)
- Charles Arraiz—2013
- Susan Disney-Greenberg—2013
- Bill Shanahan—2013
- Trish Shanahan—2013

## Membership Milestones for November

- Jerry Nusloch—1995
- Gary Brewer—1996
- Curtis Shambaugh—2000
- Jim Waterman—2004
- Jack Sherrill—2005
- Marianne Schutz—2006
- Dick Nelson—2007
- Howard Gandelot—2009
- Ben Gustafson—2009
- Terry Breyman—2011
- Charles O'Brien—2011
- Jerry Beets—2012
- Chuck Ortmann—2013
- Christine Swanson—2013

## Membership Milestones for December

- Larry Wills—1998
- Joyce Glenn—2004
- Richard Barnett—2012
- Dan Malachuk—2012

## Membership Milestones for January

- Jim Giddens—1989
- Bob Reinhard—1998
- Terry Overton—2002
- Gary Hughes—2007
- Jacque Donovan—2009
- John Fishburne—2009
- John Geraghty—2009
- Jim Overton—2010
- Kelly Bouchillon—2011

## November Birthdays

- Nov 2—Dan Umbel
- Nov 11—Brenda Oliver
- Nov 12—John Platte
- Nov 13—Emmet Casey
- Nov 19—Jim O'Malley
- Nov 22—Erv Hietbrink
- Nov 24—Terry Breyman
- Nov 28—Matt Spencer

## December Birthdays

- Dec 3—Dean Sebastian
- Dec 8—George Bellino
- Dec 13—Susan Disney-Greenberg
- Dec 15—Kevin O'Neil
- Dec 21—Tommy Reese
- Dec 23—Dick Shomaker
- Dec 25—Sam McLaughlin
- Dec 31—Kelly Bouchillon
- Dec 31—Pat Shanahan

## January Birthdays

- Jan 3—Dick Glover
- Jan 4—Chas Sitrin
- Jan 11—John Geraghty
- Jan 14—Jerry Beets
- Jan 15—Greg Stinson
- Jan 17—Pat Cummiskey

# VALUED SPONSORS

## Diamond Sponsors



**Lucas &  
Associates**  
CPAs, P.C.



Bank of America Corporation  
Bouchillon & Ham Group



## Gold Sponsors

**Savannah Square**

## Silver Sponsors

**Armstrong State University**

**Bart, Meyer & Company**

**Savannah Toyota**

## Bronze Sponsors

**Bernard Williams Insurance**

**Certa Pro Painters**

**Coastal Empire Boy Scouts**

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**South State Bank**

**TWATL\***

**Volvo of Savannah/Mitsubishi Motors**

**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 Jeff Heeder ([jheeder@comcast.net](mailto:jheeder@comcast.net)). 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) – Cecilia Russo, Christine Swanson, and Mike Pavlis
- **Concert on the Green** (May 3) – Frank Liebgott, Phil van Ess, Ed Lavish
- **Corporate Sponsors Program** – Jeff Heeder, Chris Butler, Cecilia Russo
- **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

**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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