

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the

KIWANIS CLUB *of* SKIDAWAY



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President's Corner **New Members Needed**

Erv Hietbrink

Before I get to the key message of the month I want to say THANK YOU to the whole team that made our recent Pancake Breakfast such a whopping success. To **Chris Aiken** and **Ron Weber** for their planning and organizational efforts, to **George Hensley** again for his outstanding ticket sales and to



the many members who worked the event. It was great to see the **Youth Challenge Academy** cadets working hard and having fun along with us. I'm sure they took away something positive from their experience. As I talked with many of the attendees I was reminded of what a great social event this has become for them. Several told me that they looked forward to this

event every year. It was a great day in every way.

On Saturday February 16th **Keith Glenn** and I attending the Georgia District Presidents Rally in Vidalia and the following weekend all of your club officers (**Gary Bocard, Melissa Emery, Harry Krogh, Gene McDonald, Dick Shomaker** and I) attended the Georgia District Midwinter Training Conference at Wesleyan College in Macon. In addition to getting trained and hearing about the great things that clubs like ours are doing we were briefed on the status of membership across the District. At the start of the 2007-2008 administrative year our state wide Kiwanis membership was 8150 (176 clubs). Early on

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Communities In Schools

By Joyce Glenn

Many people complain about the public schools in Chatham. One volunteer group has made it their job to help the lowest achieving students through a tutoring/mentoring program called Local Outreach Volunteer Educators ("LOVE"). As most of you know this program was started by Fred Loe with the support of Skidaway Island Methodist Church. As the program grew, LOVE partnered with Communities In Schools ("CIS") of Savannah to provide Reading Tutorial Co-ordinators.

With the help of Kiwanis of Skidaway, CIS is able to provide Reading Tutorial Coordinators to four elementary schools and one inner-city after-school community center. CIS partners with LOVE at Garrison, Gadsden, Gould, Spencer, and the Savannah Baptist Center. CIS also provides data support at East Broad and Haven Elementary schools, also LOVE sites. These schools were identified as the neediest academically and where LOVE chose to put their first efforts.

Nearly 300 students are served collectively at these sites. These students are selected for tutoring because they are 1 to 2 years below grade level in reading. Mid-term results are extremely encouraging! Seventy percent (70%) of all students tutored this year are currently reading on grade level with Criteria Reference Competency Test ("CRCT") scores of 800 or better. Of the remaining 30% that fall below the 800 mark, 90% of those students have a CRCT score of not less than 775. Odds are favorable that the majority of those students will be reading on grade-level by year's end. Ninety-three percent of all students tutored have shown improvement.

Brandon Spencer is one these positive statistics. Brandon is tutored by LOVE mentor Bill Monroe at

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President's Corner (from page 1)

the Governor and his staff set an annual growth target of adding 400 new members. Unfortunately, as of December 31st, membership was down 134 to 8016 (174 clubs). Our club was one of the contributors to that loss because we ended last year with a membership of 152 but, because of non renewals, started our new year off at 135. So far, the recruitment program that **Tom Rood** is heading up is working. It has produced six new members with an additional two or three applicants awaiting board approval. That puts us currently at 143 or 144 and with our club goal of achieving net positive gain in club membership (over 152) by year end still a definite possibility.

As we know we need new members so we can continue the level of support that we provide for the kids of our community. All would admit that their needs are always beyond our capacity to fulfill. However, more members can certainly enable us, not only to continue what we do now, but perhaps to allow us to do more. As Uncle Sam would say, "**We Need You**". Yes, we need you to focus on member recruitment. Just imagine what we could do next year if every member brought in one new member this year. I know some of you already have your eye on someone special whom you wish to sponsor. Get busy now, use the opportunity to invite them (and their spouses) to the upcoming **New Recruit Cocktail Party** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday March 30th at **Bill & Alice Wright's** home. Please get the names to **Tom Rood** within the next couple of weeks so we

can plan for the right number of people.

What you need to know.....If our club has a net gain in membership of at least **ONE** member by the end of the administrative year we earn **20 points** toward "**Distinguished Club**" qualification.

Directors Meeting

Notes by Dick Shomaker

During the February 11th Board Meeting, Treasurer Harry Krogh reported the Club is nearing the 20 year Goal of \$1,000,000 contributions to the Savannah community, a milestone that few clubs can match.

Mr. Bocard said the extra food left over from the Pancake Breakfast was utilized by the volunteers,

tion. If we achieve a net gain of at least **FIVE**, we earn an **additional 10 points**. *Another reason for us to aim for at least 157 members by September 30th, 2008.* On a personal basis, bringing in just one new member satisfies one of the requirements for you to qualify for "**Outstanding Kiwanian**" recognition.

firemen and police serving during the Imperial Sugar explosion.

Mr. McDonald said more than 800 folks were served nicely at the Pancake Breakfast, but still we had food to help in Port Wentworth.

Mr. Hietbrink will lead a group of Directors to the Kiwanis Mid Winter Training Conference in Macon on Saturday, February 23rd.

Welcome New Member

Kelley J. Burke became the newest member of our Club, thanks to Chuck Owen, who convinced her to join, after she was very helpful in starting a Key Club at Bethesda Day School. Kelley is Principal there, and has expertise in education, naturally, music education, and working with boys at the school, and at "At Risk "

youth. Her own education is extensive, with a Bachelor of Music from Columbus State University, Master of Music Education from the University of Tulsa, and graduate studies at Eastern New Mexico University. She is a member of The Association of Supervision and Curriculum, and a board member of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Coastal Empire. Kelley lives in Savannah at 19 Wild Thistle Lane .

Suggestions for Speakers

Who do you know that would be a good speaker for a Kiwanis meeting? Or maybe you don't know them, but would still like to hear them speak at one of our meetings.

Please give 2007-2008 Speaker Chairman Tom Sharp a call (598-5422), or send him an e-mail (tmsharp@bellsouth.net).

Your suggestions will be welcome.

CASA (from page 1)

Gadsden Elementary. Brandon likes school and loves to swim. He has good reading fluency, a great vocabulary, and good comprehension. Gadsden is expecting great things from Brandon with the help made possible through CIS and their partnership with Savannah's fabulous Local Outreach Volunteer Educators!

In addition to LOVE, CIS supports Savannah Corporate Academy. The Academy is an alternative high school which serves students who have not been able to achieve in the regular classroom. We have brought you general information about the Academy in the past, but would like to update you on a couple of exciting things happening there.

The Savannah Corporate Academy's "Eco-Warriors", a group of science and biology students dedicated to conservation, have been extremely busy this year. They have been responsible for cleaning up a number of vacant lots and public locations throughout the county. This group of industrious students also has a creative nature. Instead of simply dispos-

ing of the broken glass among the trash they have collected they have used the glass to construct a wonderfully artistic mosaic of some well-known African-American historic figures. This mosaic and smaller mosaics are being auctioned at a fundraiser for the school on Friday, February 29th, 6:00pm at the Savannah Technical College Auditorium. The public is invited to the event. The Corporate Academy is proud of student Kim Barnard who was the school's first ever finalist in the annual statewide Student Achievement Month essay

competition. Students compete in the areas of literature, math, science, social studies, and workforce preparedness. This is an important competition and the Academy is excited to have their first finalist.

CIS partnership with LOVE and the Corporate Academy is providing exciting learning opportunities and achievements for students in Chatham County Public Schools.



THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

What a difference a year makes...many of you remember the chilly weather we had in 2007! Instead, February 9th, 2008 dawned with blue skies and lots of sun, starting our 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church in fine form. Volunteers were there promptly at 6:30 AM, donning their aprons, readying their serving "tools"

and patiently waiting to do a taste testing before our patrons arrived. Sgt. Cope and twelve Youth Challenge Academy cadets appeared shortly after and made sure to stock up on plenty of food before we put them to work soon after the doors opened.

Once again, the Plantation Club kitchen staff started in the wee hours of the morning blending over 250 pounds of buttermilk pancake mix, cooking over 400 pounds of bacon and sausage, and brewing over

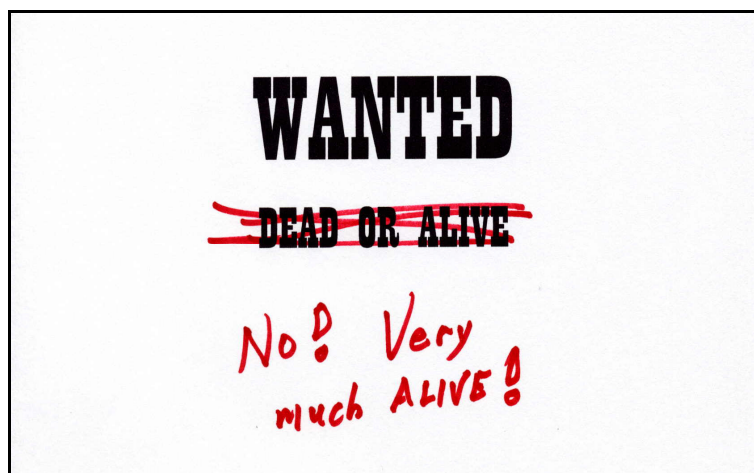
25 pounds of coffee. We, in turn, had an enthusiastic group of Kiwanians ready to handle the crowds in the parking lot, haul the food from Plantation to the event, flip the pancakes, and serve all this along with gallons of orange juice and coffee to over 850 patrons. Raffle ticket sellers did a great job selling almost \$1200 of tickets that morning. Several very happy recipients won raffle prizes of lessons from the club pros, restaurant dining certi-

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Kiwanis Calendar of Coming Events

- March 6** **Membership Meeting - Speakers Lee Beckmann and Jamie McCurry - the Georgia Ports Authority** - the ongoing expansion of the Garden City Terminal
- March 13** **Membership Meeting - Speaker, Dr. Michael J. Toma, Associate Professor of Economics, Armstrong Atlantic State University** - These Troubled Economic Times
- March 20** **Membership Meeting - Speaker, Mayor Otis Johnson** - the "State of the City"
- March 27** **Membership Meeting - Speaker, Daniel Dodd, of STEP UP - the Savannah Poverty Reduction Initiative** - the toughest problem hindering Savannah's economic development and prosperity and what we can do to assist.
- April 2** **Special Olympics Spring Games** - 10:00a.m., Savannah State University stadium.
- April 28** **Blood Drive** - (Monday) 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Skidaway Island Methodist Church.
- May 4** **Concert on the Green** - Landings Association Athletic Field.
- May 7** **Special Olympics Spring Games** - 10:00 a.m., Savannah CountryDay School
- June 26-28** **2008 Kiwanis International Convention**, Orlando, FL
- Aug. 15-17** **Georgia District of Kiwanis Convention**, Peachtree City, GA



Wanted! Alive and well!

Wanted! A new Editor for the Kiwanigram. There is nothing wrong with the present Editor. It's just that he feels he's made his contribution, and someone else should have a chance.

But the old guy will be happy to assist the new guy or gal — as much or as little as the new guy or gal wants — until the new guy or gal is up to speed.

If interested, phone Erv Hietbrink (598-7041), Gary Bocard (598-1038) or Dana Taylor (598-8065).

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Fund raising events:

Chili Cook-Off - Jim O'Malley, Jim Beurle
Concert on the Green - Gary Hughes
Pancake Breakfast - Chris Aiken, Ron Weber
Corporate Fund Raising - Emerson Ham, Jeff
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Community in Schools - Joyce Glenn
Dollars for Doers - Bruce Powley
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Interfaith Hospitality Network - Mark Forssell
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Med Bank - Emmet Casey
Mediation Center - Dick Watters
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Red Cross Blood Drive - Chris Britten
Salvation Army - Ron Morris
Social Apostolate - Bob Egan
Telfair Museum - Jack Neises
Village Library - Jim Chapman

Services - Young Children:

Fishing Program - Tom Rood
Greenbriar - Melissa Emery
Early Childhood Education - Tom Clark

Services - Youth:

Bethesda Home - Dave Smith
Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children
(CASA) - Allen Berger, Mary Hull
Hesse Bears - Emmet Casey
Junior Achievement - Dave Cooper
Mighty 8th AF Museum - Jim Keller
Notre Dame Academy - Gary Bocard
Park Place Outreach - Jack Hart
Special Olympics - Robert Haas
St. Paul's Academy - Bill Trice
Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber
SPONSORED YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
Bethesda Key Club - Chuck Owen
SCAD Circle K - Dianne Franz

NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

West Chatham - Hazel Brown, Dick Shomaker

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Human & Spiritual Service Programs - Jim
Giddens

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Sunshine - Gwen Leathley
50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Meeting Assignments for March

Breakfast Meeting Set Up and Greeters -
Allen Berger and Gary Bocard

Song Leader - Jim Waterman

Invocation -

Mar. 6 - - Dianne Franz

Mar. 13 - - Joyce Glenn

Mar. 20 - - Robert Haas

Mar. 27 - - John Hamson

Speaker Chair - Steve Downing

MEMBER NON-COMMERCIAL ADS

Irish America!

The Savannah Choral Society will present "Irish America!", a concert of Irish and American music, on Thursday, March 13, at the Lucas Theatre. Irish soprano from Riverdance and Lord of the Dance, Anne Buckely, will join the chorus for this fun and light-hearted concert of folk and popular tunes from both sides of the Atlantic. Tickets are \$30, \$25, and \$20, and are available from Melissa Emery and Erv Hietbrink.

Pancakes (from page 4)

cates, a night at The Mansion on Forsyth Park, and the grand prize of the Toshiba Satellite Notebook Computer.

We are proud to report that we have raised over \$14,000. A big thank you to our sponsorship partners who continue to generously support on-going programs in our area targeted to children. Special recognition should also be given to Kroger Supermarkets, who once again provided almost all the food and a cash contribution, Bob Evans, who donated the sausage, and

the Landings Community for their continued support to this effort.

But, all this couldn't have been possible without the hundreds of volunteer hours generously given from our fellow Kiwanians, their spouses, our "almost official" members, and the Youth Challenge Academy. Rumor has it that there will soon be a waiting list for some of the assignments next year, so don't hesitate to sign up early!

Thanks again for all your support!

Chris Aiken & Ron Weber

Your Income Taxes

US Kiwanians cannot claim Kiwanis dues as a personal tax deduction. However, Kiwanis dues may qualify as a deductible business expense when a business pays the costs of Kiwanis membership for an employee. Such a business deduction must also meet the "ordinary and necessary" test and other requirements for deductible business expenses. Kiwanians should consult a qualified tax adviser on all tax questions.

