

KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the

KIWANIS CLUB of SKIDAWAY



May 2010

It was an honor to be a part of a great day of celebration several weeks ago as we honored 14 current members of the Hixson Fellowship Award, and having the honor to assist in the installation of the newest Hixson member, Erv Hietbrink. Erv is an exceptional Kiwanian to receive this honor for his service to our community, our club, serving as President in '07-'08, and 2 terms as Lt. Governor for the District of Georgia. Erv represents the finest of Kiwanian Character, duty in service, friendship, and quality in example of representing the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway.

Congratulations to all of those who were recognized during these mid-term awards.



1. **Hold the Key Program:** **11 Bronze Keys** awarded to members who have recruited 1 new member during this current term. **4 Silver Keys** to members who have recruited 2 new members, and **1 Gold Key** to Jeffrey Heeder for recruiting 3 new members.
2. **Kiwanigram Editor-in-Chief Honor:** A special moment for our special Editor-in-Chief of the Monthly Kiwanigram- Rob Bayless, was given a huge round of recognition of applause for his outstanding publications over the past several years. Keep raising that bar Rob. Great service and talent.
3. **Outstanding Kiwanians:** 10 Outstanding Kiwanians were recognized for Mid-Term exceptional service. Jim Beurle, Ed Coulson, Pat Cumiskey, Jack Hart, Jeffrey Heeder, Gene McDonald, Frank McCarthy, Bob Reinhard, Greg Stinson, Dan Umbel. Great going guys and lead more to this "High Ground".
4. **Distinguished Service Awards:** For numerous years of Distinguished Service serving in the office of Secretary, these two dedicated Kiwanians were awarded this honor. The members gave a big round of "Thanks and a job well done," to Richard Shomaker and Richard Watters.
5. **Kiwanian of the Year Award:** What better way to conclude our Special Awards Celebration than to honor and present this Special Award to Two (2) Special Kiwanians. Congratulations to Melissa Emery and Terry Overton. I thought it would serve as an excellent reference to review the features of this award as it was presented to Melissa and Terry.

Again, congratulations to all the Hixson Fellowship Members and thanks for providing the platform for our awards celebration.

Here we are on the eve on our annual "Concert on the Green" featuring the Sky Lite Jazz Band and the SCAD Honeybees. This is the last of our major Fund Raising Events for this current year. I do encourage each of us to take a few minutes, these last few days, and call on 2 or 3 of your friends and give them an opportunity to purchase tickets and invite them to attend. This will be another great event with the leadership from Dick Nelson, Jerry Brofft, and their exceptional committee. Thanks team and we are looking forward to a fun evening of music and friendship.

Bill

May 2010 Schedule of Speakers

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
May 6, 2010	<i>Richard Burke</i>	<i>History of The Landings from the developer's perspective</i>
May 13, 2010	<i>Gunnard Cunningham -</i>	<i>Director of Club Operations, The Landings Club.</i>
May 20, 2010	<i>Michael Traynor</i>	<i>Publisher, Savannah Morning News</i>
May 27, 2010	<i>Tom Latham</i>	<i>President, Savannah Council United States Navy League</i>

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2nd. floor BB&T Bank Building

Please RSVP your attendance

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Report of Nominating Committee 2010 – 2011 Officers and Board Members

Below are our recommendations for the 4 Officer and two Board Slots to be filled for the 2010/2011 Kiwanis Year:


- President Elect – Greg Stinson. Greg will skip the VP Services post left vacant by Tim Frame's resignation
- VP Services – Melissa Emery will move to this position from her post as VP Marketing.
- VP Fundraising – Jeff Heeder will fill this position

Board Member – Gary Hughes will replace Mark Forssell on the board for a three year term Respectfully submitted 2010/2011 Nominating Committee.

- Frank McCarthy will replace Dave Fox on the Board for a three year term.
- Tim Athey will fill the VP Marketing slot vacated by Melissa Emery.

Respectfully submitted 2010/2011 Nominating Committee.

Gene McDonald Chair, Jerry Nusloch, Tony Baker, Frank Zugel,
Joyce Glenn, Mark Forssell

 **Note the membership vote will take place at the May 27th meeting.**

Welcome New Member Seth Walker

Seth Walker is a native Savannahian growing up on the Southside of Savannah. Seth currently serves as Division Director for United Way of the Coastal Empire in charge of major gifts, professional giving, endowed giving, and individual giving. Seth has been with United Way since 2006, prior to that Seth worked in Student Lending, and with the Synovus Financial Corporation in personal banking in the Metro Atlanta Area.

Seth is a graduate of Armstrong Atlantic State University and is currently pursuing a Masters of Business Administration from Georgia Southern University.

Park Place Outreach's work day.....Kiwanians at Work April 10, 2010



Kiwanis Mid -Year Awards Presentation

April 8,
2010

Inspirational Comments-----David Tribble, Pres Bethesda Home for Boys

Hixson Fellowship Award Presentation

Erv Hietbrink

Hold the Key Program

Bronze Key (1 new member

Ron Morris	Paul Tatum
Gene McDonald	Chris Butler
David Wyland	Ben Gustafson
John Hamson	Tom Murry
Keith Glenn	Barry Kumins
Jack Hart	Jim Overton
Ben Gustafson	Charles Sitrin
Martin Otto	Bill Martin
Pat Cummiskey	Frank Liebgott
John Fishburne	Jim Bradshaw
Gary Bocard	George Billino

Silver Key (2 new members

Bob Reinhard	John Eppel	& Steve Deusler
Kurt Faxon	Scott Stern & Bob Turner	
Jim Beurle	Matt Murphy & Howard Gandelot	
Bill Wright	Seth Walker & George Billino	

Gold Key (3 new members

Jeffrey Heeder	Bill Keaton, Joe Vestal, & Phyllis Cheong
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Outstanding Kiwanians

Jim Beurle	Ed Coulson	Pat Cummiskey
Jack Hart	Jeff Heeder	Gene McDonald
Frank McCarthy	Bob Reinhard	Greg Stinson
Dan Umbel		

Distinguished Service Awards

Richard Shomaker	Richard Watters
Rob Bayless	

***Office of the Secretary
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Kiwanian of the Year Award

Melissa Emery
Terry Overton



Our Distinguished Secretaries



Our Hixson Fellows



Your Editor-in-Chief of the Kiwanigram
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Jeff Heeder Award winner



“You Hold the Key” Award Winners



TAKE THE “A” TRAIN

to the annual
Concert on the Green
Sunday, May 2, 2010.

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Featuring the music of
 Duke Ellington.

Presented by

the Savannah Arts Academy’s SkyeLite Jazz Band
 & the SCAD Honeybees.

Patron tickets (\$50 per person) include preferred seating,
 heavy hors d’oeuvres, wine, beer, and soft drinks.

Or bring a picnic and enjoy the show for \$15 ahead of time,



SAVANNAH'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of Savannah have joined forces to improve the outcomes of public school education in Savannah.

Starting back in 2008, both the Skidaway Kiwanis and the Southside Rotary separately began to discuss ways that their Clubs could become involved in the process of raising the graduation rate of high school students to above the Savannah Chatham County School Systems average of about 65% (National average is 70%). Paul Fisher of Rotary arranged for five of the city's Rotary Clubs for study of the problem to join together, under the name Rotary Community Project.

The Skidaway Kiwanis Club under the guidance of Tom Clark, assisted by the Junior League of Savannah helped to sponsor the Early Childhood Development Symposium on April 30th of 2009. The lead organizer was the Youth Futures Authority (YFA) of Savannah, with the assistance of the Mayor Otis Johnson. It was because of a long time friendship with the Mayor, that the Director of the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ), Geoffrey Canada, was persuaded to come to Savannah and be the keynote speaker for the Symposium. Fellow Kiwanians, Greg Stinson and Jim Waterman assisted at the Symposium, by dispensing to all of the attendees pencils on which the "5 R's" of Early Childhood Education were printed: Reading, Rhyming, Routines, Rewards and Relationships.

As a result of the Symposium, a Task Force was formed from community agencies and interested individuals to visit the New York City site. Civic backing and the personal commitment of the YFAs' Edward Chisolm and the Mayor, were key factors for competing for a 2010 Federal grant, (having President Obama's backing) that would fund start up efforts for a program similar to that in Harlem.

Forging ahead, Paul Fisher created Work Group #1 to investigate expanding the capacity of exemplary child care sites designed to involve parents and provide the proper preparation of all children (especially birth to 3 years) in the designated "have-not" geographic areas of Savannah. It was hoped that this would assure the enriched preparation for kindergarten naturally seen in college-educated parents' homes. Another work group will attempt to provide parenting education for the parents outside of child care, to augment their management of their own children during the non-school hours--perhaps through additional efforts of an expanded Parent University section

This double effort in the Savannah Children's project area or Hub will involve many existing agencies and be closely linked to key changes to the public school (like adding "life skills" courses") so that the better prepared children will continue to do more and perform better when eventually reaching the middle and high school years.

The payback of this program is the expected drop in failure rates, a higher percent of graduates attending and doing well in college, a far lower incarceration rate and much greater contribution to society.

Kiwanis is dedicated to helping children; and this preventative program should help in the long run, to reduce the necessity for many remediative programs which are far less beneficial and many times, more costly. As with the Harlem Project, success will be measured by the number of newborns who become good students and ultimately graduate from college. There are no quick fixes for good education, but it does require the attention and efforts of the whole community.

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Terms expiring 2011

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co-chair Dick Glover

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Village Library - Jim Chapman

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Greenbriar - Gene McDonald

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Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber

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DEVELOPMENT

Bethesda Key Club - Chuck Owen

NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

West Chatham - Sam McLaughlin-New Club Builder

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Sunshine - Gwen Leathley

50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr

Cathedral St. John the Baptist



The [colonial charter](#) of Savannah prohibited Roman Catholics from settling in Savannah. The English Trustees feared that Roman Catholics would be more loyal to the Spanish in Florida than the English. This prohibition faded shortly after the [Revolutionary War](#) and this congregation was reorganized around 1796. Construction began on the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in 1873 and was completed by the addition of the spires in 1896. It was almost totally destroyed by fire in 1898 and through diligent effort was rebuilt by 1899. Today the Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah includes 90 counties in Mid and Southern Georgia, including cities such as [Columbus](#) and [Macon](#).^[1]