

# KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the



October 2009

## A letter from the President



*Bill Wright President*



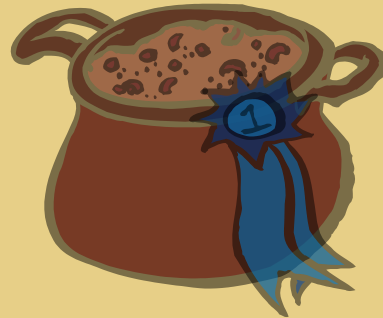
2009 Installation Breakfast  
Thursday, September 24

Thanks to everyone for a very special Installation of Officers and celebration for the gifts that were presented to 15 agencies that provide help for all of the needs of “at risk” kids here in our community.

I again want to offer my thanks to all of our members, board of directors, and predecessors with whom I have been associated over the 9 years as a Kiwanian. In addition, thanks for the opportunity to serve as your next president for the year '09-'10. These are exciting times for our club with new opportunities for growth and additional time and talent goals from our membership. Special thanks for Gary's mentoring and the opportunity to follow his exceptional leadership and many successes this past year. Also, for the excellent leadership Erv has provided as our Lt. Gov. and his continuing service to the District and our community as a Skidaway Club member.

For those who may have missed the Installment and check giving celebration, let me recap those goals that were presented in my acceptance of this office for the coming year.

## 2009 Chili Cook Off



Mark your calendars- Saturday, 7 November is the date for this year's Kiwanis Club Chili Cook Off. It's shaping up to be a better than ever event. The Chili Cook Off is one of our three major Club fund raising events. It provides a significant portion of our Club's funding support of the organizations helping Savannah's kids. Kiwanis needs the support of all our members to make this event successful. Cook Off and raffle ticket sales are the major revenue producer, and you, our members, are what sell tickets. Ticket sales will start in early October.

The Chili Cook Off also requires a lot of manpower to make it happen. And again, that manpower is you. Your help in signing up for some time in the trenches is essential and can even be fun. Your Chili Cook Off Committee thanks you in advance for your support.

1. Our club has been awarded the **Distinguished Club of Georgia** for the past 2 years and our #1 goal will be to make it three in a row. With this distinction, we are maximizing our time, talents, and treasure to best service the “at risk” kids here in our community. Our club must continue to excel in service, leadership, education, and growth.
2. **Continuing our successful growth**. We are coming off a record year of 28 new members which gives us a net growth membership increase for the year. Compliments to Keith, Gary, the board, those of you who sponsored these new members and congratulations to those new members who joined us this past year. Another trend is the age wave is moving down with younger men and **more** women joining us... It is also a trend we noticed at the International Convention in Nashville this past June. Our new International president is 43. Now is it up to all of us to grow membership again in '09-'10. Without this growth, the other parts of our objectives will be limited.
3. **Immediate new member club interaction**. It starts with the first Kiwanis introduction to a prospective new member. It is all about the kids, and our #1 mission is to serve to this need. We are a service club first and foremost. I have asked Gene McDonald, your new President Elect, to develop a charting program to build a profile on volunteer time for each member to ensure that these engagement opportunities are made available to all.
4. Continue the **quality of the speaker program**. This was a great success this past year. Greg Stinson raised the bar “big time” and Dan Umbel already has an excellent start. One of Dan’s goals this year is to offer subjects in a balanced mix of community, business development, major happening events and success presentations on our kids here in the community.
5. Next, in effort to increase our support to the kids, we are asking for your help. This means, **more of your time and talent** in total support of our partner agencies. Throughout the year, you will hear encouragements on the invitation to join in with these agencies with more of your time and talent. We are already there with treasure.
6. I have also signed up to follow the Kiwanis International Theme for this new year with a pledge that our club endorses these goals and to start with this new Kiwanis International theme----**“Right Now”**.
7. So join the **“Right Now”** movement in all we do with each event, our sponsor program, partners with the Landings community, and our time and talent.

I am looking forward to another successful Kiwanian year and ask that every member support these goals. I also welcome suggestions on, as a club, “What can we do better”?, and invite everyone to inventory all of the current events, agency activities, and all support functions required of our club for additional engagement.

Finally, a special thanks to our current board and in particular, our new members, Ron Weber-Secretary, Jim O’Malley & Marianne Schutz our two new Directors

*Bill*

## **KIWANIS vs. ROTARY GOLF MATCH**

On Thursday October 22nd, the second annual golf match has been scheduled at Deer Creek commencing at noon and concluding around 5p,m,

The format will be "Ryder Cup" in which a two person Kiwanian team will compete against a Rotarian team, adjusted for handicap. The first six holes will be two person better ball, followed by six holes of alternate shot, concluding with a six hole individual match.

Interested participants may sign up at the Thursday meetings or by contacting Gary Hughes 598-0751 or via e-mail, [gmhughes01@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmhughes01@bellsouth.net). A handicap or index will be required.



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### ***Last Months Speaker Review- September 2009 \****



Bill Wright shows off the new Kiwanis Cap!



Tony Dammicci, Savannah College of Art and Design



Colonel Ed Curtis, District Commander Army Corp of Engineers

**\*September 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting was Installation of Officers**

## October 2009 Schedule of Speakers

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
October 1, 2009	Phillip Boyer	Ret. U.S. Navy
October 8, 2009	John Phillips	Oakridge Golf Pro
October 15, 2009	Tom Jones	AASU Meeting the Educational Needs of Southeast Georgia and Beyond.
October 22, 2009	Joel Zuckerman	Golf Writer, Pete Dye Book, Vagabond Golfer
October 29, 2009	George Longstreth, M.D.	Volunteer Medical Service in India

### **Greeters for the Month of October**

Not available at press time

### **Invocation Chairman for Month of October**

**Jim O'Malley**

## Installation of Officers 2009-2010

September 24, 2009



Kiwanis directors and community leaders



Gary Passes the baton [pin] to Bill



Community Service Groups Recognized by Kiwanis of Skidaway



Gene McDonald & Gary Bocard with happy recipient



Jim Beurle (sans blazer) is recognized for his work



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[one of my  
favorites]  
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**“One Last Time”**  
Gary Bocard rings out the year as his successor waits in the wings

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway  
Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 10, 2009  
Merrill Lynch Board Room

Directors Present      Gary Bocard                      President                      Jim Beurle  
                                 Bill Wright                      President Elect      Dave Fox  
                                 Gene McDonald                V.P. Services                Frank Zugel  
                                 Melissa Emery      V.P. Marketing      Tom Sharp B.A.  
                                 Jay Ahrens                      Treasurer  
                                 Dick Shomaker      Secretary

Member Present      Greg Stinson                      V.P. Fund Raising Elect

Call to Order and Roll Call—Mr. Bocard began the meeting at 8:00 A.M. with Messrs. Brewer, Forssell, Frame and Overton absent.

President's Report—Mr. Bocard said the District Convention at Young Harris was a very nice setting, where the Georgia mountains lead up to North Carolina. The keynote speaker was not particularly motivational and some of the breakout meetings were somewhat disorganized.

Membership renewal begins now, and Directors were asked about members who will probably not renew, and several names were mentioned. Mr. Liptrot is asked to organize the Board in teams to call members to renew, and he will forward checks to Mr. Ahrens..

Secretary's Report—The minutes of the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Beurle, and a second by Mr. Wright. After a correction, the minutes were approved by voice vote. Mr. Zugel moved to approve the Official Monthly Report, and was seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the report was approved

Treasurer's Report—Mr. Ahrens said the Administration Account will finish ahead of budget by \$1000 to \$1500. The Service account will finish some \$24,000 below budget as previously discussed, with all fund raisers below plan except the Concert. It is hoped that \$3750 from the Sponsor Campaign is in the mail.

President Elect's Report—Mr. Wright asked Directors to be an example, and purchase Kiwanis Club Caps he secured from the KI Store. The caps cost \$15, and he has 24 to sell, and more can be had. He says these hats should be worn at Club events.

He said the Club organization is set for next year, with the recruitment of Dan Umbel as General Speaker Chair.

He said the installation of Officers and Directors will be held at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast meeting, which in his words, "Will be enhanced".

He is still working to secure leaders to handle Songs at our meetings.

V.P. Service's Report—Mr. McDonald provided a revised schedule of Club Contributions , which proposed \$49,750 for 2008-2009, plus \$5861 already spent for Dollars for Doers and Georgia District charities. Mr. Zugel moved acceptance of Mr. McDonald's proposal, and with a second by Mr. Wright, the motion was approved by voice vote. Mr. McDonald was thanked for his important and hard work.

V.P. Marketing's Report—Mrs. Emery said the Club's web site is being revised, as is customary at this time of the year. She reminded Directors of the new season of the Savannah Philharmonic kickoff, on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> .

Adjournment—Mr. Bocard closed the meeting at 9:40 A.M.

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### Officers:

President - Bill Wright  
Past President-Gary Bocard  
President Elect - Gene McDonald  
Div. 22 Lt Governor- Erv Hietbrink  
VP-Services - Gene McDonald  
VP-Fund Raising - Tim Frame  
VP-Marketing - Melissa Emery  
VP/Recording Secretary - Ron Weber  
VP/Administrative Secretary - Richard Watters  
Treasurer - Jay Ahrens

### Directors - all officers plus the following:

Terms expiring 2010

Mark Forssell

Dave Fox

Terms expiring 2011

Terry Overton

Jim Beurle

Terms expiring 2012

Jim O'Malley

Marianne Schutz

### Board Advisor

Tom Sharp

Committee Chairs and Other contacts:

### Administration:

Attendance Reception - Jack Hart

Attendance Records - Gary Brewer

Awards - Pat Cummiskey

District/Division Reports - Mark Forssell

Inter-Club - Jim Chapman

Kiwanigram - Rob Bayless

Kiwanis Education/ Orientation - Keith Glenn

Membership New- Keith Glenn

Programs/Speakers - Greg Stinson

Legends of Golf - Dave Smith, Jim Giorgio,

Terry Overton

### Fund raising events:

Chili Cook- Frank McCarthy, Jim Beurle

Co-chair-

Concert on the Green - Richard Nelson  
co-chair Dick Glover

Pancake Breakfast - Ron Weber

Co-chair- Ed Coulson

Corporate Fund Raising - Jeff Heeder

Co-chair

### Services—Community:

L.O.V.E - Joyce Glenn

Habitat for Humanity - Bob Yeomans

Music Medicine-Elizabeth Jacobi

Interfaith Hospitality Network - Mark Forssell

Juvenile Court Citizen Review Panels -

Kids Café - Gary Bocard

Library for the Blind - Dave Wyland

Med Bank - Emmet Casey

Mediation Center - Dick Watters

Pediatric Oncology Support - Jim Beurle

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

ROCK GROUP - Tom Clark

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 - Dick Cahill

Notre Dame Academy - Gary Bocard

Park Place Outreach - Jack Hart

Special Olympics - Bob Reinhard

St. Paul's Academy - Bill Trice

Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber

SPONSORED YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Bethesda Key Club - Chuck Owen

NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

West Chatham - Sam McLaughlin-New Club

Builder

HUMAN & SPIRITUAL SERVICE

Human & Spiritual Service Programs - Jim

Giddens

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

Auditor - Roger Nord

Board Advisor - Tom Sharp

Club Historian - Martin Otto

Legal Counsel - Bob Schivera

Marketing and Web Page - Melissa Emery

Publicity - Tom Rood

Photography - Melissa Emery; Martin Otto,

Emeritus

Safety Coordinator - Jack Sherrill

Social and Trips - Dave Fox

Song Leader - Dave Wyland

Sunshine - Gwen Leathley

50/50 Drawing - Sid Carr

## Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting  
Merrill Lynch Board Room, September  
14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr Bocard 8:00 A.M.

President's Report—update on  
Membership renewal, Mr. Liptrot  
To report on progress.

Plans for member recruitment  
For next year.

Mr. Bocard 20 Min.

Secretary's Report—Approve:  
Minutes of August Board Meeting  
Official Monthly Report  
New members

Mr. Shomaker 8 Min.

Treasurer's Report—review  
Financials thru August

Mr. Ahrens 10 Min.

President Elect's Report—Plans  
For Installation Breakfast set for  
September 24

Mr. Wright 15 Min.

V.P. Service's Report—Plans  
For Agencies at Installation  
Breakfast

Mr. McDonald 10 Min.

V.P. Fund Raising's Report—  
Progress Report on Chilli  
Cookoff

Mr. Frame 8 Min.

V.P. Marketing's Report

Mrs. Emery 5 Min.

**New and Old Business**

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Adjournment

Mr. Bocard



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