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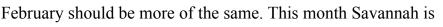
The monthly newsletter of the



February2011

## A Letter from the President

February is upon us. This means Pancake Breakfast!!!! Chris Butler, Todd Martin and their team have a great one planned and with your help it will be the best one ever. Sell those tickets!!! February is also the time for ground hogs and lovers. How the two of them landed together I'll never know? Oh well. January was filled with great speakers and great out reach.





also the host to the Georgia District convention of the Circle K clubs (College level Kiwanians). Some of us along with representatives of the Bethesda Key Club will be going to join them for some of their sessions. Great to see college age kids working on community involvement.

We haven't lined up our February service project yet but we'll let you know about this as



soon as possible.

Finally we are welcomed 12 new members so far this year. Please make sure you seek them out and welcome them to the club. Put the date on your calendar February 27<sup>th</sup>. This is our next member recruitment party. Line up your potentials for a great evening of fellowship.

**KEEP THE FIRE GOING!!!** 

All the Best Gene

February 2011

# There is still time-Please sell or buy tickets!

## The Kiwanis 18th Annual Pancake Breakfast

All you can eat !

Saturday, February 5th, 2011 7:00 am - 11:00 am (a) The Skidaway Presbyterian Church Advanced Tickets \$10 each or \$12 at the door Kids under 8 eat for FREE ! Tickets are available from any Kiwanis Member or call Chris Butler 443-1492 or Todd Martin 547-8633





Tim Athey does it again-draws the winning ticket last week!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

## The R.O.C.K. Group Raising Our Children Kindly

is a volunteer driven organization. The Executive Director, under contract with the Board of Directors, is the only paid staff. Volunteers are needed to lead student programs, lead adult programs, stuff envelopes or fold newsletters, design fliers or assist with publicity, help with fundraising events, distribute materials, visit new moms in hospitals, join the speaker's bureau, interact with families at Kid Track events, etc. What do YOU like to do? Bet we can match your interest to one of our needs. Contact Us to find out how you can help! www.coastalrockgroup.com/



## **OUR MISSION**

The prevention of child abuse and neglect in all forms.

#### OUR PURPOSE

To lead, support, and coordinate citizens and professionals in an effort to end child abuse through volunteer, community-based prevention programs and increased public awareness.

## THE VISION

- A united community of professionals, individuals, and parents dedicated to protecting and nurturing our children and eliminating reports of child maltreatment through physical, sexual, emotional abuse and child neglect.
- A student population equipped with knowledge and resources to protect themselves from abusive situations.
- A community that parents every child to ensure our children have safe, secure, and happy futures.
- The cycle of abuse broken -- the violence inflicted upon our children eradicated.

## February 2011 Schedule of Speakers

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
February 3, 11	Rob Gibson-	Savannah Music Festival
February 10,11	Alexia Weber-	Sea Cadet Program
February 17,11	Bill Houghton-	The Landings Company
February 24, 11	Daniel Dodd-	Step Up Savannah



11 Kiwanis volunteers worked on Sat. Jan 10, 2011 packing food boxes for America's Second harvest.

## ON TO SAVANNAH

Mark your calendars now for August 26-28 and plan to attend our Georgia District Convention at the Savannah Riverfront Marriott Hotel. Bring your family and enjoy the historic charm of Savannah and it's environs. If that weren't enough, a great convention program is being prepared for you. Outstanding speakers, food and entertainment are in store and you won't want to miss any of it. We expect to see many of you there, and for those of you who haven't attended a District Convention before, we hope this one will be your first.

The District Convention is the annual meeting of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International. It is where the House of Delegates meets to conduct the business of the District such as amending bylaws, passing resolutions and electing new officers for the coming year. Each club is allotted three (3) delegates to attend the House of Delegates meeting and cast votes on matters brought before the house. The democratic processes of this meeting enable local clubs to have input and influence on operations of the District.

The District bylaws state that the President and President-Elect should be delegates with the third being the Secretary or any other club member. Clubs may elect alternates for each delegate selected. You don't have to be a delegate to attend the Convention. Non delegates are encouraged to come and attend the House of Delegates meeting as observers.

The Convention also offers:

- Recognition Luncheon and Governor's Banquet
- Memorial Service honoring departed Georgia Kiwanians
- Educational forums similar to those of the Fall and Mid-Winter Conferences enabling all attendees to meet, greet and share success stories.
- A Silent Auction of donations from individuals or clubs. Gift baskets with items of interest or crafts from a club's area are popular auction items.
- A Program Book will be produced to provide an opportunity for clubs to brag about their club, their outstanding accomplishments, or to honor current or past Kiwanis leaders. Various ad sizes from quarter to full page will be available.
- Convention Sponsorships will also be available. Any of these can help defray convention expenses. If you know of someone or a company that would provide such a sponsorship please contact the Convention Chair.

If you wish to be a part of the Convention Planning Committee or work at the Convention, **please contact the Convention Chair, Erv Hietbrink**. Email Address: hietbrink@aol.com. Telephone: 912.598.7041

If you like fun, want to learn new things about Kiwanis, enjoy seeing old friends or making new ones, plan to come to Savannah next August. Registration will begin no later than April 1, 2011. More details to follow.

## January 2011 Speakers



Mike Sullivan-Skidaway Institute of Oceanography.



Paul Fisher-Youth Futures Authority



Penny Maggione-R.O.C.K. Group



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Chili Cook- Marianne Schutz & Melissa Emerv Concert on the Green - Richard Nelson co-chair Jerry Brofft Pancake Breakfast - Chris Butler Vice-chair- Todd Martin

#### Services—Community:

L.O.V.E - Joyce Glenn Habitat for Humanity - Howard Gandelot Music Medicine-Elizabeth Jacobi Interfaith Hospitality Network - Mark Forssell Kids Café - Gary Bocard Library for the Blind - Dave Wyland Mediation Center - Jerry Nuslach Childrens Miracle Design – Jim Beurle Red Cross Blood Drive - Chris Britten Salvation Army - Ron Morris Savannah Friends of Music-Melissa Emery Social Apostolate - Bob Egan Telfair Museum - Jack Neises Village Library - Jim Chapman Services - Young Children: Early Childhood Education-Tom Clark Fishing Program - Tom Rood Greenbriar - Gene McDonald ROCK GROUP - Tom Clark Bethesda Home – Gary Hughes Children's Advocacy Center - Skip Salus Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) - Allen Berger, Horsin' Around- Pete Liptrot Junior Achievement - Steve Duesler Mighty 8th AF Museum – Tom McMullin Notre Dame Academy - Gary Bocard Park Place Outreach - Jack Hart Special Olympics – Bob Reinhard Youth Challenge Academy - Jack Huber SPONSORED YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT Bethesda Key Club – Bill Wright & Tom Morrissett West Chatham - Sam McLaughlin-New Club Builder HUMAN & SPIRITUAL SERVICE Human & Spiritual Service – Jim Giddens SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS Auditor - Roger Nord Club Historian - Martin Otto Legal Counsel - Bob Schivera Publicity/Web Page-Tim Athey Photography – Melissa Emery, Martin Otto Safety Coordinator - Jack Sherrill Social and Trips - Dave Fox Song Leader – Elizabeth Jacobi Sunshine - Gwen Leathley 50/50 Drawing - Marianne Schutz



Ellis Square is one of the original squares and was historically the site of the City Market. In 1954 the old City Market building was torn down and replaced by a parking garage in an attempt to encourage more downtown shopping. In 2005 the parking garage was torn down and replaced by an underground parking structure developed through a publicprivate partnership. This provided the opportunity to restore a public square at ground level above the parking structure.

After extensive public input, a plan was developed to create an urban plaza that could accommodate a variety of uses. The result is a dynamic public space that includes a visitor center, restrooms, an interactive fountain, a variety of seating options, and space for music and other performances.

The park also include a bronze statue of Savannah native and well known songwriter Johnny Mercer