

# KIWANIGRAM

The monthly newsletter of the



June 2011

## A Letter from the President

Memorial Day is here –what a great tradition to honor our military past and present. Each one is a hero in my mind since they have put themselves in harms way to protect all of us.

May was a great month; we had excellent speakers, gave away some money on our 50/50, and had a successful Concert on the Green. We concluded a number of service projects with the last on The Kid's Fishing Derby going off this weekend. We also nominated and voted on our Directors and Officers for the coming year. For our Annual Meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, we had nearly 90 people attend our breakfast. The draw, however, was Rochelle Small-Toney City Manager-Savannah.



Because I wanted to give our membership enough time to interact with Ms. Small-Toney, I didn't comment on the State of the Club. Briefly, our club is healthy and growing. I'll talk about Bill Wright's efforts on membership in a future letter. Financially, we are doing well. Fund raising is a bit short of target, but our admin costs are well within budget and our Foundation Funds are growing. Both the Chili Cook-off and The Pancake Breakfast exceeded plan and prior year. The Concert on the Green made money but didn't reach our target, The Partners and The Sponsors Programs are well under budget and prior years. The Sponsors program is significant because it is our single largest source of funding. I know that Jeff Heeder would love for some of you to get some new sponsors or upgrade existing sponsors. Jeff is willing to help you in any way so call him when you have a potential.

June's speakers look great especially starting off with Eric Johnson, our former State Senator. We'll also have another volunteer opportunity on June 11. The Kiwanis paint corps will be descending on Park Place Outreach to help spruce up their facilities. Finally at one of our meeting we'll be saying goodbye to Sr. Pauline of The Social Apostolate. She is returning to her native Ireland at the end of the month. We'll miss her and wish her well in her new assignment.

God Bless you all!!

*Gene*

## Board Elections 2011-2012

In accordance with our by-laws, a duly appointed Nominating Committee recommended a slate of Officers and Directors for the coming year. This slate was presented to the membership at our May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. This slate was accepted by the membership and no floor nominations were received. At our Annual Meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, attended by more than 50% of our active membership, the slate was unanimously elected. The new Officers and Directors are:

For the term 10/1/2011 to 9/30/2012

President	Greg Stinson
President Elect	Dan Umbel
VP Services	Todd Martin
VP Fund Raising	Dick Nelson
VP Treasurer	Jay Ahrens
VP Secretary	Ron Morris
VP Marketing	Melissa Emery

For the term 10/1/2011 to 9/30/2014 –

Director	Jeff Heeder
Director	Jim Overton

Please note that there were some changes in the traditional sequence on Officers. Tim Athey, for health reasons, has asked to take a leave of absence as VP Marketing. Melissa Emery has volunteered to serve as his replacement for the coming year and then will step back into the Officer succession next year. The Board, also, decided that the VP Services should be the first step in the officer succession, thus Todd Martin will be slated to be VP Fund Raising next year. Dick Nelson has graciously agreed to be VP Fund Raising for the coming year but will not continue in the Officer succession at this time. We congratulate all and look forward to their leadership.

## ***History of The Salvation Army***

William Booth embarked upon his ministerial career in 1852, desiring to win the lost multitudes of England to Christ. He walked the streets of London to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.



Booth abandoned the conventional concept of a church and a pulpit, instead taking his message to the people. His fervor led to disagreement with church leaders in London, who preferred traditional methods. As a result, he withdrew from the church and traveled throughout England, conducting evangelistic meetings. His wife, Catherine, could accurately be called a cofounder of The Salvation Army.

In 1865, William Booth was invited to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the East End of London. He set up a tent in a Quaker graveyard, and his services became an instant success. This proved to be the end of his wanderings as an independent traveling evangelist. His renown as a religious leader spread throughout London, and he attracted followers who were dedicated to fight for the souls of men and women.

Thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, and drunkards were among Booth's first converts to Christianity. To congregations who were desperately poor, he preached hope and salvation. His aim was to lead people to Christ and link them to a church for further spiritual guidance.



Many churches, however, did not accept Booth's followers because of their past. So Booth continued giving his new converts spiritual direction, challenging them to save others like themselves. Soon, they too were preaching and singing in the streets as a living testimony to the power of God.

In 1867, Booth had only 10 full-time workers, but by 1874, the number had grown to 1,000 volunteers and 42 evangelists, all serving under the name "The Christian Mission." Booth assumed the title of general superintendent, with his followers calling him "General."

Known as the "Hallelujah Army," the converts spread out of the East End of London into neighboring areas and then to other cities.

Booth was reading a printer's proof of the 1878 annual report when he noticed the statement "The Christian Mission is a volunteer army." Crossing out the words "volunteer army," he penned in "Salvation Army." From those words came the basis of the foundation deed of The Salvation Army.

From that point, converts became soldiers of Christ and were known then, as now, as Salvationists. They launched an offensive throughout the British Isles, in some cases facing real battles as organized gangs mocked and attacked them. In spite of violence and persecution, some 250,000 people were converted under the ministry of The Salvation Army between 1881 and 1885.

Meanwhile, the Army was gaining a foothold in the United States. Lieutenant Eliza Shirley had left England to join her parents, who had migrated to America earlier in search for work. In 1879, she held the first meeting of The Salvation Army in America, in Philadelphia. The Salvationists were received enthusiastically. Shirley wrote to General Booth, begging for reinforcements. None were available at first. Glowing reports of the work in Philadelphia, however, eventually convinced Booth, in 1880, to send an official group to pioneer the work in America.



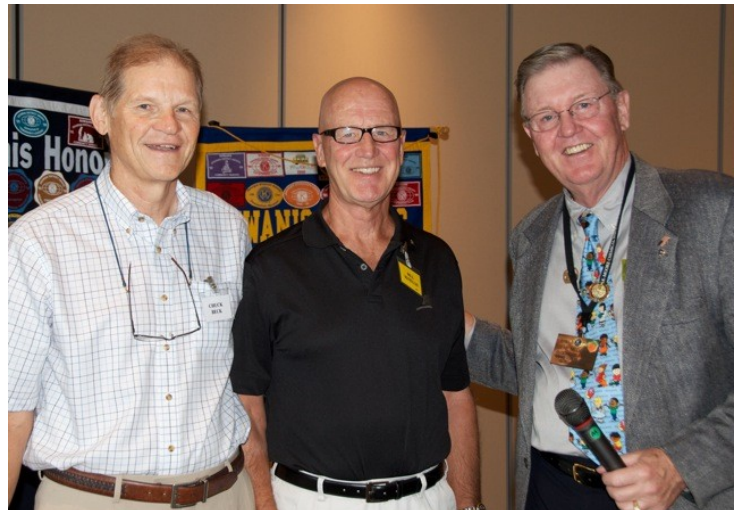
On March 10, 1880, Commissioner George Scott Raiton and seven women officers knelt on the dockside at Battery Park in New York City to give thanks for their safe arrival. At their first official street meeting, these pioneers were met with unfriendly actions, as had happened in Great Britain. They were ridiculed, arrested, and attacked. Several officers and soldiers even gave their lives.

## *June 2011 Schedule of Speakers*

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
June 2, 2011	<i>Former Senator Eric Johnson, FAIA, President, Hussey, Gay, Bell &amp; DeYoung International,</i>	<i>A run for the office of Georgia Governor</i>
June 9, 2011	<b>Coach Kerri Goodrich, Performance Initiative</b>	<i>Fitness for Savannah youth programs</i>
June 16, 2011	<i>Sr. Staff Chief Mark Adams, U.S. Coast Guard Station Tybee</i>	<i>Search &amp; Rescue technology</i>
June 23, 2011	<i>Jerry Portman, Owner &amp; CEO, Portman's Music</i>	<i>Music education for child development</i>
June 30, 2011	<i>Karen Grainey, President, Clean Coast</i>	<i>Marine debris &amp; conservation</i>



New member Bob Norton



New member Bill McNellis



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Kiwanigram – Rob Bayless

Kiwanis Education/ Orientation - Keith Glenn

Membership New- Bill Wright

Programs/Speakers – Seth Walker

Legends of Golf - Jim Giorgio, Terry Overton

### Fund raising events:

Chili Cook- Marianne Schutz & Melissa Emery

Concert on the Green – Richard Nelson  
co-chair

Pancake Breakfast – Chris Butler

Vice-chair- Todd Martin

Corporate Fund Raising - Jeff Heeder

### 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

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Sunshine - Gwen Leathley

50/50 Drawing – Marianne Schutz



## Historic Liberty Square

Laid out along Montgomery Street, what remains of Liberty Square sits right across the street from the Chatham County Courthouse and Jail (1978). Laid out in 1799, this square honors the "Sons of Liberty," an American Revolutionary organization that had strong ties in Savannah. Shortly before the Revolution, the Savannah Sons of Liberty shipped ammunition stores they had acquired from raids on the British to Boston. After the war, when Savannah citizens were unable to support themselves by shipping Southern cotton, the generous people of Boston returned the favor, and shipped food and supplies to save the people of Savannah.

In the 1930s, US 17 was built through the middle of this square and Elbert Square. As a result, each square was reduced to a small strip of land.

The only monument in Liberty Square is the American Legion Flame of Freedom moved from Elbert Square to this square in 1985.