

KIWANIGRAM

of SKIDAWAY

July 2014

President's Message



Dear Kiwanians,

Happy birthday, America! This week, we'll be celebrating the 4th of July with the usual fireworks, hot dogs, kids decorating their bikes, and lots of red, white, and blue everywhere. I've just returned from a trip to New England, and many towns there were already festooned with bunting and flags in preparation for the big day. It's a tradition we all share as Americans, and it gives us a chance to express how proud and lucky we are to live here.

Not all American children are being raised with a sense of pride in their country. Some are growing up seeing little opportunity, a lot of strife in their families, and hardship everywhere. We as Kiwanians do what we can to help those kids see a brighter future, and we can be very proud of how much good we do for those kids. There is always more that needs to be done.

Kiwanis International is making great strides in eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus in developing countries. Just this week, Madagascar was certified as having eliminated it. Our club has not chosen to direct any of the funds we raise locally to that cause, but many of you have given individually to that effort. It is another sign of the greatness of this country that we give so generously to people and organizations in other countries to try to improve their standards of living.

This August 15–17, our Georgia District convention will take place here in Savannah. Our club will be helping with registration. Sign-up sheets for various shifts will be on the tables throughout July (or until all the slots are filled). You'll see more about the convention on page 5.

To those who are away for weeks or months this summer, we wish you a very happy vacation. To those who are here, I look forward to seeing you each upcoming Thursday morning. Have a wonderful 4th of July!

Melissa

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Fundraising News

Concert on the Green Is Set for August 17— Please Invite Everyone You Know to Come!

We're not asking you to **sell** (tickets)...We're asking you to **tell** (everybody)! Tell your family, friends, neighbors, golf/tennis/bridge/book club/Bible study buddies, colleagues, favorite merchants and service providers... everyone you know! Invite them to put August 17 on their calendars to join us for the 2014 Concert on the Green, featuring the 3rd Infantry Division Concert Band, master of ceremonies Sonny Dixon, and special activities for children and grandchildren.

Print off this page, add a personal note, and share it! Thank you!

- The 2014 Concert on the Green Committee

Frank Liebgott, Phil Van Ess, Dave Fox, Ben Gustafson, Ed Lavish and Roger Nord

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Concert on the Green A Patriotic Community Concert Featuring the

3rd Infantry Division Concert Band

Sunday, August 17—5PM Social, 6PM Concert
The Landings Association Athletic Field



Seating: Bring your favorite lawn chairs or use our folding chairs

Food: Bring your own picnic or purchase hot dogs, soft drinks, beer & wine at the concert

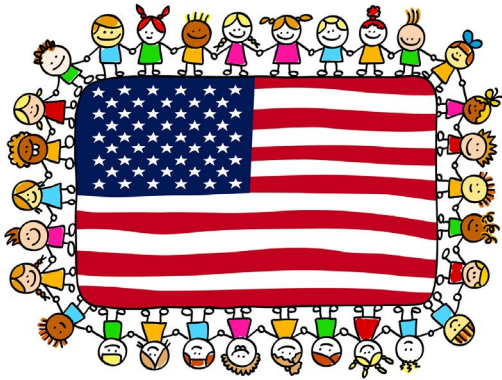
Children's Activities: Magic show, face painting & more!

Suggested donation: \$20/adult

Donations benefit at-risk children in Savannah

For more information: Call 598-4073; See kiwanisofskidaway.com

Show the Colors: Celebrate our Freedom, Help an At-Risk Child



Sign up today to enjoy 2 lawn flags on 4 national holidays (July 4th, Veterans Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day). We'll install them before each holiday and remove them afterwards. While you show the colors, take pride that your donation will help an at-risk child in Chatham County.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Thank you for your support!

Please send this form & your \$50 check (payable to Kiwanis Club of Skidaway) to Keith Glenn, 2 Crepe Myrtle Court. Questions? Call Keith at 598-9483.



Show the Colors Invites Island Youth to Help

The July Landings Journal carried our story (on page 30) inviting Island youth to help with our Show the Colors campaign. Hot off the press, courtesy of Mike Newman, is a photo of his granddaughter Maysa helping with installation on July 1. See our next Kiwanigram for more photos!



Sponsor News

- Jeffrey Heeder, Corporate Sponsor chairman

Savannah Morning News recently announced its 2014 Readers' Choice Honorees, and several of our sponsors were honored. Please join me in congratulating the following businesses for this special community recognition:

- **Bernard Williams**—Best Insurance Agency
- **Critz**—Best Auto Dealer
- **Jalapeños** (2 awards)—Best Margarita, Best Mexican Food
- **Merrill Lynch**—Best Brokerage Firm

In addition, Holden Hayes, president of bronze sponsor, **The Savannah Bank**, was elected to serve as president of The Rotary Club of Savannah. Congratulations, Holden!

Last, but definitely not least, I'm happy to announce that we have two new bronze sponsors. Please join me in welcoming these sponsors and thanking them for their support!

- **Coastal Empire Boy Scouts of America**, brought to us by member Matt Spencer. The Coastal Empire BSA invited us to participate in the Over the Edge fundraiser that netted the equivalent of a bronze sponsorship this year.
- **Ossabaw Consulting**, brought to us by new member and owner, Mike Pavlis. Mike is an ISA certified arborist, and Ossabaw Consulting specializes in tree inspections, hazard assessment, planning and tree preservation.

If you know of a local business that could want to partner with our club, please let me know! I'm happy to help you make contact, or to follow up on your behalf. Thank you!



Agency News

Update from Savannah Early Childhood Foundation

- Special to the Kiwanigram from Jan Wright

I had the pleasure to sit down with Savannah Early Childhood Foundation (SECF) president Paul Fisher for a couple of hours recently, to catch up on SECF news as our club gears up for a second round of our Take a Chance for Kids fundraiser for SECF. Here are the highlights of our conversation.



**SECF President
Paul Fisher**

Jan: SECF's name is about early childhood. Is that where you're focusing your efforts?

Paul: Research shows that the most important stages of cognitive development happen in a person's first 2-3 years of life and that creating a safe, nurturing and language-rich environment is the key determinant variable, not demographics or economics. SECF is focusing on helping parents of children ages 0-5 to give those children the best possible start in life. Working with Parent University and other partners in our community, our goal is to help parents develop parenting skills that will enable their children to be ready for school at school age and enable parents to be active partners with the schools throughout their child's formal education.

Jan: SECF is in its second year of running Early Learning College through Parent University. Can you update us?

Paul: Yes, we've had a super year and now are running 6-session parenting skills training in 2 of the 9 neighborhoods prioritized by Youth Futures Authority. We've expanded from serving East Broad Elementary's neighborhood to also serving Schuman's.

East Broad Elementary's neighborhood to also serving Schuman's.

Jan: What are SECF's most critical needs for the year ahead?

Paul: Parent University needs a full-time executive director. We're working to secure \$150,000 of funding so the current director can transition from being a part-time volunteer to a full-time paid position. We believe having a full-time executive director could enable our programs to grow exponentially. We're also working to raise finance in anticipation of that growth.

Jan: Where does SECF plan to expand next? How much finance are we talking about?

Paul: Where we expand next will depend on which neighborhood schools are most ready to work with us. In our first 3 years, we've raised \$200,000, all of it private, and 75% of it from our local community. Each 6-session series of Early Learning College classes at Parent University class costs \$25,000, so we're talking about \$225,000/year when we expand to all 9 neighborhoods for this component of our programs.

Jan: Metrics have always been important to you, and you have said that SECF intends to sustain its efforts for at least a generation. Can you tell us more about how you will know if SECF's investment in parents, local childcare facilities, and ultimately young children actually makes a positive difference?

Paul: We're taking it a step at a time. First, we're using pre- and post-testing for parents to measure how much they've learned at Parent University and are working to implement controlled observation of their ability to apply it in practice. Concurrently, we're working with the neighborhood schools to ensure we have baseline scores for students and measure their absolute and relative progress over time. We've recently formed a partnership with Armstrong State University, to develop a database and robust analytical model to support our longitudinal studies.

Jan: Thank you, Paul, for this update. It's so exciting to hear how SECF is building upon the Harlem Children Zone project experience and taking early childhood development to a new level. I know our readers will want to hear more as this work continues and to do their part to support it.

Paul: I'd like to thank Kiwanis of Skidaway for partnering with us, and I'll be happy to come back to update your members in person. While SECF's goal is "all children ready at school age," our vision is "our community taking care of our own."

Note: You can follow SECF's progress on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SavannahECF.



District News: A Special Opportunity

If you haven't attended a Georgia District Convention, this year it's easier than ever to do so. Being held at the Savannah Marriott August 15-17, it couldn't be more convenient! Why not take this opportunity to expand your personal Kiwanis profile by attending all or part of the event.

You'll observe first hand the decision-making processes of our district; learn about and celebrate major club & district accomplishments, attend special classes to enhance your own understanding of key service programs and, most importantly, share your personal Kiwanis stories with others. Having personally attended several of these events, I've

found the Saturday night governor's banquet to be extra special. It would be great if we could have a couple of tables of Skidaway Kiwanians (and spouses) attending that session together.

For more information on the overall convention schedule, please see the July issue of The Georgia Kiwanian or log on to the district web site gakiwanis.org. You can also register for the convention there.

- Incoming District Lt. Governor, *Erv Hietbrink*

KIWANI GALLERY



(top L-R) The community turned out to hear Maj. Gen. John (Mike) Murray on June 5.

(lower left) Landings GM & COO Shari Haldeman engages with Maj. Gen. Murray.

(lower right, L-R) Tom Osborn, Maj. Gen. Murray, and Lou Molella

Club Calendar for July

Date	Guest Speaker & Topic
July 3	Bill Soroachak , Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House <i>Topic: Ronald McDonald House in Savannah</i>
July 10	Sam Crossley , Certified Financial Planner, Mass Mutual <i>Topic: Maximizing Social Security Benefits</i>
July 17	Jill Trumble, MD , Neurologist, St. Joseph's/Candler <i>Topic: Motion Disorders</i>
July 24	Captain Judy Helmey , Owner, Miss Judy Charters <i>Topic: Fishing in and around Savannah</i>
July 31	Theresa Bayman , Programs Director, Alzheimer's Association <i>Topic: Alzheimer's Disease and Services Offered by Alzheimer's Association</i>

Club Leadership

At our June 19 meeting, members elected:

- **Joyce Glenn** to be president-elect for 2014-2015
- **Cecilia Russo, Christine Swanson,** and **Tim Baldwin** to serve 3-year terms as directors (Class of 2017)

Meeting Location

From July 2 through mid-September, our weekly meetings will be held at the **Deer Creek Club**, while the Plantation Club is being renovated.

Upcoming Club Events

- **Club Board Meeting**
Monday, July 14, starting at 8:15 a.m.
Contact: Ron Weber
- **Take a Chance on Kids Drawing**
Thursday, July 31, we will draw our \$500 winner for July at our meeting.
Contact: Tom Sharp
- **New Member Orientation**
Thursday, July 31, immediately following our membership meeting.
Contact: Keith Glenn

Upcoming District Events

- **Georgia District Convention**
August 15-17 at the Savannah Marriott

New Members (Sponsors)

- Tim Cook (Millie Pitts-DiCiccio)
- Al Downen (Jack Munroe)
- Rudy Halbert (Ben Gustafson)
- Shari Haldeman (Millie Pitts-DiCiccio)

July Birthdays

- July 4—Julie Gerbsch
- July 5—Pete Liptrot
- July 6—Ben Gustafson
- July 10—Andrew Dekle,
George Hensley
- July 11—Skip Salus
- July 17—Tom Rood
- July 18—Jay Ahrens, Jan Wright
- July 28—Gary Bocard, Bill Wright
- July 30—Dick Hughey, Frank Liebgott
- July 31—Gary Brewer

Membership Milestones for July

- 2 years—Lee Carroll
- 3 years—Bruce Custis
- 6 years—Ed Lavish
- 8 years—Frank McCarthy, Ron Weber
- 17 years—Bill Trice
- 23 years—Hazel Brown

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Corporate sponsors with asterisks have provided donations in kind (food, advertising) that increase fund-raiser net revenues by offsetting expenses.

For more information about the Corporate Sponsor program, contact Jeff Heeder (jeffrey.heeder@suntrust.com). Sponsor application forms are also available at www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors.

KIWANI GALLERY



Top Panel (L-R): Jack Munroe & Melissa Emery welcome new member Al Downen; Matt Spencer & Jeff Heeder announce that Coastal Empire Boy Scouts of America is a bronze sponsor, thanks to the Over the Edge fundraiser.

Middle Panel (L-R): Armstrong Asst. Professor Frank Katz spoke to us about Internet Security and Dave Fox shared stories about the Revolutionary War in Savannah.

Lower Panel: Georgia Ports Authority's Robert Morris updated us on developments at the port and the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project.

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GA District Lt. Gov. – Tom Crankshaw

2013–2014 Board Officers

- **President** – Melissa Emery
- **Past President** – Dan Umbel
- **President-Elect** – Bob Norton
- **VP-Secretary** – Ron Weber
- **VP-Treasurer** – Jay Ahrens

Board of Directors

- **Term expiring 2014:**
Jeff Heeder, Jim Overton, Tom Sayers
- **Term expiring 2015:**
Joyce Glenn, Frank Liebgott
- **Term expiring 2016:**
Chris Butler, Ben Gustafson, Phil van Ess, Jan Wright
- **Board Advisor:** Tom Sharp

Club Administration

- Attendance Reception – Jack Hart
- Attendance Records – Gary Brewer
- Auditor – Roger Nord
- Awards – Dan Umbel
- Club Historian – TBD
- District/Division Reports – Ron Weber
- Dollars for Doers – Dan Umbel
- Education/Orientation – Keith Glenn
- Fundraising – Bob Norton
- Human/Spiritual Service – Rev. Jim Giddens
- Inter-Club – TBD
- Kiwanigram – Jan Wright
- Legal Counsel – Bob Schivera
- Marketing & PR – Frank Liebgott
- Membership – Greg Stinson
- New Member Experience – Joyce Glenn
- Photography – Keith Glenn, Dick Glover
- Programs/Speakers – Ben Gustafson
- Safety – Jack Sherrill
- Social & Trips – Dave Fox
- Sunshine – Gwen Leathley
- Website – Jan Wright

2013–2014 Fundraising Committees

- **Chili Cook-Off** (November 2, 2013) – Bruce Custis, Jim Overton
- **Pancake Breakfast** (February 8) – Cecilia Russo, Christine Swanson, and Matt Spencer
- **Concert on the Green** (August 17) – Frank Liebgott, Phil van Ess
- **Corporate Sponsors Program** – Jeff Heeder
- **Show the Colors** – Keith Glenn, Phil van Ess
- **Take a Chance for Kids** – Tom Sharp

Volunteer Service to Community Agencies

- America's Second Harvest – Gary Bocard
- Armstrong Circle K Club – Julie Gerbsch, Chris Aiken
- Backpack Buddies – Tim Baldwin
- Bethesda Academy – Gary Hughes
- CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children) – Charlie O'Brien
- Childhood Cancer Family Support – Jim Beurle
- Coastal Children's Advocacy Center – Skip Salus
- Corporate Academy – Jack Sherrill
- The Eliminate Project – Gene McDonald
- Greenbriar – Gene McDonald
- Habitat for Humanity – Howard Gandelot
- Horizons – Greg Stinson
- Horsin' Around – Pete Liptrot
- Interfaith Hospitality Network – Mark Forssell
- Junior Achievement – Tom Stephens
- Kids Fishing Program – Tom Rood
- Landings Military Family Relief Fund – Lou Molella, Jack Munroe
- Library for the Blind – Dave Wyland
- L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators) – Joyce Glenn
- Mediation Center – Jerry Nusloch
- Music Medicine Institute – Elizabeth Jacobi
- National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force – Tom McMullin
- Park Place Outreach – Jack Hart, Jim Overton
- Performance Initiatives – Jeff Heeder
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Chris Britten
- Savannah Early Childhood Foundation – Tom Sharp
- Savannah Friends of Music – Melissa Emery
- Savannah Philharmonic – Julie Gerbsch
- Social Apostolate – Bob Egan
- Special Olympics – Bob Reinhard
- Telfair Museum – TBD
- The Salvation Army – Ron Morris
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah – Jan Wright
- Youth Challenge Academy – Keith Glenn, Pete Liptrot

Kiwani's Club of Skidaway is dedicated to helping the disadvantaged and at-risk children of the greater Savannah community. Since our Club was established in 1988, our members have volunteered over 300,000 service hours and raised and distributed over \$1.3 million to agencies that provide services to these children and their families.

KIWANIS CLUB OF SKIDAWAY

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