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Correction to Feb. Issue Distinguished Lt. Governors



Congratulations to Lt. Governor Geraldine Battle of Division 16 for being named a 2018-19 Distinguished Lt. Governor.

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vention experience. Find what works for you. Then join us in Indianapolis! Did you know clubs can pay all or a portion of each member's expenses for the Kiwanis Education Conference — part of the Kiwanis International convention — from its service account? The Kiwanis Education Conference

ence qualifies as an acceptable educational expense of the club. Covered expenses can include: Registration fees up to US\$299 hotel, airfare or mileage, meals, per diem and other expenses as determined by the club.

by Cathy Cason



The Ga. District of Kiwanis 2020 Art & Music Showcase Has Been Postponed Due to the CoronaVirus (COVID 19)



Immediate Past Governor Debbie Brilling presented Lt. Governor Darryl Gumz of Division 7 with the Outstanding Lt. Governor trophy for the 2018-19 Kiwanis year

NOTICES

As per the provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International, the minutes of the 2019-20 Board Meeting held on Friday, March 6, 2020 in McDonough, Georgia, are available for review from your appropriate Lt. Governor or from the District Office.

The next scheduled meeting for the 2019-20 Board of Trustees of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at the Spring Hill Suites by Marriott, located at 4630 Sheraton Drive, Macon, Georgia at 10:00 a.m.

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The Governor's Message

Andy Pipkin Governor Georgia Kiwanis District dawgandkat94@gmail.com

Young Children Priority One was a new committee this year and I am proud to say that it has been a tremendous success. We intended for it to include children under five years of age. Most clubs have gotten more serious about going to schools and reading to young children. Thank you for allowing schools to see once again that we want to help children of our communities.

Our rallies have included each division raising funds for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta instead of giving a gift to the Governor. I chose this project because it is one of the very best hospitals anywhere for children and children from all 159 counties in Georgia use this hospital. We are excited about how much we have raised.

The mid-year was tremendous with Eric Lenning talking about his battle with cancer. The training was outstanding as we received many compliments. I want to thank Mike Sullivan for being in charge of

our training for the past two years.

The district convention is in Savannah August 21-23. I am excited about the convention and about some of the entertainment that we have scheduled. At last year's International Convention we had "Because I said I would" speak and our commitment to "Because I said I would" can make a difference in our communities. "Because I said I would" will be with us in Savannah

We will also have the band "Mackey Creek" play and they have played at the White House and the national democratic convention along with many other performances. They play a lot of Eagles music.

In closing, I want to say that we need each one of you to get involved in the area that you are passionate about. We have a great district and together we can make it even better.



Alexia A. Lieber Executive Director alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com

By now you should have your club annual meeting scheduled to elect club officers. Incoming officer should be elected between the first meeting in April and the second meeting in May. June 1st is the deadline to send in the Club Officer Election form to International, and the District Office. Please do your best to meet this deadline as the information is needed for publications on the International and District level.

Please submit your Club Delegate forms online for the International Convention, the tab is on the secretary dashboard. A word of caution: all dues and other financial obligations must be current for delegates to be seated in the House of Delegates in Indianapolis, so be sure that all club financial obligations to International, and the District have been met. Deadline is April 30, 2020.

Our Annual Convention of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International will be held August 21-23, 2020, at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront in Savannah, Georgia. The registration form and Certificate of Election of Delegates are posted online on our website at www.georgiakiwanis.com.

Dates to Remember:

District Art & Talent Showcase	Postponed	Leesburg, GA
Club Officer Election	Due by June 1, 2020	
Kiwanis International Convention	Indianapolis, IN	June 18-21, 2020
Georgia District Convention	Savannah, GA	August 21-23, 2020

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If you send pictures and articles for the Georgia Kiwanian the information MUST be sent electronically, and pictures MUST be sent as a .jpg attachment to your email. Please send your information to: alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com.

If you have an event you would like to share, please send a picture and caption to alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com for the next publication.

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Serving the Children of Georgia and the World

Kids Need Kiwanis

Kids are curious, lovable and hilarious. They are also wild, impatient and vulnerable. Kiwanis is looking for kids in every corner of the globe with over 600,000 volunteers who serve their communities through local clubs. We are generous with our time. We are creative with our ideas. We are passionate about making a difference. And we have fun along the way!

Graduated Dues New Member for the Georgia District

Month	Amount for Georgia	Amount for KI	Total Amount Due
October	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
November	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
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January	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
February	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
March	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
April	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$65.00
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Coweta County

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Membership

Kiwanis Club of Marietta Celebrates 90 Years of Service

Thursday, March 5, 2020, the Kiwanis Club of Marietta celebrated the 90th anniversary of its founding. Kiwanis District Governor Andy Pipkin and his wife, Karen, were in attendance, along with Carol Wisdom, a former governor and former president of the Marietta Club.

These special guests and the members present were treated to a look back at the history and accomplishments of Kiwanis Club

On March 3rd, 1930, twenty-five Marietta business and professional citizens formally became the new Kiwanis Club of Marietta. Those charter members were the pillars of the community. with familiar names like Fowler, Schilling, Dobbins, Ward, Atherton, and Ingram, just to name a few. Those men, and they were all men back in those days, saw firsthand the tremendous challenges of the Great Depression and wanted to do something good for their larger community.

Theirs was a world where the life expectancy of the average man was only fifty-eight years old, and a woman's was only sixty-one. Milk was fourteen cents bottle. A loaf of bread was less than a dime and mailing a firstclass letter was a mere two cents.

On the day that the Kiwanis Club of Marietta was formed, the members may have sung Hail, Columbia, or My Country Tis of Thee, because The Star-Spangled Banner had not yet been adopted as the national anthem. The club is older than the Empire State Building (1931) and the Golden Gate Bridge (1937). None of the charter members had ever heard of Social Security, since that didn't come along until 1935!

Despite the worst depression the nation had ever known, the club founders sponsored a charity ward at Marietta Hospital to address some of the time's most deadly diseases, including influenza and tuberculosis. The club also sponsored medical and dental services for poor children throughout the 1930's and held an annual President's Ball to raise money for polio research and care of the victims.

They also actively supported the creation of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield. Not to forget the community's agrarian roots, the 1930's club sponsored



many activities to improve livestock in the county, including a Pig Club for boys in the 4-H club.

But these men also had a lighter side and they knew how to have a little fun. In 1936, they began a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Marietta that grew into an annual softball game that was played for decades. There is still some friendly controversy over the whereabouts of the trophy that was awarded to the game's win-

This civic club was formed in a different time - one without television or drive-in movies, a time of desperation for the nation with more than 25% unemployment. Yet the founders came together to improve the community. They began what is today a ten-decade long commitment of service to the children and the success and well being of Marietta and Cobb County.

In the 1940's, the club supported the war effort and was active in getting the Bell Bomber Plant, now Lockheed Martin, located in Marietta. They offered many recreational activities for the children of the workers who flooded the town.

The club provided hot lunches to preschool students in the 1950's, and lobbied to change the name of Marietta Airfield to Charles Dobbins Air Base. They encouraged the founding of what is now the Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology at Kennesaw State University. They supported the founding of many new Kiwanis Clubs and were active in Inter-Club events.

In the 1960's, the Kiwanis Club of Marietta continued to focus on children by sponsoring 4-H activities, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, little league teams, the Candy Stripers at Kennestone Hospital, and a city-wide bicycle safety program. The club raised funds for the new YWCA on Henderson Street, and began holding meet-

In the 1970's, Marietta Kiwanis responded to the drug culture that was affecting the community with drug abuse programs at schools throughout the city and county.



The club continued to sponsor swim teams, Boy Scouts, and other vouth groups, and several new Key Clubs in schools. They also participated in a state-wide children's talent competition, a precursor to today's Art and Music Showcase.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the 1980's was when the club welcomed its first female members. Mrs. Drucilla Beck, wife of the long-serving club secretary, Fred Beck, was inducted as the first honorary female member. Cobb County Commissioner Thea Powell became the first active female member.

Fast forward to the 1990's, where the major focus of the club was education. The club made a monthly donation to city and county schools and sponsored five Key Clubs across the community. It helped to re-charter Circle K at Southern Tech and supported a new Circle K Club at Kennesaw State. The club began the Go the Extra Mile Awards to recognize teachers and students in Cobb and Marietta schools for outstanding acts of service.

Since the turn of the century, the Kiwanis Club of Marietta's commitment to youth and education has shown no signs of slowing down. The club has donated more than 22,000 books to schools across Marietta through its annual read-a-book day, the Reading Oasis program, and the club's newest literacy project,

Laundromat Library. Students at Marietta High School have benefitted from the Club's multi-year Graduate Marietta project that has included the donation of \$50,000 to the Student Life Center, funding for the Good Vibes Café and food pantry, and the gift of over a hundred laptops to help close the digital divide. The club has also awarded nine college scholarships of \$2500.00 annually to students who volunteer in the community, show academic promise, and demonstrate financial need.

Perhaps the Kiwanis Club of Marietta's most visible legacy. the Flag Project, began in 1996 with 400 American flags placed in prominent places throughout Marietta. Today, members of the club gather six times each year to deploy a whopping 1646 American flags throughout the community, from homes and small businesses to the Square, Lockheed Martin, and WellStar Kennestone Hospital. This effort also includes the moving Field of Flags at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield where almost 3,000 flags are flown every five years on the anniversary of 9/11 to honor each person whose life was lost that

At the celebration to mark the 90th anniversary at the club meeting on March 5th, President Debbie McCracken said, "As we embark on our tenth decade of service, I look forward to our continued efforts to serve the children of the world beginning right here in our own community." The founders of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta would be proud to know that the club they started during the Great Depression has grown into the fifth largest Kiwanis club in the world, and that the club has remained true to its commitment of service to children and the

President of the Columbus Club, Buck Zackery welcomes new member Lance Hoffman into the Columbus Club.



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10...Blue Ridge+4

Membership Growth as of February 29th, 2020 10...Clarksville+1 10...Cleveland+4 10... Cornelia+1 10... Dawson County.....+1 11...Cartersville.....+1 11...Bowden+2 12 .. Cedartown+2 12...Douglass County+2 12...Fairfield Plantation+1 12...Rockmart.....+3 12... Villa Rica-Temple+5 13... Cordele+3 13...Fitzgeraldd+2 13... Moultrie+3 13... Quitman-Brooks County+3 13...Sylvester+3 14...Doraville-Tucker.....+1 14... Historic Roswell+2 15...Greater Cherokee+10 15...Greater South Cobb+3 15...Jonquil City.....+3 15...Lost Mountain+1 **15...Metro Marietta+1** 16... Metro Marietta+1 16...Jonesborro.....+11 16... West End Atlanta.....+4 17...Baxley+1 17...Brooklet+2 17...Douglas+5 17... Jeff Davis County+2 17... Tattnall County+2 17...Vidalia.....+2 18...Conyers.....+1 18... Henry County+4 18...Social Circle+1;

Service Leadership Programs

The Kiwanis Club of Golden-K of Columbus, Georgia recognized youth of Nazareth Baptist Church



The Kiwanis Club of Golden-K of Columbus, Georgia recognized youth of Nazareth Baptist Church with Terrific Kids certificates and pencils and Kiwanis Recognition Certificates for their grades, attendance and overall conduct for the first semester of Muscogee School District. The Club President is Linda Spellers(not pictured) and pictured left to right are Marie Lee - Assistant director of Christian Education; Shkela Gay - Youth Choir Assistant Director and Youth of Nazareth Baptist Church Sunday school and various schools in Muscogee County.

New Key Clubs Chartered Evans High School

Sponsored by Columbia County

Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Sponsored by Lithonia-Stonecrest



Miss Breana Leigh Librizzi awarded the Mel Hayden Student Leadership Medallion

Leigh Librizzi was recently awarded the Mel Hayden Student Leadership Medallion, an award presented to a Circle K member who has exhibited leadership and service to her club and to her community. Librizzi was nominated by the East Georgia State College Circle K sponsor, Dr. Paul Cerpovicz. She was one

of only three Circle K members in Division 17 of the Kiwanis Club to receive this award from Georgia Kiwanis Governor Andy Pipkin.

At the age of sixteen and a member of the junior class at Emanuel County Institute, Breana is an unlikely candidate for a Circle K Award. Why she is more than qualified is that during her short high school career, Breana has attended eight semesters at East Georgia State College while also attending high school, thereby making her eligible to join the Kiwanis family at the college level.

Breana regularly attends our Kiwanis meetings with Kiwanis Club member Dianna Wedin-



camp, her cousin. She sees first-hand the projects our "senior" club is sponsoring, and she is always willing to give a helping hand. Breana has been active at our annual Fall Festival working with cotton candy and popcorn and has been a vital part of our club's entry in the Christmas parade by distributing candy for the 2.4 miles of the parade.

Most recently Breana joined our Swainsboro Kiwanis Club in Kiwanis Read Across Georgia Day. Using her skills in dramatic interpretation, Breana had the complete attention of her room full of first graders as she shared a story with the class. Breana is the daughter of Jimmy and Mary Helen Kangeter.

Community Service Projects

26th Annual Pancake Social

Carrollton Golden K and Southwire Company sponsored "the social event of the season" with their 26th annual pancake "all you can eat" breakfast for 3 Saturdays in February. The breakfast Included sausages, pancakes, biscuits, gravy, eggs, and grits.

Among the notables attending were Bill Braswell, Lt. Governor for Division 12, Past District Kiwanis Governor Richard Dixon, Bowden Club President Sheriff Terry Langley, Carroll County Commission chair Michael Morgan, members of the police dept, EMT services, fire department and county sheriff's department. Volunteers included members of area Key clubs, Circle K, and Builders Club.



All proceeds all stay in Carroll County to benefit organizations for needy children. Music was

provided by Karen Vance and Jerry Rogers. On the last Satur-



day of February over 1,000 are expected to enjoy the breakfast

provided by the members of the Carrollton Golden K.

Community Service Projects

Koats for Kids

LaGrange continues its longtime program of providing coats for children and young people during the winter months. The club provides boxes (provided by Home Depot) to various business locations and two high schools for collecting coats and other garments.

The coats are gathered weekly and carried to our business partner, Ideal Cleaners, who at no cost. Jabaly Clothing Center Koats for Kids program. for free distribution to those in need. The process moves smoothly

because of our partners and dedicated Kiwanis Club members.

Additionally, the club provides new coats to add to the opportunity for children



washes and cleans all the piaces. Club, members Wanda-Ann Kinnaman, Director of the Jabaly Clothing Center, pieces. Club members then take the coats to the tured is club member, Jim Sexton, who is the driving force of our

and young people to have a coat just in time for the cold winter months. This year the Koats for Kids program provided over 300 coats and other garments.

Toys for Tots



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Athens brought toys to the club's Christmas party to lonate to the Toys for Tots collection. Pictured with some of the toys are, left to right, club members Joe Purcell, Louise Hyers, Mike Hill, Hugh Bowles and Paul Francis.

Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Honors STAR Student and Teacher

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie proudly honored this year's STAR student and teacher, Ian Small and Vance Hurst, during a recent meeting. STAR stands for Student Teacher Achievement Recognition program, which recognizes the state's highest achieving high school seniors and their selected teachers whom they feel played a significant part in their academic success.

This year was extra special as Ian's father, Dr. Jim Small, received his own STAR award 33 years ago. Ian's AP Physics teacher and robotics coach, Mr. Hurst, was also recognized as a STAR student when he was in high school. In his speech, Ian recalls his life until now as a very active one due to his father's military career - moving 10 times in the last 18 years. He has lived in places like New Orleans, Louisiana, Jackson, Mississippi, Social Circle, Georgia, Smithfield, Virginia, and Tokyo, Japan to name a few. He's attended public schools, private schools, department of defense schools, and even been ho-

Despite his mobile childhood, he has taken advantage of unique opportunities for adventure such as climbing Mount Fuji, scuba diving in the Dutch Antilles, visiting Neuschfanstein Castle in Germany, and lately, experiencing high-energy Colquitt County High School (CCHS) football games! He started at CCHS his junior year and made major life changes such as switching from playing baseball to tennis to focus on academics. He quickly took up robotics, which resulted in strong friendships and practical application for his studies.

He received a 1500 Super Score on his SAT exam and intends to attend a 4 year college. He is looking at Georgia Tech among others with a plan to major in mechanical engineering, but is also considering aerospace and biomedical engineering. Kiwan-



know he will continue to succeed!

Swainsboro Kiwanis Club Donates to SES Media Center

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club continues to stress the importance of improving literacy with participation in reading activities at local schools and donations to the media centers for the purchase of library books. Recently a donation was made by President Petite Garrett to Swainsboro Elementary media specialist Allison Hood.

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club is a vital part of Kiwanis International, a global community of clubs, members, and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a

Today, we stand with more than 550,000 members from K-Kids to Key Club to Kiwanis and many ages in between in 80 countries and geographic areas. Each community has different needs, and Kiwanis empowers members to



Pictured from left to right: Valorie Watkins, principal of Swainsboro Elementary; Allison Hood, media specialist; Petite Garrett; and Lara Norton, assistant principal of Swainsboro Elementary.

pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children, such as fighting hunger, improving literacy and offering guidance.

Kids Need Kiwanis

Metro-Marietta Kiwanis

Metro-Marietta Kiwanis participated in Kiwanis Reads on January 21. We read to 5 first grade classes and then were judges of the school's Science Fair.



wanis International Children's Fund; Rebecca Keaton; Carl Sherrill, President; Taylor Freeman, President-Elect; Rose Wing, Immediate Past President; Kimberly Carroll.

Community Service Projects

Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Creates Jack N. Gay Scholarship in Honor of Long-Time Member

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Board wanted to honor a long-term member in a very special way and recently formed a scholarship to commemorate his service. Mr. Jack Gay began his Kiwanis journey as a Key Club member when he attended high school in Sylvester, GA. He later participated as a Kiwanis member in the early 1960s and became the Kiwanis Club of Moultrie president in 1981. After his term as president, he took over new duties including long-term service as secretary and even lieutenant governor of Georgia Kiwanis for

During his Kiwanis service, he also worked at Moultrie Technical College, now Southern Regional Technical College, starting in 1965 and even served as its president for more than a decade from 1983 through 1994. To recognize his long-term dedication and service to the Club and his community, current Kiwanis members created the Jack N Gay Scholarship. This \$1000 scholarship is designed to be given to a technical school student from Colquitt County, a nod to his

Swainsboro

Kiwanis Club

Advocates

Reading

Continuing its focus on pro-

moting reading in Emanuel County, especially among its youngest

population, the Swainsboro Ki-

wanis Club made a donation to

the media center at Swainsboro

Primary School.

mary School.



From L to R: 2018-2019 Club President Jeff Sewell, Jack's wife Joan Gay, Jack Gay, and Lt. Governor Bob

service in the technical college system. The first \$1000 was contributed by past presidents that he served as secretary under. Future scholarship funding will be allocated as a yearly budget item, sustained by the club. Mr. Gay continues to be an active member of the Board and attends nearly every weekly meeting.

Kiwanians are especially proud of Mr. Gay and encourage any interested community members to come meet him in person to learn more about how Kiwanis has impacted his life and how this great organization continues to serve our community. Kiwanis Club of Moultrie meets weekly on Thursdays from 1 - 2 pm at Sunset Country Club. Please see a Kiwanis member to be a guest or visit their Facebook page: Kiwanis Club of Moultrie to get connected.

Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Plantation

Bethany Dahl, Executive Director of Child Advocacy of Carroll County receives a check for \$1,000 from President Latha Narayan from Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Plantation

Her organization serves children and families dealing with child abuse. They also do training for adults in the community to recognize and report signs of



Kiwanis Club Promotes Arts Education

In keeping with its motto of improving the community one child at a time, the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club recently made donations



Left to right: Mark Lilquist, art instructor at ECI, and Petite Garrett, president of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club

to the art departments at Emanuel County Institute and Swainsboro High School. Some of the biggest benefits of arts education for students are that it can improve learning skills, school attendance, critical thinking skills, and creativity. All of these are essential for a successful academic performance. Another important benefit of arts education is for students is that it helps them appreciate and understand the different cultures and values of our very diverse society.

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Ferst Foundation



Karen Wilde and Karen Hartley from the Ferst Foundation, an organization that advocates for child literacy, receive a check for \$1,000 from Latha Narayan, the President of the Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Plantation.

Kiwanis One Day



February 18 the Pike County Kiwanis Club helped paint at the PEAK facility at 815 Woodcreek Rd in Williamson. PEAK supports newly graduated students with developmental disabilities. Our workers were Teresa Watson, David Harden, Chris Curry, Linda Swetmon, & Trisha and Gene Dabbs.



Left to right: Denise Warnock, principal at SHS; Luci McNeely, art instructor at SHS; and Petite Garrett, president of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club

Kids Need Kiwanis

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club is involved in improving literacy in our county beginning with the Book-o-Ween in the fall, Kiwanis Read Across Georgia Day in the winter, donations to area media centers, providing refreshments at Franklin Memorial Library during the summer months, and numerous other projects in con-

junction with Family Connec-

Pictured from left to right: Petite

Garrett, president of Swainsboro

Kiwanis Club, and Livia Daniel,

media specialist at Swainsboro Pri-

or a successful academic performance. Another important benefit of arts education is for students is that it helps them appreciate and understand the different cultures and values of our very diverse society. The Georgia Left to right: Denise

Service Projects Community

1st Annual KIWANIS Reading Across Georgia - RABUN COUNTY, GA

Even as our society becomes more technologically advanced, the importance of the basic skills that are foundational to learning has not been lost. We may have phones where we can jot down notes, calculate any math problem and have them read a book to us, but being able to know how to do those things without the help of a machine will always be valued. The ability to read affects our lives in a variety of ways we probably don't even realize. Yes, reading keeps us informed about our world and our community,

but it also helps us with everyday tasks such as how much medicine to take or preparing a meal.

It's important to develop these skills early. That's why Kiwanis Clubs across Georgia are launching an initiative to promote the importance of early literacy. The state's Kiwanis are hosting the first Kiwanis Read Across Georgia Day on Jan. 21 and plan to make it an annual event. Club members will read to elementary, pre-K and Head Start students across Georgia. Our local Kiwanis Club of Rabun County participated by reading to two pre- K classes at Rabun County Primary

The importance of children learning to read at their grade level by the third grade has been proven in studies. If that benchmark is not met by the third grade, those students are among the most likely to drop out of school.

The situation in Georgia is especially problematic according to the Kiwanis' information, which states that two-thirds of third-graders in Georgia are not reading on grade level.



Kiwanis Donates to TCE Media Center

Service is at the heart of every and projects. Kiwanis club. Kiwanis members stage more than 150,000 service projects, devote more than six million hours of service, and raise nearly \$100 million every year for communities, families,

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club once again demonstrated its service to the community with a donation to the media Center at Twin City Elementary



Pictured from left to right: Robbie Warnock, principal of TCE; Petite Garrett, Swainsboro Kiwanis president; and Jodi Jarvis, media specialist at TCE.

The Kiwanis Club of Golden-K of Columbus

The Kiwanis Club of Golden-K of Columbus, Georgia with members of Kiwanis Club of Columbus participated in a Christmas program to aid battered women and children in Muscogee County.

Nineteen families were blessed by the efforts of club members and program Chairperson Lucy McGriff.

Pictured to left to right are Lucy McGriff - Golden-K member; The Director of Damascus Way; and Kiwanis Club member Annie Clemmons.



Kiwanis Serving the Children of Georgia and the World

Dr. Seuss's birthday



Dr. Seuss's birthday was the perfect opportunity for Swainsboro Kiwanis Club members to devote their time to a fun literacy project. On March 2nd, five Kiwanis club members visited the local Early Head Start classrooms to read writings by Dr. Seuss. Tall striped hats, and big red bow ties were worn to add to the excitement of reading to the children. Reading to children at an early age is vital to language and social development. The Swainsboro Kiwanis club seeks out opportunities to make a positive impact on the children

Jefferson Christmas Parade

Several members of the club spent evenings preparing for the event. The day of the parade club members met at the local high school football field in the early hours of the morning to make final preparations of the float. Vehicles were to arrive by 11am to line up and be prepared for judging by noon. Parade entries were all vying for the coveted blue ribbon. Floats were judged on appropriateness to the parade theme and originality. The theme for the parade was "Christmas Greetings.

Kiwanis Club of Jefferson decorated a thirty-two-foot trailer with heartwarming decorations such as snowmen statues and a large round bale of hay was covered to look like globe. Members placed hand drawn land masses on the globe and then placed flags from every country on the top of the hay turned globe. Skirts were hung as festive music was played. Signs were hung displaying the varied countries

Christmas greetings.



The judges began to make their rounds and the excitement grew. Who would win the blue? As the judges made several laps marking their papers the Kiwanis team grew more excited. And all of a sudden, the judges made their way back to the Kiwanis around the world Christmas float and presented the members with the BLUE ribbon of victory! The Kiwanis Club was awarded the blue ribbon winning the float entry and a check for \$250. Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Jefferson on their first entry into the Jefferson Christmas Parade during their first year as a club.

> Kids Need **Kiwanis**

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People In The News

Kiwanis Club of Marietta Presents Two Legion of Honor Awards

Former Congressman Buddy Darden and recently retired CEO Jeri Barr were honored at the Kiwanis Club of Marietta meeting on Thursday, February 6th when President Debbie McCracken presented them with the Legion of Honor Award. This award is bestowed on an individual who has been a member of the Kiwanis Club for 25 years and again every five years thereafter. Given the long history of membership and service required to receive this award, it is rarely given out, and rarer still to present two awards on the same day.

Buddy, who served the community as district attorney in the 1970's and as the congressman from Georgia's seventh district in the 1980's and 1990's, joined the Kiwanis Club of Marietta in 1970. His Legion of Honor Award was in recognition of 50 years of service to the club. Serving as club president in 1976-1977, Buddy led projects to reduce drug use among school children and encourage citizens to report suspicious activity. He also led the club in sponsoring the annual Key Club banquet for the (then) newly created Walton High School. In recognition for their corporate citizenship, Buddy also spearheaded an appreciation dinner for Lockheed Georgia to celebrate the company's twenty-fifty anniversary in Cobb County.

Jeri Barr, the former CEO of The Center for Family Resources, a Cobb non-profit focused on supporting self-sufficiency for parents with minor children, became a member of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta in 1990. She received her 30-year Legion of Honor Award, and like Buddy, she also served as club president. Jeri's major emphasis as president



Buddy Darden (left) Jeri Barr (right)

in 2015-2016 was nutritional literacy. Through her leadership and fundraising efforts, the club donated over \$16,000 to Marietta City Schools' food pantries and the Good Vibes Café at Marietta High School. Additionally, the club also donated exercise equipment to local elementary schools.

Congratulations to Buddy and Jeri for their combined 80 years of membership and service to the Kiwanis Club of Marietta

Governor's Leadership Medallion for the 2019-2020 Kiwanis Year

Mary Ellen Smith, a member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, was one of only six Kiwanians in Division 17 to receive the coveted Governor's Leadership Medallion for the 2019-2020 Kiwanis year for exemplifying outstanding leadership skills by strengthening her club and division and for furthering the mission of Kiwanis International. Ms. Smith received her award from Andy Pipkin, the current Georgia Kiwanis Governor, at the recent Kiwanis 2020 Governor's Rally held at Collins Farms in Cobbtown.

This young lady, who has been a member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club for over five years, has served most willingly on various committees and has served with wisdom and solicitous communication skills on the executive



board of our club. She has served as the judge and the sports reporter, assuming both positions very effectively and is currently serving on six different committees.

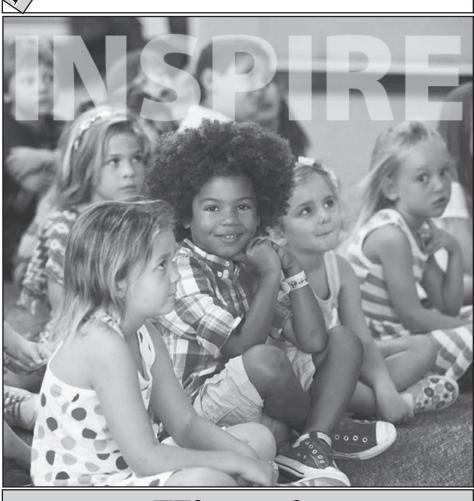
Because this special Kiwanian was born with Tetralogy of Fallot, a rare condition caused by a combination of four heart defects that are present at birth, her participation is often behind the scenes. Ms. Smith collaborates

with the local chamber of commerce to have our club included in the city's annual Christmas parade, maintains our club's active presence on Facebook, and is in attendance at almost every 5K run our club either times or sponsors working with registration and awards.

Ms. Smith is the daughter of Dess and Ginny Smith, also members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club.

Fundraising





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Other Committee Reports



Jerry Patrone Chair for Past Lt. Governor's Association jerrypatrone@aol.com

Past Lt. Governors Association

We have just finished Mid-Winter Training Conference, which was a great success. At the PLGA meeting I discussed the goals for us to work on this year, and here is a recap.

- To have our PLGA members more involved in supporting the current Lt. Governor
- To be more active in promoting GOB training and attendance at Division, District, and International functions.
 - To provide a day of service for all Georgia Kiwanians.
- To remain strong, we need to keep telling people about Kiwanis and how they help children in serving their communities.

I think we all enjoyed Mid-Winter Training, and I'm looking forward to DCON. If anyone needs anything please let me know.

I appreciate everything the PGLA members do.



Basic Necessities Drive

- · In Georgia, there are 516, 311 children living in poverty. (KIDSCount)
- There are 319, 723 households receiving Food Stamps (SNAP) benefits.
- There are basic necessities that are NOT supported with Food Stamps, such as cleaning supplies, diapers, paper products, hygiene items and other household supplies. Many of our families would be greatly blessed with such items for their homes.
- We are encouraging each Kiwanis Club in the Georgia District to partner with your local Family Connection Coordinator to host a Basic Necessities Drive for families in your community.

Be sure to document your event with photos.

Share them-on your social media, in your local newspaper and with Georgia District of Kiwanis

> Questions: Contact Dr. Rick Townsend (912) 506-5347 or rick.townsend@glynn.k12.ga.us or ricktownsend.ssi@gmail.com

How do you find your local Family Connection Coordinator? There is one in each of the 159 counties in Georgia.



family connection

GO TO: wwwgafcp.org. "Find Your Local Collaborative" click LOCATE NOW!

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.



Michael A Smith **District Chair Human and Spiritual Values** ievespy@icloud.com

Human and spiritual value speaks of who we are as individuals. One part addresses our humanity. This is comprised of the sum total of the good, bad, and ugly facets within our character. On the other hand, spiritual values point to the lofty direction of our desires and beliefs. This is the realm of hope and expectations. One writer said, "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds." As Kiwanians we come to serve. Our primary focus is serving the children of our 'global' community. Our faith in the process of creating a better life for a child coupled with our tenacity and perseverance in finding the resources and bringing them to fruition makes this dream a reality.

As we serve in this global community our challenges are formidable and daunting but not impossible. Wars, strife, hunger, pain, separation, and economic deprivation does not have respect for ethnicity, geographical location or language. Our children are found in these places and situations. Trauma and separation anxiety are common denominators for many children. The blank stares often found on their faces reflect their loneliness, hunger, and pain. As Kiwanians it is imperative that we support our fellow Kiwanians working in those affected areas.

While observing the climate change taking place around the world, as well as here in the United States, the opportunities to show our faith by our deeds are ample. Fires in Australia, extreme winter conditions in the U.S., avalanches and floods

in Pakistan and Afghanistan and volcano eruptions in the Philippines are just a few examples where adverse weather is affecting children already. Kiwanians can't turn their backs to these devastating events. It is normal to feel you have done your part. It is also prudent to know that more needs to be done to alleviate these children's distress. When others see our efforts they are encouraged to join the fight. Pain, hunger, and suffering does not take a holiday. We can't allow ourselves to become compla-

Almost every night our televisions gives us glimpses of broken homes, domestic violence and children who are separated from families. Kiwanian can do their part in helping children through emotional support, role modeling, assisting in reading programs, providing food, clothing and school material. The opportunity to get involved is as close as opening your eyes to the schools, recreation centers, synagogues, churches, temples and mosques to help one child at a time. Our goal is to develop their leadership skills. However, it is hard to teach children confidence, courage, and resilience when they are hungry, in pain and lacking sufficient clothes or

We humans are imperfect with noble minds and generous dispositions. The good we do far outweighs the bad. Our living hope provides the impulse and sustainability to remain committed to our Kiwanian core values.

People in the News

Division 11 Council Meeting at Pizza King in Chatsworth.



Pictured from left to right are: Heather Dixon (Sec-Dalton), Dottie Gregg (Sec-Rome), Kathy Schleier (Pres-Dalton), Cliff Wood (Sec-Murray), Lisa Ferrese (Sec-Cartersville/ Lt. Gov. Elect), Charles Lancaster (Pres-Ringgold), Ron Roach (Board-Rome), and Brett

James (Lt. Gov.-Murray)

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Division 2 Rally

The Kiwanis Club of Golden-K of Columbus, Georgia celebrates Division 2 Rally and donates more than one-thousand dollars to the Atlanta Children Hospital on behalf of Governor and First Lady Pipkins.

Frances Spencer and Patricia Morris were recognized the Georgia Leadership Medal.

Pictured left to right are Myrtle (Club Secretary), Darla, Governor Pipkins, First Lady Pipkins, Lucy, Frances, Ronald, Linda Annie, Andrew, Monique, Student at Columbus Technical. Patricia(Club President), and



Georgia Leadership Medal Presented



Governor Pipkin presented Frances Spencer with the Georgia Leadership Medal.

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Author, Speaker, and Agent for Social Change, Kevin Carroll



Kevin Carroll has dedicated his life to advancing education, sports and play as a vehicle for social change and success.

He's addressed the United Nations as part of the UN Year of Sports for Development and Peace in 2005 and is an ongoing advisor and active supporter for many global social innovation organizations.

Kevin was named by SUC-CESS magazine as one of 19 "SEERS – changing the world!" He has helped turn creative ideas into reality for organizations such as Nike, Starbucks, adidas, Walt Disney, Target, Proctor & Gamble, Columbia Sportswear, Mattel, the National Basketball Association and many others.

On Friday, June 19, Kevin will share his seven simple rules that every Kiwanian must endorse if they want to be an agent for good.



Kids Need Kiwanis

SAVE THE DATE! Kiwanis International Convention June 17-20, 2020 Indianapolis, IN



Profile: Ethan Zohn



You may recognize Ethan Zohn as the winner of CBS's SURVI-VOR: Africa. But that was just the prelude to an incredible story—one of perseverance, accomplishment and enduring spirit.

Fresh off his victory on the reality show and determined to use his prize winnings for something bigger than himself, Zohn co-founded Grassroot Soccer.

As a former professional soccer player, he knew the unparalleled power of sport as an agent for social change. His nonprofit uses

the power of soccer to empower young people in sub-Saharan Africa to make educated choices about pressing health challenges including HIV/AIDS, sexual health, gender-based violence and malaria.

In 2009, Zohn became an unlikely face of cancer, diagnosed not once but twice with a rare form of CD20+ Hodgkin's Lymphoma in the span of several years. He endured years of aggressive treatment, including two stem cell transplants.

Zohn believes that a better and healthier world can be achieved by living with strong values. His inspiration to help heal the world stems from being taught at an early age the importance of kindness, community and a connection to social goodness.

He will speak to Kiwanians on Friday, June 19.

Captain "Sully" Sullenberger



US Airways Flight 1549 to an emergency water landing in New York City's frigid Hudson River. The plane's two engines had lost thrust following a bird strike.

Sullenberger and his crew re-

ceived international acclaim for their "Miracle on the Hudson," including the passage of a Congressional resolution recognizing their bravery. Sullenberger was ranked second in Time magazine's "Top 100 Most Influential Heroes and Icons of 2009" and was awarded the French Legion of Honor. Sullenberger is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of "Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters" and also wrote "Making a Difference: Stories of Vision and Courage

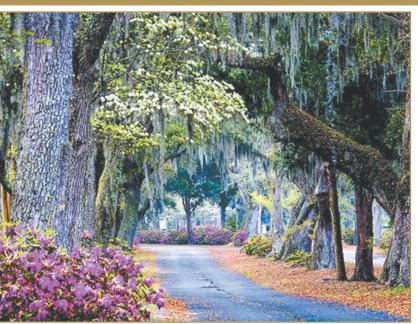
from America's Leaders."

Clint Eastwood directed the 2016 major motion picture about Sullenberger's life, titled "Sully." Tom Hanks starred in the lead role. Sullenberger is an expert in innovation in the face of disaster.

He will speak to Kiwanians on Thursday, June 18, about leadership and preparedness, particularly in times of change and challenge. He will empower you to reach new levels of excellence as a Kiwanis captain.

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