



## Meet Your Officers for 2020-21

*The House of Delegates at Large elected the following District Officers for the 2020-21 Kiwanis year and they are (L to R) Andy Pipkin - Immediate Past Governor; George Elkins - Governor; Byron Mullican - Governor-Elect; Darryl Gumz - Vice-Governor.*



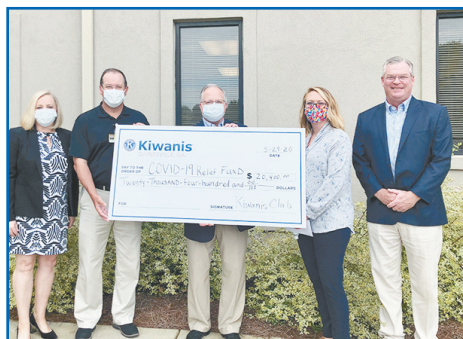
**Katrina Baranko**



The Georgia District of Kiwanis unanimously endorsed Katrina Baranko to run for Vice-President of Kiwanis International in Salt Lake City in 2021.

### *“Kiwanis Club of Gainesville Gives Over \$20,000 to Community COVID-19 Relief Efforts”*

The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville has given \$20,400 towards local COVID-19 relief efforts. The Northeast Georgia Health System Foundation, The North Georgia Community Foundation and The United Way of Hall County all received equal distributions of this generous gift. Each of



these organizations have established their own COVID-19 Relief funds that serve specific areas and needs throughout the Gainesville-Hall County community. Beneficiaries of their funds range anywhere from first responders and front-line workers to nonprofits, families, and individuals, all who are feeling the direct impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Although our Kiwanis Club has not been able meet in person for several weeks, we were still able to unify around this important issue impacting our community,” said Jeff Boggan, current President of the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville. “Kiwanis’ number one priority is to serve children and we know that through the efforts of each of these organizations, children’s lives are being touched and their critical needs are being met.”

The funds were raised through the Kiwanis Service Fund, generous contributions from club members, and a matching

grant from the Gainesville Kiwanis Hope Foundation. “The Hope Foundation is focused on assisting the Kiwanis Club with its mission of ‘changing the world one child and one community at a time.’” said Jay Jacobs, Chair of the Kiwanis Hope Foundation, “By supporting opportunities like this and coming alongside people in our community during this time of uncertainty and distress - this is how we will change the community for the better and ultimately change the world.”

The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville, Georgia was established in 1925 with John W. Jacobs, Sr. serving as the first club President. The mission of the Kiwanis Club is to serve the children and families in the Gainesville-Hall County Community. Over 100 business and community leaders form the membership for Kiwanis and carryout the club’s mission through several service projects that directly impact the lives of children through education, leadership, and community service opportunities.

### NOTICES

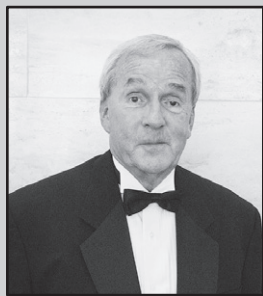
As per the provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International, the minutes of the 2019-20 and the 2020-21 Board Meetings held on Friday, August 21, 2020 in Savannah, Georgia, are available for review from your appropriate Lt. Governor or from the District Office.

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The next scheduled meeting for the 2020-21 Board of Trustees of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020 in Macon, Georgia TBD.

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## The Governor's Message

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### Communities Need Kiwanis

I stood before you at the 2019 District Convention and set some goals for the 2019-2020 year. I discussed my pin for this year and truly believe that all Communities Need Kiwanis.

Today I want to talk to you about 3 items that I feel are important to all Kiwanis clubs and how they fit with the goals I set.

The first item is leadership-I firmly believe that the world is hurting for leaders and that includes Kiwanis. One of my goals was to have 8 leadership training sessions all over the state. We had 3 of these before the pandemic hit. Kim Maxwell who is a member of John Maxwell's team led these 3. Kim is not related to John Maxwell but does a great job. The clubs that are having issues, it all relates to leadership. I thank you Kim for leading this program. KI is developing a leadership program as well.

To strengthen the clubs we started young children priority one and at the rallies I saw where all clubs within some divisions started a reading program. This program was a total success and I want to thank Rick Townsend who was chairman for his efforts.

The rallies were tremendous as we encouraged clubs to donate to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta instead of giving me a gift. We raised \$20,345 and we also learned about how important children's healthcare of Atlanta is to this state. Every county has kids in the 3 hospitals that make up Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. I want to thank Laura Turner who works for children's healthcare and is also a Kiwanian for helping us with the video's and speaking at most of the rallies.

The second item is membership-We wanted to visit all clubs under charter strength and open at least 5 clubs and strengthen at least 7 clubs that are under charter strength. We have opened 2 clubs with 2 more on the way. We are also helping 5 clubs and 2 are doing well with 3 more that have plans in the work.

The problem with opening and strengthening clubs is that we need counselors to help with these clubs. We lose some of these clubs because they need leaders to help them learn how to be a Kiwanis Club. We are asking each one of you to help us by joining a club that needs our help. We will always try to help you be a counselor in your division. Please help us.

The third item is to have fun at your meetings. Potential members must have fun and find the meeting interesting or they will leave. This gets back to leadership and our club leaders need to make the clubs fun. Put your new members to work.

We have had a successful year under the circumstances but we must remember the year is not over. Please contact all your members that are not coming to your meetings. Let them know that they are missed.

In closing I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity of being your Governor this year. Kathy and I worked hard to make things happen under unusual circumstances.

You will be in good hands with George Elkins, Byron Mullican and Darryl Gumz. Let's work work on all of our clubs to make them what they should be.

God expects our best and we should work toward that goal.



**Alexia A. Lieber**  
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I hope this finds everyone doing well. This has been a year of unknowing since the COVID 19 hit us in March, and as clubs now begin to meet again and some still meeting by Zoom, it has been a growing experience. As the 2019-2020 Administrative year comes to an end, I would like to thank the leadership of Governor Andy Pipkin and his Board for an outstanding job, but our job is not finished for we still have one month to go.

### Membership

Clubs will have until October 10th to delete members for the 2019-20 year. Note all new members which come in after October 1st will go towards the 2020-21 membership totals.

I would like to thank George Elkins and Byron Mullican for calling clubs to get Club Election reports in and posted. I am pleased to report that I have at least one officer listed for each club.

### Annual Dues Billing

All clubs will receive a notice on their Dashboard to update their rosters. Kiwanis International will bill each club by the club rosters with the membership totals they show on October 10th. KI will send a billing to each club. This billing will go to the club secretary.

Please note that you may pay the Insurance portion of your dues from your Service Account. All dues are payable to Kiwanis International are due by November 30th.

### Georgia Kiwanian.

Just a reminder, when sending in pictures for the Georgia Kiwanian, all pictures must be sent as a .jpg attachment to your email, with a caption naming the club and people in the picture.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2019-20 club officers for their work last year and to welcome the new club officers. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

*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.*

## Kids Need Kiwanis

### CLE Training

This is the scheduled for the Zoom online CLE training for the Georgia District.

August 31 ..... Membership ...6PM  
September 1 ... SLP .....6PM  
September 2 ... District .....6PM  
September 3 ... Projects .....6PM  
September 14 . Membership ...6:30PM  
September 15 . SLP .....6:30PM  
September 16 . District .....6:30PM  
September 17 . Projects .....6:30PM  
September 21 . Membership ...7PM  
September 22 . SLP .....7PM  
September 23 . District .....7PM  
September 24 . Projects .....7PM

Each club President and Secretary is asked to attend one session for each of the class topics. Each class will last one hour. That will be a total of hours of class participation. Any other club member is welcome to attend the training sessions as well. There is no maximum number. There are no fees for this training.

## In Memoriam

**Robert D. Arrants**  
*Lost Mountain*

**Billy J. Bassett**  
*Crawford County*

**Carol Simonton Buffington**  
*Lawrenceville*

**Eugene R. Clark, Jr.**  
*Albany*

**Philip Kerry Curtis**  
*Atlanta*

**Bobby L. Cobb**  
*Moultrie*

**Milwood A. Dekle**  
*Toccoa*

**Harold Heath**  
*Taylor County*

**Lyons B. Joel**  
*Atlanta*

**Horace J. Johnson**  
*Covington*

**Ray Johnson**  
*Baxley*

**Mark Kase**  
*Brunswick*

**Jack Maeger**  
*Dalton*

**Betty McBride**  
*Golden K of Columbus*

**Clifford L. Mounts**  
*Dougherty County*

**John W. Goodrum**  
*Athens*

**James L. Poston**  
*MoultrieThomson*

**Henry A. Pridgen**  
*Coweta County*

**Imogene Rooks**  
*Coweta County*

**Edward F. Sanders**  
*Gilmer County*

**Harold Eugene Sheets**  
*Fort Valley*

**Emson Smith**  
*Vidalia*

**Ima Jean J. Stevenson Ing**  
*West End Atlanta*

**Willie Tyson**  
*Perry*

**Barry Whitney, Jr.**  
*Uptown Augusta*

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# Membership

## Kiwanis Club Continues to Grow

During these uncertain times, the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club has continued to participate in community projects and has also had two new members to join the club. Tracy Mason, wife of Cliff Mason, mother of Caroline and Ethan, and a longtime friend of President Petite Garrett was inducted into the club at its July 21 meeting. Monica Wren, mother of Justin Wren, Wesley Wren, and Sable Fleming and grandmother of five, was also inducted at the same meeting. Monica is the owner of the Clucking Chicken, a vintage store filled with furniture, clothing, jewelry, and so much more located here in Swainsboro.

Jane Durden, chair of the Membership Committee, met with the two prospective members prior to a weekly meeting and reviewed what it means to be a Kiwanian. Following the new-member orientation checklist, Jane explained various aspects of the Kiwanis Club including the governance by local, district, state, and international officers; time and resource commitments; and our club's community services which include donations to local schools, book drives, participation in 5K run timings in the area, and the annual Christmas bicycle giveaway.

New members are usually in-

ducted into a club with the local club president presiding over the ceremony. Sponsored by President Petite Garrett, Tracy Mason and Monica Wren were honored to be inducted by Andy Pipkin, Georgia Kiwanis Governor, and Dan Bennett, District Seventeen Lieutenant Governor. These two top officers presented the new members with their Kiwanis member pins and their certificates of membership. During the induction ceremony, Governor Pipkin also stressed the importance that growth in membership means as Kiwanis International continues to help communities one child at the time.



Pictured from left to right: District Governor Andy Pipkin, Tracy Mason, Jane Durden, Monica Wren, and Lt. Governor Dan Bennett.

## Golden K sees attendance boost through online meetings

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So you think you can't teach an old dog new tricks?

Well, the men of White Oak Golden Kiwanis would be the first to tell you that dog won't hunt.

While many local groups and organizations have adapted to online meetings, members of the WOGK were among the first groups to embrace the technolo-

gy.

Malcolm Jackson is president of the club, which meets weekly on Thursdays. The group met at Sprayberry's on Highway 34 for years before the restaurant closed. Members then moved to Golden Corral for their breakfast meetings.

When COVID-19 hit Newnan, Jackson said the club's decision to meet online was made without

much resistance. As president, Jackson said he felt responsible for finding another way to meet and to preserve some continuity and membership for the club.

'We realized early on that it would be a long time before we could get back to meeting in person,' he said. 'Our age group is well over 75, so we had to find another way to meet. This seemed like the best way.'

Club Secretary Danny East and Dr. Jim Clark, vice president for programs and newsletter editor, decided to pursue using Zoom.

'We chose to use the logarithmic approach by first making the Zooming approach work for just the three of us, then each of us three recruited two more members, getting them all up to speed, and then each of them recruiting two more and so on and so on,' Jackson said.

'We were one of the first Kiwanis clubs in Georgia to meet online.'

With a club whose younger members are in their late 60s, Jackson recalled a lot of grumbling at first. 'You often hear people say, 'I don't use the computer because I don't even know where the on/ off switch is located on that thing,' so when we began this push to meet online, we encountered our share of those folks,' he said.

'But, with lots of gentle ? and sometimes not so gentle ? prodding, most have come around, thankfully, as a result of efforts of computer savvy wives, children and friends.'

Jackson said many members are now quite proud of themselves and their knowledge of how to sign in, control the video and mute buttons, and especially how to share in the conversations

and to be able to continue visiting with friends on a weekly basis.

The club's average in person attendance was about 35, Jackson said. Members began their virtual weekly meetings in early April, and their last Zoom meeting attendance exceeded 40.

'With a (club) member ship of 62, I am delighted with our results,' Jackson said. 'Those numbers are a little better than the average we had when we met in person. Our attendance is actually growing.'

While there's no denying the value of the face-to-face meeting environment, Jackson said, many members enjoy the flexibility of the online meetings.

Traditionally, the hour-long meetings would begin at 9 a.m. on the dot. In the online realm, club members get a chance to socialize with each other for the first 10 minutes or so while others sign in.

Clubs like Rotary and the Kiwanis Club of Coweta County are hosting Zoom meetings as well, but those are live broadcast simultaneously with their in-person meetings.

Jackson said he thinks WOGK will eventually do that, but given its age group, members have chosen to delay in-person meetings for obvious health reasons.

'Without that light at the end of the tunnel, more are getting involved online,' he said. 'If we do go back to in person meetings, we've made the decision to continue online board meetings.'

'Also, from a cost/benefit standpoint, we will continue Zoom meetings for the short term until we can see more economic benefits from in-person meetings,' Jackson added. 'When you have to guarantee numbers for

food, that's an expensive sausage biscuit.'

But the leap online hasn't been without its share of lighter moments. The group opens each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a song such as 'God Bless America.'

'Due to the varying internet speeds, it becomes somewhat comical at times to hear everyone do the Pledge live and unmuted, and definitely not in sync,' Jackson said. 'But all things being said, we do it, we enjoy it, we make the best of what we have to work with, and we thoroughly enjoy our weekly visitation sessions, the jokes, the sports team bragging, the camaraderie and the visitations.'

For Jackson, it's what the club is about ? the ability to visit, to raise and distribute funds, and to live the Kiwanis Mission ? being dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time.

Members from the White Oak Golden K listen to an online presentation from Real Estate Agent Jeannie Doole during the group's last meeting. Attendance numbers are up for the club since moving meetings online last spring.

### Membership Growth as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Div. Club	Growth		
1.... Galleria - N.W. Atlanta	+2	10... Cleveland	+4
1.... Northside Atlanta	+1	10... Cornelia	+1
1.... Sandy Spring Perimeter	+15	10... Dahlonga/Lumpkin Co.	+1
2.... Barnsville	+1	10... Dawson County	+1
2.... Columbus	+5	10... Rabun County	+1
2.... Griffin	+1	11... Cartersville	+1
2.... Thomaston	+3	11... Rome	+1
3.... Coweta County	+2	11... Bowden	+1
3.... Grantville	+1	12... Cedartown	+6
3.... White Oak Golden K	+1	12... Fairfield Plantation	+1
4.... Pooler	+3	12... Rockmart	+3
4.... Richmond Hill	+3	12... Villa Rica-Temple	+5
4.... Saint Marys	+2	13... Cordele	+2
4.... Skidaway	+11	13... Fitzgerald	+2
5.... Albany Golden K	+1	13... Moultrie	+2
5.... Americus	+2	13... Sylvester	+6
5.... Cario	+2	14... Alpharetta-Milton	+3
5.... Cario Morningstar	+1	14... Brookhaven-Chamblee	+19
5.... Thomasville	+1	14... Doraville-Tucker	+1
6.... Columbia County	+1	15... Georgia Online	+1
6.... Uptown Augusta	+1	15... Greater Cherokee	+10
6.... Washington	+1	15... Greater South Cobb	+3
7.... Classic City, Athens	+1	16... Jonesboro	+1
7.... Hartwell	+2	16... Lithonia-Stonecrest	+1
8.... Duluth-Norcross	+3	16... Metro Atlanta	+2
8.... Lawrenceville	+5	16... West End Atlanta	+4
8.... Suwanee	+2	17... Baxley	+1
9.... Crawford County	+2	17... Brooklet	+4
9.... Forsyth-Monroe County	+13	17... Douglas	+1
9.... Jones County	+1	17... Jeff Davis County	+2
9.... Macon County	+7	17... Swainsboro	+1
9.... Milledgeville	+1	17... Tattall County	+3
9.... Perry	+1	18... Conyers	+1
10... Blairsville	+3	18... Covington	+4
10... Blue Ridge	+4	18... Henry County	+4
10... Clarksville	+1	18... Social Circle	+1

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# Service Leadership Programs

## Woodbine Elementary K-Kids

Woodbine Elementary K-Kids Club earned the Distinguished Club award this year—the only K-Kids club in the state of Georgia to gain this recognition. Other clubs across the state would normally have won this award, but with the Covid-19 virus closing schools months early, many clubs either had not chalked up enough activities to qualify or failed to submit the report required to determine winners.

Not Woodbine K-Kids, though! Cheryl Aston and Ruth Ann Mar-

tin, teacher co-sponsors of the club, filled in their form and got the K-Kids the recognition they deserved for work already completed. Some of the activities the club members did included collecting a record 1300 canned and non-perishable grocery items and donating 20 turkeys for the annual Kiwanis Thanksgiving food drive, grounds cleaning at their school, and raising the funds to establish a Friendship Bench at the school.



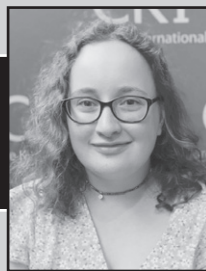
Pictured are club members on the day they sorted 1300 items for the Thanksgiving food drive.



**Harriett Holley**  
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Sincerest thanks to all the Kiwanis and faculty advisors throughout the Georgia District. Each Kiwanis Club is in the throes of making decisions about their involvement in their local SLPs. Kiwanis International will send materials to Builders Clubs after the fees are paid. I am confident you will continue to mentor the youth as they struggle in these times of change. The acts of kindness that were promoted in your Builders Clubs can always be encouraged as a commitment to serve the home, school and the communities as you go forth.

My years as the Builders Club Administrator have been most rewarding. I owe a debt of gratitude to my home club, Metro Atlanta, for their unwavering support. I am proud to have been associated with the Georgia Kiwanians who do such a fantastic job year after year serving the youth. Special thanks to all Georgia SLP Administrators and especially, "my sistah", Cathy Miller who made co-teaching at our conferences and clubs so much fun. Best wishes to all future endeavors for the youth and those who love to serve.



**Leah Marie Reiser**  
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Hello Georgia Kiwanis!

First, let me reiterate how thankful I am to have been able to speak at your District Convention. You have all been a great support system for Georgia CKI over the years and I look forward to what we will accomplish together this year. As schools are getting closer to starting we are facing a lot of upcoming challenges. Each of the colleges that we have clubs at are all following different plans for the fall semester. While all of our schools are at least having a portion of the student body return to campus many are still requiring organi-

zations to only meet virtually for the time being. During this time your support is more critical than ever. Please feel free to reach out and invite us to your meetings or events! We look forward to working with you despite all the changes that currently have to be faced.

The District Board will meet in September for our upcoming Fall Board Meeting. We also have our first district event, District Day of Service, coming up on October 3rd. Currently, District Day of Service will be an in-person event at High Falls State Park in Jackson, Georgia. We previously

visited this location last year and have decided to return again this year. There we will be spending the day cleaning up the trails around the park. The registration for the event will be opening soon and Kiwanians are invited. We would love to have you with us at the event. If you have any questions on the event or about Georgia Circle K International in general please do not hesitate to contact me or the District Administrator Brent Leslie.

Once again, I look forward to having you all with us for District Day of Service!

## Lawrenceville Kiwanis Club Dr. Mel Hayden Medallion Recipient

**Mei Deng** is compassionate and a great leader. She has been serving as the vice president and now president while involved at Brookwood HS. She is the first to offer ideas of how to get into the community and build relationships with organizations in the community. She shows an eagerness and willingness to lead well and take on the responsibility of being president. She is definitely worthy of this award. Brookwood HS



**Rocco Ross** has been an active member of our Key Club throughout his high school career. He has participated in numerous service projects on and off campus and is a dependable student who keeps commitments and urges others to participate. Dacula HS

**Carolyn Phung** is organized, respectful, plans ahead, and conscientious. She includes all grade levels in conversation and planning. As a senior, she has shown a marked interest in the freshman leaders that attend the meetings making sure that leadership is solid and firmly grounded once she graduates. Central Gwinnett HS

**Ella O'Brien** has been involved in numerous school projects (picking up trash around the school, helping at the drama club show, and showing appreciation to the teach-



ers, staff and bus drivers). When placed on committees and given a task, she is one of the first to complete her tasks. She is eager to volunteer whenever she can and continually looks for ways to serve others in our school and community. She offers her help and assistance every chance that she gets and is always willing to lend a helping hand to others. Dacula MS

Since Kindergarten, **Fiyinfoluwa Akindairo** has been the model student of leadership amongst her peers and she continues to lead through serving even now in 5th grade. On a daily basis she exhibits a heart to serve through her compassion for others in our school and in our school's community. She is also member of our school's Junior Beta Club where volunteers in many ways in our school and our community. She was chosen to serve as a school peer leader and her duties include tutoring younger children and being a positive role model for them. Her classmates all look up to her and often ask her for help and advice when needed. She is a go getter and often works above and beyond what is asked of her and many students aspire to be like her! Alcova ES



## 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!

# Kiwanis

## Serving the Children of Georgia and the World



# Service Leadership Programs



**Brent Leslie**  
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## Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,

First, I would like to share some exciting news with you. The 2019-2020 District Board of Circle K has set a new record for Distinguished Awards for the Georgia District. The previous record 10 awards was set all the way back in 2001. Now, that record has been shattered. Georgia Circle K took home a total of 12 Distinguished awards including Distinguished District. The awards received were:

### Distinguished Awards

- Distinguished Governor: Lucy Zheng
- Distinguished District Administrator: Brent Leslie
- Distinguished District Secretary-Treasurer: Amanda Lang
- Distinguished District Editor: Michelle Vo
- Distinguished District LTG: Linda Qiu
- Distinguished District LTG: Leah Reiser
- Distinguished District Chairperson: Armando Acosta
- Distinguished District Chairperson: Rylie Geohegan
- Distinguished District Chairperson: Mina Jeong
- Distinguished District Chairperson: Julia Tang
- Distinguished Kiwanis Committee Member: Virginia Braswell
- Distinguished District – Georgia

In addition, several other individual and club awards were received:

### Individual Awards:

- Distinguished International Committee Member: Amanda Lang
- New Member of the Year: Daniel Scarborough (Georgia Institute of Technology)

### Club/District Awards:

- Top Fundraising District for WASH 2nd Place: Georgia District
- Club Achievement Silver Division 3rd place: Georgia Institute of Technology
- Growth Enhances Membership Emerald Division 3rd Place: University of Georgia

These awards would not be possible without the continuing support of our Georgia District Sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs, Georgia Kiwanis Board and Leadership, and the Georgia Kiwanis District Foundation. Thank you for all your support this past year.

Now, that we have discussed the past and you can see all the hard word that was put into Georgia Circle K last year we must now look at the future. We do not know in what form the Fall Semester is going to look like for our Circle K members. At the time of this article, colleges are still debating several options with the hopes of having in person classes and we hope student will begin being able to meet in person. Our students want to meet in person and begin developing new service projects. We are hoping to be able to continue to have our fall events as well as District Convention in person in the spring.

What should not be a question for our Circle K members or any of our SLP members is our commitment to them during this time. I have already heard from several Circle K clubs across the district of Kiwanis club considering cuts to their normal level of sponsorship. If anything, I highly encourage you to increase their financial support this year. A one time increase to get us past this hopefully brief crisis is a small price to pay to ensure we maintain our charters and our membership. We have trained almost every set of club officers in the District via remote training this year. They know what is at stake and are making contingency plans to deal with this crisis. It is up to us to support them, they are our responsibility! We must take care of our own during this time so that they can take care of others! The time has come to rise up to this challenge the fall will bring!

In closing on a personal level, several boards got together and applied for me to receive the Circle of Service Award. This award is the top honor that Circle K International can present to any individual. I would not be where I am today without the countless support of Kiwanians, family and the students I have had the privilege to advise over the years. I am honored beyond measure to receive this award. My thanks to the International board and those that nominated me to receive the award. As usual please reach out to myself, GA CKI Governor Leah, or any board member if we can help you navigate this year with your Circle K Club.



**Kathy Ye**  
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## Hello Georgia Kiwanians!

I am Kathy Ye, the 2020 - 2021 Georgia District Governor of Key Club International and currently a junior at Lambert High School. Key Club has truly been a life-changing experience and allowed me to grow so much as a person and leader.

I started out my Key Club journey as a clueless freshman, unaware of all the opportunities Key Club was going to open up to me. But after attending multiple district events, meeting many new friends, and completing various service projects, I found that Key Club was a place where the people truly cared about what they do and serve to better their homes, schools, and communities. This ignited a passion in me for Key Club, so I followed this passion to become a district board member and then governor.

From there, I have been able to learn and grow as a leader, a public speaker, an organizer, and so much more. Key Club has really made such a big difference in my life, and I would not be the person I am today without Key Club.

These past few months have been very different from anything we have ever experienced before, and it prompted us to be flexible and adaptable to any new circumstances thrown at us. Key Clubbers were not able to attend the annual International Convention as they have done in previous years, which was slated to occur in San Francisco. However, with the adaptability of Key Clubbers, we were able to have virtual sessions and workshops in place of International Convention.

Although I was not able to meet other Key Clubbers in person, the bond that we share as Key Clubbers allowed us to still have a remarkable experience virtually. Even though this year many things have been moved to virtual platforms, I have had the opportunity to meet many great people from all branches of the Kiwanis family. I am so grateful Kiwanis has this amazing family that houses all different types of people who share the same passion for serving their community. Key Club does make the leaders of tomorrow, and this is all because of Kiwanis.

We are so thankful that we have the support of Kiwanis, which is something many other student organizations do not have. The endless support that Kiwanis members give to us Key Clubbers is truly invaluable, and I am honored that I am able to have so many great opportunities to become the best version of myself. We are all one big family, and I feel so lucky to be part of such an amazing organization that truly cares and makes a difference in their homes, schools, and communities.



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## Facts You Need to Know About Youth Protection

The following are required policies from Kiwanis International

- ALL Kiwanis members who are working with youth MUST review Youth Protection Policies & Procedures annually. (To find Youth Protection Policies, go to: [Kiwanis.org/youthprotection](http://Kiwanis.org/youthprotection))

- All Kiwanian SLP Advisors are required to complete "Advisor" Armatus-Praesidium youth safety training modules (Once completed, good for 2 years)

If you are a Kiwanis advisor and did not receive the email from Armatus/Praesidium with your login information and want it re-sent to you or if you are a club member who work with youth and want to access Praesidium Training by creating a Praesidium account:

- Email Praesidium at [support@praesidiuminc.com](mailto:support@praesidiuminc.com) • Call Praesidium 1-800-743-6354 • Email [youthprotection@kiwanis.org](mailto:youthprotection@kiwanis.org)
- Chaperones to youth SLP events are required to complete "Chaperone" ArmatusPraesidium youth safety training modules
- ALL SLP Kiwanian Advisors must have a Kiwanis International cleared background check.

- All chaperones (club members and non- members) participating in any single-day off school premises or overnight SLP sponsored event must have a clear background check from Kiwanis International's approved company.

## YOUTH PROTECTION WEEK Oct 5th

(See article in Kiwanis International Magazine - September issue)

Schedule your Club youth protection training today. All clubs are required to have club training every year.

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# Community Service Projects

## Kiwanis Club of Waycross CASA Donation - Monday August 10, 2020

### *Kiwanians Work Together To Serve the Community*

By Anthony Hendrix

The mission of Kiwanis International is to serve the children of the world. One of the projects of the Waycross Kiwanis Club to serve children of our community is to collect bags, backpacks, luggage and blankets for children going into foster care.

On Monday, August 10, 2020, members of Waycross Kiwanis Club presented Anna Wall, Director of the Action Pact Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, with 72 beach towels, 34 sets of bed sheets, luggage, backpacks and bags to be used for children going into foster care.

The donation was a cooperative effort involving the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Fostering Bullock County, and the Waycross Kiwanis Club. The Wal-Mart Distribution Center donated the towels and sheets to be used

in the CASA Program to Fostering Bullock County and then the towels and sheets were delivered to the Waycross Kiwanis Club by Bryon Mullican, Vice Governor District of Kiwanis International.

Children going into foster care often do not have luggage or personal bags to carry their clothes and toys. The donated luggage, bags and backpacks will be used by children going into foster care so they do not have to carry their personal belongs in plastic garbage bags.

The Kiwanis Club would like to thank the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Fostering Bullock County and those in the community who have donated luggage and bags. The CASA luggage project is an ongoing Kiwanis project. The Kiwanis Club will gladly accept donations of new or used bags, luggage, backpacks and blankets to be given to children going into

foster care. If you would like to know about the Action Pact Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program and how to help, visit their website at <http://www.myactionpact.org>.



Tony Hendrix, President of the Waycross Kiwanis Club, receiving donated towels and sheets from Bryon Mullican, Vice Governor District of Kiwanis International.



(L to R) Martha Wildes, Kiwanis Board of Directors, Linda Lightfoot, Coordinator of Kiwanis CASA Donation Project, Carlene Dukes, Volunteer CASA Coordinator, Anna Walls, Director of CASA, Fairiby Frye, Lead CASA Volunteer Coordinator, Dina Hendrix, Kiwanis Board of Directors, and Anthony Hendrix, President of the Waycross Kiwanis Club.

## Play Ball!

Swainsboro Kiwanis Club's latest donation to help our community one child at the time was to the local DYL organization. Making the presentation of the monetary support was club member Cayla Page. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, along with other civic organizations and local businesses, annually sponsors a team to participate in the Dixie Youth League Baseball Program. This year's season has been shortened due to the pandemic, but boys and girls who love the game of baseball can be seen

playing at the fields on Empire Expressway. Dixie Youth Baseball is a non-discriminatory community-based organization which aims to promote fair play for all participants and is fully committed to equal opportunity and abides by all applicable Federal, state, and local laws pertaining to nondiscrimination and fair practices.

The mission of Dixie Youth Baseball is to promote the development of strong character, a positive attitude, and a sense

of responsibility and citizenship in youngsters using the game of baseball as a vehicle. It is the purpose of Dixie Youth Baseball to achieve this goal through fair play, good sportsmanship, and congenial fellowship, with adult leaders providing the example. Over the past several years, Swainsboro teams have been regular participants in district, state, and world series tournaments traveling to states such as to Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, and South Carolina.



Pictured from left to right:

Players: Lawson Frye, Bowen Ware, Gannon Smith, Lake Woods, Jacob Hughes, Kylin Grant, Robert Reynolds, and Eli Way. Coaches: Peyton Frye, Jansen Ware, Wes Way, and Corey Chalker.

## Safe Kids Columbus.

The life jacket loaner station is complete at Lake Oliver Marina!! Lance Hoffman and Sam Pride provided the planning/muscle with supervision and coordination from Pam Fair! Another great Kiwanis Club of Columbus project partnering with Safe Kids Columbus.



Kids  
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## Book Bags!!

The Historic Roswell Club donated stuffed book bags, hand sanitizers and mask to the North Fulton Community Charities. These items will assist students in the North Fulton area.

We had 2 students from Cambridge High School in Alpharetta to assist with carrying items to the center.. One of our members, Tom Hughes donated \$1000.00 for books bags in Historic Roswell Club's name.



The Georgia  
District of Kiwanis website:  
[www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com](http://www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com)



# Community Service Projects

## Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Announces 2020 Scholarship Winners

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie recently honored 3 local scholarship winners who have shown excellence in extracurricular activities, leadership, and academics. The Elsie Creech Memorial Scholarship is given to a student who has demonstrated the ability to undertake college work and participate in extracurricular activities. This year's recipient excelled on the golf course and in the classroom while working on numerous community service projects. Her Key Club involvement included Trick or Treating for Unicef, decorating for the Male Beauty Pageant, and participating in the Homecoming parade. As a Peer Leadership member, she helped fundraise for Relay for Life, chaired the Homecoming Parade Committee her junior year, and participated in many projects to promote fellowship and school spirit at CCHS. She was a member of National Honor Society and a CCHS Student Ambassador. Each summer, she volunteered with Youth Golf Clinics. An active member of Trinity Baptist Church, she volunteered with Children's Church. She accomplished all of this while maintaining a 99.5 GPA and a class rank of 14 of 569. Math teacher, Dana Cook, describes Madison as "an extraordinary young lady in so many ways. Outside of the classroom, she demonstrates her diligence and dedication in all of her involvements. Inside of the classroom, she consistently shows her internal motivation and drive to be prepared for her future." The recipient of the Elsie Creech Memorial Scholarship is Madison Willis.

The William B. Withers Memorial Scholarship is presented to a student who has proven to be an outstanding leader. This year's recipient has been a Key Club officer the past two years. She coordinated social media posts for the club, participated in Trick or Treat for Unicef, volunteered at the Expo, and helped with pancake breakfasts at Spring Fling and Norman Park Elementary School. As a member of the Peer Leadership Team, she was responsible for planning pep rallies, student vs. staff flag football games as well as other projects. She said leading the execution of these events taught her time management, organization, public speaking, event planning, and patience. She was a star on the soccer field and the volleyball court and battled back from an ACL tear during her junior year to play her senior season. She volunteers at First Baptist church in the First Kidz ministry and is an active member of the youth group where she participates in many mission and service projects. She had a lead role in the CCHS production of "Children of Eden". She has a beautiful voice and participated in the Packer Idol competition as a sophomore. She completed these activities and more while maintaining a part time job through the Work-based learning program at CCHS. Her work-based learning instructor, Gail Thompson, describes her as a "beautiful person inside and out"—someone who is "respected by her peers and CCHS staff." She was selected to represent her peers on Homecoming Court each of her years at CCHS. She did all of this while main-

taining a class rank of 19 out of 569. The recipient of the William B. Withers Memorial Scholarship is Ragan Harden.

The Nita Belle Scarbrough Memorial Scholarship is presented to a student who has achieved exemplary grades and test scores while participating in extracurricular activities. This year's recipient served as president of two of the high school's most active clubs, Key Club and FCCLA and as captain of the soccer team. Her Key Club involvement included volunteering at the pancake breakfast, radio day, Trick or Treat for Unicef, Artoberfest, GEAR Field Day, Expo, and much more. As president of FCCLA, she planned and implemented a race to benefit the Humane Society and raised \$1200. Among other things, the funds covered medical expenses for a dog named Coco who was then able to be adopted. She volunteers with the Forgotten Initiative, the YMCA, the Children's Cheer Toy Shop, and reads with Pre-K students. She is a member of the First Baptist Youth group and Friendship Alliance Church. She leads a book study on Stand for Life in conjunction with Hope House. She is employed part-time as a receptionist at Whelchel and Carlton. She is a member of the National Honors Society and made Dean's List each semester as a Dual Enrolled student at Southern Regional Technical College. Key Club advisor, Laura Storey, describes her as a student who "has shown a dedication to helping others and to her academics and education." With a GPA of 101.89, she is ranked 3rd in her class. The recipient of the Nita Belle Scarbrough Memorial Scholarship is Chloe Sumner.



Kiwanis Club of Moultrie is honored to present scholarships to these promising leaders.  
Pictured from L to R: Chloe Sumner, Ragan Harden, and Madison Willis

## Kyler Smith of Etowah HS Recipient of Bicknell Kiwanis Scholarship for 2020

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Each year Kiwanis of Greater Cherokee grants a cash scholarship to an outstanding member of one of Cherokee County's Key Clubs. This year's recipient of the Ralph and Judi Bicknell Scholarship is Kyler Smith of Etowah High School. Ralph and Judi Bicknell were long-time members of Kiwanis and actively supported our youth in Cherokee and Cobb Counties and this annual scholarship is given in their memories.

Kyler has served as President of the Etowah Key Club and has been active in several service projects such as ringing the kettle bell for Salvation Army; Kiwanis pancake breakfasts; making food packets for emergency relief; and other projects supported by the Etowah Key Club. As Kyler said in his application, "Key Club is what drives me every day to better myself and the community. It has showed me that being able to give something as simple as a friendly smile is truly the best thing in the world." Congratulations, Kyler, and best of luck in your college career!



## Swainsboro Kiwanis Club's Book Donation

Tammy Allen, Swainsboro Kiwanis Club board of directors member and Family Connection Coordinator for Emanuel County, recently sponsored a book drive among members of the local Kiwanis Club. All members were encouraged to bring old or new books to the club's recent meeting. These books will be given to area children along with a goody

bag later during the summer. The club collected 197 books at their meeting with Deana Patrick, a member of the board of directors, being the top contributor. For her efforts, Deana received a "Grill and Chill" Dairy Queen gift card. Deana and her husband Frank Patrick, also a Kiwanis member, are going to buy treats for the Franklin Memorial Library staff.



Pictured from left to right: Tammy Allen and Deana Patrick



# Community Service Programs

## Kiwanis Donates Books to Children's Library

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie recently hosted a special guest speaker who left with more than applause after their presentation. The Club has a tradition where every guest speaker signs a book that is to be donated to the Moultrie Colquitt County Children's Library as part of their literacy mission

for youth in the community. The Children's Library Director, Erin Honeycutt, shared many of the great things happening at the library in spite of COVID-19. Kiwanis had a unique opportunity to present Ms. Honeycutt with donations after her presentation. She expresses her gratitude and we invite the

community to "check out" the latest things happening with our library! (See what we did there?!)

Curbside services have resumed (M-F, 11 - 3) so residents and families can resume their reading adventures. You can even call to place an order! For more info, check out MC-CLS.org or call 229-985-6540.



Honeycutt signs a book to be donated to the Children's Library from the Kiwanis Club of Moultrie



L to R: Kiwanis President Dr. Richard Garcia and Erin Honeycutt.

## Kiwanis Donates to Weekend Blessings

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club recently made a donation to Weekend Blessings coordinated by Dianna Wedincamp, Kiwanis Club vice president, and Angel Lane of Weekend Blessings. This donation will be used to help in efforts to keep the children of Emanuel County fed not only during the pandemic crisis but throughout the school year.

Weekend Blessings began in November of 2012 when three young women met for coffee and began shopping for food the next day. This group had a budget of \$55.00, a plan to send food home with school children for the weekend, and a delivery of thirty-five bags to Twin City Elementary. Their mission then and now is to fill the gap for children suffering from food insecurity in Emanuel County. Currently this program has grown to provide for 252 children who have been selected by teachers and school counselors as well as people in the community who feel there is a child in need. Each child is given an Opt In letter at the beginning of the school year.

Weekend Blessings bags for a regular school weekend contain two breakfast items, two lunches, and two snacks with everything kid friendly. Canned goods are pop top, food can be eaten without cooking, and long-break bags have shelf-stable milk, peanut butter, crackers, and snacks.

The COVID 19 pandemic has actually had a positive impact on this program because the community has come together in amazing ways with an overwhelming response. The program has witnessed children in the community packing food bags for other children, and volunteers have spent countless hours shopping for food and packing bags. Chief Deputy Sheriff Rocky Davis helped coordinate Emanuel County's first responders, who, along with teachers and other volunteers, have made deliveries to homes throughout the county. Ms. Lane, Niamh Matthews, and Courtney Wells wish to express their gratitude upon seeing the love our community has shown their organization.



## Kids Need Kiwanis

# Randy Recycles for the Kiwanis Club Golden K

Randy Pettit is the "go to guy" for the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K recycling program. Originally from Ocean City, NJ, Randy has been a proud member of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K for the past 3 years and has been heavily involved in Kiwanis & community recycling. He estimates that during that time, his recycling efforts have brought in over \$1000 for the Marietta Golden K club. The Kiwanis club then donates the money and members donate their time to help support a various organizations such as: AMIS, CKI Circle K INTERNATIONAL, Special Olympics, The Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, The Rally Foundation, Camp Twin Lakes, Mountain Top Boys Home, Restore Place, Empower Cherokee, Goshen Valley, Next Step Ministries, and Must Ministries.

Mike Gerace, Presi-

dent of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K had a special word of praise for Randy in the weekly Kiwanis Club Newsletter address. "... so many people to thank this week .... Randy Pettit for his continued recycling effort ....", Mike wrote.

Everyone knows how beneficial recycling is for our cities, communities and counties in the state of GA. Randy has faithfully headed-up the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K recycle program for over 2 years. When asked why he started recycling for the Kiwanis, he explained "... it is important to me that Bill Clark (current treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K) gets plenty of credit in this because he helped me learn how to get bigger pieces in the truck via his extensive recycling knowledge ... he has provided a large number prospects and a great deal

of encouragement, not to mention the extra strength necessary to complete the execution of heavy lifting."

Speaking of heaving lifting, the biggest item he ever recycled was a 260 pound freezer, while the smallest was "... very small nails". It all adds up! He prefers metal objects, however as you will see in the photo of the back of his truck, he will accept glass or just about anything recyclable.

Randy is always at it. As a matter of fact, at the Kiwanis Club Golden K picnic last year, a member of the club brought in an old dishwasher for recycle. The dishwasher was "hossed" into the back of Randy's truck and eventually taken to the recycle yard!

It should be pointed out that Randy doesn't get a "dime" for all of his recycling efforts. All the money he receives goes to the Kiwanis Club of Marietta

Golden K. Then Golden K donates it to support some of the organizations mentioned above.

Every Kiwanis Club, as well as all other clubs, civic groups, organizations, etc. should have a "go to recycle" person such as Randy Pettit .... members of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K really appreciate Randy's efforts and extend a most wholehearted "thank you" to him for all his recycling endeavors!



The Georgia Kiwanis Online Club does not let the pandemic get in the way of service. Members and guests of the club keep Marietta beautiful by completing their adopt a mile project along the South Marietta Loop.



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JULY SCORBOARD		Beg. Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects		Beg. Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects		Beg. Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
	<b>DIVISION 1</b>				Jefferson	25	23		Valdosta	25	22	
	<b>Jeff Minton, Lt. Governor</b>				Oconee County	5	5					
	Atlanta	241	241	5 of 5	West Jackson	12	12		<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>346</b>	
	Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	17	19	5 of 5	Winder	20	20	5 of 5	<b>DIVISION 14</b>			
	Northside Atlanta	29	30	5 of 5	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>192</b>		<b>Samantha Griner, Lt. Governor</b>			
	Sandy Springs Perimeter		15	NC	<b>DIVISION 8</b>				Alpharetta-Milton	11	14	
	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>395</b>		<b>David Bates, Lt. Governor</b>				Brookhaven-Chamblee		19	NC
	<b>DIVISION 2</b>				Cumming	24	24		Doraville-Tucker	14	15	5 of 5
	<b>Patricia M. Morrison, Lt. Governor</b>				Duluth-Norcross	16	19		Druid Hills	17	17	5 of 5
	Barnesville	23	24		Gainesville	136	136	5 of 5	Historic Roswell	42	42	
	Columbus	51	56	5 of 5	Lawrenceville	20	25	5 of 5	Sandy Springs	1	0	CS
	Golden K, Columbus	26	25		North Gwinnett	46	46		<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>107</b>	
	Greater Columbus	44	44	5 of 5	South Hall County - Oakwood	17	17		<b>DIVISION 15</b>			
	Griffin	115	116	5 of 5	Suwanee	21	23		<b>Henry Lust, Lt. Governor</b>			
	Harris County	15	14	5 of 5	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>290</b>		Georgia Online	16	17	5 of 5
	LaGrange	48	47	5 of 5	<b>DIVISION 9</b>				Greater Cherokee	34	44	5 of 5
	Manchester	14	14		<b>Ike Thomas, Lt. Governor</b>				Greater South Cobb	11	14	5 of 5
	North Columbus	8	8		Crawford County	17	19	5 of 5	Jonquil City	31	31	5 of 5
	Pike County	32	31		Forsyth - Monroe County	35	48	5 of 5	Kennworth Golden K	22	22	5 of 5
	Spalding County	11	9		Fort Valley	29	29		Lost Mountain	63	62	5 of 5
	Thomaston	37	40		Jones County	22	23	5 of 5	Marietta	226	206	5 of 5
	West Point	8	7		Macon	44	40		Marietta Golden K	99	96	5 of 5
	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>435</b>		Macon County	27	34		Metro Marietta	25	24	5 of 5
	<b>DIVISION 3</b>				Milledgeville	27	28	5 of 5	Smyrna	6	6	
	<b>Blake Bass, Lt. Governor</b>				North Macon	19	18	5 of 5	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>522</b>	
	Coweta County	77	79	5 of 5	Perry	25	26		<b>DIVISION 16</b>			
	Fayette County	21	20		Taylor County	25	24		<b>Thomas H. Legall, Lt. Governor</b>			
	Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	24	7		Warner Robins	18	18		Central Dekalb	13	13	
	Grantville	9	10		<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>307</b>		Forest Park	16	16	5 of 5
	Metro-Fayette	11	11	5 of 5	<b>DIVISION 10</b>				Jonesboro	17	18	5 of 5
	Newnan	97	97	5 of 5	<b>Jim Carr, Lt. Governor</b>				Lithonia-Stonecrest	34	35	5 of 5
	Peachtree City	31	29	5 of 5	Blairsville	16	19	5 of 5	Metro Atlanta	53	55	
	White Oak Golden K	64	65	5 of 5	Blue Ridge	51	55	5 of 5	Old Campbell	4	4	
	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>318</b>		Clarkesville	16	17		West End, Atlanta	12	16	5 of 5
	<b>DIVISION 4</b>				Cleveland	22	26		<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>157</b>	
	<b>Abbie C. Cumming, Lt. Governor</b>				Cornelia	36	37	5 of 5	<b>DIVISION 17</b>			
	Brunswick	49	47		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	21	22		<b>Dan Bennett, Lt. Governor</b>			
	Jesup	45	44		Dawson County	12	13		Baxley	36	37	
	Pooler	8	11		Gilmer Countny	23	21	5 of 5	Brooklet	36	40	5 of 5
	Richmond Hill	23	26		Jasper/Pickens County	21	7		Douglas	27	28	5 of 5
	Saint Marys	82	84	5 of 5	Rabun County	15	16		Dublin	16	13	
	Savannah	13	11		Toccoa	14	13		Eastman-Dodge County	13	13	
	Skidaway	104	115	2 of 5	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>246</b>		Jeff Davis County	14	16	
	Waycross	23	20		<b>DIVISION 11</b>				Metter	31	28	
	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>358</b>		<b>Brett James, Lt. Governor</b>				Statesboro	118	111	5 of 5
	<b>DIVISION 5</b>				Cartersville	19	20	5 of 5	Swainsboro	34	35	5 of 5
	<b>Kathy Megahee, Lt. Governor</b>				Dalton	62	56	5 of 5	Tattnall County	29	32	5 of 5
	Albany	25	25		Murray County	15	15	5 of 5	5Vidalia	114	107	
	Albany Golden K	16	17		Ringgold	18	17	5 of 5	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>460</b>	
	Americus	74	76		Rome	23	24	5 of 5	<b>DIVISION 18</b>			
	Bainbridge	18	16	5 of 5	Salacoa Valley	2	2		<b>Kim Maxwell, Lt. Governor</b>			
	Cairo	49	51		<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>134</b>		Conyers	22	23	5 of 5
	Cairo-Morningstar	13	14		<b>DIVISION 12</b>				Covington	63	67	
	Dougherty County	70	65	4 of 5	<b>Bill Braswell, Lt. Governor</b>				Eatonton	23	23	
	Lee County	15	15		Bowdon	22	23		Henry County	45	49	5 of 5
	Mitchell-Baker	13	13		Carrollton	95	95	5 of 5	Madison	43	40	5 of 5
	Thomasville	73	74		Carrollton Golden K	37	37	5 of 5	Monroe	17	17	
	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>366</b>		Cedartown	26	32		Social Circle	18	19	
	<b>DIVISION 6</b>				Douglas County	17	17	5 of 5	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>238</b>	
	<b>Ron Carden, Lt. Governor</b>				Fairfield Plantation	27	28	5 of 5				
	Augusta	200	173		Heard County	10	10		<b>Georgia District Total</b>	<b>5313</b>	<b>5354e</b>	
	Columbia County	9	10		Rockmart	16	19		<b>150 Clubs as of Oct. 1, 2019</b>			
	Louisville	24	24		Villa Rica - Temple	16	21	5 of 5	<b>Current Membership from KI Membership Reports</b>			
	Thomson	27	23		<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>282</b>		<b>Beginning Memberships Certified per Kiwanis International</b>			
	Uptown Augusta	18	19		<b>DIVISION 13</b>				<i>legend: NC=New Club; CS=Club Suspended</i>			
	Warrenton	21	20	5 of 5	<b>Kyle Thomlinson, Lt. Governor</b>							
	Washington	21	22		Adel	19	17					
	<b>Division Totals</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>291</b>		Cordele	47	49					
	<b>DIVISON 7</b>				Fitzgerald	22	24					
	<b>Mike Hill, Lt. Governor</b>				Moultrie	137	139					
	Athens	35	31		Quitman	21	16					
	Classic City	16	17	5 of 5	Sylvester	33	39					
	Commerce	44	44		Tifton	21	21					
	Hartwell	38	40		Turner County	21	19					
										<b>District Totals</b>		
										Total Reported Members at 10/1/19.....5,313		
										Total Reported Members 07/31/20 .....5,354		
										Total Clubs as of 10/1/19 ..... 150		
										Total Clubs as of 07/31/20 ..... 151		



# Funding Programs



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## THE ELIMINATE PROJECT UPDATE

As we continue to navigate the Eliminate Project, our task becomes even more difficult with the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although Kiwanis and UNICEF have combated maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) across the globe through education, outreach and mass immunization drives, we still have 12 countries left yet to eliminate this dreadful disease. Of the 12 countries, 8 are in Africa. They are Angola, Central African Republic, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan. Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Yemen are the 3 countries left in the Middle East, and Papua New Guinea is the remaining country in Asian Pacific.

Since we began the Campaign, we have immunized over 154 million women with two or more doses of the vaccine and eliminated the disease in 47 countries. Yet, with all we have done, there is still a baby dying every 15 minutes from MNT. That means that there are 96 babies dying every day from the disease. Since we have had a vaccine for tetanus since 1924, I think you would agree that for any babies to die from tetanus is a travesty. What this means is that we still have much work to be done.

Although the efforts by both Kiwanis International and UNICEF to date have been tremendous, we need to make a final push in order to close out the Campaign at the end of 2020 with a resounding, "Mission Accomplished!" To date, Kiwanis International has achieved over 80% of its fundraising goal, but every Kiwanian must do some sacrificial giving in order for us to close out victoriously, as we did with the Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) Campaign.

As I have done in some of my previous articles, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank our Service Leadership Programs (SLP) for their outstanding support for the Project. As of 1 July 2020, the Georgia District Service Leadership Programs have made a total contribution of \$140,020.00. The breakout by each organization is as listed below:

- Builders Clubs - \$6,610
- Circle K Clubs - \$9,757
- Aktion Clubs - \$459
- Key Clubs - \$112,162
- K-Kids Clubs - \$11,032

## JOB WELL DONE, SLP!

Finally, Kiwanians of the Georgia District, let me thank you for all the support you have given to date. Your cash and pledges of \$2,296,659 are indeed appreciated, but there is a District pledge of \$1,502,591, which needs our support. Based on our current membership, that equates to a fair share of \$278 per member. For some, this would be the sacrificial giving I alluded to, above. But for the Georgia District, this is our moment to show our greatness. I am reaching out to each of my fellow Georgia Kiwanians asking that you dig deep for the final push to fulfill our pledge. I am thanking you in advance. **OUR TIME IS NOW. THE BABIES AND MOTHERS IN 12 COUNTRIES ARE DEPENDING ON US!**



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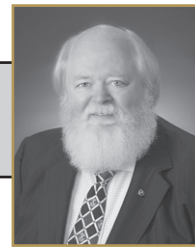
The Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation is an organization that works with local clubs throughout Georgia. This year has been a difficult year for everyone because of the COVID-19 Virus which appeared about six months ago and is still very prevalent in all our local communities making it difficult for a lot of the planned club projects. However, the Foundation has given \$12,000.00 to help support the administration of Circle K and Key Club. Recipients of several unclaimed scholarships have been contacted regarding funds to further their education. Kiwanis Club of Greater Cherokee was awarded \$3,800.00 for kitchen renovations of "Angel House" for girls. A request from

Kiwanis Club of Columbus of \$5,000.00 was also granted for the Safe Kids Columbus Program to purchase child restraints and the proper equipment instructions for needy families. And, at the request of Governor Andy Pipkin, the Foundation made a matching donation of \$5,000.00 to Children's Health Care of Atlanta.

We would like to thank each of the district clubs who continue supporting the Foundation and would like to encourage all clubs to invite a Foundation Board Member to one of your regular meetings to discuss what the Foundation does and how we may be able to assist you with a project.

Feel free to contact any of the following Foundation Board

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## KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND

Georgia Kiwanians -I hope you are all well and staying safe.

I also hope that your clubs are all healthy and staying safe.

We must remember that in times like these the needs of our communities and particularly the needs of our children increase many times over. That means we need to UP our help for those in needs. This is a time for our clubs to stand up and show what we are in Kiwanis to do!

As you know, the needs kids face are growing every day in the midst of this pandemic. The Children's Fund has responded to dozens of clubs' request for funding to support kids right now.

Clubs are making mask, delivering food o healthcare workers, and making sure kids have the technology they need to learn from home. This is made possible because of generous clubs like yours.

This is a time when we need to step up and make sure we continue to make a difference for KIDS. We need to stand up and make sure that we make up for the clubs' that might be in a financial bind and have not been contributing as usual.

I am asking that all the clubs' that can possibly contribute a little more in this time of need, please do. I am asking the clubs' that might have a great project that would help take care of the needs our children and parents face during this pandemic please request a Grant from the Children's Fund. We have been answering the need for clubs throughout the pandemic.

Your club's gift could change lives. Please consider giving to the Children's Fund or even adding to those funds already contributed.

Please take the time to go online to the Kiwanis Children's Fund website and look at the

many ways that we are serving the children of the world in many ways:

## Disaster Relief Grant Programs

### Clubs Grant Programs

### District Grant Programs

## COVID-19 Response Program

The Georgia District was proud to be considered and awarded a grant through the District Grant Program. We were able to donate \$4000.00 for four scholarships for Georgia District Key Club. We were initially going to pay for the Georgia District Circle K expenses for Club Officer Training and District Officer Training Conference – but due to having to cancel this training because of COVIS-19, Circle K donated the \$2500.00 to the COVID-19 Response Program. The Georgia District was able to use the remaining almost \$3000.00 towards our District commitment for Project Eliminate.

**Also, please remember that the Kiwanis Children's Fund is offering a new meeting kit hat clubs can use in-person or VIRTUALLY.**

The kit includes multiple activities and resources for your club to use in place of a guest speaker at your meeting. The meeting will not include an ask to donate – we want to thank your members and share stories to see the global impact of Kiwanis. We hope your members will come away feeling inspired about the work Kiwanians do across the world. Please contact me if your club would like to take advantage of the program-it's great to have an emergency back-up program in case a speaker cancels at last minute.

Please note this program can be adapted to Zoom meetings also.

**WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER....AND KIWANIS STEPS UP!!**

# Kiwanis

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**The Georgia District of Kiwanis website:**  
[www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com](http://www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com)



# Other Committee Reports



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## Dear PLGA members,

The year has really passed by very fast, and I hope everyone is safe from Covid-19 for all of you. Hopefully, things will be different next year with our civic organization. I don't know about you, but I miss the activities that Kiwanis provides to our Club's and District.

This is trying times for all, but always remember our Kiwan-

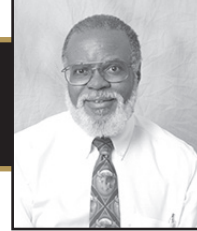
is oath trying help one child at a time. The children of the world will need us more in the future. If we can make a change in a child's life we have successfully accomplished our goals.

I don't know if everyone was looking forward to Savannah Convention as much as me. Then the silent germ changed everything for all of us especially with some health issues. Looking for-

ward seeing your friends one time a year is very special. Sorry, I could not be in Savannah to see you. We have had a good year considering everything happening.

I have enjoyed being your Chair for PLGA, and look forward to seeing everyone at Mid-winter conference.

Remember to stay safe, and take care of your family.



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As we approach year end, here's hoping all continue to be well. Our current environment has moved meetings and much of our service work and fundraising to a virtual format. As the government advocates for much reopening, I would remind that there are many things we can do to help protect ourselves, our clubs, and Kiwanis International.

Our General Liability is our primary line of defense. However, there are things we can do to effectively reduce our potential for loss and prevent our insurance from being subjected to unnecessary liability insurance claims.

There have recently been many questions about the coverage in the Covid era. The resource guide which goes out to clubs annually has a sample "hold harmless agreement" and a "waiver of subrogation". It is recommended that these be modified to meet your specific circumstances and that participants in fund raising activities be made aware of potential for contact with others.

Masking and social distancing continue to be the recommendation for all functions; however, these additional steps should be used as well.

If there are questions about the coverage or a how handle a specific event feel free to contact me at Lt2162004 or The Hylant Group directly 800-678-0361



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## Inter-Club

This year we have tweaked the policy a little and hope everyone continues to take advantage of the program. Inter-Clubs are a little more difficult to do with the Covid-19 Pandemic, but I still believe it can be done. Many clubs are meeting virtually and it gives us the opportunity to see more clubs and how they are making it work. I would encourage you to check other clubs in Georgia and internationally, look at their websites and email or call them to see how you can attend their club meetings virtually. We have never been in this position before to be able to go to a club meeting on the other side of the country or world! I hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity in the upcoming year. If you have any questions don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

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## 2020-2021 Georgia District Inter-Club Policy

Club or Club Member completes an Inter-Club visit with every club in their Division, one club outside their Division, and their Division Rally to earn a patch. (1 member from visiting Club to any other club counts as an official Inter-Club visit from 1 club only, Current Lt. Governors and District Officers must have another member/members present to count as an Inter-Club).

## Kids Need Kiwanis

## People in the News

### Swainsboro's Special Speaker

The program for the evening, 15-year-old Archer Destrie Vesuso, was introduced by Jane Durden. The holder of numerous American Shooter Association (ASA) Middle-School records, Destrie recently won her division at the 2019 Lancaster Archery Classic in Manheim, PA. She found herself among 1,794 archers competing for various division titles and after 3 days of shooting she came out on top. She has competed in a number of local and national events and

was ASA Shooter-of-the-Year in her age category in 2019. Destrie developed a love of archery about five years ago and hopes to become a professional archer. She is well on her way after signing a contract with PSE Archery. She showed us her high-tech compound bow which looks very little like the recurve we grew up with. The existence of indoor and outdoor type arrows was a surprise also. She explained the aerodynamics of the need for two different types of arrows.



## Four Swainsboro Kiwanis Club members receive Distinguished Member Awards from Kiwanis International

Poly Lat, recently passed 2018-2019 President of Kiwanis International, was described as a true Kiwanian who helped children in the Philippines and around the world and worked tirelessly to ensure all children have the opportunity to thrive. He truly represented what Kiwanis is all about. During his presidency President Lat developed a set of criteria for Kiwanis districts, divisions, clubs, and members to become distinguished. On Tuesday, June 23, the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club received a 2018-2019 Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Award from Kiwanis International and 2018-2019 President Cheryl Goodman was designated a Distinguished President and 2018-2019 Secretary Edwin

Canady was designated a Distinguished Secretary. In addition, four members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club received special recognition as Distinguished Kiwanis Members. Jane Durden was designated distinguish for membership and education, presented to the member who best exemplifies excellence in growing the club, including encouragement of members to invite new people and work toward building a stronger membership. Cheryl Goodman was designated distinguished for community impact, presented to the member who best exemplifies excellence in service to the community through the Kiwanis club's signature and other projects and programs, and the club's sponsored Service Lead-

ership Programs. Tim Goodman was designated distinguished for our Kiwanis image, presented to the member who best exemplifies excellence in promoting Kiwanis in the community, strengthening the Kiwanis brand and making Kiwanis known as the organization that most supports children. Dess Smith was designated distinguished for financial viability, presented to the member who best exemplifies excellence in supporting Kiwanis fundraising, leading by example as an individual and demonstrating strong stewardship of and for the club's financial resources. Current Lt. Governor Dan Bennett presented the awards and praised the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club for a great 2018-2019 year and encouraged the club

to continue the good work. He noted the delay in the presentation of the awards because of the

Covid-19 pandemic and offered praise for our continued efforts during this trying time.



**Pictured L to R: 2018-2019 Swainsboro Kiwanis Club President Cheryl Goodman, 2018-2019 Division 17 Lt. Governor Tim Goodman, 2019-2020 Division 17 Lt. Governor Dan Bennett, and 2018-2019 Swainsboro Kiwanis Club Membership Chair Jane Durden. Not pictured 2018-2019 Swainsboro Kiwanis Club Vice President Dess Smith.**



# International Convention

## RILEY, MANCUSO, WEST ELECTED NEXT LEADERS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL



Art Riley was elected president of Kiwanis International, Peter Mancuso was elected president-elect and Bert West was elected vice president during Kiwanis International Council, a special meeting of the board of trustees, past presidents, current district governors, the European Federation president and the Kiwanis Asia-Pacific chair. The Kiwanis International Board convened the Council on July 25, 2020, due to the cancellation of the 105th Kiwanis International Convention.

"The events of 2020 dictate that we look ahead with determination and optimism," said Art Riley, 2020-21 president. "The air of uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 virus demands we examine our values more than ever. In the coming year I will work to transform Kiwanis through membership growth, more focused youth leadership ed-

ucation and greater attention to diversity and inclusion."

All new officers for 2020-21 are:

- Art Riley, president
- Peter Mancuso, president-elect
- Bert West, vice president
- Kip Crain, U.S. & Pacific Canada trustee
- Chuck Fletcher, U.S. & Pacific Canada trustee
- Michael Mulhaul, U.S. & Pacific Canada trustee
- Michel Fongue, at-large trustee

Trustees from the Asia-Pacific District were elected during the Asia-Pacific District Convention held in Nepal in March. They are Buheita Fujiawara of Tokyo, Japan, and Wilfredo G. Aguilar of Koronadal City, South Cotabato, Philippines.

Additionally, council voted to memorial-

ize past international presidents who died in the past year, including:

- Ray Lansford, 1984-85
- Frank DiNoto, 1986-87
- Anton "Tony" Kaiser, 1987-88
- John Button, 2014-15
- Florencio "Poly" Lat, 2018-19

Executive Director Stan Soderstrom addressed the challenges presented by the pandemic.

"Our inability to predict where we will be three months from now has never been more difficult," Soderstrom said. "We are not necessarily in crisis, nor are we in the midst of a calamity or impending disaster. We need to properly assess the environment in which we exist."

During the evening portion of council, attendees and viewers were able to "Celebrate Great" during two awards ceremonies.

Council presented eight districts with Distinguished Awards for the 2018-19 administrative year, noting that the districts achieved a net gain in membership. There were 433 new clubs formed to help children and communities that year.

Additionally, council presented awards to districts that won the Signature Project Contest and Recognition. Winners are:

### Tier I winners

- GOLD — Kiwanis Club of Ormond Beach, Florida District, Kiwanis Reads! Summer Reading Challenge

• SILVER — Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn Area, Illinois-Eastern Iowa District, Feed 6 Mega Event

• BRONZE — Kiwanis Club of the Adelaide Hills, Australia District, Kiwanis Book Shop

### Tier II winners

• GOLD — Kiwanis Club of Prescott, Southwest District, Live Annual Auction

• SILVER — Kiwanis Club of Ames-Town and Country, Nebraska-Iowa District, Teen Maze

• BRONZE — Kiwanis Club of Mansfield, Ohio District, Friendly House

Soderstrom challenged members to be innovative when finding ways to meet, fundraise and support children in their communities. "We may not be able to predict the future, but we can begin to predict the skills we will need to survive and we can recognize that change is on the horizon," he said.

"It has been a difficult second half of the Kiwanis year," said 2019-20 Kiwanis International president Daniel Vigneron.

"We have lost members to the pandemic and it has not been easy for our clubs to meet. Some of our initiatives have been put on hold, including training for expansion in Africa. I know that coming through this we will be stronger in the future. The transition of leadership to Art Riley and Peter Mancuso will put Kiwanis in a position to move our organization forward."

## District Convention

### AROUND THE CONVENTION



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