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## ‘LAUNDROMAT LIBRARY’ PROGRAM POPS UP IN SOUTH COBB

“MAYBE GOING HOME, THERE’S NOT A BOOK AT THE HOME. MAYBE THE LIBRARY IS TOO FAR AWAY, BUT IF THEY GO WITH THEIR PARENT TO THE LAUNDROMAT, THERE IS ANOTHER AVENUE.”

**Liza Lucas with 11 Alive News**  
[www.11alive.com](http://www.11alive.com)

Tucked against the wall of the 24/7 Coin Laundry in Mableton, Georgia is a new spin on literacy.

“Laundromat libraries” are popping up in South Cobb, a special project that creates a little library for K-5

students in local laundromats.

“We provide the books for the kids, and they can read the books while they’re here,” Henry Lust with the Kiwanis Club of Greater South Cobb explained. “And they can take them home to build up their libraries.”

The project, a collaboration between the KCGSB, the United Way and Georgia Power, aims to help underprivileged children.

It’s a cause dear to the heart of Deborah Pendergrass, an education coordinator at Georgia Power, who works with the company’s Learning Power program.

“There are students that the only time a book is in their hand is in school,” Pendergrass said. “Maybe going home, there’s not a book at the home. Maybe the library is too far away, but if they go with their parent to the laundromat, there is another avenue.”



*Pictured: Bookshelf of about 60 books donated by Kiwanis Club of Greater South Cobb for kids at the laundromat to enjoy.*

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## MIKE “COACH” GOSS

The Georgia District of Kiwanis mourns the loss of Mike “Coach” Goss. Coach Goss was past District Administrator and the namesake of the Georgia District’s Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award. Coach Goss served as the Key Club faculty advisor at Coffee High School for more than 30 years, a Georgia District regional/assistant administrator, as well as the Georgia District Administrator from 2005 to 2007. Coach Goss positively



*Pictured: Coach Goss with former Key Club members.*

impacted thousands of students and Key Club members throughout his life - and his passion for the Georgia Sheriffs’ Youth Homes was unmatched, even in retirement.

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## Byron Mullican 2021-22 Governor of the Georgia District

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I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day celebration and are looking forward to serving the children in your area with the giving of gifts and other wonderful items for the Holiday's. There is so much need in all of our communities that I encourage all of our clubs will work to meet those needs. There is nothing more heartwarming than to see the faces of those who we help. If you are lucky enough to give face to face, that feeling will get you motivated to continue to serve the less fortunate.

At the time I am writing this article, 46 club have at least a plus one in new members, Skidaway is plus 10, Saint Mary's and Statesboro are plus 6 and Blue Ridge is plus 4. If you ask each of these clubs what are they doing to attract new members, I am positive that they will respond that they have an excellent meeting experience and they are inviting

prospective members weekly. When you invite prospective members they have to see that joining your club will be a great experience for them and a value for the money and time. **REMEMBER**, we are a service organization, **NOT** a social organization, **BUT** we have fun serving our communities, the Georgia District and Kiwanis International.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Georgia District Educational Hour which is held via Zoom the second Monday of each month from 7-8 pm. The link will be sent to your email address, posted on our Facebook page and the Georgiakiwanis.com website. The first two lessons were about Student Leadership Programs and the 6 District Projects and December's lesson will be about Governor Division Rallies which begin in January. Make plans to

attend your Division Rally and celebrate what your club and Division is doing for your community. Future lessons will be on Distinguished Club requirements, Youth Protection Policy and other important issues that a good Kiwanian should know.

Also make plans to attend the in person Georgia District Mid-Year Training Conference on March 12, 2022 from 9am-2:30pm at the Centerplex Marriott Hotel, Macon, Ga. Look for the sign-up link coming soon. Plan to attend in person and meet your old Kiwanis friends and make new friends as you attend the classes and get new ideas or refresh your spirit to be the best Kiwanian you can be.

Remember, **IF NOT US (you), WHO!**

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

### Alexia Lieber

Executive Director of Georgia District of Kiwanis

The Christmas Season is approaching and provides many opportunities not only for tangible goods, but holiday cheer. It is that time of the year when being a Kiwanian makes one proud to be associated with an organization that provides care and joy to those less fortunate. I would like to wish each of you a Safe Holiday Season.

Now, on the business side, wouldn't it be a wonderful present to Governor Byron Mullican and his Board if we could have all reports filed on time

by the 10th of each month. May we count on you? Let us make 2021-22 the best reporting year ever.

Lt. Governors stand ready to help with any problems. These dedicated Kiwanis leaders are giving unselfishly of their time, talent, and yes, their money as they lead their respective divisions.

CLUB SECRETARIES, please note the following dates:

10th of each month - Official Club Monthly Report.

February 15th - Final date to file your 990

March 12th - Mid-Year Conference - Macon, GA

April 23rd - District Talent and Art Showcase - Gainesville, GA

Officer Election - Due June 1, 2022 - Please have these in on time.

June 22nd - 26th - Kiwanis International Convention, Indianapolis, IN

August 12th - 14th - District Convention, Macon, GA

Please note that the District Office will be closed December 24th - January 3rd.

## INTERCLUB TIPS

### Tim Goodman

Interclub Chairman  
Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

I thought it would be good to give some advice about interclubs and then answer some questions I have had so far. You should contact the Kiwanis club if you plan to do an interclub with them. Usually you contact the club President, Secretary, or Interclub Chair. Most Kiwanis clubs will have a meal with their meeting, so ask if they provide the meal or bring money in case a meal is not provided. By-the-way, an Interclub Chair is a great person to have to spearhead your interclub initiative.

I noticed on the October Interclub Report that 41 clubs have begun their interclub activity. I think that more activity is happening and is not being reported. I am getting questions about the Kiwanis activities that can count as interclubs. Report all your interclub activity even if it does not apply toward the interclub patch. That means meetings with your SLP's, division council meetings, Governor's Rallies, Kiwanis trainings, Division and District events, and Kiwanis Conventions should also be counted. If you have questions about "what counts," please ask (goodman@ega.edu or 478-494-4741).

## WELCOME TO THE KIWANIS FAMILY

We are excited to welcome **Kiwanis Club of Liberty County** in Division 4! This was the first Kiwanis Club chartered in North America this Kiwanis year. There's lots of energy with the new members eager to serve the children and families in the community. We know you will do great things and will be a difference! Many thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway and all of the membership team volunteers for making this possible!



## NEW CLUBS COMING SOON

Be on the look out! The New Club Opening team has two club opening projects in the works...

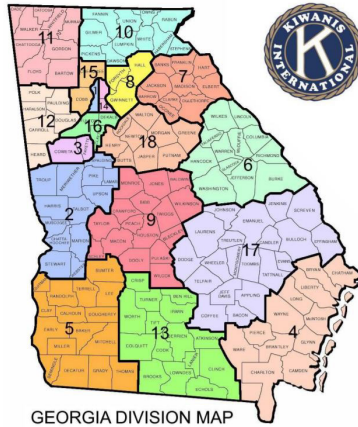
### Division 11 Area

Joint club opening project with the Alabama District

### Division 4 and 17 Area

Joint club opening project with both Divisions

If you have any leads on people who would be interested in joining, please share with the New Club Opening Chair.



## A REASON TO CELEBRATE



In January, there are TWO Georgia Kiwanis Clubs celebrating their 100th Anniversary!

### Kiwanis Club of Douglas

Division 17 January 20, 1922

### Kiwanis Club of Valdosta

Division 13 January 24, 1922

These clubs have been busy serving the children in their community and making a difference! We are so lucky to have them as a part of the Georgia District Family. Thank you for all you do!

## IN MEMORIAM

**Charles H. Cook**  
*Blue Ridge*

**Bob Lamb**  
*Milledgeville*

**W. Terry Cullifer**  
*Dalton*

**Linda Lamb**  
*Swainsboro*

**Dale Dyer**  
*Blue Ridge*

**Charles W. Lanham**  
*Saint Marys*

**Silas Michael**  
**"Coach" Goss**  
*Douglas*

ALWAYS *Loved*, FOREVER *Missed*,  
NEVER *Forgotten*

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP

### Rick Townsend

Existing Club Growth Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Brunswick

The Club Growth team is off and running and I'm enthusiastic about serving as chair! I've already heard from a few people who are interested in receiving help with their club growth. Our committee is ready and willing to assist you in any way that we can. I've already virtually met with Lt. Governor Jeanette Lafond and club leaders from Division 17 regarding club growth and have set-up a meeting in Macon in December as well. Please let me know if you would like me or one of our committee members to meet with your council or club.

As your club begins the discussion on club growth, there are a few questions that you may want to think about: Is everyone or the vast majority of members on-board to increase membership? Is club growth important to them? Do you have room to grow? All these questions are important as you try to help increase membership, so you can support the children and youth in your community.

I appreciate all the club coaches who have been able to send a report in on the club(s) that you are helping. This helps us keep track of our progress and we definitely appreciate your time and effort in working with the club directly.

Below is a reminder of the attainable goals that Governor Byron Mullican

has set for the GA District this year:

- Continue to counsel the existing under charter-strength clubs to educate and encourage them to recruit new members.
- Host a Council meeting on club strengthening in each Division and have the district team speak at these meetings.
- Increase membership by one member in each club.

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Please let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to working with you serving the children and youth of Georgia.  
#kidsneedkiwanis

## CLUBS WITH

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2021

DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH
1	Atlanta	+3
2	Columbus	+2
2	Greater Columbus	+1
2	Manchester	+3
3	Coweta County	+3
3	Peachtree City	+1
3	White Oak Golden K	+1
4	Brunswick	+2
4	Jesup	+1
4	Liberty County	+17
4	Richmond Hill	+2
4	Saint Marys	+6
4	Skidaway	+10
5	Albany-Dougherty Co.	+58
5	Americus	+2
5	Bainbridge	+1
5	LeeDo	+2
5	Thomasville	+1
6	Augusta	+3
6	Uptown Augusta	+3
7	Commerce	+3
7	Hartwell	+2
7	Oconee	+3
8	Gainesville	+1
8	South Hall County	+1
8	Suwanee	+1
9	Forsyth-Monroe Co.	+2
9	Macon County	+1
9	North Macon	+1
10	Blairsville	+2
10	Blue Ridge	+4
10	Cleveland	+1
10	Gilmer County	+1
10	Rabun County	+1
10	Toccoa	+1
11	Ringgold	+1
11	Rome	+1
12	Cedartown	+1
12	Fairfield - Villa Rica	+1
13	Cordele	+1
13	Sylvester	+1
13	Turner County	+1
14	Historic Roswell	+2
15	Greater Cherokee	+2
15	Lost Mountain	+1
15	Marietta	+1
16	Metro Atlanta	+1
17	Baxley	+3
17	Statesboro	+6
18	Conyers	+2
18	Monroe	+2
18	Social Circle	+1

## DISTRICT TOTALS

**Total Reported Members at 10/1/21** **4,775**

**Total Reported Members 11/30/21** **4,847**

**Total Clubs as of 10/1/21** **145**

**Total Clubs as of 11/30/21** **146**

MEMBERSHIP

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	Tennell Lockett	Atlanta	220	223	6 of 6
		Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	18	18	
		Northside Atlanta	30	30	
		Sandy Springs Perimeter	15	14	
DIVISION TOTALS:			283	285	
2	Edward Searcy	Barnesville	26	26	
		Columbus	52	54	
		Golden K, Columbus	18	18	
		Greater Columbus	35	36	
		Griffin	118	115	
		Harris County	15	11	
		LaGrange	48	48	6 of 6
		Manchester	10	13	
		North Columbus	8	8	
		Pike County	26	26	
		Thomaston	35	35	
		West Point	5	5	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			396	395	
3	Shelly Smith	Coweta County	69	72	
		Fayette County	14	14	
		Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	8	8	
		Grantville	9	9	
		Metro-Fayette	10	10	
		Newnan	96	95	
		Peachtree City	22	23	
		White Oak Golden K	58	59	
DIVISION TOTALS:			286	290	
4	Bobby Gillham	Brunswick	44	46	
		Jesup	42	43	
		Liberty County		17	
		Pooler-West Chatham	10	10	
		Richmond Hill	13	15	
		Saint Marys	62	68	
		Savannah	11	11	
		Skidaway	114	124	
Waycross	17	17			
DIVISION TOTALS:			313	351	
5	Larry Price	Albany/Dougherty County	81	83	
		Americus	66	68	
		Bainbridge	13	14	
		Blakely/Early County	23	23	
		Cairo	45	45	
		Cairo-Morningstar	14	14	
		LeeDo	21	23	
		Mitchell-Baker	9	9	
Thomasville	68	69			
DIVISION TOTALS:			340	348	
6	Ron Carden	Augusta	147	150	
		Columbia County	10	10	
		Louisville	22	22	
		Thomson	23	23	
		Uptown Augusta	12	15	
		Warrenton	17	17	
Washington	11	11			
DIVISION TOTALS:			242	248	
7	Philip Jay Rosenbaum	Athens	30	24	
		Classic City	18	18	6 of 6
		Commerce	30	33	
		Hartwell	35	37	
		Jefferson	13	13	
		Oconee	15	18	
		West Jackson	5	5	
		Winder	17	17	
DIVISION TOTALS:			163	165	
8	Kevin Boyd	Cumming	20	20	
		Duluth-Norcross	20	20	
		Forsyth County	17	17	
		Gainesville	123	124	
		Lawrenceville	18	18	
		North Gwinnett	40	40	
		South Hall County-Oakwood	11	12	
		Suwanee	18	19	
DIVISION TOTALS:			267	270	
9	David Cizart	Cochran-Bleckley County	15	15	
		Crawford County	20	18	
		Forsyth - Monroe County	51	53	
		Fort Valley	25	25	
		Jones County	28	28	6 of 6
		Macon	34	34	6 of 6
		Macon County	29	30	
		Milledgeville	26	25	6 of 6
		North Macon	17	18	
		Perry	33	33	
		Taylor County	19	19	
		Warner Robins	9	9	
DIVISION TOTALS:			306	307	

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Sandi Wheelchel	Blairsville	9	11	
		Blue Ridge	55	59	
		Cleveland	20	21	6 of 6
		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	11	11	
		Dawson County	10	10	
		Gilmer County	12	13	
		Habersham County	46	46	
		Jasper/Pickens County	12	12	
		Rabun County	15	16	
Toccoa	13	14			
DIVISION TOTALS:			203	213	
11	Lisa Ferrese	Cartersville	17	17	
		Dalton	50	47	
		Murray County	18	11	
		Ringgold	16	17	
		Rome	19	20	
DIVISION TOTALS:			120	112	
12	Jeri Purdy	Bowdon	23	23	
		Carrollton	90	89	
		Carrollton Golden K	25	25	
		Cedartown	34	35	
		Douglas County	18	18	6 of 6
		Fairfield - Villa Rica	25	26	
		Rockmart	15	14	
		Villa Rica - Temple	17	17	
DIVISION TOTALS:			247	247	
13	Bill Davis	Adel	15	15	6 of 6
		Cordele	47	48	
		Fitzgerald	22	22	
		Moultrie	140	136	
		Quitman-Brooks County	10	10	
		Sylvester	38	39	
		Tifton	21	19	
		Turner County	15	16	
		Valdosta	15	15	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			323	320	
14	Judi Brown	Alpharetta-Milton	7	7	
		Brookhaven-Chamblee	12	11	
		Doraville-Tucker	15	15	
		Druid Hills	8	8	
		Historic Roswell	39	41	
DIVISION TOTALS:			81	82	
15	Bettie Sleeth	Georgia Online	21	21	
		Greater Cherokee	34	36	
		Greater South Cobb	15	15	
		Jonquil City	29	29	
		Lost Mountain	57	58	6 of 6
		Marietta	174	175	6 of 6
		Marietta Golden K	76	76	
		Metro Marietta	22	22	
DIVISION TOTALS:			428	432	
16	Wimbley Hale, Jr.	Central Dekalb	5	5	
		Forest Park	16	15	6 of 6
		Jonesboro	17	17	6 of 6
		Lithonia-Stonecrest	15	15	
		Metro Atlanta	48	49	
		Rex-Ellenwood	15	15	
		West End,Atlanta	11	11	
DIVISION TOTALS:			127	127	
17	Jeanette Lafond	Baxley	32	35	
		Brooklet	44	44	
		Douglas	24	24	
		Dublin	5	5	
		Jeff Davis County	6	6	6 of 6
		Metter	28	28	
		Statesboro	122	128	
		Swainsboro	38	37	6 of 6
		Tattnall County	29	24	
Vidalia	89	89			
DIVISION TOTALS:			417	420	
18	Sharon Barksdale	Conyers	21	23	
		Covington	66	66	
		Eatonton	17	17	
		Henry County	53	50	
		Madison	40	40	
		Monroe	18	20	
		Social Circle	18	19	
DIVISION TOTALS:			233	235	
GEORGIA DISTRICT GRAND TOTALS:			4775	4847	

NC New Club  
 CS Club Suspended  
 M Merged

## KEY CLUB

### Monica Cho

GA District Key Club Governor

I hope you had an amazing Thanksgiving break and an even better holiday season! As my term is slowly coming to an end, I would like to use this opportunity to highlight some of the amazing progress that Key Club has made.

At the beginning of the Kiwanis year, we listed a total of 66 inactive clubs in the Georgia District. With the power of the Homecoming campaign, 23 clubs or 34.8% have been reactivated as of November 24, 2021! Me and my secretary-treasurer, Jessica, even had the opportunity to speak at a Homecoming webinar about the success stories within our district. Beyond that, I will be holding my Winter Board Meeting on December 10-12, 2021 where my board members will be working hard towards the end of our terms!

Please keep in mind that I am always one email away, and I hope to see you all at the 2022 Key Club Service & Leadership Conference in Peachtree City, Georgia!

## PENNY WAR

Remember the Georgia Circle K Penny War mentioned in the last Kiwanian? The pennies have been counted and they surpassed their yearly goal of \$3,000 for UNICEF!

Congratulations to Georgia Southern, Georgia Tech, University of West Georgia, University of Georgia, and ABAC!



## HOT CHOCOLATE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The LaGrange College Circle K held a Hot Chocolate Membership Drive for student awareness and recruiting new members. Club members shared their Circle K experiences and community projects with interested students and a cup of hot chocolate..



## WELCOME TO THE KEY CLUB FAMILY

Many thanks to Georgia Kiwanis clubs sponsoring new Key Clubs!

**Alliance Academy for Innovation**  
Sponsored by Forsyth County

**Mundy's Mill High School**  
Sponsored by Jonesboro

**Greenville High School**  
Sponsored by Manchester

**Temple High School**  
Sponsored by Villa Rica-Temple

## JOIN THE FIGHT TO END BULLYING

Millions of children worldwide have experienced bullying at school. Any bullying hurts a child's self-esteem, but at its worst, bullying could lead to high anxiety, bad grades, dropping out of school or even suicide.

The good news: You can help.

Kiwanis is taking a stand against bullying with the help of its Kiwanis youth leadership programs—K-Kids for elementary school students, Builders Club for adolescents and Key Club for teens.

Kiwanis International has provided educational resources and powerful posters that you can use to help

young people fight bullying in their schools and communities.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/service-leadership/bullying-resources>



# CHATTOOGA AKTION CLUB'S SANTA GOODWILL PROJECT

## Cindy Bickman

Chattooga Aktion Club  
Community Adviser

For many years, members of the Chattooga Aktion Club have departed the day after Thanksgiving on a Santa Goodwill Tour. They have travelled to places such as Jamaica, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Mexico to visit orphanages, schools for children with disabilities, and senior homes, performing and handing out Christmas stockings. Locally, the club has adopted a senior living facility and a homeless shelter for moms and children.

The project begins each year on December 26, when members of the Aktion Club spend the day searching clearance racks and buying literally hundreds of stockings and stocking stuffers for the next year. In 2020, the pandemic brought all that to a halt. Suitcases full of stockings stayed in the closet. Bags of holiday towels cluttered up the basement, and plastic tubs of toys sat on shelves in the garage. There were no rehearsals to practice the dances and no festive evenings of stuffing the stockings. Without the opportunity to give back, it just didn't seem like Christmas.



A chance conversation with a local vet, Diane Castle, who works with services for foster care, brought the Aktion Club back to life for the holidays! Could we supply 400 stockings for children in foster care in Cherokee County? Sure! Could we fill another 50 stockings for children during supervised visits? Of course! One call to our Kiwanis Adviser, Ron Davis of the Jonquil City Kiwanis Club who then called Bettie Sleeth, a member of the Greater Cherokee Club, and the Georgia District Division 15 Lieutenant Governor and the next thing we knew, every Kiwanis Club in Division 15 had donated either stocking stuffers or money in support of what had become a Division 15 Christmas project. From there, support for the Santa Goodwill Project exploded. Members of the competitive teams at Chattooga donated socks. Special Olympics gymnasts from other states sent boxes of stocking stuffers. One of the Cobb Special Olympians and her mom made over 300 scarves. Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School in Peachtree

City had a drive that brought in over 1000 items for high schoolers. Big Gym Therapy works out of Chattooga, and one of their clients saw us sorting the items and asked if we could possibly do another 70 stockings for underprivileged families in Cobb County. Happily!

The donations, sorted by age and gender of the recipients, color coded, stuffed into the stockings, were delivered to the Cherokee Secret Santa for Foster Kids and Teens, The Children's Haven, and families at Clifton Ridge Apartments. Items that were too big to fit into the stockings were donated to Toys for Tots. And all the throw blankets and holiday towels we had been saving for seniors - they will go to foster kids who have aged out of the system and are setting up their own apartments and to local seniors.

Thanks to overwhelming community support, especially from our Kiwanis family, Christmas has returned for the Chattooga Aktion Club!



Kiwanis  
**AKTION CLUB**

# LOVEJOY HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB . . . WHERE GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING!!!

**Janet Gordon**

Kiwanis Club of Metro Atlanta

It's 3:15 PM on Monday and you hear the many sounds of chatter and laughter as the Lovejoy High School Key Club members enter their meeting room, culminating in a well-run and successful Kiwanis Club meeting. Week after week since the start of this school year, thirty-two (32) high school students, freshman to seniors, use their creativity, organization, coordination, and leadership skills to share ideas and explore opportunities as they make decisions on activities to plan and implement for their school and children in the community.

"The students are simply amazing . . . they are focused, collaborative and self-directed - they have initiated some great things and have even more plans that impact their school and the greater Lovejoy community", says Rosannette Kirby and Mrs. Miller, Key Club Advisors.

Below are a few highlighted events planned and conducted by the Club:

-August 2021 - The Key Club became a community partner with helping to operate a newly organized clothing closet at the Lovejoy High School. This initiative was created during the pandemic to help fellow Lovejoy High School students and their families to shop for clothes and other items "free of charge". "The closet has been a tremendous asset as it helps to relieve some of the stress on the students as they concentrate on their studies, especially in virtual learning", says Rosannette Kirby.

-December 6, 2021, 3:30 pm - 5:00pm - "Paint and Snack Fundraiser" at Lovejoy High School to assist students in need. Public is invited. \$7 admission fee. For donations - please contact Rosanette Kirby at [annettekirby@hotmail.com](mailto:annettekirby@hotmail.com).

-December 19, 2021 - The Club's



can food campaign is in full swing where canned goods will be donated to Shiloh of Lovejoy UMC (faith-based partner) to support the community for their annual Christmas Holiday Turkey giveaway. Over 100 families will be served with the canned goods collected.

The Lovejoy High School Key Club was organized on March 15, 2013 and has represented its school and community continuously with thousands of hours of community service. The Club has been the pacesetter for the other clubs on campus and is known in the Kiwanis

Family for its efforts each year with its annual canned goods drive and the support for the Georgia Sheriff Youth Homes. The Metro Atlanta Kiwanis Club is the sponsoring Kiwanis Club for the Lovejoy High School Key Club.

With ongoing support from the school's Administration and great Advisors, the Club's enrollment continued to climb over the years. In this 2021-2022 school year, there's no doubt the enthusiasm and energy exhibited by the Club members has definitely paid off with an active membership of 32 members!



## John Holley

Georgia District Kiwanis Children's Fund Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Metro Atlanta

**I am pleased to welcome our new Leadership Team as** it embarks upon its year of service under the leadership of Governor Byron. Looking at the words on his pin, **"If not Us, Who?"**, I was moved with the challenge he has placed before us as Georgia Kiwanians. Implicit in this question of four words is a list of expectations that will no doubt propel the Georgia Kiwanis District to the status of **"Distinguished District."**

**Governor Byron has outlined his six District Projects** and is asking each club to be an active participant in making a contribution to each of the projects. One of the projects he is asking you to support is **a contribution to the Kiwanis Children's Fund**. As I indicated in a previous article, the Kiwanis Children's Fund is our organization, and this is where clubs and Kiwanians all over the World can play a role in making Kiwanis International's motto, "Serving The Children of The World," a reality. **The Georgia District, Kiwanis International, and The Children of the World are depending on you for support!**

**During the Kiwanis Year 2020-2021, the Georgia District** made contributions to the Kiwanis Children's Fund totaling \$82,796. Of this amount, \$41,432 were unrestricted funds, and \$41,364 were donations for The Eliminate Project. I want to again **thank Past Governor George and First Lady Helen Elkins for their generous donation** of \$25,000.00 to The Eliminate Project. Their donation alone saved the lives of 13,889 babies. **To the Elkins we say, "You are true servant leaders."**

**When you give to the Kiwanis Children's Fund,** you directly support Kiwanis Projects. In fact, it's the most effective way you can help kids. During the past three Kiwanis years, we have impacted the lives of 16 million children around the world. Also, I would like

to point out that Districts receive grants from the Kiwanis Children's Fund that equal 15% of the District's total undesignated giving from the previous Kiwanis year. This includes gifts to the Kiwanis Children's Fund from individuals, clubs, and other entities within the District. In 2021, the Georgia District received a District Grant from the **Kiwanis Children's Fund for \$2,314.31** and is scheduled to receive a **grant for 6,214.73 in 2022**. Great Job, Georgia District!

**As you know, the Kiwanis Children's Fund has been a great beacon of light** in the global community as it partnered on two occasions with UNICEF to fight **Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD)** and to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide (**The Eliminate Project**). In both cases, the Georgia District was a major player, as individual Kiwanians and clubs across the Georgia District showed their generosity by helping Kiwanis International to achieve its goal. I am pleased to report that these efforts continue as we still have 12 countries yet to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

**Let's make this the best year ever in the Georgia District.** The hope is that every club makes a donation to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. If you have given in the past, consider increasing your contribution. For all clubs, consider giving at least the minimum that Governor Byron has requested.

**As your Kiwanis Children's Chair, I am committed to represent you** to the best of my ability at the Kiwanis Children's Fund and to be a resource to the Georgia District and the clubs. I am available to come visit your club or to make a presentation during your meetings via Zoom. Feel free to contact me for assistance or support at [jholley40@comcast.net](mailto:jholley40@comcast.net) or by phone at (678) 481-7572.



## UPDATES?

If you have a committee update, club event, or service project photos, etc. to share for the Georgia Kiwanian, please send a picture and caption to:

Alexia Lieber  
[alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com](mailto:alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com)

# WHY YOUTH PROTECTION MATTERS

## Bob Pinckney

Youth Protection Manager

KIWANIS SERVES OVER 300,00 YOUTH EACH YEAR. DURING CHILDHOOD ACROSS ALL AGES AND SOCIOECONOMIC LEVELS: 1-4 GIRLS AND 1-13 BOYS EXPERIENCE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

The abuse numbers above are disturbing. What I find most upsetting is when the information is readily available that would empower our members with the best practices while working with our youth and they choose not to use them. These tools include training ([www.praesidiumacademy.com](http://www.praesidiumacademy.com)) to become knowledgeable of the signs of abuse and how to address an uncomfortable situation you may have observed between an adult and youth, how to create a shield of protection from predators

at Kiwanis sponsored events and ensuring all members are up to date with KI Policy and Procedures and Background Checks requirements.

It is difficult not to be redundant when informing and educating the membership about the KI Youth Protection Program. Its foundation belief as a service organization is to develop future leaders for our society through our school programs and the vast number of youth events we sponsor. If that is correct than what better way can we share with the students the training we've gained by creating a shell of protection around them whenever they are in our care. One key component of leadership is "caring."

Folks, like it or not, predators are everywhere and they are skilled at what they do. The skills and awareness you will learn from the YP Program has application not only in Kiwanis related activities but in

our every day lives as well whether at work, church, community or schools.

All the Lt. Gov's were sent an attachment of the KI Youth Protection Power Point (PP) to forward to the clubs. Reach out to them if your club has not received the information. The PP contains information the Youth Protection Coordinator (YPC), appointed by each club, will use when conducting the annual YP training and to generate questions.

We're living in a time where communications and contacts are instant. Where most is informative and beneficial. But we're also living in a time where accessibility to our youth is also instant and not necessarily beneficial. Lets learn together how to create places for kids to engage and grow and where families know they are in a caring, safe environment when they are with **KIWANIANS!**



## KEY LEADER: EMPOWERING TEENS

### Mike Sullivan

Key Leader Chair  
Kiwanis Club of North Gwinnett

Key Leader is a leadership retreat to share the joy and understanding of Leadership to teenage students that don't understand they can be leaders too. Designed for teens with advice from teens in the curriculum, it combines knowledge, group projects, energy and fun to get leadership ideas and concepts across.

Registration will be up in the beginning of January.  
If you have time for a video:  
<https://www.newenglandkeyclub.org/key-leader>

The weekend will be the last weekend in March, and go from  
Friday 4:30-5:30 (3/25/2022) -  
Registration  
Sunday 11:30 (3/27/2022) - Pickup

The cost will remain the same as years before (~\$100) for the weekend with a \$25 discount for Key Clubbers. Some areas of Georgia,

the challenge is for students to find the time, others it's transportation and/or \$. Some areas will have a Kiwanian get a church van (or other vehicle) to transport youth to the Georgia FAA Campground (<http://www.georgiaffa campground.org/>)

The curriculum is servant-based leadership, and breaks the youth into smaller groups (neighborhoods) for the smaller, hands-on projects that illustrate the various aspects of the material.

We're not sure where Georgia will be in relation to COVID, hopefully we'll see infection rates drop down to where they were in mid-June. In addition to clubs lining up students, I'm also looking for a volunteer with medical background. If you have a medical background, please reach out to me about volunteering for Key Leader weekend.



## HELP SUPPORT GA DISTRICT SPONSORED PROJECTS

**Byron Mullican**

Georgia District Governor  
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

## ONE MORE CHANCE

**Jim Perry**

Human and Spiritual Values Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K

For almost two years, we have had a pall of doubt settle over our collective experiences. COVID-19 is not an unprecedented pandemic, but it has brought more hesitancy; more restrictions; more fear; more spending; and more damage to the treasures of our society than any other health event in U. S. history. Kiwanis is one of those treasures that has been hit hard. Most of us are beginning the new year with thanksgiving that we can resume our routines as Kiwanians and get our Clubs up and going again. We are excited to meet in person without masks. When the Cobb County state of emergency expired and was not renewed, we no longer had to wear masks. We delude ourselves into the false belief that we are back. Yes, you are doing some good work, but are you doing all you did before? Have your resources been sustained? How about your attendance and your membership? What about your giving, and your response to sponsored events and fundraisers? We have stalled because the workers are fewer, and the enthusiasm often just is not there. Kiwanians, the bottom line is that we are allowing ourselves to become discouraged. Yes, it's human nature to want to achieve what we did before COVID-19, but it is not practical, you say. What possible value is there in accepting the oppression of COVID-19 and its many restrictions when there is so much we can do? The Clubs that are doing well and emerging from the heavy impact of COVID-19 are without exception Clubs who

were willing to reframe their vision; restructure their programs; partner with other local groups to meet needs that are exacerbated by COVID-19; and regain their sense of identity; place in the community; and above all their enthusiasm. Enthusiasm comes from the Greek *entheos* meaning the God within. Admittedly, the Greeks were not attesting to the presence of the God many of us worship, but they clearly were saying that we do nothing until we do it with the burning desire of God within us to do more; program that idea or vision; be a dynamic influence for the kids in our communities. Enthusiasm ends in "IASM." "I AM SOLD MYSELF." Do you see how important enthusiasm is to us? The God within us inspiring us to serve more and better because WE ARE SOLD OURSELVES. That is a winning combination even COVID-19 can't begin to put the damper on. As we boldly go forth into a fresh new year, may our vaccinations and our determination defy disease and defy the naysayers. Kiwanis is not in trouble as long as the passion for the children burns within our chests. Decide what matters, and then give it your all. Decide if you believe in Kiwanis, and then give it your commitment, your money, and your service hours. We are back, and there is nothing that can stop an enthusiastic group of dedicated Kiwanians calling our Clubs to come alive. The fog is lifting; the light is dawning. Walk up the mountain, above the fog, and see clearly what is possible in 2022. Then make it happen. No one can stop us but the persons reading this page. In the famous words of the late Lee Iacocca, "It's time to lead, follow, or get out of the way." The kids cannot wait.

All clubs are encouraged to make monetary contributions to the Georgia District Sponsored projects because we believe combining our resources and maximizing results, we can truly make a difference.

Contributions are due March 1, 2022. Contributing the recommended amount to all Georgia District Sponsored Projects is also a criteria in becoming distinguished for the Governor's Cup Award.

You can find more information for each of the sponsored projects online our website at [GeorgiaKiwanis.com](http://GeorgiaKiwanis.com).

Below is the list of projects and the recommended amount:

**Auditory-Verbal Center's "Buck-n-Ear"**

\$4.00 per member

**Georgia District Art & Music Showcase**

\$1.00 per member

**Ferst Readers**

\$3.00 per member

**Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.**

\$7.00 per member

**Tomorrow's Leaders**

\$4.00 per member

**Kiwanis International Children's Fund**

\$5.00 per member

**TOTAL: \$24.00 per member**

*Note: 15% of contributions to the Children's Fund comes back to the Georgia District for Youth Projects.*

**DOWNLOAD FORM ONLINE:**  
**[www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com](http://www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com)**

## IT'S ALMOST DIVISION GOVERNOR'S RALLY SEASON

It's almost time for the annual tour of the Georgia District Governor visiting all the Divisions in Georgia! Save the Date in your calendar for your Division's Governor's Rally...

**Division 1: Tennell Lockett**  
February 5, 2022

**Division 2: Edward Searcy**  
January 28, 2022

**Division 3: Shelly Smith**  
January 29, 2022

**Division 4: Bobby Gillham**  
January 14, 2022

**Division 5: Larry Price**  
January 20, 2022

**Division 6: Ron Carden**  
January 13, 2022

**Division 7: Philip Jay Rosenbaum**  
February 10, 2022

**Division 8: Barry Sanders**  
February 15, 2022

**Division 9: David Cozart**  
January 22, 2022

**Division 10: Sandi Whelchel**  
February 11, 2022

**Division 11: Patricia Thompson**  
February 18, 2022

**Division 12: Jeri Purdy**  
February 17, 2022

**Division 13: Bill Davis**  
January 21, 2022

**Division 14: Judi Brown**  
February 4, 2022

**Division 15: Bettie Sleeth**  
February 1, 2022

**Division 16: Wimbley Hale, Jr.**  
January 25, 2022

**Division 17: Jeanette Lafond**  
January 15, 2022

**Division 18: Sharon Barksdale**  
February 8, 2022

## GEORGIA DISTRICT KIWANIS SERVICE PROJECT/CAMPING TRIP



### Barry Gardner

District Service Project Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Fairfield-Villa Rica

*Please mark your calendars!*

The **2022 District Service Project/Camping Trip is scheduled for Friday April 8th - Saturday April 9th 2022** with the Work Project Saturday April 9th. We will be at **Amicalola Falls State Park, Dawsonville GA.** Amicalola State Park is home to more than 1,500 acres of mountainous terrain and the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi River. There is a Lodge and Campground for those planning on staying in the Park.

The Park will provide discounts on lodging and campsites and provide a free shelter on Saturday Night for the Pot Luck Supper. Like last time, Burgers and Brats will be provided..

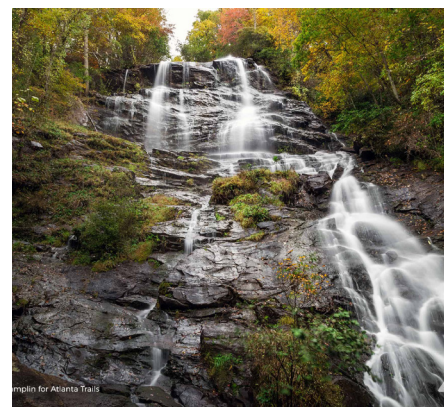
Details on lodging and camping will follow but we will need to reserve quickly as they will fill up.

We will be working on the East Falls trail. I will be at the Park in February to firm up the best project for us

For now, make plans to participate in a weekend for service and fellowship with your fellow Kiwanians.

*Your whole family is invited! Kids too!*

*There's also a Lodge for those who don't like to camp...*



# MONTHLY GEORGIA DISTRICT EDUCATION HOURS

The Georgia District has started monthly "Georgia District Education Hours" which are virtual workshops held once a month featuring a different topic each month. No registration required and all Kiwanians are invited!

## DECEMBER 13 @ 7PM:

We will be learning about the annual tradition of Division Governor's Rallies and how your Division can make it a fun and memorable event for all of the members in your Division.

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85438136766>  
 Meeting ID: 854 3813 6766  
 Passcode: 340525  
 Phone: +1646-558-8656

## JANUARY 10 @ 7PM:

Learn about the criteria and how you can help your club earn the Distinguished Club Award. This is a high honor and we'd love for your club to receive this recognition!

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81856286512>  
 Meeting ID: 818 5628 6512  
 Passcode: 471706  
 Phone: +1646-558-8656

# KIWANIS READ ACROSS GEORGIA DAY

## Rick Townsend

Existing Club Growth Chair  
 Kiwanis Club of Brunswick

On behalf of Jim Carr, our chair, I am excited to remind you about our Annual Kiwanis Read Across Georgia Day on Friday, January 21, 2022, to coincide Kiwanis' 107th anniversary. Please help us promote it by contacting your local newspaper. We will send out a press release as well, and will be using social media to promote the event. December and early January is the perfect time to contact your local elementary school, Pre-K class, after-school care facility, private school, or Head Start center to read a book to a class or classes. As you know, many school systems and private schools across GA are allowing visitors depending on the spread within the community. If you have trouble finding a school or youth agency because of the current pandemic, have someone record you reading a book and send it to your local elementary school or contact me to see if I can help you find a local school or

daycare center for you to read to the children. Our main goal is to read to children in order to promote reading. Reading is so important and vital to our young people's long-term success. If a child can't read by the 3rd grade, there's a high probability that the student will be a high school dropout.

Please help our Young Children Priority One team in spreading the word about Kiwanis Read Across Georgia Day and, of course, volunteer to read to a student in

DECEMBER  
 GA DISTRICT EDUCATION HOUR:

## Governor's Rally

Learn about the annual Governor's Rally tradition and how your Division can make it a fun and memorable event for all of the members in your Division

JANUARY  
 GA DISTRICT EDUCATION HOUR:

## Distinguished Club

Learn about the criteria for your club to earn the Distinguished Club Award

**FRIDAY,  
 JANUARY 21**  
**Kiwanis Read Across  
 Georgia Day**



UPCOMING EVENTS

# ARRIVE READY TO LEARN. LEAVE READY TO LEAD.



The 2022 Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 8-11, 2022.

From ideas for service to innovations in fundraising, you'll learn the tools you need to increase your club's impact in your community.

More details coming soon!

## 2022 GEORGIA DISTRICT ART AND MUSIC SHOWCASE

### Kelly Lee

Art & Music Showcase Co-Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Gainesville

For the first time Kiwanis Club of Gainesville is excited to host the Georgia District Kiwanis 2022 Art and Music Showcase. The Showcase will take place on April 23, 2022 at Riverside Military Academy. As we all prepare for our local Art and Music Showcases, please take a moment to review the Art and Music Showcase Handbook, which can be found on the District Website under RESOURCES. All the information you need should be there, but if you have questions please feel free to call us at (770) 534-0727 or email Kelly.lee@stronggaddylee.com and joy.griffin@gcstk12.net.

ATTENTION LOCAL ART CHAIRS:  
Art Competition set-up will begin at 9:00 am and all artwork is due no

later than 11:30 am. Judging will take place from 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm; with the Public Viewing from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. We encourage all our art contestants to attend so that we Kiwanians can meet them face to face and tell them how proud we are of their accomplishments.

ATTENTION LOCAL MUSIC CHAIRS:  
The Music Showcase Dress Rehearsal will be scheduled by the distance each contestant lives from Gainesville, GA. Local Chairs and Contestants will be notified of their Dress Rehearsal Time no later than April 17, 2022. Should any contestant require a local piano accompanist, those arrangements can be made, but must be made by April 10, 2022. The Georgia District Art & Music



## DID YOU KNOW?

Kiwanis became an international organization with the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in 1916. Kiwanis clubs formed in communities across the United States and Canada until the 1960s, when worldwide expansion was approved. Today, Kiwanis clubs are helping children thrive, prosper and grow in nearly 80 nations and geographic locations.

Showcase will not be responsible for any costs associated with hiring a local accompanist; however, we will be glad to connect contestants with local accompanists. The Music Showcase will remain at the same time of 3:00 pm; with the awards for both Art & Music following. Good luck to you all as you embark on a new year and our Georgia District Kiwanis 2022 Art & Music Showcase. See you in April!



Registration open  
from December 1-  
February 25.

# BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Improve your career, your community and your Kiwanis club.

Become the leader your workplace, community and club need. Dive into eight leadership topics with experts in the field. Explore the interactive online modules at your own pace. Then interact with other participants to turn lessons into reality. Become the kind of leader people want to follow.

## Participants will:

- Explore the value of servant leadership.
- Discover their personal strengths so they can lead confidently and successfully.
- Strengthen the ability to lead others in a strategic manner.
- Build and manage a strategic plan that works.
- Learn from experts as well as from peers from across the globe.
- Earn a certification of completion.

## Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

1. The qualities of a good leader.
2. Methods of communication.
3. Planning engaging events.
4. Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion throughout a team.
5. Working with others.
6. Sharing a message.
7. Planning for the future.
8. Staying focused.

The participation fee is US\$200. Individuals may enroll themselves for Kiwanis Amplify — or a club, division or district may sponsor participants. The participation fee is considered an educational expense, so clubs have the option of paying it from their service accounts.

To learn more or register, visit [kiwanis.org/amplify](https://kiwanis.org/amplify).

**Kiwanis® Amplify**



# Georgia District of Kiwanis

## 2022 MID-YEAR TRAINING CONFERENCE

Macon Centreplex  
200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA  
Saturday, March 12, 2022  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration Opens at 8:00 a.m.

Kiwanis Club of \_\_\_\_\_, Division \_\_\_\_\_

Members Attending  
Name

Club Office

District Title


Do you need special parking assistance? \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check payable to: Georgia District of Kiwanis in the amount of \$40.00 per person registered. This includes the registration fee and boxed lunch.

**You must be preregistered to receive a meal ticket.**

Check which boxed Lunch you would like:

- ☐ Smoked Ham and Swiss on Wheat
- ☐ Roasted Turkey croissant
- ☐ Grilled Vegetable wrap

Mail Registration Form by:

Friday, February 28, 2022 (We need the numbers to plan for boxed lunches)

Georgia District of Kiwanis

P. O. Box 6618

Macon, GA 31208

# KIWANIS HONORS TERRIFIC KIDS IN RABUN FOR FIRST 9 WEEKS

**Clayton Tribune Staff**  
TheClaytonTribune.com

Kiwanis has been doing the Terrific Kids program in Rabun County for seven years. Terrific Kids is a student-recognition program that promotes character development self-esteem and perseverance. "Terrific" is an acronym for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive, and Capable.

After a year of not being able to enter the school to present awards to these terrific kids, one can imagine how thrilled Kiwanis was to see the

faces of these kids light up when entering the classroom Friday morning, October 15.

Students work with their classroom teacher to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance or schoolwork. All students who achieve their goals after a specified time are recognized as Terrific Kids. Recognition includes being pinned as a Terrific Kid; a pizza, ice cream, or other food-themed party; and presentation of certificates and other giveaways. The Kiwanis Club of Rabun County thanks Carla Truelove, assistant principal at RCPS, for attending all 31 classrooms with them.



## DAYBREAK SERVICE PROJECT

The Kiwanis Club of North Macon would like to thank the Georgia District of Kiwanis Foundation for its support of the matching grant given to us to provide snacks for Daybreak, a homeless shelter in Macon. We were able to provide snacks and pumpkin pie for 50 people Thanksgiving week. The grant will enable us to provide snacks once a month for this Kiwanis year.



## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MARIETTA GOLDEN K PRESENTS \$12,000.00 IN CHECKS TO LOCAL CHARITIES

On November 18th, the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K presented \$12000.00 to sixteen local charity group leader representatives. Recipients of the awarded checks and the groups they represent are as follows:

- ACE Open Hearts Program
- Bert's Big Adventure
- Camp Twin Lakes
- Empower Cherokee
- Family Promise of Cobb County
- Goshen Valley Boys Ranch
- Kate's Club, Inc.
- Mountain Top Boys Home
- Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers
- MUST Ministries
- Next Step Ministries
- North Georgia Angel House
- Path to Shine
- Rally Foundation
- Restore Place
- Scout Troop 444





*Pictured: Kiwanis Member from Kiwanis Club of Greater South Cobb is interviewed by 11 Alive about their service project. Video can be seen online their website at: [www.11alive.com](http://www.11alive.com)*

"I have gone into laundromats, and I have seen children just sitting around with nothing to do," she added. "But to put something in their hand, that is the most important thing. To give them a chance."

Currently, South Cobb families can find laundromat libraries in Mableton and Austell, but Lust said there are plans to expand to six locations.

The idea, he said, was inspired by a similar project from the Kiwanis Club in Marietta.

"We know reading is fundamental," Lust added. "The data says if children are not at grade level by third grade, then their chances of graduating diminishes. So we have put a lot of effort into our literacy program to try and boost the reading skills of children in South Cobb."

## JOINT PROJECT WITH LOCAL ROTARY CLUB

Kiwanis Club of Manchester joined forces with the local Rotary Club to fill Christmas bags for their local Nursing Home and on the 14th they will deliver them together. They had a lot of fun working together to bring joy to those who are confined!



## CHORUS FOR PEARL HARBOR ANNIVERSARY



Kiwanis Club of St Marys donated \$400 to the Camden County High School Chorus for their trip to Hawaii to represent the state of Georgia at the Pearl Harbor anniversary.

*Pictured Left: Dale Law, Kiwanis President Elect; Mary Margaret McNeil, student; Lisa Wolfe, CCHS Chorus director; Anthony Kicklighter, Kiwanis President.*

## MANCHESTER

### CHRISTMAS PARADE

Kiwanis Club of Manchester entered the Manchester Christmas Parade this holiday season! Some members rode and some walked. They all had a lot of fun throwing out candy and the walkers handed out flyers about their Club!



## HONORING CHELSEA

The Kiwanis Club of Warner Robins recognized Immediate Past President Chelsea Dozier for her Presidency for the first two years, 2019-2021, of the club's charter.

Through her leadership, the club will be Distinguished in its 2nd year, developed a great relationship with the Boys and Girls Club of Warner Robins, gave high school scholarships in its 2nd year, made a significant donation for the building of a new playground at the Aviation Museum, and created a successful online raffle that has been copied by several other Kiwanis clubs. And, Chelsea and her husband, Trey, had a son, Smith, born in the 2nd year of her Presidency. Great job of Leadership, Chelsea!! Thanks for your service and commitment!!



## ANITA AND KAROLINA CERPOVICZ AWARDED KIWANIS LEGACY AND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Recently the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club awarded Kiwanis Legacy and Leadership scholarships to East Georgia State College students Anita Cerpovicz and Karolina Cerpovicz. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club established the scholarship to support outstanding members of the EGSC Circle K and for descendants of Swainsboro Kiwanis members. Anita and Karolina are

the daughters of Drs. Paul and Joelle Cerpovicz of Statesboro and have been active in the Circle K since coming to EGSC. Anita is a senior Biology major and Karolina is a sophomore Nursing major at EGSC. The scholarships were presented by Kiwanis President Dianna Wedincamp, Vice President Cheryl Goodman, and Education Chair Tim Goodman.



*Pictured L to R: Cheryl Goodman, Tim Goodman, Anita Cerpovicz, Karolina Cerpovicz, Dianna Wedincamp, and Harley Strickland Smith, EGSC Coordinator of Communications.*

## 48TH ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Kiwanis Club of St Marys held a very successful 48th Annual Seafood Festival. In the past we have called it Rock Shrimp festival but cost and availability prevented us from serving Rock Shrimp this year so festival was adjusted. Camden County residents were blessed with beautiful weather for a great the largest festival ever with lots of vendors, food and free entertainment. COVID vaccinations were also administered during the festival.



*Pictured Left: Kiwanians Greg Lockhart, Tina Higginbotham, Allen Rassi and Stan Prince cooking fish and shrimp*



## SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

The Albany-Dougherty County Kiwanis Club's annual Salvation Army Christmas Stockings for Kids collection was held at the club's November 29 meeting. The drive was coordinated by Joan Seay, and after the meeting the stockings were delivered to the Albany Salvation Army headquarters by Kristin Caso. The Salvation Army's Captain James Sullivan was on hand to accept the delivery. The event gathers toys, small clothing items, and treats for underprivileged youngsters in the community.



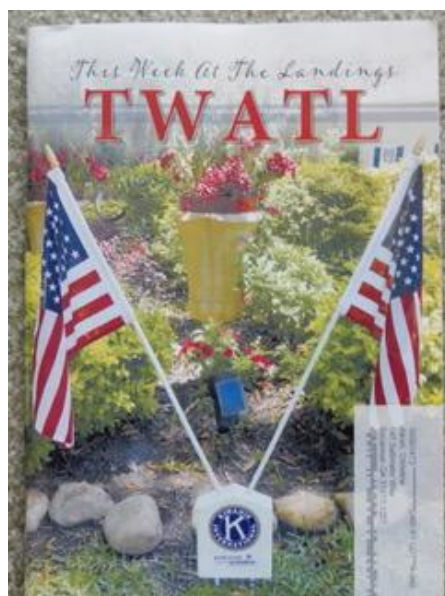
# MORE FLAGS HELP MORE AT-RISK KIDS!

**Jim Smart**

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway President Dave Fox gave a well-deserved thank you to Chris Aiken- Sickels and her husband, Bill Sickels for their tireless dedication to growing the Show Our Colors Program. This program actively involves many of the Kiwanis Club members who manufacture the flag displays and get them onto lawns and into hallways. "The number of community supporters of the program has almost doubled in the past year to about 1,100 active subscribers," Fox stated. The growth of this program has come at an opportune time as our other signature events had to be canceled due to the pandemic. This meant that the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway was able supply the grant monies it usually provides to the non- profits and actually increased it this year. The money our club awards directly helps at-risk children in Savannah/Chatham County. This year, Kiwanis awarded eleven grants, totaling \$72,500 to Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, The L.O.V.E. Program (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators), Xcel Strategies (teaches job skills), America's Second Harvest, Horizons Savannah (The Country Day School), Union Mission, Park Place Outreach, Performance Initiatives, The Mediation Center for the Coastal Empire, Greenbriar Children's Center, and Coastal Children's Advocacy Center. The Show Our Colors Program has garnered momentum to expand beyond The Landings community to include other communities on Skidaway Island. The new bases can be placed indoors as well as on lawns. Retirement facilities on the island, such as The Marshes and Thrive on Skidaway, have welcomed the flags, as have the communities of Modena and South Harbor. How does the program work? Fill out a form on our website [www.kiwanisofskidaway.com](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com) or obtain a hard copy from a Kiwanis of Skidaway member. The annual donation required is only \$50 dollars per year. Our members take care of the rest. A team of Kiwanis volunteers place the appropriate base with the large, high-quality flags either on

the lawn or in the hallway, and we then remove them after they are out for the appropriate number of days surrounding the holiday. The flags provide a great visual for the location where they are placed and look especially good when there are multiple supporters on a street or a hallway. While the visual celebration of the holidays is great, the real reward is knowing that the support directly helps children in need. Kiwanis members place these flags on four patriotic holidays. They are July 4th/Independence Day, Presidents Day, and Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. The flag supporter can even be out of town, and a Kiwanis member will place and remove the flags at the location.



# CAMDEN COUNTY ALZHEIMER'S PROJECT

Kiwanis Club of St Marys helped raise over \$900 for the Camden County Alzheimer's Project #camdenalzwalk on Saturday October 23rd. Overall, more than \$20,000 was raised to support Alzheimer's patients and their families in Camden County.



*Pictured:*  
Front row - Abbie Sutker Cumming, Laurie McDowell Levine, Peggy Rowe Shoemaker  
Backrow - Allan Giese, Steven Wise and Barbara Dickman  
Not Pictured - Bill & Candy DeLoughy, Margot Ciliberto, Chris Gant, Bob Dickman, Tina Higginbotham, Irene Husser, Anthony Kicklighter, Brad and Suzie Tippins and Christopher D Thurner

## Kiwanis

**4th Annual January Jaunt 5K**

Race Begins at 9:00 AM

Day of Race Registration 7:30 - 8:30

Cross Country 5k Course on the campus of Middle Georgia State University

**\$50 Cash Prize** 1st Male / 1st Female

**JANUARY 8TH 2022**

Registration Now Open

[Tinyurl.com/KiwanisJanuaryJaunt](http://Tinyurl.com/KiwanisJanuaryJaunt)

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## TAG US!

#KidsNeedKiwanis  
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The Georgia District Directory can be downloaded from our website at [www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com](http://www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com). It includes updated contact information for the Georgia District Officers, Lt. Governors, and Committee Chairs. Also includes information for each Georgia Kiwanis Club with meeting times and location and officer contact information.

**Password to access the digital copy: 2021dd2022**

## SHOW YOUR KIWANIS BRAND

"Kids Need Kiwanis" is Kiwanis International's brand campaign. The goal of the campaign is to make it clear that Kiwanis serves children and that we have fun together. On the Kiwanis International website, there are lots of templates and materials you can use to help with your club's marking and branding. **[www.kiwanis.org/brand](http://www.kiwanis.org/brand)**



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