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Serving the Children in our Community

Kiwanis – Americus



Due to the restrictions caused by the COVID 19 pandemic and in keeping with our motto to serve the children of the world, the Kiwanis Club of Americus on November 7, 2020 constructed twenty four (24) desks for children to use to do their school work at home.

Volunteers gathered at South Georgia Technical College Aviation Hangar to help construct the tables. The tables were constructed using a production line model. Materials were donated for the project by Lowe's of Americus



and South Georgia Technical College graciously provided the workspace.

The finished tables were delivered to 24 families identified by Sumter County

Board of Education and Kiwanis members Meda Krenson and Sylvia Roland. A special thanks to: Kim Allen (President of Wood Butchers) who made the design and assembly instructions; Jimmy Poole who adapted the design for our use; Charles Christmas who coordinated the assembly location; Karen Rob-

ertshaw at Lowe's who approved the lumber donation; and Blake Hill who hauled the lumber and delivered desks; Lowe's of Americus and South Georgia Technical College for their support and donations to this project. Our volunteers and Kiwanians who

participated: Bill Bird, Charles Christmas, Jamie Cromer, Chet Crowley, Paul Degelmann, David Ewing and grandson Brendon, Blake Hill and daughter Harper, Bill and Meda Krenson, Kevin Kwashnak, Charlene Pennymon, Sam Peavy, Jimmy Poole, Bill Sheppard, Sylvia Roland, Beau Shrable and family, Herschel Smith, Ruckler Smith.



DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT

Back by popular demand, we are having another Georgia District of Kiwanis Service Project and Camping Trip!

Join us on Saturday April 10, 2021 for the Service Project or make it a weekend adventure by camping on Friday and Saturday

night. Kids are welcome to join in too.

We will be in Loop 2 of the campground at the FD Roosevelt State Park in Warm Springs

GA and using the Picnic Shelter in the middle for the Saturday night Pot-Luck Dinner and gatherings.

If you don't like to camp, that's OK! They have lots of cottages available at the State Park and they all come with Air Conditioning!

On Saturday morning, we will be doing a service project at the Little White House Historic Site in Warm Springs. We will be helping them prepare for the Commemoration of the death of President Roosevelt. Painting and power washing are potential projects. This could be your opportunity to say you "painted the White House".

More information coming soon, but until then, mark it in your calendar, and plan on a Spring Break with us! Sites are booking fast, so go ahead and book your site or cabin!

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**Our
Mid-Year
Training
Conference
will be
Virtual
on March
13, 2021**

~NOTICES~

As per the provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International, the minutes of the 2020-21 Board Meetings held on Saturday, October 24, 2020 in Macon, Georgia, are available for review from your appropriate Lt. Governor or from the District Office.

The next scheduled meeting for the 2020-21 Board of Trustees of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International will be held Virtual on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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The Governor's Message

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I hope you had a wonderful, restful and safe Christmas and New Year's holidays. It is amazing that we are in January, 2021! The first quarter of our Kiwanis year is past. Milestones accomplished. Two new clubs, Kiwanis Club of Rex-Ellenwood in Division 16 and Kiwanis Club of Forsyth County. Many clubs reporting increase in new members, also, 97 clubs are safely meeting, some with virtual, too, 34 clubs are meeting virtually and 20 have not started meeting again. Those are terrific numbers. And in a few days more milestones as we join in celebrating 100 year anniversaries by the Vidalia Club (1/5/1921) and the Cordele Club (1/11/1921).

It is not the same in most Districts in the U.S. and around the world. Many Districts are shut down because of their State COVID restrictions.

In Georgia, many of you throughout the state, provided the true Christmas spirit of sharing and giving to the children of the Georgia District. In spite of the COVID restrictions and difficulties, you found a way. You continued to be Georgia Kiwanians serving the needs of children throughout Georgia. My heartfelt THANKS (!) to each of you for what you do for our children.

I believe in Leadership, Friendship, and Service so much that I have modeled my Governor's pin with these characteristics and pinned it to my lapel and hope you will too. They are a continuing reminder of how and why we are Kiwanians. AND because you practice those things, you improve the lives of children in Georgia and throughout the world, one child and one community at a time.

I use Leadership, Friendship, and Service in my search for those clubs that demonstrate those characteristics through their members throughout the year...COVID or not. In many cases I find that continuity from one year to the next, however clubs lose momentum. Distinguished clubs find a way, remove obstacles, persevere and continue to act and be distinguished, whether they are recognized or not! Club members will be superior, distinguished and outstanding in the eyes of children and families who receive acts of kindness and thoughtfulness because of their leadership, friendship and service. So in the next few months, either in the online Georgia District Newsletter or in the printed Georgia Kiwanian, I will begin a series talking about Leadership, Friendship and Service specifically.

How do I describe an ideal Kiwanis Club and specifically an ideal Georgia District Kiwanis Club?

Stay tuned!

Leadership, Friendship, and Service!!

www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com

Note: New Website link too!

Graduated Dues New Member for the Georgia District

Month	Amount for Georgia	Amount for KI	Total Amount Due
October	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
November	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
December	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
January	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
February	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
March	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
April	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$65.00
May	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$65.00
June	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$60.00
July	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$60.00
August	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
September	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$55.00

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1/8 Page	4" x 4"	\$100.00
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Note: If you want full color you will need to add \$50.00 to the cost per issue.

We print 5 Issues a year. (October, January, April, June, and September)

All items must be in the District Office by the First of the Month. If you are planning a fund-raiser for your club, please send in your information three months prior to the event, so people can plan to attend your event.

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The New Year promises exciting times for the Georgia District as the District focuses on ways and means to promote projects to the less fortunate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who rang the bell for the Salvation Army, delivered meals, stuffed stocking, collected toys, and gathered can goods.

Mid-Year Conference

Our Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th will be virtual.

Distinguished

Those who earned The Governor's Cup Award worked long and hard to maintain that can-do attitude in their clubs. Now, their successors have a solid base upon which to work.

The Governor's Cup Award and all other and banner patches for the 2019-20 year will be mailed to the Lt. Governors.

Have You Put The Following Dates On Your Calendar?

Division Rally – Contact your Lt. Governor if you don't have the date.

February 15th – tax deadline for clubs.

February 27th – Circle K District Convention – Macon, GA

March 5th -7th – Key Club District Convention - Virtual

March 13th – Mid-Year Conference - TBA

April 24th - District Art and Music Showcase – Gainesville, GA

Club Election - This report is due June 1st. This must be done online.

June 24th – 27th - International Convention – Salt Lake City, UT

August 20th - 22nd - Georgia District Convention – Stone Mountain, GA

Just a reminder:

Send International any membership changes promptly. You can update your roster online. Submit your Monthly Reports by the 10th of each month online.

If your club has pictures of your current events taking place; please send these with a caption to the District Office in Macon for the Georgia Kiwanian. Pictures and articles must be sent in electronically – please send pictures as an attachment in .jpg format to HYPERLINK "mailto:alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com" alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com New Member Fees – All prorated enrollment fees go to Kiwanis International.

In Memoriam

Terry M. Agne
Carrollton Golden

Lonnie Bales
Milledgeville

William G. Cox
Atlanta

Albert Deloatch
Golden K of Columbus

Mrs. Adam Edge
Suwanee

James J. Filbey
Americus

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Covington

Logan M. Lewis
Thomasville

James F. Magee
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Covington

William C. Reeves
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Membership

NEW MEMBER!



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Our Kiwanis year is well under way. Most clubs are meeting, either in-person, virtually, or both. That is awesome for club growth. We need to keep pressing forward toward meeting in ways that are safe and comfortable for current and potential members.

But remember, meetings are not why most people join Kiwanis. They join because they want to be a part of the service projects we plan and implement. Interesting to note that during Kiwanis One Day in October, clubs in Colombia conducted some great service projects and recruited 34 new members within 9 clubs!

We would encourage each club to identify two people as Membership/Growth Committee Chair and two as Club PR and Marketing Chair. Having these people identified in your club's Election Report will give your club access to very useful and significant information to help you recruit and retain new members.

Now would be a great time to start planning activities for Membership Month (May of each year). What kinds of activities and events might be beneficial for your club? There are lots of great ideas out there. There are ways to do these live, virtual, or both. The Kiwanis International web site has lots of printed information for that in the Club Strengthening section. If you need help finding these resources, you can contact Darryl gumzes@gmail.com or 770-605-6656. We are happy to help you plan for a successful club growth event.

Finally, we know that YOU are the experts about your own neighborhoods. With your knowledge and a great supporting team, you can have a fantastic year of bringing in new people who share your passions for serving the children of your communities in the ways that you do best (so far). Some of these new people will bring fresh ideas that can spark a great revival in your club. So make sure you invite new faces to your service projects and meetings.

Kiwanis

Serving the Children of Georgia and the World

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club recently inducted Jeffrey Brewer as a new member beginning with the 2019-2020 Kiwanis year. Mr. Brewer was sponsored by the current president Dess Smith and was formally inducted by the 2019-2020 Division 17 Lieutenant Governor Dan Bennett.



L to R: 2019-20 Lt. Governor Dan Bennett, Jeffrey Brewer and Dess Smith

"Metter Kiwanis Visits Swainsboro Kiwanis"

"The Kiwanis Club of Metter traveled to Swainsboro, Georgia on Tuesday night, November 10, 2020 as a "Interclub" to visit the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club. The Metter Kiwanian's that were part of the "Interclub" to the Swains-

boro Club were Marilyn and Marvin Lopez. Inter-clubbing is a means of supporting the Kiwanis fifth Object, which is "To Provide, through this interclub a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruis-

tic service, and to build a better community." This wider scope of Kiwanis can be achieved by arranging visits between clubs in the same town, division, district, as well as inter-district."



L to R: Marilyn Lopez, President Dess Smith III, Marvin Lopez.



The Georgia District has launched a new website!

Please check it out, bookmark it, and use it as a resource for information with the Georgia District.

www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com

Note: New website link too!

Service Leadership Programs

Kids Need Kiwanis

Membership Growth as of November 30, 2020

Div. Club	Growth	Div. Club	Growth
2.... Columbus	+3	10... Blue Ridge	+4
2.... Griffin	+1	10... Rabun County	+1
2.... LaGrange	+3	10... Toccoa	+1
2.... Manchester	+1	12... Villa Rica-Temple	+1
3.... Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	+1	13... Moultrie	+3
3.... Newnan	+1	13... Quitman-Brooks County	+2
4.... Jesup	+2	13... Sylvester	+1
4.... Richmond Hill	+3	13... Tifton	+1
4.... Saint Marys	+2	14... Brookhaven-Chamblee	+1
4.... Skidaway	+9	15... Georgia Online	+2
4.... Waycross	+2	15... Greater Cherokee	+1
5.... Albany	+3	15... Lost Mountain	+1
6.... Augusta	+2	15... Marietta	+2
7.... Athens	+3	16... Lithonia-Stonecrest	+2
7.... Classic City, Athens	+1	16... Rex-Ellenwood	+15
7.... Jefferson	+1	17... Baxley	+3
8.... Duluth-Norcross	+5	17... Brooklet	+1
8.... Forsyth County	+15	17... Statesboro	+2
8.... North Gwinnett	+2	18... Henry County	+3
9.... Forsyth-Monroe County	+4	18... Monroe	+11
9.... Milledgeville	+1	18... Social Circle	+1
10... Blairsville	+1		



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Global Statistics

- 1 in 4 youth will suffer some type of child abuse or maltreatment, including sexual abuse

- 85% of child abuse victims NEVER report their abuse

- Abuse is usually at the hands of known acquaintances and family members NOT strangers

- More than 90% of abusers are people children know, love and trust

Our organization's life blood is our youth and our mantra is "Serving the children and families of the world." I share the above statistics to impress on each of us how to better appreciate and understand our responsibilities to the youth in our charge whether that be during SLPs, community activities, overnight events, etc.

Youth Protection means learn-

ing how to recognize untoward behaviors from youth to youth or adult to youth and the tools you may need to use as a means of intervention. Those that look to do harm to our youth have a name, "Predator." They are highly skilled at what they do. My job is to provide the information necessary for you to protect yourself, the club and Kiwanis International from any form of liability during those activities we engage in with the youth. I ask all clubs in our District to invite me to one of your meetings via Zoom or other social media platforms.

Before the meetings, I ask each club member to review three of the six modules, on Kiwanis.org/youthprotection site: Policies and Procedures, Background Checks

and YP Training. These will be the three I will focus on for the discussion. The YP Training has six modules that provide a clearer understanding of how a predator establishes his/her relationships with a youth in preparation for the abuse. Folks there are certain realities that are unpleasant. This is one of them. I understand that, however, I would ask that you consider the trauma some of our youth have experienced that may have been avoided if only ... and you fill in the rest. Let's talk!

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Service Leadership Programs

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Hello Georgia District Kiwanians,

It is a little over halfway into our Key Club year, but this year has been very different due to COVID-19 and the multitude of different club circumstances. At the beginning of my term, I listed a few goals that I wanted to accomplish for the Georgia District, including items such as fundraising for the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes and UNICEF, increasing awareness of the District and International level, creating digital resources for clubs, and much more. Now that we have reached the middle of the year, I want to give an update on these goals as well as how the district board has been working to help Key Clubbers all around Georgia.

Back in September, the COVID-19 Task Force within the district board worked tirelessly to help produce many resources to aid clubs into the unusual school year. It was one of my priorities to aid clubs in the Georgia District through these unprecedented times, and with the help of my amazing board members, we were able to push these resources live. With the increasing emphasis on virtual activities, we have worked hard to keep our social

media fun and engaging, constantly promoting ELIMINATE, Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes, COVID-19 club resources, and much more. The increased use of our social media has prompted more clubs interactions with the district board, and this positive growth in social media presence will set up future boards to be able to utilize these platforms more effectively.

The Georgia District, just like the other districts of Key Club International, has faced decline in these unprecedented times. The transition has been hard to make, but the diligent efforts from the Georgia District Board has helped tremendously in keeping our district together. I would also like to thank all of the Georgia District Kiwanians who have supported their local Key Clubs in these unprecedented times. Key Club is only possible because of your help and dedication. No matter what comes our way, the Georgia District is still strong, and I know our district can do incredible things the rest of the year. As always, feel free to contact me at any time! Stay safe, and happy holidays.

Forever on Service.

Kiwanis Club of Dougherty County sponsored a new Key Club at Terrell Academy



Pictured from left are club vice president Mia Austin; vice president Heer Patel; Kiwanis of Dougherty advisor David Shivers; community advisor Amanda Cooper; President Nathan Guerra; and president Molly Bell. Not pictured is faculty advisor Ashley Lee

The Kiwanis Club of Dougherty County has sponsored a new Key Club at Terrell Academy in Dawson, Terrell County, and recently presented a check to assist with the charter application.

The Terrell Academy Key Club has 95 charter members who will be looking to provide volunteer service to the school and the community. Pictured from left are club vice president Mia Austin; vice president Heer Patel; Kiwanis of Dougherty advisor David Shivers; community advisor Amanda Cooper; President Nathan Guerra; and president Molly Bell. Not pictured is faculty advisor Ashley Lee.

Key Club's goal is to encourage leadership through serving others. This is the second Key Club sponsored by Dougherty Kiwanis. For a number of years, the club has sponsored the Southwest Georgia Home School Association Key Club and will continue to do so.

**Kids
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Kiwanis**

New Key Clubs Chartered

Druid Hills High School
Sponsored by Atlanta

Terrell Academy
Sponsored by Dougherty County, Albany

Jack N. Gay Scholarship

On October 29, 2020, the Kiwanis Club of Moultrie honored two Southern Regional Technical College (SRTC) students as the inaugural recipients of the Jack N. Gay Scholarship. The scholarships are given to Colquitt County students enrolled at Southern Regional Technical College with demonstrated success in their program of study and excellent career potential. The 2020 recipients were Hannah Raffield and Blake Smith, both of Moultrie. Jack Gay attended the meeting and was able to meet and congratulate the students receiving this namesake scholarship. Gay served as President of the former Moultrie Technical College, now SRTC, from 1983 to 1994. He is a long-time member and secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Moultrie. Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members, and partners dedicated to improving the lives of young people one community at a time.

Radiologic Technology student Hannah Raffield remarked that she is excited for her future ca-

reer opportunities and thankful to be able to get a quality education so close to home. The Radiologic Technology Program is one of the most rigorous programs at Southern Regional. Raffield has performed as an exemplary student in that program while working as both a realtor with Alderman Classic Realty and as a bartender at The Square Restaurant. SRTC President Jim Glass noted Raffield's flawless character, work ethic, and leadership potential in his support of her scholarship application. Current employer Carrie Viohl said, "Hannah is a people-person who will have incredible bedside manner. She is sunny, warm, and positive. I believe that with her incredible optimism, she can accomplish any task, no matter how daunting."

Electrical Construction and Maintenance student Blake Smith said that he is grateful for the educational opportunities at Southern Regional Technical College because they have challenged him to think deeply, share ideas, express himself, reason, and con-

tribute to the world around him intelligently. As a child, Smith's passion was building with Lego Blocks and working with his father and grandfather on carpentry and electrical projects. In high school, he was a dual enrollment student in the Carpentry program at Southern Regional Technical College. He completed the Carpentry program and is now continuing his education in the Electrical program. Instructors Kenneth Robison and Stephen Mathis each noted Smith's remarkable work ethic, aptitude for leadership, and problem-solving skills.

SRTC President Jim Glass spoke to Moultrie's Kiwanians after the scholarships were awarded. He said that Hannah Raffield and Blake Smith are examples of the caliber of students that SRTC consistently attracts, trains, and graduates into successful careers. He thanked Jack Gay for laying the foundation of excellence in Technical Education during his time as President of the former Moultrie Tech and thanked the



Pictured L to R: Jim Glass (SRTC President), Blake Smith, Jack Gay, Hannah Raffield, and Connie Fritz (Club President)

Kiwanis Club of Moultrie for creating the Jack N. Gay Scholarship in Gay's honor. "Southern Regional Technical College is YOUR College," said Glass. "It is SRTC's tireless determination to meet the educational and workforce development needs of each of our eleven counties. Support from community-minded organizations like the Kiwanis Club of

Moultrie is tremendously important as we work together to provide a bright future for our entire region."

**Kids Need
Kiwanis**

Service Leadership Programs

Kiwanis Assists the EGSC Circle K with Donations

As a part of its community service the East Georgia State College Circle K volunteered to assist EGSC Student Life to collect items for the Fall Resource Hunt and the Bobcat Bridge. The Fall Resource Hunt was an event to collect items that are useful to students, including pencils, mechanical pens, scantrons, and ink pens. In addition, students

always need snacks. For the Fall Resource Hunt EGSC Student Life set up stands/buckets around campus for students to choose from a list of items to help them through the semester and also to give them a burst of energy. The event began on October 29, 2020 and lasted until all supplies were gone.

The Bobcat Bridge program

provides personal care items and non-perishable food items for students. As the Fall semester ends, the College wants to make sure that it is able to continue supporting students. Students need everything from laundry detergent to deodorant and Ramen Pride to Hamburger Helper.

The Circle K enlisted the aid of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club

to solicit donations of items for the Resource Hunt and the Bobcat Bridge. Anita Cerpovicz, President of Circle K, and other Circle K members worked with members of the Kiwanis Club, including Paul Cerpovicz, EGSC Circle K Faculty Advisor; Tim Goodman, Kiwanis Club Circle K Advisor; Dianna Wedincamp, Kiwanis Club President-Elect;

and Cheryl Goodman, Kiwanis Club Community Services Committee Chair to ask for donations from the Kiwanis Club, and the Kiwanis Club overwhelmingly responded to the request. Items were delivered to EGSC Student Life on October 21 and October 28. Student Life always has a list of needs for the Bobcat Bridge if you are willing to help.



October 21 Donation: pictured left-to-right – Tim Goodman; Anita Cerpovicz, Circle K President; Karolina Cerpovicz; Veronica Cheers, Coordinator of Student Life; Elijah Worthen; Briana Librizzi; Cheryl Goodman; Dianna Wedincamp; LaDerrica Knight; Jelena Guzman; Precious Coleman; and Paul Cerpovicz



October 28 Donation - pictured left-to-right - Paul Cerpovicz; Stacy Grant, Director of Student Life; Cheryl Goodman; Anita Cerpovicz; LaDerrica Knight; and Tim Goodman



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Aktion Clubs are the one and only service club for adults with disabilities. Operating as a traditional club, members gain a sense of purpose and personal satisfaction as they serve their communities, help others and discover their own talents.

SPOTLIGHT: Chattooga AKtion Club, located in Cobb County, Division 15. An all-female club which travels nationally and internationally spreading good will and promoting the Kiwanis brand.

"There are things you do, and, there are things that are what you are." – unknown

I may not know who said those words, but when I think of AKtion Club members that comment is spot on. The "things they do" – service projects in their community. "What they are" – servant leaders giving back to their community.

As Cindy Bickman, the Chattooga Club Advisor, says, "people with disabilities do not always need to be the recipients of charity. When we were approached at a Special Olympics Georgia State Games by Kiwanians who were volunteering, we

were told what the AKtion Club is all about. It was a perfect fit for our team." Her vision for this unique and only AKtion Club in Division 15 is to use service to showcase the ABILITIES of the members.

Started during the 2016-17 K year, the Club elected Paulette Harrison as President. With guidance from Kiwanis Advisor, Ron Davis, she embraced her job. She says, "I never thought I could be a leader, but we all worked together, and we learned...we have a lot of fun and spread goodwill to children and adults in need."

Ginger Rios, mom of the VP Stephanie, speaks for the family members who have joined the Chattooga Club when she says how much they have enjoyed being a part of this amazing group of adults and seeing their children spread joy and happiness locally and around the world. For Stephanie, the appeal of the AKtion Club is helping people. Each year they travel to a different country on a Santa Goodwill Tour, performing for and taking gifts to underprivileged children and seniors. Stephanie says, "Knowing that people around the world are getting gifts they may not get without the support of our club is

a great feeling and a lasting memory."

The Chattooga AKtion Club supports numerous projects locally as well. They have adopted a children's shelter and a senior living facility. Before the pandemic their efforts were far and wide, and now, they, like all Kiwanians, have had to make modifications. "Even if we have to work at home, we can still reach out to others to let them know we care for them," said Emily Belk, Secretary.

Whether it is sending cards to elderly friends for birthdays, visiting children shelters abroad, writing notes to military members or recycling, the club members have made a difference not only in the community but also in their personal lives. According to Emily's mom, her "secretarial position has helped her hone her skills, while enjoying the time spent with her AKtion Club friends, meeting the needs of others and giving back to the community."

Organizations are developed for different reasons and according to the Chattooga AKtion Club, Kiwanis membership is a dream come true. "We wanted to be a part of something bigger than us – a service organization

which welcomes and appreciates the gifts of adults with disabilities."

Right- The picture of the leadership conference also included the parents (who are also members)

Bellow - Visiting school children with disabilities in Columbia.



Community Service Projects

Kiwanis Club Continues to Aid Our Community

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, under the leadership of President Dess Smith, continues to offer help in our community throughout this unprecedented time. When an opening was available at Presbyterian Apartments for a new resident who had no furniture or other belongings other than clothing, the administration contacted Petite Garrett, who had initiated the club's involvement in the Adopt-a-Senior Project back in September.

President Smith was then contacted, and working with the United Methodist Men at First Methodist Church; Judy Womack, Ann Peebles, and Wilder Smith, friends who saw the need; local businessman Asa Garrett at

Custom Furniture; and Kiwanis members Bobbie Daughtry, Petite Garrett, Tracy Mason, Dianna Wedincamp, and Monica Wren along with Circle K member Breana Librizzi, the apartment was quickly filled. Items donated included a bed and mattress set, a couch, a dining room table with chairs, bed linens, blankets, towels, kitchen and bathroom necessities, pantry items, a microwave, a coffee maker, a complete set of dishes, silverware, pots and pans, a microwave, an end table, and a lamp. Smith said that the resident was overwhelmed with the club and community's generosity and reflected that Swainsboro is a wonderful place to live.



Pictured from left to right: Wilder Smith, Breana Librizzi, Dianna Wedincamp, and Dess Smith (not pictured Petite Garrett)

The Carrollton Kiwanis Board of Directors Donates to Central High School

The Carrollton Kiwanis Board of Directors donated nearly \$1,000 restaurant gift cards to Central High School. The donation supports students who may be experiencing food insecurity during the winter break. Kiwanis members Ms. Jenny Ingram and Mr. Clint Backstrom personally deliver the gift cards to Principal Mr. Jared Griffis.

"We are grateful for the support the Carrollton Kiwanis Club is giving our students. These gift cards will help meet the food needs of many students over the holidays. I cannot say thank you enough for their generous and thoughtful gesture," stated Central High School Principal Mr. Jared Griffis.



Kiwanis Club of LaGrange

Members of the Kiwanis Club of LaGrange participated in Kiwanis One Day by picking up trash for the Keep Troup Beautiful monthly community campaign. Coffee, donuts, laughter and work with other members of the community....that makes a great Kiwanis One Day!!



Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Plantation's support to schools in Villa Rica, GA:

Our club supported all seven schools in Villa Rica in a variety of ways after the county schools opened the doors on August 24 for the new school year.



Donation to Glanton-Hindsman Elementary school

The club donated \$1500 in September towards establishing a new program at Glanton-Hindsman Elementary school called 7 Mindsets, a social emotional learning curriculum.

Picture: Latha Narayan presenting the check to the school Principal, Joseph Grainger along with Bob Pinckney. Others are school counselors and Assistant Principal.



Donation to Camp Invention at Ithaca Elementary school:

Thiru Narayan is presenting a \$1500 check to Ithaca Elementary school Principal, Colleen Jones along with Bob Pinckney for a program called Camp Invention.

Camp Invention provides children in grades K-6 with opportunities to explore STEM concepts through fun. Normally it is a summer program but due to Covid-19, the school is planning to hold it in October.

Scholarships to Villa Rica School graduates:

Two \$750 scholarships were awarded to two 2020 college bound graduates

Donation towards an after-school program at Sand Hill Elementary school:

Kiwanis Club donated \$500 to a program called "ACE" (after classroom experience). This program offers homework assistance, play activities, computer lab etc. Club's donation is towards providing snacks for kids in the program

Picture: Latha Narayan along with Betty Williams is presenting the check to Laurie Mayben, program Director and school Principal David Jaye



Kids in Need Food Program to schools:

Kiwanis club is providing weekend food backpacks to 50 children at Villa Rica Middle school. The food items are according to the school recommendation.

Accepting the food bags for the first week are School Principal Mitch Springer and school counselor.

The club supplied masks, storage containers, food items to schools in Villa Rica.



Donation to Partners Advancing Student Success (PASS):

PASS, a nonprofit in Carroll county connects and empowers at risk students in the county schools through their advocates and support from schools. They also run Care Closets at several schools.

Latha Narayan along with Donna Tays is presenting a \$1000 check to Cynthia Langley, Executive Director of PASS



Kiwanis Club of Newnan

Kiwanians Benjamin and Vontresa Mays of the HOPE Institute of Learning presented a check for \$1,500 to the Kiwanis Club of Newnan for the annual Kiwanis Christmas shopping spree for underprivileged children of Coweta County.



Georgia Online Club

The Georgia Online Club gathers to cleanup the South Marietta Loop roadway in Marietta. Covid can't stop this active group from caring about communities all over Georgia.



Community Service Projects

Local Service Clubs Stuff over 600 Stockings to Spread Holiday Cheer

The pandemic has changed the way communities look, but the heartbeat of collaboration is alive and well beyond the virtual meetings and hand sanitizer in Colquitt County. The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie wanted to try something different this year and put out a call to action for social service clubs to collaborate for a holiday mission. The goal was to stuff stockings with toiletries, hats, gloves, candy canes, etc. to spread Christmas cheer a little further to boys and girls this year.

Monetary donations were collected from several clubs to purchase stockings and supplies. After navigating major delays with deliveries, likely impacted by the pandemic and holiday busyness, all supplies arrived nail-bitingly close to the deadline for schools to deliver the stockings to families. Area volunteers gathered at the Colquitt County Arts Center this past weekend to help make Christmas a little brighter for youth in our area. Kiwanis Club of Moultrie wishes to send a big thank you to our partners: Rotary Club of Moultrie, Moultrie Junior Woman's Club, Moultrie Federated Guild, Moultrie Service League, The Federated Club, and S.W.A.T. (Sisters With a Testimony). Another big shout out goes to the Children's Cheer and Toy Shop volunteers who distributed the stockings along with bags of toys for families at local schools. Thanks to all for helping to bring cheer to 642 boys and girls as we "wrap up" 2020.

Pictured: Service club members gather at the Colquitt County Arts Center to stuff and organize stockings for local youth this holiday season.



5th Annual Camden County Alzheimer's Walk was held VIRTUAL on October 24, 2020!

Due to COVID-19, this year's Walk was held virtually instead of in person on October 24, 2020. While we are still fundraising, this year's Walk is not a competition but is more about raising awareness about Alzheimer's and other dementias. Teams and individuals were still encouraged to walk on October 24th (in a socially distanced and safe setting). Please continue to Fight for a Cure!



Pictured: (l to r) Front row: Ed Torgersen, Susan Lockhart, Dianne Torgersen, LaQuita Herrin Middle row: Allan Giese, Steve Wise; Chris Gant, Margot Ciocarelli Back row: Chris Thurner, Dave Reilly, Greg Lockhart; Abbie Cumming, Keith Post

A Kiwanis Christmas

It was a Saturday night in early December 2018 when I got an email from my friend Kay, the president of the Lawrenceville Kiwanis club. In her email, she stated that the local DFACS organization had added about 50 kids at the last minute to their foster kids Christmas gift buying service project. She was reaching out to anyone that could help since her club had already done so much and had completed the earlier list and she didn't feel right asking her club again. It was also such short notice since the gifts had to be received by next Thursday to make sure the foster kids had them by Christmas. It seemed impossible and deflating.

I called Kay after reading the email. She had one last option, like a true Kiwanian, she was going to dip into her own savings and use credit cards to do as much as she could, but even then there was not enough time to get everything bought, wrapped, and delivered. After a long sigh, Kay almost broke down and said that "these foster kids just will not have Christmas this year"..... Something came over me and I replied "That ain't gonna happen".

After hanging up the phone and Kay emailing the list, I went

to work, I texted my friend Megan, the president of the Suwanee Kiwanis club and she signed up her club for a half dozen kids, the I reached out to my own club, North Gwinnett, and they responded like champions....Not only did they sign up for kids, they were reaching out to their friends and by Sunday night, every foster child on the list had been assigned. It was amazing to see the response.

At the next Kiwanis meeting, my explorer was so packed with gifts, we had to take 2 more cars to get all the presents home. However, come Thursday, the day that we were supposed to get the presents to Lawrenceville city hall, I had forgotten to tell everyone that they needed to deliver them. We had over 30 foster kid Christmas's spread across Gwinnett County

and only hours to get them to the collection site. The word got out about our dilemma and Officer Bradley from Gwinnett County Police asked if they could help. That morning, over two dozen patrol cars spread across Gwinnett County and picked up presents from peoples homes and delivered them in time so that every foster child had a Christmas that year!

Since then, North Gwinnett Kiwanis has partnered with Well-root to help provide Christmas for over 250 foster children. This past year, even with the COVID making things a bit more challenging, Kiwanians have responded. When there was 5 kids who did not have their presents received at the collection site after the last night of collections, I contacted the clubs officers, Past President Steve



Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Goes Digital



The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie is housed in Colquitt County, a rural community in Southwest Georgia. If you don't know where Moultrie is located, you may have driven through it on your way to Florida without realizing it! Moultrie is located near I-75, just a stone's throw away from the Florida state line.

The club joined the virtual community in 2015 when they launched their Facebook page. Now, they are taking their show on the road... literally. Using their geographical advantage, President Connie Fritz saw the opportunity to capture the attention of thousands of motorists that travel through the heartline of the county every day.

Goins, President Keith Howell, and Treasurer Heidi Sanders, and they immediately without hesitation went into action to provide a

The digital sign, located next to a Walgreens on Highway 319, serves as an ideal place to advertise the club's existence and service. It reads "More than ever, Kids Need Kiwanis" above the Kiwanis Club of Moultrie logo and Facebook page title.

This is an exciting chance to spread the word, not only for Kiwanis in Moultrie, but to bring awareness of Kiwanis throughout the state - and even across state lines! Consider doing the same in your community. In this virtual age, your imagination is the limit!

Kiwanis Club of Moultrie sends a big "Thank you!" to Rose City Outdoor for supporting our club.

check for \$500 to cover the gap.

It is truly a blessing to see how Kiwanians demonstrate what Christmas is about by helping these foster kids.

**Kids
Need
Kiwanis**

Community Service Programs

Kiwanis Club of Newnan Connecting the Community

Newnan, GA: December 12, 2020 – The Kiwanis Club of Newnan has concluded its Connecting the Community basketball tournament, which took place over four Saturday mornings starting on November 14.

The objective of Connecting the Community is to share a message of unity among those of us who live in Newnan and Coweta. In addition to a basketball tournament, which included about 40 players each Saturday, an inspirational message of unity was shared with all participants. Community sponsors also provided lunch each day of the event.

Key contributors in sharing our message of unity include Hope Global Newnan, where the basketball games took place on three Saturdays, as well as the Newnan Police Department, whose officers served as referees for the basketball games and grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for event participants.

During inclement weather on one Saturday, the Kiwanis Club of Newnan thanks Royal Baptist Church for opening its doors to Connecting the Community.

Inspirational messages were shared by Ezra Thompson of the Newnan City Church, Darlyle Smith of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Tommy Webb of Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Derrick Teagle of Empowered 4 Life.

The Kiwanis Club of Newnan thanks all of our Connecting the Community contributors and sponsors: Chick-fil-A, Empowered 4 Life, Community Christian Church, Royal Baptist Church, Newnan City Church and Toya Tees.

While this event may be concluding, the Kiwanis Club of Newnan will continue to promote our message of unity within the community. According to Derrick Teagle, a Newnan Kiwanis member who spearheaded the Connecting the Community event, “Our goal as a club is for this not to be just a four-week basketball tournament. We will be discussing how we extend our message of unity beyond just the four weeks of this event. We want to have conversations about how we can come together and unify our community.”

Newnan Kiwanis member C.R. Phillips, who is the Lieutenant Governor of Division 3 of the Georgia Kiwanis District, and a key contributor to Connecting the Community said, “This needs to

continue and must continue. Kiwanis is all about perpetuating community contact events with young men and women. That is what we’re here for.”

Mike Barber, Treasurer of Newnan Kiwanis and also a key contributor to Connecting the Community, said, “Newnan Kiwanis is involved in the community and our focus is on youth. This event is typical of what we do as a club, pursuing a positive purpose in the community. When other members of the community support Newnan Kiwanis, through events such as this or the county fair, they know their contributions to Kiwanis will have a positive impact on the youth in our community.”

Newnan Kiwanis members Andrea Foster, Beth Neely, Jeff Coggin and Mark Musaus also volunteered during the four-week event. Foster said she appreciates the lifetime values promoted by Connecting the Community such as teamwork, diversity and inclusion. Foster went on to say, “We need to have conversations about how to unify our community during this time and with these young men.”

Neely talked about developing relationships with those participating in Connecting the Community and said, “This is a great chance for everyone to get to know more people and leaders in our community. When we see each other when we’re out and about, we can take the opportunity to say hello to people we may not have otherwise known.”

The Kiwanis Club of Newnan meets for lunch every Tuesday at the Newnan Country Club at noon. Guests are always welcome.

About Kiwanis International Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for university students, Key Club for students age 14–18, Builders Club for students age 11–14, K-Kids for students age 6–12 and Aktion Club for adults living with disabilities, annually dedicate more than 18.5 million service hours to strengthen communities and serve children. The Kiwanis International family comprises nearly 558,000 adult and youth members 82 nations and geographic areas. Visit www.kiwanis.org for more information.

“Kiwanis Club supports Swainsboro’s first Drive in Movie Downtown”

“Members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis met at Deana and Frank Patrick’s home at 2:00 Thursday afternoon on December 3rd to prepare popcorn and cotton candy for the “first ever” drive in movie sponsored by the City of Swainsboro.

The City of Swainsboro held a drive in movie instead of the annual Octoberfest and asked the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club to sponsor the concessions for the movie.

Two popcorn machines and two cotton candy machines began making 250 bags of each by 13 Kiwanians with masks and then the snacks were transported to the city parking lot (old Schwabe Motors) behind the Emanuel County Courthouse that had been transformed into a drive in theatre.

Santa was at the entrance to greet the car loads of eager movie goers and the cotton candy, popcorn and water were handed out by twelve of the Swainsboro Kiwanians. Everyone enjoyed the two movies and had a great time.”



Kiwanis members handing out bags of cotton candy & popcorn at the Drive in Movie downtown Swainsboro



Joe, Dess and Tim making 250 bags of Cotton Candy

Connecting the Community, One Game at a Time

Newnan Kiwanis sponsors basketball tournament for teens

Saturday mornings are teeming with some friendly competition in the Chalk Level neighborhood.

The Newnan Kiwanis Club, along with the Hope Global Youth Center, kicked off a five-week basketball tournament called “Connecting the Community” Nov. 14.

According to Kiwanian Derrick Teagle, the objective of Connecting the Community is to share a message of unity among residents of Newnan and Coweta County.

“We are sharing a unity message with everyone who is here,” Teagle said. “Despite our individual differences, the word ‘unity’ is vital right now. The country wants us to split up, but we want it to come together. This event is a great example of what we can do when we collaborate and come together.”

Teagle said middle and high school youth of the Chalk Level community are invited to come together at the Youth Center, located at the corner of Savannah and Pinson streets, for basketball games each Saturday morning.

Newnan Kiwanis is providing team jerseys, referees, basketballs and coaches. After two hours of basketball, a guest speaker will share an inspirational message of unity within the community.

Lunch follows.

On opening day, about 40 basketball players, community leaders, Newnan Kiwanians and other community sponsors gathered to enjoy a friendly basketball game between the Red and Purple teams. The Red team was the first to reach 100 points and captured the victory.

The game was held outdoors at the Verona Rosser Hope Youth Center. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, coaches and spectators were asked to wear masks and maintain social distance. The event started at 10 a.m. and lasted until about 1 p.m. Lunch was provided by Chick-fil-A.

Teagle said he anticipates approximately 60 players will attend the event each Saturday through Dec. 12.

Saturday’s guest speaker was Ezra Thompson of Newnan City Church. He likened the community to a team, where each player is different based on their specific roles within the team, but the players all share a single purpose, inspiring unity amongst the teammates.

Thompson also spoke about the impact of his faith and the role of his church in promoting unity and common purpose within the community.

“I have friends in the local area with children and grandchildren who play basketball, and in talking to them we felt it would be great if the children could use the athletic facilities of the Hope Youth Center for basketball games,” Mike Barber, of the Newnan Kiwanis Club, said.

Barber said he reached out to Teagle because he’d gotten to know him through Kiwanis. He spoke about how hands-on Teagle is within the community through his own nonprofit, Empowered 4 Life.

“He took the ball and ran with it, securing sponsors such as Newnan Kiwanis for the players’ jerseys and coordinating with the Hope Youth Center for use of their basketball court,” Barber said.

Newnan Kiwanian C.R. Phillips, Lieutenant Governor of Division 3 of Georgia Kiwanis, was also a key contributor to Connecting the Community.

“The mission of Newnan Kiwanis and Kiwanis International is to help the children of the world and make our communities a better place, one child at a time,” Phillips said. “I can’t think of a better way for us to accomplish our mission than to sponsor a community basketball event such as Connecting the Community.”

NOVEMBER SCOREBOARD

	Beg. Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects		Beg. Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects		Beg. Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
DIVISION 1				Jefferson	15	16		Valdosta	22	22	
Jeff Minton, Lt. Governor				Oconee County	4	0	CS	Division Totals	336	340	
Atlanta	232	229	6 of 6	West Jackson	6	6		DIVISION 14			
Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	20	20	6 of 6	Winder	18	18	6 of 6	Marjorie Holler, Lt. Governor			
Northside Atlanta	29	29		Division Totals	161	156		Alpharetta-Milton	10	10	
Sandy Springs Perimeter	15	15		DIVISION 8				Brookhaven-Chamblee	18	19	
Division Totals	296	393		Kevin Boyd, Lt. Governor				Doraville-Tucker	14	13	6 of 6
DIVISION 2				Cumming	23	22		Druid Hills	14	14	
Patricia M. Morrison, Lt. Governor				Duluth-Norcross	15	20		Historic Roswell	41	41	
Barnesville	24	24		Forsyth County		15	NC	Division Totals	97	97	
Columbus	52	55		Gainesville	134	133		DIVISION 15			
Golden K, Columbus	23	23		Lawrenceville	18	18		Tim Callahan, Lt. Governor			
Greater Columbus	40	40		North Gwinnett	30	332		Georgia Online	20	22	
Griffin	115	116		South Hall County - Oakwood	16	16		Greater Cherokee	39	40	
Harris County	14	14		Suwanee	24	24		Greater South Cobb	13	13	6 of 6
LaGrange	48	51	6 of 6	Division Totals	260	280		Jonquil City	26	25	
Manchester	14	15		DIVISION 9				Kennworth Golden K	16	16	
North Columbus	8	8		Susan Collins, Lt. Governor				Lost Mountain	60	61	
Pike County	23	22		Crawford County	19	19		Marietta	200	202	6 of 6
Spalding County	9	9		Forsyth - Monroe County	45	49		Marietta Golden K	85	84	
Thomaston	34	34		Fort Valley	25	25		Metro Marietta	24	23	
West Point	7	5		Jones County	25	25	6 of 6	Smyrna	6	6	
Division Totals	411	416		Macon	35	35		Division Totals	489	492	
DIVISION 3				Macon County	33	33		DIVISION 16			
C. R. Phillips, Lt. Governor				Milledgeville	27	28		Wimbley Hale, Jr., Lt. Governor			
Coweta County	76	76		North Macon	19	19	6 of 6	Central Dekalb	14	14	
Fayette County	21	19		Perry	26	26	6 of 6	Forest Park	16	16	6 of 6
Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	7	8		Taylor County	24	22		Jonesboro	18	18	6 of 6
Grantville	9	8		Warner Robins	12	12		Lithonia-Stonecrest	12	14	
Metro-Fayette	11	11		Division Totals	290	293		Metro Atlanta	51	50	
Newnan	96	97		DIVISION 10				Old Campbell	4	4	
Peachtree City	24	24		Sandi Welchel Simpsonn, Lt. Governor				Rex - Ellenwood		15	NC
White Oak Golden K	65	65		Blairsville	15	16		West End, Atlanta	13	13	
Division Totals	308	308		Blue Ridge	52	56		Division Totals	128	144	
DIVISION 4				Clarksville	16	17		DIVISION 17			
Kimm Antic, Lt. Governor				Cleveland	25	20		Dennis Donahue, Lt. Governor			
Brunswick	46	46		Cornelia	36	32		Baxley	34	37	6 of 6
Jesup	37	39		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	14	14		Brooklet	39	40	
Pooler	10	10		Dawson County	12	12		Douglas	27	27	
Richmond Hill	17	20	6 of 6	Gilmer Countny	18	18		Dublin	5	5	
Saint Marys	70	72		Jasper/Pickens County	9	9		Jeff Davis County	14	14	
Savannah	11	11	6 of 6	Rabun County	15	16		Metter	28	28	
Skidaway	104	113		Toccoa	12	13		Statesboro	108	110	
Waycross	17	19		Division Totals	225	223		Swainsboro	33	33	
Division Totals	312	330		DIVISION 11				Tattnall County	32	30	
DIVISION 5				Lissa Ferrese, Lt. Governor				Vidalia	95	95	
Charlene Pennymon, Lt. Governor				Cartersville	20	20		Division Totals	415	419	
Albany	23	26		Dalton	54	54		DIVISION 18			
Albany Golden K	13	13		Murray County	15	15		Roger Cannon, Lt. Governor			
Americus	76	74		Ringgold	16	16		Conyers	23	23	
Bainbridge	16	15		Rome	25	23		Covington	67	62	
Cairo	47	47		Salacoa Valley	2	2		Eatonton	18	18	
Cairo-Morningstar	14	14		Division Totals	132	130		Henry County	47	50	
Dougherty County	55	55		DIVISION 12				Madison	38	37	
Lee County	15	15		Craig Willard, Lt. Governor				Monroe	17	18	6 of 6
Mitchell-Baker	11	11		Bowdon	23	23		Social Circle	15	16	
Thomasville	71	71		Carrollton	92	92	6 of 6	Division Totals	225	224	
Division Totals	364	364		Carrollton Golden K	27	27					
DIVISION 6				Cedartown	32	32	6 of 6				
Jeff Drake, Lt. Governor				Douglas County	16	17	6 of 6				
Augusta	160	162		Fairfield Plantation	25	25		Georgia District Total	4973	5031	
Columbia County	10	10		Rockmart	18	18		149 Clubs as of 10/1/2020			
Louisville	24	24		Villa Rica - Temple	15	16		Current Membership from KI Membership Reports			
Thomson	22	22		Division Totals	249	249		Beginning Memberships Certified per Kiwanis International			
Uptown Augusta	19	15		DIVISION 13				<i>legend: NC=New Club; CS=Club Suspended</i>			
Warrenton	20	20		Barbara Wilber, Lt. Governor							
Washington	20	20		Adel	16	16					
Division Totals	275	273		Cordele	46	46					
DIVISON 7				Fitzgerald	24	21					
Phillip Jay Rosenbaum, Lt. Governor				Moultrie	139	142					
Athens	26	29		Quitman - Brooks County	16	18					
Classic City	17	18	6 of 6	Sylvester	36	37					
Commerce	38	32		Tifton	19	20	6 of 6				
Hartwell	37	37		Turner County	18	18					

District Totals

Total Reported Members at 10/1/20.....4,973
Total Reported Members 11/30/20.....5,031
Total Clubs as of 10/1/20 150
Total Clubs as of 11/30/20 151

Community Service Programs

Kiwanis Kid's Christmas Special

120 excited children were scheduled to participate in the Kiwanis Club of Douglas County's 23rd annual Kids Christmas Special to be held on December 9, 2020. Walmart was our host for the shopping trip and city leaders, first responders, firemen and police comprise most of the volunteers.

Due to a surge in covid cases among the volunteers coming from the public sector, Kiwanis

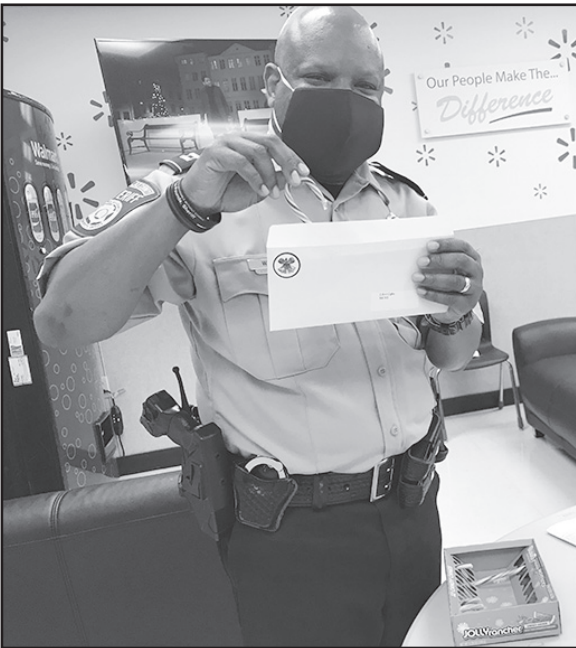
cancelled the in-person shopping trip to Walmart and instead provided 120 children from 6 schools with a \$100 gift card to Walmart to shop for Christmas. Walmart had prepared a notebook with school supplies for each child.

Our Kiwanis volunteers assembled the gift cards with a note and candy cane for the children, and the cards and notebooks were delivered to each school and the deserving children. We thank

Walmart and Manager Gloria Holloway and Leola Hatcher for all their contribution to this project. President Trent Wilson lead the effort to get the gifts delivered.

We will continue next year with the 24th Kiwanis Kids Christmas Special and shopping in-person for the children.

Submitted by Becky Gibson, Kiwanis Club of Douglas County



President Trent Wilson putting cards in the letters to the children.



Volunteer Cynthia Hawthorne getting notebooks ready to deliver

Kiwanis Day of Service (10/24/2020)

To keep on track with Kiwanis One Day several Kiwanis Clubs from Division 16 pulled together to successfully have their Day of Service. Led by the Lithonia Stonecrest Club they were assisted by officers and members of the Central Dekalb Kiwanis and West End Clubs.

The members took the 1.2-mile section of Mall Parkway to clean up all the trash and debris along the parkway. Members wore the proper PPE and were issued, reflective vests, bags, and pick-sticks.

This was the second time that this service was completed this year. In attendance were Herb Simmons (President, Lithonia Stonecrest), Tracy Terry (Secretary, Lithonia Stonecrest), Donald Fleary (SLP, Lithonia Stonecrest and West End), Jackie Minnigan (Lithonia Stonecrest), Sara Sellers (Secretary, Central Dekalb) and Thele Moore (Central Dekalb).

This will be one of many collaborative efforts between the clubs for the 2020 -2021 Kiwanis Year!

*Submitted by: Herb Simmons
President- Lithonia Stonecrest Club*



Pictured with tree, left to right, Cynthia Hawthorne, Trent Wilson Kiwanis President, Becky Gibson, Gloria Holloway Walmart Manager, Leola Hatcher Walmart Assistant, Bill Braswell.



President Trent Wilson delivering gift cards and notebooks to students

People in the News



Incoming Tifton Kiwanis Club President Jane Justice and Kiwanis Lt. Governor Barbara Wilber congratulated long time Tifton Kiwanis Club Treasurer Marvin West for his years of faithful service to the club at the October 1 Club Installation Fish Fry. Marvin has been a Kiwanian for more than 20 years and served as Treasurer for the past 9 years.

Tim Goodman presented a 25-year Legion of Honor pin to Dwight Watt.



Past Lt. Gov. Bill Braswell presented Leadership Medallions to Bill Fordham, Terry Langley, and Jan Johnson of the Kiwanis Club of Bowdon.

Funding Programs



Georgia Carter
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Hello everyone! Last time we talked about the Foundation and how it can help the clubs in the District reach for projects they might not could do alone. This time, I'd like to tell you about ways that the funds that the Foundation draws from are replenished-because if we keep granting requests but don't have any funds coming back in, well, we wouldn't be providing grants for very long.

There are a number of ways that you can help to bring funds into the Foundation. Number one, you already do. Each club contributes \$ 7.00 per member as part of the District projects. Governor George Elkins very generously increased this amount this year from \$ 5.00 per member and we are very grateful to him for that. Lt. Governors who have 100% participation with all the clubs in their Division receive the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation Lt. Governor plaque, acknowledging their support of the Foundation and their service to children in the State of Georgia.

Anyone may make a donation to the Foundation at any time. As a 501(c)3 organization, your contributions are tax deductible (always consult with your own tax consultant). Additionally, gifts may be made as part of your estate plan. Any of these contributions may be designated by the giver for a particular use, if desired, and the Foundation will honor that request.

One of the most popular ways to contribute to the Foundation is the Henry C. Heinz award, made through a donation of \$1000 from an individual, Club, Division, or any other group of Kiwanians to the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation. This award is named for Henry C. Heinz, one of the first Kiwanians in Georgia and one of the first involved in Kiwanis International. He was president of Kiwanis International in 1927-1928 and the first International officer from Georgia. While he never served as Governor of the Georgia District, he was instrumental in the formation of the Kiwanis International Foundation, serving as the first president in 1941. The first Key Club was formed during his year as International President.

This award was created in 2002 to honor those individuals who have exhibited outstanding dedication and commitment to helping children. It can also be given in memory of someone and presented to the recipient's family. The recipient is honored with the Henry C. Heinz Award Medallion, a lapel pin, and a certificate acknowledging the achievement.

Thank you for all you do to support the children of the Georgia District. Best wishes for a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season.



John C. Holley
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THE ELIMINATE PROJECT UPDATE

As we closeout this year, we cannot forget the complex environment that we find ourselves. Our campaign to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) worldwide continues, as our World struggles with the COVID-19 pandemic. With these two crises facing us, we can't lose hope as Kiwanians. Remember, "Serving the Children of the World" is still our Motto.

Although COVID-19 has caused us to delay some of our fundraising activities, now, more than ever, we are determined to finish the mission we have begun. 12 countries are still depending on the Georgia District and Kiwanis International to eliminate tetanus from their homelands. They are still waiting for us to fulfill our pledges. Only our funding can insure the end of this dreadful disease and insure the beginning of better health for millions of mothers and their babies. So, Georgia District, we still have unfinished work to do.

At the beginning of The Campaign, we made a pledge to raise \$3,799,250 as our portion of this fight. The total pledge made by Kiwanis International was \$110,000,000. As of 31 October 2020, Kiwanis International had gifts and pledges totaling \$106,293,070. This is 96.6% of its established goal. At the same time, the Georgia District made a pledge to raise \$3,799,250. To date, the Georgia District has gifts and pledges totaling \$2,303,373. This means the District still has \$1,495,877 yet to raise. There are some who will say we cannot do this. I hope you will stand with me and say we can!

The question you may ask is, "How do we make this happen?" Of course, there are many answers to this question. From the outset, I suggested that we use a comprehensive fundraising approach and leverage our members, our clubs, outside organizations and activities, and corporations, and to organize special fundraising events within each club. Key to this is individual commitments. If you have not made an individual pledge to The Campaign, it is not too late. With our current membership, the "fair share" for us to fulfill our pledge is \$281.00 per member. There are still clubs within the District that have not made contributions to The Campaign. As your Coordinator, I am available to assist in any way you may desire.

As always, let me give you a quick update on where we stand with The Campaign: (1) As already indicated (above), we still have 12 countries yet to eliminate MNT: 8 of these countries are in Africa. Three are in the Middle East, and one is in Asian Pacific. (2) The Service Leadership Programs of the Georgia District have made contributions totaling \$140,020. Of this amount, \$112,162 was made by the Key Clubs. (3) Since my last report, we have an additional Major Gift Pledge (\$25,000). This brings the number of Major Gifts Donors to 6.

Finally, let me thank each of you who have been so generous in your giving and to ask that you continue your generosity until we can celebrate that we have fulfilled our mission. I want to see a World where a baby is no longer dying every 15 minutes from tetanus. I know you want this too.

KNOW THAT YOU CAN BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU CAN!

Carrollton Kiwanis Club

Georgia Kiwanis Governor George Elkins began his term with a visit to the Carrollton Kiwanis Club on October 2, 2020.

Cathy Farley was honored as immediate Past President of the Carrollton Club and was inducted into the Kiwanis George F. Hixson Fellowship. Governor Elkins conducted the inductions of the new state Officers and Directors.

The in-person meeting was held at Carrollton's Courtyard Marriott.



(Front Row, left to right): Dr. Fred Richards; Derick T. Newton; Jenny Ingram; Linda Robies; Cathy Farley; Carroll County Sheriff Terry Langley; Neil Weathington; Randy Miller; Jay Willis; and Javeese Smith (Back Row, left to right): Joe Bell; and Governor George Elkins

Other Committee Reports



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THE DEATH OF COMMON SENSE

The year 2020 is in our rear-view mirror, and most of us are happy it is gone. It was a year of loss and sadness, grief and despair, and a year where we witnessed first-hand the demise of common sense. Rules, orders, shutdowns, became the order of

the day. I know many of us have looked with dismay at a situation and declared,

"There ought to be a law." In many of those cases there is a law that is not being enforced or a code that is being abused or ignored. Often the solution to our perceived problems is not another law or ordinance, but rather the application of common sense, if it were still around.

The basis for most standards

of conduct historically have centered around what a reasonable person will do in that given situation. The problem with 2020 was that we had a difficult time finding reasonable people. We experienced a world where new rules and decrees were superimposed on old ones, without regard to the effects of such tyrannical measures.

We saw power exercised without purpose; commands issued without compassion; and policies being changed without regard to their

harm to the people they were purported to help. We have become a nation of enemies, where ideas are so extreme, we cannot disagree without rejecting the messenger.

Only fools say what they really believe for fear of retribution. Friends, it is past time to release ourselves from the constraints of extremism in all its forms. It is time to unite to work together for the common good. There are enough areas upon which all Kiwanians can agree to keep us busy, even in a pandemic. When we work together on the big things, we might, just might decide that the attitudes that brought about the demise of common sense can

be set aside in the interest of the children of the world. We can do much better. Indeed, we must. I am not content in offering this quagmire of hate, vitriol, and dysfunction to our next generation with a "Good luck! Hope it works better for you than it did for us."

If Kiwanians can't bring this society together, no one can. There is enough reason and dedication among us to make a difference where it counts – one person, one child at a time. No one can do everything, but everything can do something. Let us commit to work in areas of shared purpose for the benefit of our kids and our communities.

People in the News

Mr. Dale Dyer turned 101 on December 8, 2020!



Mr. Dale Dyer, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge, Georgia, turns 101 on December 8, 2020. He has been Kiwanian since 1948 and remains an active member. He is a model for our Club in giving back to the community and in living life well.

Born in Clearwater, Kansas in 1919, he was a student athlete, class president, sang in the glee club and was active in his church. He attended Kansas State University, but his studies were interrupted when

he got his ROTC 2nd Lieutenant commission and his orders to report to Fort Riley on June 1, 1942. He trained as a pilot and got his wings to fly a B24 bomber. He flew 26 missions over Germany, bringing his entire crew home safely. He married in June and was honorably discharged in September of 1945. He then completed college with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyer moved to Blue Ridge, GA for his 20 year career with the Pontiac International Harvester Dealership. Following his success there, he and a friend started a real estate business where he achieved another 30 years of success. He finally retired at the age of 75. Since his retirement, he has authored a book about the history of Fannin County, writes a weekly newspaper article and works with the Fannin County Historical Museum. He has been given a key to the city of Blue Ridge, been honored multiple times by the local VFW and received the Distinguished Service Medal for his military efforts.

He plays golf with friends, enjoys his church family and loves his children and grandchildren. His son, Larry Dyer, is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge.

We wish him a very happy 101st birthday!

Kiwanis Club of Newnan Honors Members

(photos courtesy of Newnan Kiwanis)

Newnan, GA: December 1, 2020 – The Kiwanis Club of Newnan gathered at the Newnan Centre on Tuesday night to honor the members who exceeded expectations and excelled at serving the community. President-elect Keith Ross served as the emcee.

Zeller Awards are given to Kiwanians who go above and beyond in their service to the community. Winners of this year's Zeller Awards were Blake Bass, C.R. Phillips, Chip Barron and Chris Gilliam. Immediate past-president Gilliam was also presented with a plaque honoring him for his service during his time as president.

Kiwanis Secretary Bud Freeburg was named as the Kiwanian of the Year. Several Kiwanians were honored for their years of perfect attendance. Chris Gilliam, Julie Lee, JC Meghrian and C.R. Phillips were honored for one year of perfect attendance. Scott Cortner, Bob Drescher, Beth Neely, Keith Ross and Danny Spivey were honored for two years of perfect attendance. Grady Fleming was honored for four years of perfect attendance. Blake Bass had five years of perfect attendance. Don Chapman had 14 years of perfect attendance; John Anthony, 24 years; Nancy Walden, 29 years; Bud Freeburg, 32 years; Mike Barber, 34 years; and Frank Barron, 47 years.



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

Durden Selected as Kiwanian of the Year

Jane Grier Durden of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club was recently selected Kiwanian of the Year by former President Petite Garrett. This award is given annually to the one member who exemplifies the true characteristics of a Kiwanian, who participates in every project possible, and who positively supports the club's leadership.

Jane Durden was born and reared in Swainsboro and is the wife of the late Homer "Chip" Durden, III. Upon graduation from Swainsboro High School, she attended Georgia Southern University, where she obtained a BSED and a MED. She taught in the Emanuel County School System for thirty years, retiring in 2003.

Mrs. Durden joined the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club in July of 2012, and she was sponsored by Chip Durden, her husband and former Georgia District State Governor and club president. Always with a desire to give back to her community, Jane is active in the club's many projects, has served as Club President, and currently serves on the Board of Directors. Because of Jane's efforts, our club has technologically progressed by now Zooming our meetings so those members who cannot attend can watch our meetings and remain

in touch with their fellow members.

Because of her dedication to the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, Jane has also been honored with the Ruby K Award. The Ruby K recognizes Kiwanis members who bring in at least five new members to Kiwanis.

Kiwanis International gives "distinguished" awards to individual Kiwanians and clubs that meet established criteria that demonstrate special dedication to service, membership strength, and Kiwanis education. Jane was recognized at the mid-year training conference as a Distinguished Kiwanian. Jane Durden has also received the coveted Governor's Leadership Medallion, a special recognition for Kiwanians within the Georgia District who have exemplified outstanding leadership skills by strengthening their club, division, and district by furthering the mission of Kiwanis International.

Jane Durden was of immense help to her club and especially to the president during this entire year. We are the club that answers the call, that supports the community one child at a time, and that remains strong, and because of members like Jane Durden, the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club has been able to continue its mission.



Pictured from left to right: Past President Petite Garrett, Jane Durden, and Division 17 Lieutenant Governor Dennis Donahue

Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Remembers Bobby Johnson

Bobby Johnson was a long-time member of Kiwanis. Prior to joining the Kiwanis Club of Moultrie on April 18, 1985, Bobby was a member of the Thomasville Kiwanis Club. He was a dedicated leader throughout his time as a Kiwanian and in addition to years of service on the Reception Committee, served as a director for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 club years. Climbing the leadership ladder, he served as Vice President from 2016-2017, President-Elect from 2017-2018 and President from 2018-2019, a role he took to heart and worked hard to ensure the sustainability and vivacity of the Club's role in the community. During this time, he helped create a database to streamline efforts for Radio Day, one of the Club's most important fundraisers. Bobby continued to serve Kiwanis even when he was not feeling well due to health issues. He passed away this year after a long battle with an illness.

In addition to his commitment to the Club's organization and structure, he had a heart for people that has left a lasting impression on many members:

"I will always remember Bobby as such a sweet and kind person. He always had a way of making you feel special. I miss seeing his sweet smile." – Dena Jackson

"Bobby was an outstanding President and leader--always thinking of the members and the good of the organization.

It was a pleasure to serve as his Secretary. (He was also an excellent Postmaster.) He performed these duties even though his health was not good." – Jack Gay

"Mr. Bobby was one of the first Kiwanians I met when I moved to Moultrie in 2015. He had a big, warm smile and would walk up to personally greet me at every meeting. I went from being 'just an outsider' visiting a Kiwanis Club for the first time to a full-blown member that joined our PR Committee in just a matter of weeks thanks to his kindness, persistence, and positive attitude. I miss him terribly." – Sarah Adams

The Walter Zeller Fellowship was created to support the Eliminate Project: a combined effort of Kiwanis International and UNICEF to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This disease causes an infant to have extreme pain and sensitivity to light and touch, but is easily treated with a series of vaccines. The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Board has elected to give a donation to the Walter Zeller Fellowship in Bobby's memory.

