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## Special Meeting of All Delegates-at-Large Will Take Place on August 21, 2021!

### Meet Brent Leslie, Candidate for Vice-Governor

I am honored and humbled to have received my club's nomination for the office of Vice-Governor starting the 2021-2022 administrative year. I am excited for the future of Georgia Kiwanis! We still have many challenges ahead of us as we begin to navigate our way out of the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition to thanking my Kiwanis club, I must also thank my wife Kim, my daughter Daisy, and other members of my family. During this year, as I have watched and attended our Governor's Rallies, I am amazed at how our clubs have adapted to serve our communities in this unique environment.

My Kiwanis career began in 1995 as a Junior at Jones County High School. That year we chartered a Key Club and I was honored to serve for 2 years as the club secretary. Upon graduation, I chartered my Circle K Club at Valdosta State University. I served as the Charter President for the club. I would finish out my term as the

Outstanding Club President that year for Georgia Circle K. I would go on to serve two terms as a Distinguished Lt. Governor for Circle K International.

Post college graduation, other Circle K alumni and I formed the first internet club in Georgia Kiwanis. I was not only recognized as a Distinguished Club President by Kiwanis International, but would go on to serve as a Distinguished Lt. Governor for Division 1 under Past Governor Dewey Smith. Later, I transferred my membership back to where my journey started as a member of the Jones County Kiwanis Club, where I served as a Director, Vice-President, and then President. My club was named as a Distinguished Kiwanis club during my term.

On the District level, I have served for 11 years as the Circle K Administrator for Georgia. I have had the privilege of guiding some of the brightest student leaders in all of Circle K. Georgia Kiwanis is

known throughout Kiwanis International for having a strong Circle K District. It has been one of the greatest experiences of my life to help Georgia Kiwanis achieve this. Also, many of you know me from my work as the chair of the Logistics and Site Selection committee. Through this committee's work we have stabilized the district's event planning process and allowed our membership to experience fun events during convention.

All these experiences have given me the ability to serve you as the next Vice-Governor. I look forward to working with all our district leaders to continue to make the Georgia District great. Thank you for your continued support of me as I seek to continue to serve the members of the Georgia District



Brent Leslie

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and Leadership Accomplishments

### Call to 2021 Meeting of Delegates at Large

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many aspects of our lives, including Kiwanis activities. The District Board has been carefully monitoring the conditions and guidelines and has again decided to hold a Special Meeting of all Delegates at Large as we did last year in Savannah. On

August 21, 2021 we will hold a business session to take care of the business of the District. All Board Meetings will be held on Friday, August 20th.

District Bylaws provide for other methods to conduct District election and vote on

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### Club Leadership Education for the 2021-22 Officers

The District Club Leadership Education (CLE) will be conducted online again this year with some small adjustments. The Club Leadership Education will be conducted on Saturday July 17 and Saturday July 31, 2021 for incoming presidents, secretaries, treasurers, board members and to anyone else that is interested in taking this training. There will be 45 minutes of instruction and some Q&A and a small break between each subject. You must sign up to get the link to the training (will be sent out in early July) and you must take the full four hours of instruction on the same day. When registration is released, please sign up early as we can only have 1000 on at a time. A minimum of THREE members per Club has to complete the training in order to qualify for Distinguished Club. This is the only CLE training required for this year. Mark your calendars so you will be ready to learn about your job and the expectations as you lead your Club into the next Kiwanis year.

### ~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, May 22, 2021 by Virtual Meeting, are available for review from your appropriate Lt. Governor or from the District Office.

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The next scheduled meeting for the 2020-21 Board of Trustees of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International will be held on Friday, August 20, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., at the Atlanta Evergreen Resort located at 4021 Lakeview Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

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The first scheduled meeting for the 2021-22 Board of Trustees of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International will be held on Friday, August 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., at the Atlanta Evergreen Resort located at 4021 Lakeview Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

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## The Governor's Message

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### Georgia Kiwanians, THANK YOU!!

Georgia Kiwanians, **THANK YOU!!** for all you are doing for children and communities throughout Georgia and the world!! June marks the end of the 8th month of the Kiwanis year. YOU have done amazing things in the year and WE have plenty of time to complete a successful and meaningful year. There are a lot of opportunities to serve, learn and lead in the few months remaining in the Georgia District for all Kiwanians. Now is a great time to evaluate your club to see how you stand to achieve Distinguished Club. Check to see if your club has completed the Georgia District Projects. It's never too late to achieve success! Let's not miss the chance to finish strong in spite of the challenges that are mostly behind us now.

Our Georgia District Kiwanis clubs should have completed electing their new 2021-22 Officers, BOD and Committee Chairs. By now your new officers should be entered into your club's Secretary Dashboard. This is IMPORTANT (!), so that Kiwanis International and the Georgia District can begin communicating with the new officers in June for information and education to be prepared to lead your club in October.

June begins the preparation period for the 2021-2022 Kiwanis year with the training and education of your incoming club officers and BOD. Those club officers, BOD and the new Division Lt. Governors will work hand in hand to get October 1 off to a great start.

**MEMBERSHIP MAY** has completed. KI President, Art Riley, provided a little incen-

tive for members to increase their numbers in May. How did you do? Remember to ASK ... Always Seeking Kiwanians...someone to join.

We have new clubs forming in Bremen and Cochran and we are looking to complete a couple more clubs by September 30.

We're setting our sights on the Education and Leadership Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 24-26. Sign up for a virtual experience of the education classes to be presented at the conference. There's work to be done there to get our Past Governor and current Kiwanis International Trustee, Katrina Baranko, elected as Kiwanis International Vice President. The election will prove to be very competitive but we believe we have the BEST candidate.

Soon thereafter, the Georgia District will meet in the Council of Delegates at Stone Mountain in August to elect the Governor, Governor-elect and the new Vice-Governor, as well as, conduct the business of the district.

Over the months I have continued my thoughts on the strength of the Georgia District **Leadership, Friendship and Service** through the Georgia Kiwanian and the Georgia Districts online monthly newsletter. There have been "deep thoughts" and challenges for each of you to take up the mantle of Leadership and provide direction and success for your clubs.

Now, Friendship is as important as the other strengths in making Kiwanians who and what we are. There would be no joy without our Friendships!

Kiwanis friendships become family. We are interested in what others do, how they do it and what we can do to help. We show others the way so we don't have to "reinvent the wheel". That happens more than you know. We work together. We learn together. We play together. We mourn together.

When the Georgia District Kiwanians are together, it's like a family reunion! Seeing the old timers, the new members of the family, and the "young guns". We are strong and powerful together. The results ... Children are served around the world and in our communities. As the Pointer Sisters sang at a past Kiwanis International Convention, "We are family!" Thanks for being my family!

Serving through Kiwanis,  
 George



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Registration for Salt Lake City has closed, but remember to send your well wishes to Katrina Baranko as she runs for Vice President. I hope everyone will tune in and listen to the candidates.

Club Election Reports are due June 1st. Please submit your forms electronically as soon as possible. Both the District Office and International Office need this information for their Directories. Please check all information to make sure it is correct before submitting.

This year our District Convention has been downsized to only

the Past Governors, and Current Board Members as our quorum due to COVID. However, any Past Lt. Governor may vote who has registered. Registration is open on the District Website - [www.georgiakiwanis.com](http://www.georgiakiwanis.com). Click on Events then Convention and it will take you to the registration.

Governor's Cup! Club Presidents and Secretaries make sure you are checking off items you have completed on the Governor's Cup sheet. Just a reminder you must have 7 of the 9 items and your report must be filed on time to qualify.

### Correction on spelling from April issue



**2019-20**  
**Distinguished**  
**Lt. Governor**

*Henry Lust*  
*Div. 15*

*If you have an event you would like to share, please send a picture and caption to [alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com](mailto:alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com) for the next publication.*

## In Memoriam

**Jerry M. Aldridge**  
*Covington*

**Gary L. Brewer**  
*Skidaway*

**Walton Carter**  
*Valdosta*

**Thomas C. Crenshaw**  
*Covington*

**John Chaklos**  
*Milledgeville*

**Paul Degelmann**  
*Americus*

**Bobbie Carpenter Foster**  
*Cornelia*

**Robert H. McMichael, II**  
*Northside Atlanta*

**W. F. Morgan**  
*Druid Hills, Atlanta*

**Richard Nettum**  
*Americus*

**Keith A. Quarterman**  
*Northside Atlanta*

**Jon Alan Sarver**  
*Cumming*

**Mary P. Smith**  
*Rabun County*

**Derward Toler**  
*Monroe*

## Kids Need Kiwanis

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



**The Georgia District has a new website!**

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

[www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com](http://www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com)

Note: New Website link too!

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# Membership



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Excitement should be growing as more clubs are meeting in person and resuming service projects and fundraising activities. This excitement should make it easier to grow membership in your club. Has your club set a membership growth goal for the year? Does your club have a Membership Committee? Has your club completed a membership drive this year? Keep in mind that only 4 months remain in the Kiwanis year as you answer these questions. It is never too late to form a Membership Committee and develop a club growth plan.

In years past, a lack of emphasis has been placed on Member Retention. However, the impact of COVID-19 has resulted in greater importance for Member Retention, especially those members who have become inactive this year. If your club has a net growth goal of 10 members, and 5 current members leave the club during the year, your club will have to add 15 new members to reach its goal.

Let's make our job easier to grow club membership by minimizing the loss of current members. Here are a few tips on Member Retention:

- Member retention begins with new members. New members need to feel valued and appreciated from day one. Your club should have a new member orientation program and induction ceremony. Each new member should become active by serving on a committee, attending inter-club visits, Kiwanis conferences, etc.
- Assign responsibility for Member Retention to a club member.
- Identify members who have missed two or more consecutive meetings, and assign club members to contact these inactive members. Each inactive member should be welcomed back and invited to the next event.
- Conduct a "Member Survey" as part of an annual club assessment. This survey can be obtained from the K.I. website under Member Resources. Member input, including less active members, is critical to identifying your club's strengths and areas of concerns. Utilize the results of this member survey to strengthen your club and retain members.

## Membership Growth as of April 30, 2021

Div. Club	Growth		
1.... Northside Atlanta	+3	10... Jasper/Pickens Co.	+3
2.... Columbus	+3	10... Rabun County	+2
2.... Griffin	+1	10... Toccoa	+1
2.... LaGrange	+1	11 ... Dalton	+1
2.... Pike County	+3	11 ... Murray County	+2
3.... Fayetteville/Greater Atl	+1	12... Carrollton	+1
4.... Jesup	+4	12 .. Cedartown	+4
4.... Richmond Hill	+3	12... Douglasville	+3
4.... Saint Marys	+3	12... Villa Rica-Temple	+1
4.... Skidaway	+16	13... Cordele	+1
4.... Waycross	+2	13... Sylvester	+2
5.... Albany	+2	14... Alpharetta-Milton	+1
5.... Bainbridge	+1	14... Brookhaven-Chamblee	+4
6.... Thomson	+3	14... Doraville-Tucker	+1
7.... Athens	+6	15... Georgia Online	+6
7.... Jefferson	+3	15... Greater Cherokee	+2
7.... Winder	+2	15... Greater South Cobb	+2
8.... Duluth-Norcross	+6	16... Lithonia-Stonecrest	+4
8.... Forsyth County	+20	16... Rex-Ellenwood	+15
8.... North Gwinnett	+11	17... Brooklet	+2
9.... Forsyth-Monroe County	+11	17... Statesboro	+4
9.... Fort Valley	+4	17... Swainsboro	+4
9.... Milledgeville	+1	18... Eatonton	+1
9.... Perry	+2	18... Henry County	+4
10... Blairsville	+1	18... Monroe	+1
10... Blue Ridge	+6	18... Social Circle	+2

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and the World

## New Members for Swainsboro, Newnan, & St. Marys



**Pictured L to R: Governor-Elect Byron Mullican, Cassie McIntyre, Gary Howard.**

### Swainsboro

Governor- Elect Byron Mullican presented a short program on what it means to be a Kiwanian and then inducted two new members into the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro. They are Cassie McIntyre and Gary Howard.

The Kiwanis Club of Newnan inducted five new members on Tuesday, May 11. From left are Blake Bass with his new member nominee Randy Blackmon, Bruce Barnes and his sponsor C.R. Phillips, Lauren Odom and her sponsor Julie Lee, Derrick Teagle and his nominee Arvon Bacon, Vontresa Mays and her husband/sponsor Benjamin Mays and induction ceremony emcee Chip Barron.



### St. Marys



**Picture (l-r) Anthony Kicklighter, President-Elect; Charles Gathwaite, new member; Allen Rassi, sponsor; Pamela Unger, new member**

Kiwanis Club of St Marys is proud to announce the installation of two new members Charles Gathwaite and Pamela Unger by Anthony Kicklighter, President-Elect .

The club has been meeting in-person at Southern Riverwalk along with a virtual link for those members who are not yet comfortable to meet in person.

The new members are eager to get involved and are joining the committed preparing for the St Marys Independence Day festival, schedule this year for Saturday July 3rd.

### Delegates At Large

amendments and resolutions in emergency conditions such as these. The Delegates at Large will consist of the current Officers, District Board, Past Governors, and Past Lt. Governors. Therefore, in accordance with the District Bylaws, we are hereby providing 60 days' notice that the meeting of the Delegates at Large will take place, but in an abbreviated format as follows: Thursday, August 19th – Golf Outing - Friday, August 20th Finance Meeting, Foundation Meeting, 2020-21 Board Meeting, 2021-22 Board Meeting, and Past Lt. Governor's Meeting – Dinner – Saturday, August 21st – Past Governor's Breakfast – Memorial Service – Installation of Officers – Lunch – Adjourn. There will be no training classes.  
You may register online to attend in person or virtually.

### Newnan

### Brent's Recognitions and Leadership Accomplishments

#### Circle K International & Georgia Circle K Recognitions

- 2003 David A Kelly Hall of Fame Inductee – Georgia Circle K
- First Ever Outstanding Alumni Award recognized by Circle K International
- Distinguished Assistant Administrator 2005-2006 & 2006-2007
- Distinguished District Administrator 2018-2019 & 2019-2020
- Circle of Service Recipient 2020 – Top honor bestowed in Circle K

#### GA Kiwanis Recognitions & Leadership

- Workhorse of the Year Award 2013-2014 & 2014-2015
- Georgia Kiwanis Governors Appreciation Award 2017-2018
- Heinz Award Recipient
- Georgia Kiwanis Governors Award 2018-2019
- Georgia Kiwanis Leadership Medallion



# Service Leadership Programs

## New Builders Club

**Monica Cho**

**Georgia Key Club District Governor**  
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### Governor's Address

Hello Georgia Kiwanians,  
 My name is Monica Cho, and I have the honor of serving as the Georgia Key Club District Governor for the 2021-2022 year! I am currently a junior at Lambert High School, and I am excited to see what we can accomplish together as a district.  
 We have experienced unprecedented difficulties this past year due to COVID-19, but I hope this year will be remembered as one of positivity and

recovery. Additionally, I hope to strengthen the Georgia Key Club and Kiwanis relationship through our Kiwanis Family and Major Emphasis committee. If you have any questions for me or just want to have a call, please reach out to me via email, and I will respond as soon as possible!

*Yours in Service,*

*Monica Cho*

*Monica Cho*

## Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Announces 2021 STAR Student and Teacher

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie proudly recognized the 2021 STAR Student and Teacher of the year at a recent meeting. STAR stands for the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition program, which recognizes Georgia's highest achieving high school seniors and teachers who have been most instrumental in the students' academic development. Ashley Ma is this year's recipient with a 1380 SAT score, coming in at the top of her class. Ashley's credentials speak for themselves as well as an impressive list of community and leadership service.

She has been a HOSA Club Member from 9th -12th grade, was a Student Ambassador and Future Business of America Member in 11th and 12th grades and Peer Leadership Member in 12th grade. Her major activities outside of school include Varsity Volleyball, Graduate of the 'Chamber of Commerce' Leadership Colquitt County program, Youth Against Child Trafficking Member (12th grade), Colquitt Regional Medical Center Youth Volunteer (Gold Level – 500 hr minimum), Secretary to Mike Ma's Poultry Business (8th – 12th grade).

As Ashley addressed the Club, she shared what events and experiences influenced her.

"My life and personality are heavily based on every event, experience and people that I have interacted with. One of my most memorable experiences, that has left a significant imprint on me, happened recently over my quarantined summer. During the height of the social media's uproar which highlighted the Black

Lives Matter movement, I did what I believed was right by signing multiple petitions and donating money. It felt extremely enlightening to actively participate in a movement that empowers and gives a united voice for the people who need to be heard. It



**L to R: Thad Brown, Ashley Ma, Jamie Dixon, CCHS Principal, and Connie Fritz, Kiwanis Club of Moultrie President**

made me realize one of my true passions in life and possibly in my future career is to make a positive change in someone's life."

Ashley plans to pursue a business-related career and is considering attending the University of Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Southern, and the University of Oklahoma. She added, "It feels reassuring and rewarding that my efforts have been recognized."

When asked how he felt about being recognized as this year's STAR teacher, Mr. Brown explained, "You go do your job as a teacher and don't do it for the accolades, you know... You just go in there every day and hope it sticks. This is awesome and humbling."

Congratulations to both Ms. Ma and Mr. Brown on all your accomplishments! We know you will continue to do great things.

St Marys Kiwanis Club is proud to announce the Chartering of a Builders Club at Camden County Middle School. Builders club is an international service organization of Middle School student running their own club to benefit their school and their community.

Prior to charting, the Builders Club demonstrated their commitment to service over the past year. CCMS Builders Club has done a lot over the past year including the Alzheimer's Walk, Tie Dyed their club t-shirts for a unique look, Thanksgiving food drive, Painted PAWS for school spirit, created Apples for teachers for teacher recognition in which every student participated and volunteered at the eighth-grade dance.



**Members of the Camden County Middle School Builders Club.**  
**Back row: (l-r) Joey Klein (Technology), Dakota Lee (Vice President), Taylor Hardin (president), Erin McLimans, Brianna Dinkins**  
**Middle Row: (l-r) Mrs. George (Teacher Advisor), Finely Morris (Secretary), Elizabeth Williams (treasurer), Peyton Cribbs, Cecelia Hollenbeck**  
**Front Row: (l-r) Ezekiel Brooks; Teagen Pilkerton; Ava Irwin**  
**NOT Pictured: Samantha Capulong, Jack Dansereau (Historian)**



**Mariana George, Teacher Advisor, Taylor Hardin, President, Bard Dickman, Kiwanis Sponsor.**

## Governor George Elkins presents the Dr. Mel Hayden SLP Student Leadership Medallion Award to Taelynn Walton

Governor George Elkins recently presented the Dr. Mel Hayden SLP Student Leadership Medallion Award to Taelynn Walton, president of the Key Club of McClure Health Sciences High School, in Duluth. Taelynn received this special recognition because she demonstrated outstanding Service Leadership during a difficult pandemic year through her initiative and passion. During her zoom meetings among some of her activities, she organized agendas and ice breakers, listened to members while engaging them to vote on projects, oversaw five projects during her presidential year, held an efficient election whereupon she trained the officers in their new positions. All the time Taelynn exhibited compassion for others, recognized needs in school and community, and helped other SLP members to develop solutions to problems.



**Izah Tahir**  
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Hello everyone!

My name is Izah Tahir, and I have the honor of serving as this year's Georgia Circle K governor! I am a rising fourth-year student at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and I am studying Mathematics with a minor in Spanish.

This year, Georgia Circle K is trying to get back on its feet after the membership and service hours decline caused by the global pandemic this past year. Thus, our goals are to have 260 members,

one new chartered club, and 2,000 service hours by the end of the year. These numbers are all higher than the past year, but completely reachable if one looks at years prior to the pandemic. We are also reaching to have 45 attendees at our Fall Membership Retreat and 60 members at our District Convention, so feel free to reach out if you would like to attend either event! Lastly, we hope to raise \$3,000 for the WASH Project, so look forward to seeing our fundraisers that may involve walking



a 6k for every day of the month or getting pied in the face!

While serving as Lieutenant Governor to the Metro Division last year, I learned a lot about how different clubs operate and made many connections with incredible people in Circle K, Key Club, and Kiwanis. Circle K would not be the largest collegiate service organization in the world without the support we have from the rest of the Kiwanis family, and we are always grateful for that! This coming year, I look forward to making new connections with Circle K'ers and Kiwanians, and I am excited to continue working with everyone!



# Community Service Projects

## Kiwanis Honors 2021 Art Contest Winners

Willie J Williams art teacher Alisha Montgomery proudly introduced local artists at last week's Kiwanis Club of Moultrie meeting. The annual art contest winners' display included works by 7th graders Lawson Roberts, Brian Ren, Desiree Arvelo. Sixth graders were Madelynn Bonin

and Allyson Portillo. Middle school students competed in different categories for each grade and the winners were invited to the Kiwanis meeting for personal recognition. Students stand proudly as they show off their award-winning masterpieces.



(L to R): Lawson Roberts, Brian Ren, Allyson Portillo, Desiree Arvelo, Madelynn Bonin

## Cotton Pickin' Fair in Gay, Ga.

The Manchester Kiwanis Club with the help of members from the LaGrange Kiwanis Club had 2 great days working together at the Cotton Pickin' Fair in Gay, Ga.

LaGrange Club members were Jerome, Curtis, Donna, John, Mark, Tamera, Becky, and Emma.

Manchester Kiwanis members were Don, Ronnie, Sheri, Joan, James, Linda, Jim, Authur, Allen, January filling in for her father James, and Carol.

Our booth sells black-eyed peas, slices of tomato, fresh-cut up onions, coleslaw, and a cornmeal muffin. All the money raised goes to helping children!



## Aktion Club of Tiftarea



The Aktion Club of Tiftarea was so very pleased to get back to giving in our community. We decided to make Mother's Day Cards at our first in person meeting since March 2020 at Fulwood Park. Some members still joined us online, but Latasha, club Secretary, asked at the meeting, "Can we give the people at the nursing

home cards again?" The group unanimously approved the motion, and the cards were decorated by members this week, and Friday, May 7, 2021, the club met to give the cards to a staff member, Leslie Roach, of Tifton Rehabilitation Center. Officers, Latasha Newkirk and Ratiel Shepherd were nominated

## Service Leadership Programs

### Three Things in Life That, Once Gone, Never Come Back: TIME; WORDS; OPPORTUNITY.

On March 27, five Tiftonarea Aktion members spent the morning volunteering at the 11th Annual Tour de Tifton - 11th Annual Ilse Boysetter Memorial Bike Ride. Unlike the sister race in France, this was a leisurely ride amidst the gently rolling countryside of the Tifton, GA area and raises money for the local YMCA.



Mike Housel with a rider from the Robins Air Base in Warner Robins, GA

Members of the Aktion Club



Latasha Newkirk, Mike Housel, and Gary Simmons (all members of Aktion

along with their allies and supporters were volunteering their time and words of encouragement at a refreshment station. An early morning set up of fruit, snacks, water and sports drinks set the stage as they welcomed more than 60 riders passing through. "It was nice to meet new people, and it was a wonderful experience helping, and

the cowbell kept people motivated. We look forward to continuing to volunteer with the YMCA. We will be glad to do it again," said Mike Housel, Aktion Club President.

The riders had four courses to choose from ranging between 25 and 100-mile routes. The Aktion Club members station was the final stop before the course

completion. "People came in tired. We fed them good snacks, showed them where they could use the bathroom, helped them with getting some drinks. They really liked hearing the cow bell," Aktion Club member, Gary Simmons

stated with joy. The Memorial Bike Ride recognizes the Tifton resident Ilse Boysetter who may have not been a Kiwanian but she could have been. With a love to help children, besides helping the YMCA, it also provides a scholarship to kids and families to participate in YMCA programs that they may not be able to participate in otherwise.

Although there are fewer restrictions this year than last, it is good to hear about our Aktion Club members, like traditional



Rider from Virginia and Latasha Newkirk



Danny Hoover and Garry Simmons taking a moment to relax between riders.

to give the cards to Leslie who thanked the whole group saying, "You have no idea how special this is. We really appreciate it."

The group, waved from a distance and gleefully responded with "you're welcome" and "see you soon!" As the group has already

planned to return with Father's Day cards in June.

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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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# Community Service Projects

## KIWANIS CLUB OF LOST MOUNTAIN

### Special School Support Project

Throughout the year our club receives numerous requests for financial support. Local, state, national and international organizations all have needs and most of those needs have been magnified over the past twelve months, primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting decline in the economy. Most notably these needs are in education and in the schools.

This subject was discussed at the February Board Meeting, and while we initially entertained the possibility of making a special contribution through Kiwanis International, the focus began

to shift to local needs where our assistance could directly help the schools we support. We quickly reached consensus and agreed to research needs in our elementary schools. Of note is the fact that our club has maintained a sizeable financial reserve over many years, primarily to address unexpected needs and emergencies. During our discussion it was noted that pandemic-driven situations in the elementary schools certainly qualified as both unexpected and emergency. The decision to designate funds out of our reserve was finalized with the comment ... "if not now, when?"

Requests were sent out to the elementary schools that we support, asking them to submit a project list where special financial help was needed. Those submissions were reviewed and discussed during the March Board Meeting and we agreed to support the following seven requests, totaling a combined distribution of \$4000.

Schools approved for special support...

#### • Cheatham Hill Elementary

Support their CHAMPIONS Incentive Program which promotes hard work and academic excellence for students and teach-

ers.

#### • Compton Elementary

Replace library books that were provided for students to read while school was closed.

#### • Dowell Elementary

Purchase an online music program which provides for face-to-face and virtual learning settings.

#### • Ford Elementary

Purchase materials to build a fence around their Victory Garden and construct a crosstie path.

#### • Kemp Elementary

Purchase benches and tables to add to their outdoor learning areas.

#### • Pickett's Mill Elementary

Purchase a set of Read-Aloud books for each grade level to facilitate their Leader-in-Me program.

#### • Vaughan Elementary

Purchase equipment to facilitate their 360 Degree Math learning program and provide materials to create story walks to promote student reading and leadership.

Thank you to our board members and committee members who recognized these special needs in our schools and moved to support them during a very difficult time.



Cheatham Hill Elementary



Compton Elementary



Dowell Elementary



Ford Elementary



Kemp Elementary



Pickett's Mill Elementary



Vaughan Elementary

### Douglas County Kiwanis Donates to United Way Shoebox Program

The Kiwanis Club of Douglas County recently donated 60 plus decorated shoeboxes to the United Way Shoebox Program to be given out to the homeless. The Kiwanis Club in conjunction with the Chapel Hill Key Club, under the direction of Advisor Lydia Blakey, decorated and filled the boxes designed with inspiring messages for various age groups. They were delivered by Club President Trent Wilson and Treasurer Bill Braswell.



### Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Honors Hospital Employees, First Responders

While you were snoozing peacefully in your bed, Kiwanians were busy in the Colquitt Regional Medical Center parking lot early Saturday morning, April 17th, unloading boxes of pancake mix, sausage, and maple syrup.

Kiwanis volunteers enjoyed talking with staff about their day as they loaded up trays of food – some going home with night shift staff and some going "up" to floors of eager daytime staff.

About 150 hospital staff and first responders were fed and the appreciation was deeply felt. The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie sends a big "Thank You!" to all those who have worked tirelessly around the clock to help keep our community safe and healthy.



### Metter Kiwanis Club 2021 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday April 3, 2021, the following members and guests braved the cold to distribute 4000 plastic eggs with a piece of candy in each one (Metter High School Key Club members stuffed the eggs): Tim Wood, Gail Curl, Beth Upchurch, Mattie and Curtis Collins, Allen Lanier, Linda Whitfield, Marvin and Marilyn Lopez, and Lawana Marlin. It took about 30 minutes to distribute the eggs and less than 10 minutes for the kids to pick them all up!

The following members contacted over 50 local businesses to be sponsors for the 2021 Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt fundraiser to raise approximately \$5000 for our club: Tim Wood, Allen Lanier, Beth Upchurch, Joel Martin, Gail Curl, Marvin Lopez, Kathy Dixon, Linda Whitfield, Roberta Graham, Larry Hadden, Lawana Marlin, Mattie Collins, Tony Thompson and Marty Ray.





# Community Service Projects

## Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Honors Officers Ahead of Officer Appreciation Week

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie gave a standing ovation in support of officers from the Moultrie Police Department during their meeting last week. Officers were presented with a plaque by Kiwanis Community Service Chair Bradley Grantham with the inscription, “In grateful appreciation for service and dedication to the citizens of Moultrie above and beyond the call.”

Deputy Chief Michael Cox opened by expressing thanks and bringing attention to the climate that law enforcement profession is currently in. He explained the Chief’s vision is to get ahead of things and provided updates on many projects currently underway. One of these projects

includes a Mental Health Initiative. MPD has been working on issues related to mental health in partnership with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department through a connection via the Colquitt County Archway Partnership. The goal is to replicate a system that is recognized across the state for the progress made around mental health.

The MPD has also just built a Citizens Use of Force Review Board. This board reviews reports and body camera footage to help ensure community justice. Cox explained that members are able to get a first-hand look at what officers experience daily on the job. It helps bring greater

understanding to citizens for what officers do and prepare for locally.

Lastly, the Chief’s walks have started back as of last month. The purpose of these walks is for the Chief and officers to be present in our community and interact with residents. It is important for building community relationships. Cox says you can find the dates/locations for these walks on the City of Moultrie’s Facebook page. The Chief and officers love to hear from you, so be sure to say hello if you see them out walking.

Kiwanis thanks all of our officers and the Moultrie Police Department for all that you do to keep our community safe!



Photographed L to R: Cpt. Freddie Williams, Deputy Chief Michael Cox, Lt. Alf Anderson, Kiwanis Community Service Chair Bradley Grantham, 1st Sgt. Justin Lindsay, 1st Sgt. Nazareth Escobar, Lt. David Corona, and 1st Sgt. Fernando Hernandez

### PLAY BALL!

Swainsboro Kiwanis Club’s latest donation to help our community one child at the time was to the local Dixie Youth League Baseball organization. Making the presentation of the monetary support was club member Cayla Page. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, along with other civic organizations and local businesses, annually sponsors a team to participate in the Dixie Youth League Baseball Program.

Dixie Youth Baseball is a non-discriminatory community-based organization which aims to promote fair play for all participants and is fully committed to equal opportunity and abides by all applicable Federal, state, and local laws pertaining to nondiscrimination and fair practices. The coaches are all volunteers. Swainsboro Dixie Youth baseball is a family-centered program designed to improve baseball skills and teamwork for boys and girls ages 4-12.

The mission of Dixie Youth Baseball is to promote the development of strong character, a positive attitude, and a sense of responsibility and citizenship in youngsters using the game of baseball as a vehicle. It is the purpose of Dixie Youth

Baseball to achieve this goal through fair play, good sportsmanship, and congenial fellowship, with adult leaders providing the example. Over the past several years, Swainsboro teams have been regular participants in district, state, and world series tournaments traveling to states such as to Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, and South Carolina.



Pictured from left to right:  
First row: Reese McNeely, Kellan McNeely, JJ Sutton, and Jackson Hodges  
Second row: Coach Matthew McNeely, Charlie McNeely, Ty Kirby, Coach Jason McNeely, Kiwanis member Cayla Page, Tanner Mitchell, Blane Hutcheson, and Coach Jessica Hutcheson  
Not pictured: Caleb Colston



**The Kiwanis Club of Golden K Columbus** made treats and cards for the families at a women and children’s center in Columbus for Mother’s Day.



Pictured left to right, Shelly Smith, President, Grantville Kiwanis, and new member, Kristin Timoteo.”

### Manchester Kiwanis Club

#### Bringing Up Grades - “BUG” Program

The Manchester Kiwanis Club has been doing the Bringing Up Grades “BUG” Program at Mountain View Elementary School for several years, and it has been a very successful program.

The first nine week’s grades are used as the baseline for each student, the awards are given for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th nine weeks.

If a student makes the BUG list for all

three nine-week periods, they are considered SuperBug! We are proud of the 42 BUG students grades 1-5 for this nine-week grading period!

Kiwanis attending the program were Dr. Robert Griffin, Superintendent of Schools & Manchester Kiwanis Club member, Joan Moran, Treasurer of the Manchester Kiwanis Club, and Carol Lane, Secretary of the Manchester Kiwanis Club.



**1st Grade:** • T.Elder - Kinsley McCoy • C. Williamson - Malaysia McHolmes  
• Harvey - Tayasia Terry, Edric Johnson

**2nd Grade:** • Kennedy - Kayden Andrews, Makenzlei Jones, Damund Jones  
• Black - Kaycee Boston • Hancock - Kaleb Dunlap, Jakayla Washington

**3rd Grade:** • Lowery - Trenton Wimbush, Auzellon Dunlap • Pierce - Jamaurie Jenkins, Javeon Favor, Terin Slaton, Sam Thompson • Elliot - Shantel Sligh • Crews - Alex Bellamy, Levi Howard, Cayleigh Lamar • Hendrix - Mia Weeks, Brooklyn Pike

**4th Grade:** • Bounds Homeroom - Haram Awai, Shaoib Muhammad, Isaiah Gribble, • Maddox Homeroom - Jernecya Brown , Tristan Blackstock, Tyler Bennett, Keyon McAfee, Janiyah Smith • O’Neal Homeroom - Jamiya Terry, Jayden Jenkins, Ma’Lon Kempson, Lexi Bradberry

**5th Grade:** • Keith -Timothy Campbell, Hunter Moore, Gabriel Norton, Yuvraj Patel • Karen - E’shanti White • Schilke - Jasmine Carter, Jikeria Dunlap, Cor’Mari Lovett

### 1,200 boxes of USDA food

“Kiwanians working with the charity Fresh Breath and the Change Church, the Kiwanis Club of Grantville, helped hand out 1,200 boxes of USDA food and also participated in a diaper give away on, Saturday, April 17th.



# Community Service Projects

## DOUGLAS KIWANIS CLUB

### TREE SALE A BIG SUCCESS

On Saturday March 13th, The Douglas Club held their Annual Tree Sale.

Thanks to the tremendous support from the residents of Coffee County and the surrounding counties. The Douglas Kiwanis Club would like to thank all those who participated, and the radio stations and local newspaper for their support. The club was able to raise over \$2,000.00 dollars for the Youth Projects.



Pictured above are some of the Community Volunteers who helped make the tree sale a success. They include the Coffee County 4H Club and the First Baptist, First Academy K-Kids, who are two of the Youth Projects sponsored by The Kiwanis Club.

## Kiwanis Work Day at The Little White House

Saturday, April 10th, was supposed to be a day of painting and power washing sidewalks for the Georgia Kiwanis Volunteers at the Little White House. However, as you know, we had terrible weather, so we ended up putting many picnic tables together at the Maintenance Barn.



The picture above is of some of the volunteers. Ronnie Moran, Don Jones, and Carol Lane represented the Manchester Kiwanis Club.



### District Service Project



Photos from the District Service Project at the Little White House in Warm Springs GA on April 10 2021. We assembled 12 picnic tables in preparation for the ceremony recognizing the death of President Roosevelt on April; 12th. 21 Kiwanians participated.

# Fundraising



**John C. Holley**

**District Coordinator, The Eliminate Project • Kiwanis Children's Fund Chair**

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This is the first article you have received from me as the Georgia Chair for the Kiwanis Children's Fund. For 36 years, Johnny Johnson represented the Georgia District in this capacity and was faithful in being our leader and provided purpose, direction, and motivation, not only to the Georgia District, but to our global organization, Kiwanis International. His untimely death has created a void in our organization, but we need to honor him by keeping his

legacy alive through our support to the Kiwanis Children's Fund... making club and individual donations, recognizing Johnny. To me, the greatest legacy one can leave is that he/she served others. Thank you, Johnny Johnson, for your service. Job Well Done!

When Governor George asked me to take on this position, I was honored to continue the work Johnny had started. As always, we should be striving to be the "standard-bearer" for all the Districts in Kiwanis International. Keep

in mind, the Kiwanis Children's Fund is our organization. A gift to the Kiwanis Children's Fund helps children in many places and in many ways. For the Kiwanis family, the Kiwanis Children's Funds is a way of reaching children through grants, scholarship programs, and Kiwanis youth programs.

During the Kiwanis Year 2019-20, the Georgia District made contributions to the Kiwanis Children's Fund totaling \$59,539. The Kiwanis Children's Fund 2020-

21 President's Challenge for the Georgia District is \$49,222, and that 50% of our Clubs participate. As of 31 March 2021, the Georgia District has contributed \$24,102. Of this, \$19,902 is club donations, and \$4,200 is individual donations. To date, 44% of our clubs have made contributions. Remember the Kiwanis Children's Fund Mission Statement..."To develop resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of the world."

As clubs and individuals, let us be the "beacons on the hill" that are shining Kiwanis stories in our communities and throughout the world.

Although COVID-19 has interrupted how we operate as clubs, we continue to care, and we continue to serve. Our support to the Children's Fund change children's lives. I look forward to serving as your representative to the Kiwanis Children's Fund and am available as your resource as we "Serve The Children of The World."

## The Eliminate Project

*John C. Holley District Coordinator*

The World is proud of the role Kiwanis International has played in fighting maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). With all we have done, the painful and deadly disease is still lurking in 12 countries, and mothers are prevented from comforting their babies with a mother's touch. Although the active phase of our Campaign has ended, our mission is not complete.

Knowing that MNT is preventable brings great pain that babies continue to die. The vaccine to prevent MNT has been used safely since the 1940s. At the same time, other preventive measures, including maternal health education, have had long-term impact. Millions of mothers and babies have died because of poverty and unsafe birthing practices.

Although Kiwanis International has met its goals of raising \$110,000,000, some of this amount is still pledged.

es. To finish the fight, we must fulfill our pledges. Yes, as Kiwanians, the Kiwanis family's efforts have changed the future for mothers and babies in countries that have eliminated MNT, but we must agree that we are not done. As Kiwanians, we remain committed to raising money and to continue funding efforts to save and protect mothers in countries where MNT remains a threat.

At the outset, the Georgia District made a pledge of \$3,799,250. To date, we have raised approximately \$2.4 Million. This means we have approximately \$1.4 Million outstanding to fulfill our pledge. To fulfill our pledge will require "all hands on deck." With our current membership, a fair share amount, per member, would be approximately \$278. I understand that many of you have already given amounts that far exceed the fair share that I mentioned. 40 clubs are Model Clubs, and members have averaged at least \$750 per member in their giving. 3 clubs are \$100K clubs. Although 84% of our clubs have made contributions at some level, 24 clubs have made no contributions. As

we begin developing plans to fulfill our pledge, we will be asking for your input and support.

Finally, I Know We Can Do This! I Hope You Feel The Same!

# Kiwanis

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



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APRIL 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				Hartwell	37	35	6 of 6	Turner County	18	17	
	Jeff Minton, Lt. Governor				Jefferson	15	18	6 of 6	Valdosta	22	22	
	Atlanta	232	225	6 of 6	Oconee County	4	0	CS				
	Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	20	20	6 of 6	West Jackson	6	7	6 of 6	Division Totals	336	333	
	Northside Atlanta	29	32	6 of 6	Winder	18	20	6 of 6	DIVISION 14			
	Sandy Springs Perimeter	15	15	6 of 6	Division Totals	161	163		Judi Brown, Lt. Governor			
	Division Totals	296	392		DIVISION 8				Alpharetta-Milton	10	11	6 of 6
	DIVISION 2				Kevin Boyd, Lt. Governor				Brookhaven-Chamblee	18	22	6 of 6
	Patricia M. Morrison, Lt. Governor				Cumming	23	21		Doraville-Tucker	14	15	6 of 6
	Barnesville	24	24		Duluth-Norcross	15	21		Druid Hills	14	14	6 of 6
	Columbus	52	55	6 of 6	Forsyth County		20	NC	Historic Roswell	41	39	6 of 6
	Golden K, Columbus	23	22	6 of 6	Gainesville	134	128	6 of 6	Division Totals	97	101	
	Greater Columbus	40	39	6 of 6	Lawrenceville	18	18		DIVISION 15			
	Griffin	115	116	6 of 6	North Gwinnett	30	41		Tim Callahan, Lt. Governor			
	Harris County	14	133	6 of 6	South Hall County - Oakwood	16	14		Georgia Online	20	26	6 of 6
	LaGrange	48	49	6 of 5	Suwanee	24	23		Greater Cherokee	39	41	6 of 6
	Manchester	14	13		Division Totals	260	286		Greater South Cobb	13	15	6 of 6
	North Columbus	8	8		DIVISION 9				Jonquil City	26	25	6 of 6
	Pike County	23	26		Suusan Collins, Lt. Governor				Kennworth Golden K	16	16	6 of 6
	Spalding County	9	0	CS	Crawford County	19	19	6 of 6	Lost Mountain	60	57	6 of 6
	Thomaston	34	34	6 of 6	Forsyth - Monroe County	55	56	6 of 6	Marietta	200	192	6 of 6
	West Point	7	5	6 of 6	Fort Valley	25	29		Marietta Golden K	85	79	6 of 6
	Division Totals	411	405		Jones County	25	25	6 of 6	Metro Marietta	24	23	6 of 6
	DIVISION 3				Macon	35	34	6 of 6	Smyrna	6	6	
	C. R. Phillips, Lt. Governor				Macon County	33	30		Division Totals	489	480	
	Coweta County	76	75	6 of 6	Milledgeville	27	28	6 of 6	DIVISION 16			
	Fayette County	20	15		North Macon	19	18	6 of 5	Wimbley Hale, Jr, Lt. Governor			
	Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	7	8		Perry	26	28	6 of 6	Central Dekalb	14	8	
	Grantville	9	9	5 of 6	Taylor County	24	21		Forest Park	16	16	6 of 6
	Metro-Fayette	11	11	6 of 6	Warner Robins	12	11	6 of 6	Jonesboro	18	16	6 of 6
	Newnan	96	94		Division Totals	271	299		Lithonia-Stonecrest	12	16	6 of 6
	Peachtree City	24	24	6 of 6	DIVISION 10				Metro Atlanta	51	50	6 of 6
	White Oak Golden K	65	62	6 of 6	Sandi Welchel, Lt. Governor				Old Campbell	4	4	
	Division Totals	308	298		Blairsville	15	16	6 of 6	Rex-Ellenwood		15	NC
	DIVISION 4				Blue Ridge	52	58		West End, Atlanta	13	13	
	Kimm Antic, Lt. Governor				Clarkesville	17	17		Division Totals	128	138	
	Brunswick	46	41	6 of 6	Cleveland	25	20	6 of 6	DIVISION 17			
	Jesup	37	41		Cornelia	36	31		Dennis Donahue, Lt. Governor			
	Pooler	10	10	6 of 6	Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	14	14		Baxley	34	34	6 of 6
	Richmond Hill	17	20	6 of 6	Dawson County	12	12	6 of 6	Brooklet	39	41	6 of 6
	Saint Marys	70	73	6 of 6	Gilmer Countnty	18	18	6 of 6	Douglas	27	26	6 of 6
	Savannah	11	11	6 of 6	Jasper/Pickens County	9	12		Dublin	5	5	6 of 6
	Skidaway	104	120	2 of 6	Rabun County	15	17	6 of 6	Jeff Davis County	14	14	
	Waycross	17	19		Toccoa	12	13	6 of 6	Metter	28	28	
	Division Totals	312	335		Division Totals	225	228		Statesboro	108	112	6 of 6
	DIVISION 5				DIVISION 11				Swainsboro	33	37	6 of 6
	Charlene Pennymon, Lt. Governor				Lisa Ferrese, Lt. Governor				Tattnall County	32	29	6 of 6
	Albany	23	25	1 of 6	Cartersville	20	20		Vidalia	95	93	6 of 6
	Albany Golden K	13	13		Dalton	54	55		Division Totals	468	419	
	Americus	76	72		Murray County	15	17		DIVISION 18			
	Bainbridge	16	17		Ringgold	16	14	6 of 6	Roger Cannon, Lt. Governor			
	Blakely/Early County	23	23		Rome	25	23	6 of 6	Conyers	23	23	6 of 6
	Cairo	47	47	1 of 6	Salacoa Valley	2	2		Covington	67	62	
	Cairo-Morningstar	14	14	1 of 6	Division Totals	132	131		Eatonton	18	19	
	Dougherty County	55	55	6 of 6	DIVISION 12				Henry County	47	51	6 of 6
	Lee County	15	15	1 of 6	Craig Willard, Lt. Governor				Madison	38	38	6 of 6
	Mitchell-Baker	11	11		Bowdon	23	23	6 of 6	Monroe	17	18	6 of 6
	Thomasville	71	72	1 of 6	Carrollton	92	93	6 of 6	Social Circle	15	17	6 of 6
	Division Totals	364	364		Carrollton Golden K	27	27	6 of 6	Division Totals	225	228	
	DIVISION 6				Cedartown	32	36	6 of 6				
	Jeff Drake, Lt. Governor				Douglas County	16	19	6 of 6	Georgia District Total	4973	5031	
	Augusta	160	159		Fairfield Plantation	26	25	6 of 6	149 Clubs as of 10/01/20			
	Columbia County	10	10		Rockmart	18	18	6 of 6	Current Membership from KI Membership Reports			
	Louisville	24	23		Villa Rica - Temple	15	17	6 of 6	Beginning Memberships Certified per Kiwanis International			
	Thomson	22	25		Division Totals	249	258		legend: NC=New Club; CS=Club Suspended			
	Uptown Augusta	19	16		DIVISION 13							
	Warrenton	20	20	6 of 6	Barbara Wilber, Lt. Governor							
	Washington	20	20		Adel	16	17					
	Division Totals	275	273		Cordele	46	47					
	DIVISON 7				Fitzgerald	24	22					
	Phillip Jay Rosenbaum, Lt. Governor				Moultrie	139	137					
	Athens	26	32		Quitman	16	14					
	Classic City	17	17	6 of 6	Sylvester	36	38					
	Commerce	38	34		Tifton	19	19	6 of 6				
									District Totals			
									Total Reported Members at 10/01/20.....4973			
									Total Reported Members 05/01/21 .....5,031			
									Total Clubs as of 10/01/20 ..... 150			
									Total Clubs as of 05/01/21 ..... 150			



# People in the News

## GSSA (Georgia School Superintendents' Association) President's Award

Each award winner is nominated by their RESA Director for their unique approach and success in educating children in their communities. The innovative concept each recipient is using to create a different path for the children they serve is emphasized

as a key component in winning this award. Each nomination is submitted to the current GSSA president for his/her review and selection. These awards are given annually during the GSSA spring conference.



Dr. Robert "Al" Griffin, Superintendent of the Meriwether County School System is the recipient of the Georgia School Superintendents Association's President Award.

## Kiwanis Club of Moultrie President Connie Fritz Awarded Leadership Medallion

At this year's Governor's Rally held on April 16th, Governor George Elkins presented a Leadership Medallion to Connie Fritz. The Governor's Leadership Medallion is a special recognition for Kiwanians within the Georgia District who have exemplified outstanding leadership skills by strengthening their club, division, and/or the district furthering the mission of Kiwanis International. Congratulations, Connie!



Photographed L to R:  
Connie Fritz and George Elkins



## Carrollton Golden K

The Carrollton Golden K celebrated the Birthday of Club Reporting Secretary Grace Miller on April 14.

She is celebrating her 90th birthday and members were present to wish and congratulate her. She has been an active member since 2001.

## Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Honors Johnson Family

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie celebrated late member Bobby Johnson in the presence of his family at a recent meeting. His widow, Gail Johnson shared, "Bobby was devoted to the Kiwanis Club. He adored his Kiwanis family just as he did his own blood. It was one of his favorite things in the world and he cherished his time and fellowship with other Kiwanis members. He was very proud of his membership and served his community with pride."

Johnson was a long-time member of Kiwanis, serving from 1985 until his passing. Kiwanis Board members believed one of the best ways to honor his commitment to the Club and dedicated service to the community, was to make a donation in his name to the Walter Zeller Fellowship.

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 Club provided the Johnson family with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Walter Zeller Fellowship, a Kiwanis International pin, and Zeller medallion in honor of Mr. Johnson's service.



Photographed L to R:  
Kayla Gay,  
granddaughter  
holding Kimber Gay,  
great granddaughter,  
Brenda Alderman,  
youngest daughter,  
Gail Johnson beloved  
wife, Lisa Weaver,  
oldest daughter, and  
Chelsea Roberts,  
granddaughter.

## Georgia Kiwanis Governor's Leadership Medallion

Mr. Rodney Mowery, Grantville Kiwanis, was recently awarded the Georgia Kiwanis Governor's Leadership Medallion.

Mr. Mowery has spent these last several years as a stalwart member of this club and his efforts have promoted the highest values of Kiwanis in his community.

Pictured left to right, George Elkins, Georgia Kiwanis Governor, Rodney Mowery, C.R. Phillips Lt. Gov. Div. 3, and Shelly Smith, President, Grantville Kiwanis.



## Karen Goddell-Webb awarded a LEADERSHIP MEDALLION by Kiwanis Governor George Elkins



Karen Goddell-Webb, member of the Kiwanis Club of Coweta County was awarded a LEADERSHIP MEDALLION by Kiwanis Governor George Elkins during the Division 3 Rally on February 20th.

She was honored for her eager participation in and leadership on any Committee that needs help, evidenced by co-chairing the Fund-Raising Committee and

joining the Membership Retention and Builders Club Committees. In addition, for a second year Karen steers the "Secret Pals" project and sending birthday and other cards to members on the Club's Human and Spiritual Values Committee.

In nominating Karen, Club President Joan Exner describes her commitment to Kiwanis, noting that "...she always approaches each task with a smile and eager attitude."

Congratulations to our 2021 recipient of the Governor's Award for Leadership...Karen Goddell-Webb!



# People in the News

## Amanda Lang, Kiwanis Children's Fund Scholarship



Technology with a degree in materials science and engineering. Amanda was a CKI member throughout college and was active on the club, district and international levels — including service as the Georgia District secretary-treasurer, webmaster, convention chair and Circle K International Finance Committee chair. In addition to her service work with CKI, she was a Women in Engineering mentor and a student leader of the Georgia Tech Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing. Amanda had two internships with Proctor & Gamble and

works part time at a law firm. She will attend Northwestern University Law School in the fall. She plans to use her engineering background to become a legal advocate for inventors who create technology to serve vulnerable members of society.

### Amanda Lang, Kiwanis Children's Fund Scholarship

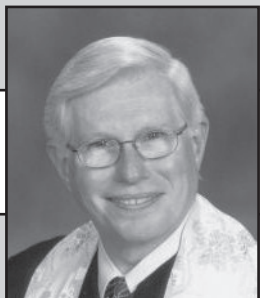
Amanda Lang graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in materials science and engineering. Amanda was a CKI member throughout college and was active on the club, district and international levels — including service as the Georgia District secretary-trea-

surer, webmaster, convention chair and Circle K International Finance Committee chair. In addition to her service work with CKI, she was a Women in Engineering mentor and a student leader of the Georgia Tech Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing. Amanda had two internships with Proctor & Gamble and works part time at a law firm. She will attend Northwestern University Law School in the fall. She plans to use her engineering background to become a legal advocate for inventors who create technology to serve vulnerable members of society.



Kiwanis Governor of the Georgia District, George Elkins (left) presented a Georgia Leadership Medallion to President Joan Exner (middle) on April 22nd. This award recognizes President Joan's outstanding leadership of the Kiwanis Club of Coweta County during 2020-21. Joining in the presentation is C.R. Phillips (right) who is the current Lt. Governor of Division 3, which is composed of Kiwanis Clubs in Coweta and Fayette Counties.

# Other Committee Reports



**Jim Perry,**  
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By Jim Perry

## My Head Hurts!

It's really getting warm outside, and the lazy, crazy days of summer are upon us. Most of us stopped to remember the sacrifices of the members of our armed forces and first responders on Memorial Day. They died "... to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." (Preamble to the Constitution.)

We must never forget. We are all thinking now about what we will do to celebrate the 245th birthday of the United States of America on July 4. But in a time between remembrance and celebration, we are being lectured that truth is relative to the bearer of the message, and we are not a country worth celebrating. That country is yet to be built.

I've been here a long time, and I've heard some crazy ideas. Nothing new there. But these post-modern thinkers believe that the most oppressed among us are the only ones who have moral clarity. They believe that, since there was no minority involvement in the creation of our nation and its founding documents, those documents must be flawed. The country could not have begun in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed. It must have begun in 1619 with the introduction of

the oppressed peoples who alone had and now have moral clarity. This makes my head hurt.

This is Critical Theory or Critical Race Theory, and it has at its core the creation and perpetuation of alternative truths designed to prove the exceptions rather than the rule. Jefferson penned the towering words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." (The Declaration of Independence.)

Critical Theory says those ideas cannot be true. They were written by a man of privilege, so he could not have known the truth. The privileged must be oppressed until there is equity — not equality of opportunity — but equity. We cannot know truth if we have more marbles than anyone else. We must all be the same and share everything equally. That idea of course has its roots in Marxism, but it has taken root in American leadership.

We are now passing laws that are violations of other laws on their face. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is being shredded, and there is serious discussion about abolishing the Equal Employment

Opportunity Commission. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s ringing words from August 1963 are getting faint. His "dream" that people would be judged, "not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character" has been turned on its head, and race is touted as the basis of all of our ills.

We the People still believe in absolute truth. We believe those God-given truths have not changed and will not change. Scripture says that all of us are made in the image of God. God did not make a mistake. That's why this moral relativism, which is really a guilt trip designed to get us accustomed to government control, must be denounced. You are entitled to your opinion, and you are free to express it, but no one is entitled to his/her own set of facts and truths.

Do all you can to prevent this dangerous post-modern concept from being taught to our children. Teach love, show kindness, denounce hate, encourage one another, and don't accept put downs. We are people of faith, and we are Americans. We will not shred the founding documents. We will celebrate the freedoms they guarantee, even as we struggle to keep them.



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## Georgia District Kiwanis hosts first VIRTUAL Key Leader Weekend event

Friday, March 26, the Georgia District Kiwanis hosted its first VIRTUAL Key Leader Weekend event, under the leadership and coordination of Past Key Leader Chair--Darryl Gumz, future Key Leader Chair--Mike "Sully" Sullivan, the Amazing Renown Lead Facilitator, Dr. Kimberly Renee Ramsey-White and myself, Linda Robles.

The program hosted thirteen, 9th thru 12th grade students, from across the globe: Georgia, Massachusetts, Illinois, NJ, and Asia--over the course of two days. (The advantage of advertising via social media is capturing your target audience, as well as unexpected viewers). The Kiwanis Leadership Zoom guests included Governor George Elkins and Governor-Elect, Byron Mullican.

Students discussed the 6 K-Principles: Service Leadership, Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community, and The Pursuit of Excellence. Though 2020 presented its own challenges; 2021 offered many opportunities to try something new. We all had our separate concerns about the alternative way of hosting, but with much confidence in all of the players that helped research and coordinate a virtual event, we pulled it off.

Key Leader weekend, in the past, has been one of the most exciting and most looked-forward to Spring, Kiwanis Youth events. Students encounter a 3-day camp-like experience: Day 1--Meet 'n Greet and "Sleep-over"; Day 2--Motivational Speaking and Community Engagement exercises; Day 3--Wrap-Up and Presentation of Key Leader weekend experiences.

This year's experience consisted of 0% travel expenses--The largest expense was invoiced by the event facilitator; Very much deserved. Participants logged into a ZOOM platform with digital breakout rooms: a term for the ages. Dr. White provided videos and offered personal examples of the six Kiwanis Principles. Students were also encouraged to chime in with their own experiences and logic on the topics. They were not as vocal as past LIVE Key Leader weekends. However, after entering into the virtual breakout rooms, new relationships were quickly established as were our experimental virtual event results.

The students' survey feedback was clear that physical interaction was very much missed. Even though, students have become used to virtual learning platforms and they were happy with the content and the various presenters; they would have appreciated a more interpersonal encounter. Who wouldn't these days?

Grant it, the world has changed, drastically, but Key Leader Weekend participants are definitely READY for interaction. "Kids still need Kiwanis Key Leader Weekends!"



# International Education & Training Conference

## 2021 Kiwanis International Education and Training Conference Schedule

\*Schedule subject to change

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021

\*All day — Kiwanis Amplify Capstone Experience (Invitation only.) The spring 2021 Kiwanis Amplify program culminates with a capstone experience in Salt Lake City, Utah. Those who participated in the eight-week leadership development program are invited to attend a live experience with their cohorts. Participants will discuss what they learned throughout the Kiwanis Amplify program and how they intend to put those ideas into practice. A virtual version of the capstone experience will be provided in July for those not traveling to Salt Lake City.

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### THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021

\*Morning — 2021 Kiwanis Education Conference Kickoff (Attend virtually or in person.) Kick off your ELC in SLC experience at this opening session featuring Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger. Captain Sully landed a plane in the middle of a New York City river after both engines lost power following a bird strike. Everyone survived with only a few minor injuries. Sullenberger is an expert in innovation in the face of disaster. His lessons on preparedness — particularly in the times of change and challenge — will empower you to reach new levels of excellence as a Kiwanis captain.

\*Afternoon — Leadership Seminars (Attend in person. Selected seminars to be broadcast virtually.) Select one of these seminars to attend. These leadership master classes will allow current, future and potential club officers and committee chairs to discuss specific issues, concerns and successes — and learn best practices for each leadership role. Leave with a personal plan of action, which you can take home to help your club make the biggest positive difference possible in your community.

\*Late afternoon — Caring for Kids Keynote Address (Attend virtually or in person.) Play is critical to helping kids develop healthy brains, says Rachel Giannini. Rachel was so good at teaching preschool, she was asked to star in a documentary about the importance of early childhood education. “No Small Matter” examines why millions of children aren’t getting the care they need to succeed. Ms. Rachel — as she is called — will help your Kiwanis club make sure it’s providing the care kids in your community need.

\*Evening — Kiwanis Party on the Plaza (Attend in person.) Have dinner, listen to music and spend the evening with your Kiwanis friends at Gallivan Center. Pick up some grub at one of the many food trucks, grab a beer, wine or soda and relax in “Salt Lake City’s outdoor living room.” The cost for food and drinks is included with the in-person registration option.

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### FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021

\*Morning — Friday Kickoff (Attend virtually or in person) Become a Kiwanis agent for good by kicking off Friday with Kevin Carroll. Kevin dedicates his life to advancing education, sports and play for social change and success. He has helped turn creative ideas into reality for organizations such as Nike, Starbucks, Adidas, Disney, Target and many others. Endorse his seven simple rules and you’ll find your club making a bigger impact in your community.

\*Afternoon — Service Project and Fundraising Learning (Attend in person. Selected seminars

to be broadcast virtually.) You see the great things Kiwanis clubs — big and small — are doing and wish your club could help kids that way too. But how do you even begin? Today is for you! Pick one of these tracks and develop a solid plan, ideas about funding sources and maybe even blueprints for change. Where does your club want to make its mark?

\*Late Afternoon — Power of Play Keynote Address (Attend virtually or in person) Ethan Zohn believes that a better and healthier world can be achieved through education, advocacy and inspiration. Ethan may be famous from CBS’s “Survivor: Africa,” but it’s what he did with the prize winnings that will have you singing his praises. As a former professional soccer player, he knows the unparalleled power of sport as an agent for social change. His nonprofit empowers young people in sub-Saharan Africa to make educated choices about pressing health challenges.

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021

\*All day — Meeting of the 2021 Kiwanis International Council (Attend virtually or in person.) The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees declared that emergency conditions will exist through September 30, 2021, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. On February 22, 2021, the board determined that it would be impossible and impractical to hold a safe, accessible convention for its international membership due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this, 2021 board elections will be conducted by the Kiwanis International Council to guarantee global representation prescribed under the bylaws and current pandemic restrictions. The Kiwanis International Council consists of the Board of Trustees, past Kiwanis International presidents, current district governors, the Kiwanis International-European Federation president and Kiwanis Asia-Pacific chair. The council members will elect the 2021-22 president, president-elect, vice president and three trustees representing the United States and Pacific Canada. Announced candidates for those leadership positions can be reviewed here.

\*Morning — Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Summit (Attend virtually or in person) What does diversity, equity and inclusion look like for your Kiwanis club and community? Join us for an interactive session where we will learn and explore these topics together. Be inspired by a keynote address from a noted leader and fellow Kiwanian in the field of diversity, equity and inclusion. In-person and virtual attendees will participate in an interactive exercise and spend time with a peer group of Kiwanians to talk about how clubs can better serve and reflect their communities.

\*Afternoon — A Kiwanis Celebration (Attend virtually or in person.) Celebrate the impact Kiwanis clubs are making across the world. The top 10 finalists in each tier of the 2021 Signature Project Contest will be recognized — and then the gold, silver and bronze awards will be announced. The 2021 World Service Medal — the highest honor presented by Kiwanis International — will be awarded. The leaders who guided the organization through this difficult year will be acknowledged.

\*Evening — Kiwanis BBQ (Attend in person.) Join fellow Kiwanians and guests for a relaxed night of fellowship and entertainment by country music legends Larry Gatlin and Lorrie Morgan. Wear your denim or your diamonds. Your in-person registration includes an authentic barbeque dinner, cash bar, a set by Larry Gatlin and then a show by Lorrie Morgan and her band.

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## A Fresh Perspective

## Kiwanis and UNICEF Eliminating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus

*If we have the ability to eliminate this disease,  
do we have the right not to?*

