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WHAT CAN YOU DO IN ONE DAY?



Every year, Kiwanis club members around the world gather on the fourth Saturday in October for Kiwanis One Day. It's a day set aside for clubs to work together to better their communities – and to invite friends and family to join them.

This year, Kiwanis One Day will be October 22, 2022. As many clubs return to active service, be sure your club follows local guidelines and restrictions for gathering. You can find additional information about gatherings, social distancing and other important health updates at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) websites.

An additional initiative this year is Celebrate Community, an opportunity to participate in service projects with other volunteer organizations, including Lions Clubs International, Optimist International and Rotary International. **Celebrate Community spans the week of September 11-27, 2022.** This joint effort encourages clubs to work together to have a greater impact on their communities. All clubs in the Kiwanis family are encouraged to participate. More information and suggested projects can be found at kiwanis.org/celebratecommunity.

For clubs that want to team up with other members of the Kiwanis family, One Day remains a perfect opportunity. Reach out to other Kiwanis family clubs: Aktion Club, Circle K International, Key Club, K-Kids and/or Builders Club. Popular projects for One Day include park cleanup, playground maintenance and painting local shelters.

And invite others to join you! One Day is an ideal way to introduce your family, friends and colleagues to Kiwanis. When you show potential members a project that helps kids, you engage them in the Kiwanis mission. After One Day, invite your guests to your club's in-person or online meeting. And be sure to share your One Day projects on your social media channels. Use the #OneDay hashtag if you are sharing a Kiwanis One Day project.

If your club wants to host a One Day activity, follow these steps for a successful day:

STEP 1: GET STARTED

The key to a successful project is to begin planning months in advance. Begin by appointing a Kiwanis One Day ambassador from your club.

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LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR GA DISTRICT CONVENTION!

Registration for the Georgia District Convention closes, Thursday, August 4th at Midnight!

We are excited to have everyone together in-person again for the annual District Convention and hope you will be there too!

More information can be found in the Events section of this Kiwanian...



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IT'S CONVENTION TIME!

The Georgia District Convention is coming upon us quickly. I hope that many of you are already registered and looking forward to the first in person convention in three years. There will be Club Leadership Education make-up session on Friday afternoon along with the Finance, Foundation and the outgoing and incoming District Board meetings. Two hours, nine classes each hour, of Kiwanis education on Saturday morning right after the Districts General Session where we will conduct the business of the District and elect a new Vice-Governor. The usual activities will be in full effect, Silent Auction of great items to bid and win hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Henry County with the proceeds going to the District Foundation. The District Raffle drawing where a lucky ticket winner will receive \$5000 and the club who sold that ticket receives \$1000. A great band will perform at Friday night's, Macon's own Grapevine Band.

Saturday will open with the General Session where delegates from our Clubs and past District officers will vote on items before the board. If you are not a delegate, come and experience how the District operates. We will introduce newly elected KI Trustee Gary Jander, the District's counselor for 2022-23, who will speak to our District members. Classes and then the Awards Lunch where the awards for Publicity and Public Relations material will be given. Then at the Governor's Banquet we will honor this year's District Board members and listen to Dr. Michael Braz, a dynamic piano player.

Sunday morning will begin with the somber Memorial Service where we honor those Georgia Kiwanians who have passed on since last year's service. Then we will move on to the Officer Installation Brunch where we will install the new District officers and Board and retire this year's group of Lt. Governors.

While all of this fun is happening

there is still Club Leadership Education happening in some Divisions in order to get all of our officers trained for the coming year. Every club should be fully engaged in recruiting new members for your club. We are fresh off our Membership team's great efforts in the chartering of the Kiwanis Club of Effingham County in Division 17. Thanks to those new Kiwanis members who want to make a difference in their community and beyond. This makes the fourth new Kiwanis Club chartered this year and we have plans for more. Every time we charter a new Kiwanis Club, our membership gets younger and we serve more children in another community.

Don't forget my campaign of "Let's Finish this year with 5000 members or MORE!" Be a part of putting our District back in positive growth in over 16 years. **REMEMBER, "IF NOT US, WHO!"**

Byron Mullican
Governor

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

Alexia Lieber

Executive Director of Georgia District of Kiwanis

Hope you see everyone in Macon for the Georgia District Convention, August 12-14th. If you need to attend a CLE Training Class David Simmons will be offering a make-up class on Friday, August 12th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

It's hard to believe, but there are only two months remaining in this Administrative year. I know I listed a

to do list last month, but have you completed the following yet?

1. Submitted all monthly reports due.
2. Held a membership drive.
3. Set up officer installation date with the incoming Lt. Governor.
4. Urged your incoming President and Secretary to attend the District Convention, and CLE Training.
5. Ordered officer lapel pins for 2022-23.
6. Discussed 2022-23 Club Committee Appointments.
7. Studied and monitored the criteria for Distinguished Club (Governor's Cup).
8. Offered to assist the incoming officers with the Club President's training conference for officers and appointees.
9. Made plans for annual audit of books.

IN MEMORIAM

Danny Beall
Statesboro

Valeria Bowden
Columbus

Rufus C. Green, II
Taylor County

James E. Henderson
Marietta

Bob W. Lanier
Brooklet

Roy H. Long
Thomasville

A.C. Ramsey
Marietta Golden K

Joe Ware
Swainsboro

John G. White
Thomasville

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



SEPTEMBER SLUMP

Rick Townsend

Existing Club Growth Chair
Kiwanis Club of Brunswick

Let's avoid the September Slump when we purge our rolls. Governor Mullican has a goal to have at least one more member than we started with as a GA District. We need to either call our current members who have not been active recently to encourage them to renew the dues and attend a meeting or

service project or you can invite some to your next meeting. Also, don't forget to contact me if you would like me to visit your club or do a Zoom presentation on club growth. I have done the presentation to clubs via Zoom and in-person this year and will be glad to help anyway that I can. My contact information is ricktownsend.ssi@gmail.com or 912-506-5347.

CLUBS WITH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

AS OF AUGUST 1, 2022

DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH	DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH
1	Galleria-NW Atlanta	+1	9	Cochran-Bleckley County	+2
1	Northside Atlanta	+2			
2	Columbus	+1	9	Crawford County	+2
2	Greater Columbus	+2	9	Forsyth-Monroe County	+3
2	Harris County	+9	9	Milledgeville	+1
2	LaGrange	+1	9	North Macon	+1
2	Manchester	+4	9	Perry	+5
2	Thomaston	+2	9	Taylor County	+1
3	Coweta County	+6	9	Warner Robins	+1
3	Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	+1	10	Blairsville	+14
3	Grantville	+4	10	Blue Ridge	+1
3	Metro Fayette, Fayetteville	+1	10	Cleveland	+6
3	Peachtree City	+1	10	Gilmer County	+4
4	Brunswick	+6	10	Jasper/Pickens County	+2
4	Jesup	+1	10	Rabun County	+2
4	Liberty County	+36	10	Toccoa	+4
4	Richmond Hill	+2	11	Rome	+2
4	Saint Marys	+10	12	Bowdon	+3
4	Savannah	+5	12	Cedartown	+1
4	Skidaway	+45	12	Fairfield - Villa Rica	+2
5	Albany-Dougherty County	+56	12	Haralson	+15
5	Americus	+6	12	Paulding	+23
5	Cairo	+1	13	Sylvester	+2
5	LeeDo	+1	13	Turner County	+2
5	Mitchell-Baker	+2	14	Alpharetta-Milton	+1
5	Thomasville	+3	14	Brookhaven-Chamblee	+2
6	Augusta	+4	15	Georgia Online	+3
6	Louisville	+3	15	Greater Cherokee	+4
6	Uptown Augusta	+5	15	Greater South Cobb	+8
6	Warrenton	+3	15	Jonquil City, Smyrna	+3
7	Classic City, Athens	+2	15	Lost Mountain	+5
7	Commerce	+2	16	Jonesboro	+2
7	Hartwell	+4	17	Baxley	+2
7	Oconee	+5	17	Brooklet	+8
8	Duluth-Norcross	+6	17	Statesboro	+4
8	North Gwinnett	+1	17	Vidalia	+6
8	South Hall County	+1	18	Conyers	+1
8	Suwanee	+3	18	Eatonton	+1
			18	Madison	+4
			18	Monroe	+2
			18	Social Circle	+5

MEMBERSHIP

ENGAGE EXISTING MEMBERS

The key to keeping members engaged is making them feel valued and appreciated. Clarify expectations from members. Assess your club experience by asking members questions such as:

- “What do you enjoy most about being a member of our club?”
- “What is our club’s greatest strength?”
- “If you could change one thing about our club, what would it be and why?”

Rediscover your community’s needs and clarify how your Kiwanis club can help. Your local nonprofit organizations or school associations are a great place to start. Use the community needs analysis tool to analyze your impact on the community. Seek feedback from members about the types of service projects they are interested in and what local organizations they are interested in serving. SurveyMonkey and Google Forms are a few useful tools.

Here are 12 steps to excite your members, impress your prospects, and enhance everyone’s Kiwanis experience:

- 1. Make your purpose known.** Create a vision with your club and mention it in every meeting, newsletter, news release, fundraising ticket, and advertisement.
- 2. Remind them often.** At every meeting ask, “Who have you invited to come to Kiwanis this week?” Remind every member to look for prospective members and invite someone to come to your meetings. Yes, at every meeting, talk about growing your club!
- 3. Give them a reason.** Host a contest: Why? It gives everyone an excuse to ask others to come and to join Kiwanis. If you get your club excited and they just ask people to join, you will grow.
- 4. Promote friendliness.** Compile an accurate membership list with names, addresses, phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, and distribute copies to every

member. Follow that up by e-mailing them a copy. Keep the list updated and redistribute copies at least every three months. This is a must—the club members must be able to communicate with each other before the club will grow.

- 5. Speak their language.** Communicate often and in many formats. At least monthly, publish a club newsletter, and mail and e-mail a copy to each member. Have additional copies at meetings for guests and prospective members. Send weekly e-mails to remind members of programs, special projects, fundraisers, etc., and include past club visitors in your distribution.
- 6. Plan your program.** Have a set agenda every meeting. This is a huge component of the member experience. Your members will more readily invite prospective members when they know there is a good program planned. Programs should be planned at least two months in advance. Don’t just meet and talk over fundraisers.
- 7. Stay young.** Invite kids to be part of your programs! Remember, we are an organization dedicated to helping youth so keep young people as the focus of your program agenda.
- 8. Don’t forget the fun.** Every two months or so host a “fun” program to which members invite their friends and family.
- 9. Show them you care.** Send a “we miss you” card or note to members who have missed two meetings in a row, even if you know why they’ve been away (vacation, etc.). Especially send one if you know someone is sick. If a member goes into the hospital, take up a collection and send flowers. No matter why they’ve been absent, send a note telling them they are important and missed.
- 10. Extend a warm welcome.** Greet new visitors at the first of the meeting and introduce them to the club. In the three weeks following the prospective members’ visit, send a follow-up letter or postcard...even if they don’t come back immediately.

- 11. Make it personal.** Send a letter of invitation to every prospective member who has been invited to join. Each month compose a prospect list of names and addresses and share this list with current members, asking them to contact those on the list. A personal invitation to come and join can be very effective.

- 12. Show appreciation.** Send thank-you notes for every donation, no matter how small. Include a picture of your fundraiser or project that they were a part of, particularly any news coverage; it is easy and impressive to the community and prospective members. Brag on your team every chance you get!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Once a member has joined your club, provide orientation as soon as possible. Get to know them. Discover their interests. Assign them a role within the club. Communicate. And follow up on expectations to keep them engaged.

To help you get started, you can find a new-member orientation checklist and presentation here: <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/member-outreach/member-engagement>

NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

As a member of a Kiwanis club, there are so many ways to get involved:

- Attend club meetings
- Participate in service and fundraising projects
- Attend district conferences
- Visit other club meetings
- Serve on committees
- Run for office

CREATING AN EVENTS CALENDAR

Your club meetings, service activities and networking events are your best source for engagement with members.

Develop an events calendar that lives on your website. The key is to keep it updated regularly. You want your members to know they can easily find all the details to stay engaged with your club. You can also include a list of upcoming events in your club communications. This calendar can serve as a source of social media content as well.

MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Join us in congratulating all of these clubs that are celebrating big anniversaries in August and September! We are honored to have each of these clubs as a part of our Georgia Kiwanis family. Each club has been active in the community and is truly making a difference. Thank you for all you do!



**Kiwanis Club of
Quitman-Brooks County**
Division 13
August 22, 2002



Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley
Division 9
August 30, 1922

Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro
Division 17
August 31, 1922

Kiwanis Club of Madison
Division 18
September 5, 1922

Kiwanis Club of Monroe
Division 18
September 27, 1922

INTERCLUB TIPS

Tim Goodman

Interclub Chairman
Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

Remember to report all interclubs on your monthly report and to the Interclub Chair to assure you have credit for completing the challenge.

You MUST notify the Chair in addition to entering the visits on the Secretary dashboard. I am still getting the aggregate report, but that doesn't give enough information to verify that a club has met all the criteria for the challenge. So far, it looks like we have at least 30 clubs so far who will complete the challenge. Six clubs have already reported completed the challenge to me, so a reminder that you can send me the information and I will give you credit. It will certainly make my life easier.

The numbers continue to grow: 91 Clubs have done at least one interclub (65% of the clubs in the District). We have a grand total of 1640 visits, a growth of 40% over the last article I wrote in May. We have a total travel distance of 89,833 miles, about 38% of the distance to the moon. 781 visits (47%) are within our home Division.

The incoming Governor has given direction to the Interclub Policy for 2022-2023. Basically everything stays the same except an official interclub visit now requires **two** members from the club to count for the Interclub Challenge. I hope you are sharing what you have learned with your club. Like Barney says, sharing is caring, so **share, share, share!**

WELCOME TO THE KIWANIS FAMILY!

Welcome Kiwanis Club of Effingham County in Division 17! We appreciate you stepping up to get involved and we are excited to see the impact you will have in your community! We also look forward to meeting you at our upcoming District events!

Thanks to Katrina Baranko, Dewey Smith, George Elkins and Division 17 Lt. Governor Jeanette Lafond for their leadership in helping make this a success.



VOLUNTEER.
YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU.

MEMBERSHIP

INVITE NEW MEMBERS

When you love your club, you'll want to share that experience and invite others to be part of it. After all, 74 percent of members joined a Kiwanis club because someone invited them—and for 48 percent of them, it was a friend or relative.

The best way to attract new people to your Kiwanis club is by grabbing their interest—and respecting their time. Kiwanis International developed this “elevator speech” to help you.

“Kiwanis helps kids around the world. Local clubs look out for our communities, and the international organization takes on large-scale challenges, such as diseases and poverty. 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.”

Create your own “one-minute speech” by thinking of answers to a few simple questions: Why my club? What's our community impact? How do we serve the community?

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

There are lots of reasons to join of club, but here are some of the benefits you can remind your friends, family and acquaintances they'll enjoy as a member of Kiwanis.

As a member of Kiwanis, they will:

- Change children's lives
- Improve the community and the world
- Build friendships
- Enhance their leadership skills
- Develop business contacts

Kiwanis also offers members access to special products and services, Kiwanis magazine and other great tools.

IDENTIFYING NEW MEMBERS

Part of Kiwanis' appeal to potential new members is that it affords them the opportunity to be a part of meaningful, hands-on service experiences. But you should know they also want:

- Service leadership programs
- Reasonable dues

- Few meetings
- Social events
- Their voices to be heard
- Opportunities to be active
- Value for their time and money

Think about friends, family, neighbors, colleagues – anyone who has expressed interest in your club or service activities in the past. Work as a club to identify prospective members on a regular basis. It will take teamwork to strengthen your club.

HOW DO YOU APPROACH PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS?

One way of sharing Kiwanis with others is to hold a membership drive. A membership drive focuses the club's efforts on inviting potential members to an event planned just for them. Three simple steps will help your club become stronger this year.

To get started, download the hosting membership drive tool (<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/member-outreach/inviting>). The tool will provide you tips and advice for completing these three steps:

Step 1: Prepare

Two months before the proposed event date, assemble your team. Look for people who are committed to making the club stronger and better. Also begin considering what promotional materials will be needed. Visit the Kiwanis Family Store to see everything that's available.

Six weeks before the event, you'll want to think about the date, location and theme of the meeting. It's also a good time to plan your meeting agenda.

Step 2: Invite

You can conduct a roster analysis or check a chamber of commerce list for ideas of who to invite. However, the people most likely to join are the colleagues, friends and family of your members. Give them at least three weeks to respond to an invitation, but also ask that any member who refers a guest follow up with a personal invitation as the date gets closer.

On the big day, focus on hospitality.

Make your guests feel welcome and focus on sharing your club's impact and the fun you have together.

Step 3: Follow up

Follow up with all of your guests a few days later to encourage them to join. Plan a new-member orientation and installation to help new members feel special and involved.

Your club can also host an open house or special guest day, or invite the community to take part on your Kiwanis One Day event or during other club projects.

REFERRING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Do you work with someone who would make an excellent Kiwanis member? Contact your club's membership chair who works closely with the president and secretary to plan membership drives and special club meetings for prospective members.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Builders Club was chartered in 1975. Today, there are more than 1,600 clubs in Aruba, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, Italy, Jamaica, Korea, Martinique, Netherlands Antilles, Philippines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States.

Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high students, with more than 45,000 members worldwide. It's a student-led community service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. Community-based Builders Clubs can also be established at churches, libraries, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, lodges or similar facilities.

Members learn to work together and develop servant-leaders skills as they serve their school and community. In partnership with UNICEF and March of Dimes, the clubs are able to expand their outreach to babies and children of the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	Tennell Lockett	Atlanta	220	218	6 of 6
		Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	18	19	6 of 6
		Northside Atlanta	30	32	6 of 6
		Sandy Springs Perimeter	15	0	
		DIVISION TOTALS:			283
2	Edward Searcy	Barnesville	26	26	
		Columbus	52	53	6 of 6
		Golden K, Columbus	18	18	
		Greater Columbus	35	37	6 of 6
		Griffin	118	112	6 of 6
		Harris County	15	24	6 of 6
		LaGrange	48	49	6 of 6
		Manchester	10	14	
		North Columbus	8	8	
		Pike County	26	23	
		Thomaston	35	37	6 of 6
		West Point	5	5	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			396	406	
3	Shelly Smith	Coweta County	69	75	6 of 6
		Fayette County	14	14	6 of 6
		Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	8	9	6 of 6
		Grantville	9	13	6 of 6
		Metro-Fayette	10	11	6 of 6
		Newnan	96	95	6 of 6
		Peachtree City	22	23	6 of 6
		White Oak Golden K	58	57	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			286	297	
4	Bobby Gillham	Brunswick	44	50	6 of 6
		Jesup	42	43	
		Liberty County		36	6 of 6
		Pooler-West Chatham	10	5	
		Richmond Hill	13	15	6 of 6
		Saint Marys	62	72	6 of 6
		Savannah	11	16	6 of 6
		Skidaway	114	159	6 of 6
		Waycross	17	17	
DIVISION TOTALS:			313	413	
5	Larry Price	Albany/Dougherty County	81	81	6 of 6
		Americus	66	72	6 of 6
		Bainbridge	13	0	6 of 6
		Blakely/Early County	23	0	
		Cairo	45	46	
		Cairo-Morningstar	14	14	6 of 6
		LeeDo	21	22	6 of 6
		Mitchell-Baker	9	11	
		Thomasville	68	71	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			340	317	
6	Ron Carden	Augusta	147	151	
		Columbia County	10	0	
		Louisville	22	25	
		Thomson	23	23	
		Uptown Augusta	12	17	
		Warrenton	17	20	6 of 6
		Washington	11	10	1 of 6
		DIVISION TOTALS:			242
7	Philip Jay Rosenbaum	Athens	30	22	
		Classic City	18	20	6 of 6
		Commerce	30	32	
		Hartwell	35	39	6 of 6
		Jefferson	13	12	6 of 6
		Oconee	15	20	
		West Jackson	5	5	
		Winder	17	17	
DIVISION TOTALS:			163	167	
8	Barry Sanders	Cumming	20	20	6 of 6
		Duluth-Norcross	20	26	3 of 6
		Forsyth County	17	16	
		Gainesville	123	120	6 of 6
		Lawrenceville	18	12	6 of 6
		North Gwinnett	40	41	6 of 6
		South Hall County-Oakwood	11	12	
		Suwanee	18	21	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			267	268	
9	David Cozart	Cochran-Bleckley County	15	17	
		Crawford County	20	22	6 of 6
		Forsyth - Monroe County	51	54	6 of 6
		Fort Valley	25	24	
		Jones County	28	28	6 of 6
		Macon	34	32	6 of 6
		Macon County	29	27	6 of 6
		Milledgeville	26	27	6 of 6
		North Macon	17	18	6 of 6
		Perry	33	38	6 of 6
		Taylor County	19	20	
		Warner Robins	9	10	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			306	317	

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Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Sandi Wheelchel	Blairsville	9	23	6 of 6
		Blue Ridge	55	56	6 of 6
		Cleveland	20	26	6 of 6
		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	11	11	
		Dawson County	10	9	6 of 6
		Gilmer County	12	16	6 of 6
		Habersham County	46	40	
		Jasper/Pickens County	12	14	1 of 6
		Rabun County	15	17	6 of 6
Toccoa			13	17	
DIVISION TOTALS:			203	229	
11	Patricia Thompson	Cartersville	17	15	6 of 6
		Dalton	50	45	
		Murray County	18	14	
		Ringgold	16	15	
		Rome	19	21	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			120	110	
12	Jeri Purdy	Bowdon	23	26	1 of 6
		Carrollton	90	90	6 of 6
		Carrollton Golden K	25	24	6 of 6
		Cedartown	34	35	6 of 6
		Douglas County	18	17	6 of 6
		Fairfield - Villa Rica	25	27	6 of 6
		Haralson		15	
		Paulding		23	
		Rockmart	15	15	6 of 6
Villa Rica - Temple			17	15	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			247	287	
13	Bill Davis	Adel	15	11	6 of 6
		Cordele	47	47	
		Fitzgerald	22	22	
		Moultrie	140	137	6 of 6
		Quitman-Brooks County	10	10	
		Sylvester	38	40	
		Tifton	21	19	6 of 6
		Turner County	15	17	
Valdosta			15	15	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			323	318	
14	Judi Brown	Alpharetta-Milton	7	8	6 of 6
		Brookhaven-Chamblee	12	14	6 of 6
		Doraville-Tucker	15	15	6 of 6
		Druid Hills	8	8	6 of 6
		Historic Roswell	39	36	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			81	81	
15	Bettie Sleeth	Georgia Online	21	24	6 of 6
		Greater Cherokee	34	38	6 of 6
		Greater South Cobb	15	23	6 of 6
		Jonquil City	29	32	6 of 6
		Lost Mountain	57	62	6 of 6
		Marietta	174	170	6 of 6
		Marietta Golden K	76	74	6 of 6
		Metro Marietta	22	22	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			428	445	
16	Wimbley Hale, Jr.	Forest Park	16	14	6 of 6
		Jonesboro	17	19	6 of 6
		Lithonia-Stonecrest	15	11	6 of 6
		Metro Atlanta	48	47	6 of 6
		Rex-Ellenwood	15	0	
		Stone Mountain	5	5	6 of 6
		West End,Atlanta	11	0	
DIVISION TOTALS:			127	96	
17	Jeanette Lafond	Baxley	32	34	6 of 6
		Brooklet	44	52	6 of 6
		Douglas	24	24	6 of 6
		Dublin	5	5	6 of 6
		Jeff Davis County	6	5	6 of 6
		Metter	28	27	6 of 6
		Statesboro	122	126	6 of 6
		Swainsboro	38	37	6 of 6
		Tattnall County	29	28	6 of 6
		Vidalia	89	95	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			417	433	
18	Sharon Barksdale	Conyers	21	22	6 of 6
		Covington	66	46	6 of 6
		Eatonton	17	18	6 of 6
		Henry County	53	53	6 of 6
		Madison	40	44	6 of 6
		Monroe	18	20	6 of 6
		Social Circle	18	23	
DIVISION TOTALS:			233	226	
GEORGIA DISTRICT GRAND TOTALS:			4775	4925	
DISTRICT TOTALS:					
Total Reported Members on 10/1/21			4,775		
Total Reported Members on 7/31/22			4,925		
Total Clubs as of 10/1/21			145		
Total Clubs as of 7/31/22			142		

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Slowly but surely, the Chattooga Aktion Club is beginning to join in-person events and projects after the long break due to the pandemic. So far, almost everything has centered on Special Olympics gymnastics and preparations to support the USA Games this past June.

In May, Special Olympics Georgia held Summer Games at Emory, and the Chattooga Aktion Club was there! Karen Davis started off the weekend by participating in the Torch Run with law enforcement. "I love cops!" she said. "It was fun running with them and seeing their motorcycles. And they raised a lot of money for Special Olympics."

The gymnastics competition was a great success for six Chattooga Aktion Club members. Each one proudly stood on the podium to receive their medals from the awards captain, fellow Aktion Club member Emily Belk who attended the Summer Games to do what Kiwanians do best -- volunteer.

"When Aktion Club Kiwanis Advisor Ron Davis, from the Jonquil City Kiwanis Club, volunteered at the Special Olympics Summer Games, it inspired me to volunteer over the years," said Emily. "It's always good to give back."

The Special Olympics USA Games were held in Orlando. Karen was one of three gymnasts who represented Special Olympics Georgia in the competition. She brought home several gold medals.

Aktion Kiwanian Shannon Laffey held a leadership role at the Games. She was the athlete representative on the gymnastics committee and supported the Games in Orlando by performing many duties, including acting as a line judge. She went above and beyond to help athletes from other states by leading warmups, staging for the Grand March In, and filling in to



complete teams for the TeamGym competition.

"Volunteering at the USA Games was a lot of fun," said Shannon. "I enjoyed assisting the judges, cheering for the athletes, and being a part of this great event. Our Aktion Club is a big supporter of the Special Olympics, and I'm glad I could lend a helping hand."

"We've heard it said that sometimes you don't have to compete or perform to call forth the adrenaline or feel part of something bigger," said Pam Laffey, Shannon's mom. "Just being there can do that, too."

"Since we started the Aktion Club, it has been fun to see how the girls have grown," Cindy Bickman, the Chattooga Aktion club advisor said. "Now, they not only love to compete, but they always want to volunteer at the competitions. The Aktion Club has provided them with a new focus -- giving back to their sport."



CKI ALUMNI KIWANIS CLUB

Rick Townsend

Existing Club Growth Chair
Kiwanis Club of Brunswick

We need you! We are looking for current or previous members of CKI/Circle K to join us in the new online CKI Alumni Kiwanis Club. You will get a chance to be a charter member and help create this new online club. This is for the person

who has trouble getting to lunch meetings or someone who would like to join 2nd Kiwanis club and increase your community impact. Charter dues will be \$135 which will cover through September 2023.

Do you enjoy service or giving back to your community and want to be part of the planning for this new online club? If so, join Jeanette, me,

and others as charter members. We are looking for all age groups from 18-108 to for this new club. Contact Jeanette Lafond at jeanettelafond@gmail.com or 912-682-0377 or Rick Townsend at ricktownsend.ssi@gmail.com or 912-506-5347 for additional information or an online membership form.

CONGRATS GA CIRCLE K MEMBERS!

The Circle K International convention is in the books. For the 2021-22 administrative year, Erica Zheng received Distinguished Bulletin Editor and Izah Tahir received Distinguished Governor. ABAC received third place in the club growth award for the Ruby division. They are sponsored by Tifton Kiwanis! Leah Reiser finishes her term as Circle K Vice-President as the recipient of the Opal award. This award is given by the Circle K President to the individual in their mind has done the most to support them and the organization during the year. Finally past GA Key Club, GA Circle K member and Distinguished past GA Circle K Governor Jennifer Hethcox

received the Circle of Service Award which is the top honor bestowed by Circle K International. She now serves as the Carolinas Circle K District Administrator.



CONGRATS GA KEY CLUB MEMBERS!

Group of Georgia Key Club members had a blast at the Key Club International Convention this summer and brought home lots of awards! Congratulations, we are so proud of you!



GEORGIA LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE FOR KEY CLUB

GLTC registration is open now!! GLTC will be on August 27th at six flags where club officers/members and advisors will meet their district board and get trained as well as have fun at six flags!!

Kiwanians: encourage your local Key Club members to attend!

#gakeyclub

REGISTER FOR GLTC TODAY!

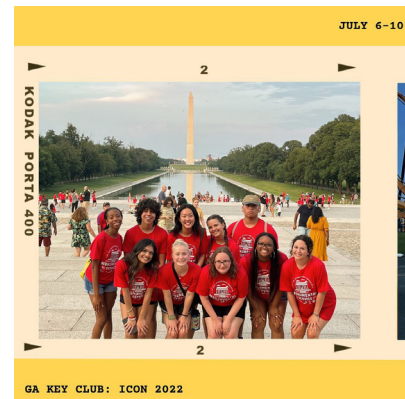
Georgia Leadership training Conference



August 27, 2022
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MEMBERS



GA District Events Committee
Taylor Hancock | division6@gakeyclub.org



John Holley

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

At the start of the Administrative Year, Governor Byron selected a group of 6 Projects that he asked each club in the District to adopt and support financially during the year. It was his hope that every club would support all Projects at least the minimum level suggested.

One of these Projects was the support for the Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF). The support he asked for was that each club give a minimum of \$5.00 per member. With this minimum support, the clubs alone would be expected to provide a minimum of \$24,065, based on the District membership on October 1, 2021.

As of June 30, 2022, the clubs' donations were at \$22,932.

The individual donations totaled \$23,368, and the total donations by the Georgia District stands at \$46,430. With the time left in our Administrative Year, we can still accomplish and surpass our club giving goal. **I will be calling on the clubs who have not made a donation, and I would ask the Lt. Governors to do the same.**

Also, the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board President, Bob Garretson, announced a new President's Challenge to increase the number of clubs giving unrestricted gifts to

KCF by 5 percent over last year's club giving. The Georgia District had 103 clubs giving last year. To achieve the 5 percent Challenge, we need 108 clubs to give before the end of the Administrative Year. To date, 104 clubs have made donations. **We can do this!**

The following are important date for your consideration. For October 1 funding decisions, you must submit your Letter of Inquiry any time before June 1, and if approved, submit your full application by August 1. **For March 1 funding decisions,** submit your Letter of Inquiry any time before November 1, and if approved, submit your full application by January 1. **For August 1 funding decisions,** send your Letter of Inquiry any time before April 1, and if approved, submit the full application by June 1.

Know that ideal projects are (1) widely familiar, (2) sustainable, (3) recurring, (4) capable of being duplicated, (5) children-and Community-focused, (6) high-impact, (7) membership-focused, (8) network-building, and (9) unique.

Finally, if your club does not have a Foundant account, you will need to create one. For questions to the Kiwanis Children's Fund about Club Grants, you can call 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 225. My contact information is jholley40@comcast.net or by phone at (678) 481-7572.

HENRY C. HEINZ

AWARD

The Georgia District Foundation has reduced the cost to purchase the Henry C. Heinz Endowment award by 50% to \$500 for the remainder of the Kiwanis year.

This award is to honor those individuals who have exhibited outstanding dedication and commitment to help children.

This would be a great time to purchase this for a deserving club member who has done an outstanding job for your club and Kiwanis International.

Proceeds go to the Georgia District of Kiwanis Foundation in order to give grants to clubs who apply for matching grants up to \$5,000.

You can learn more online here: <https://www.georgiakiwanis.com/about-the-foundation.html>

CALLING ALL GEEKS/ WIREHEADS/TECHIES

Darryl Gumz

Governor-Elect
Kiwanis Club of Winder

Kiwanis International has offered FREE web sites to any of our clubs and foundations. They will make up a basic web site which can then be customized by you. The sites are created with WordPress.

For us to take full advantage of this, we need a District coordinator/trainer who can help others navigate their way through the process. KI will host the pages and maintain security for us. There is training available for everyone at <https://wiki.site.kiwanis.org/> and the District coordinator/trainer will receive special training from KI.

So, who is willing to take on this assignment? We would love to talk with you about it. Contact Gov-Elect Darryl Gumz at 770-605-6656 or gumzes@gmail.com.

UPDATES?

If you have a committee update, club event, or service project photos, etc. to share for the Georgia Kiwanian, please send a picture and caption to: Alexia Lieber: alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com



Jim Perry

Human and Spiritual Values Chair
Marietta Golden K

It was very hot here today. I don't like extremely hot weather. I grilled out in the middle of the afternoon - in the sun. Those statements call several things into question which lead to the obvious question of why I was grilling if it was so hot. I liked the outcome, of course. I love the smoky taste of meat cooked on the grill, and I love the delight on the faces of my family when the tasty meal is enjoyed. I had some unpleasant tasks to get to this point. Rounding up all the things I would need on the patio. Preparing the meat with a rub I enjoy but is messy to work with. Assuring that the grill is clean, has sufficient fuel, and getting it hot enough but not too hot. Whoever made thermometers for grills made the lives of people like me a lot easier. The heat from the grill was intense whenever I raised the lid. Regulating the heat to assure proper cooking temperature meant I had to check it regularly, so I just stayed outside in the heat until it was done. Why am I doing all of this? I had a vision for a great meal that could only become a reality on my grill. I didn't just dream about it. I bought the meat and other items I would need and resolved to invest the time and do without air conditioning to achieve the results I had envisioned. Were there other ways to get good meat to eat? Sure. But mine was better, and I knew it would be. There is something to be said for putting on that apron and wielding a spatula for 30-40 minutes with reckless abandon, just to enjoy that mouthwatering, smoke flavored entrée that has been transformed

with the work of my very own hands under adverse circumstances.

Why do I share this mundane account of my afternoon? Because Kiwanians are grilling again! I know some of you really are doing your magic at the grill, but my point is that we are getting back to what we are good at. We are doing things for the community and for the kids that no one else can do. My food off the grill will be a little different from everyone else's attempts. The same is true of our Kiwanis projects, fund raisers, and ongoing influences in the lives of our kids. You have a vision for your Club. You have an end result you would like to celebrate when it is accomplished. If that vision is a little foggy, light the fire. Burn off the fog, and be absolutely certain that whatever you do for the kids will be far more important than just sitting there hoping you had or could or might do something. Light the fire. Put your projects on the right temperature. Cook them carefully with all the right assistants helping you get set up, from the principals to the mayor. Spice it up! Give the schools much more than they ever expected. Yes, that's good business, but it's good service, too. Doing your very best shows you care - at the grill or at the local school reading challenge. You know what you want to serve. You know how you want to serve. So, let's get cooking! It's going to be great, ya'll! And they will then want to know when you can serve again. And again!



Together Everyone Achieves More



YOUTH PROTECTION

Bob Pinckney

Youth Protection Chair
Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Villa-Rica

"Predators look for light and goodness and try to steal it"

"Children/Kids are the life blood of Kiwanis and our mantra reads, 'serving the children of the world.'"

When parents or caregivers approve of their children attending one of our many club sponsored activities or joining one of the Student Leadership Programs (SLP), they do so with a clear understanding and expectation of safety and protection from the untoward things happening to them. At the District Convention there will be a Youth Protection workshop covering the latest Kiwanis International guidelines for Policies and Procedures, Background Checks, and YP Praesidium Training, a requirement of ALL SLP Advisors. *Youth Protection and Risk Management together will provide an overview of how we can ensure that this trust is fulfilled. Contact information will be provided for clubs and the individual members to research for additional details.

See you in Macon.

"The abuse of a child is greater than the single act, it lasts forever"

2022 GA DISTRICT CONVENTION: MACON

The Georgia District Convention will be back in full-swing and we look forward to seeing you all in-person! Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there!

Convention will be held in Macon, GA at the Marriott Convention Center on August 12-14, 2022.

Entertainment has been booked and we know you don't want to miss this!

Friday night, we will enjoy live music from **THE GRAPEVINE**, otherwise known throughout Georgia and the southeast as "The Premier Party Band!" The Grapevine's musical heritage was shaped by the member's early high school and college fraternity party bands, as well as local and national soul, blues, beach, rock and roll bands and musicians from the 1960's forward.

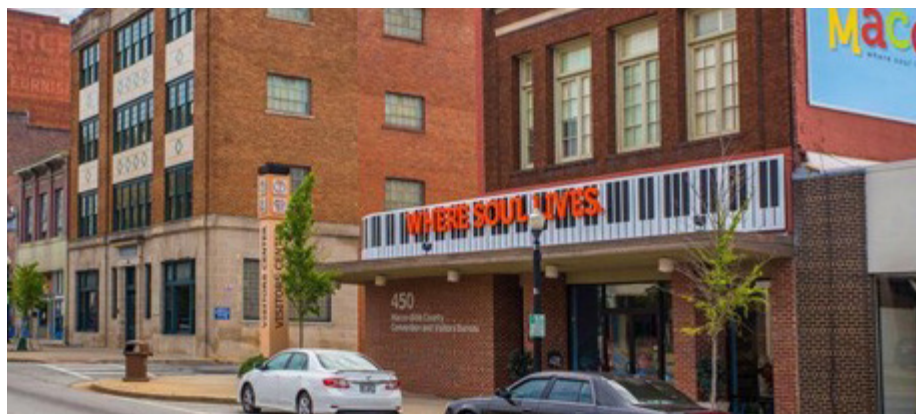


Saturday night, we will enjoy music by **DR. MICHAEL BRAZ** is a nationally and internationally known music educator, composer, and clinician. He has also collaborated with numerous orchestras, music festivals, and ensembles ranging from chamber music to jazz and rock.



**REGISTRATION ENDS
AUGUST 4TH**

[georgiakiwanis.com/
district-convention](http://georgiakiwanis.com/district-convention)



Aside from the District Convention, there are LOTS of things to do in Macon! So pack up your family and make it a family vacation!

Visiting Macon is an adventure that is sure to be good for your soul! Rich history, incredible architecture, stunning Southern charm, and a soulful musical heritage have branded Macon "Where Soul Lives."

Take a Rock Candy Tour and learn about Macon's legendary and notorious music history from homes, offices, and crash pads of some of Southern music's most famous artists, like Otis Redding and Little Richard. Tour Capricorn Sound Studio to see the restored studios where The Allman Brothers Band, Percy Sledge, the Marshall Tucker Band and many more recorded.



Explore history at Ocmulgee Mounds Historical Park.

Hay House, one of Georgia's most historic houses and distinguished structures, the Johnston-Felton-Hay House in Macon was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1974. Construction began in 1855 and continued into 1859. The House



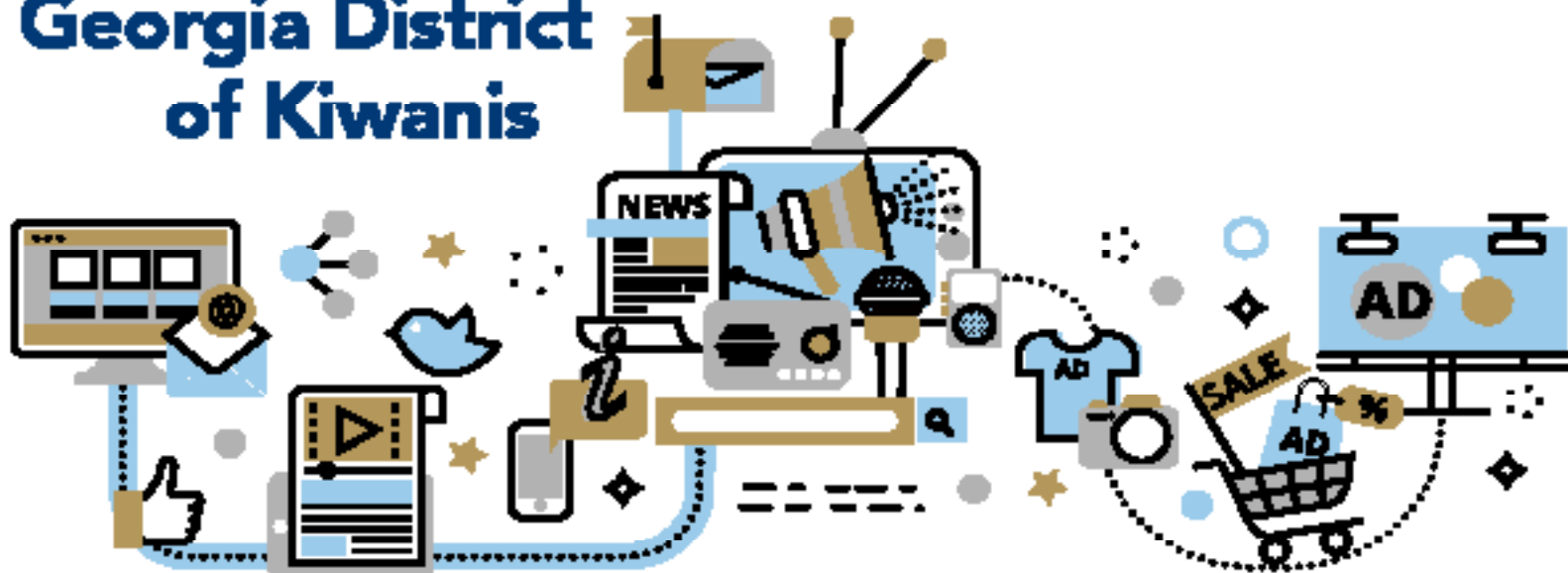
was built in the Italian Renaissance Revival style, a marked contrast to the Greek Revival architecture of the antebellum period.



The Allman Brothers Band
In 1969 a revolution was launched from the streets of Macon, consisting of guitars, bass, keyboards, drums, and a uniquely spirited brotherhood. The revolutionaries of record were the Allman Brothers Band, who, as the founders of what became known as Southern rock, changed the course of popular American music and turned Macon into the recording hot bed of the 1970s.

Tubman Museum, the Southeast's largest museum of African American art, history and culture. And don't miss Macon's outdoor activities like biking the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail and paddling the Ocmulgee River.

Georgia District of Kiwanis



MARKETING & PR COMPETITION

CATEGORIES:

- Newsletter
- Scrapbook
- Event Flyer
- Club Promotion
- Press Release
- Social Media
- Website
- Marketing Campaign

CLUB LEVELS

& AWARDS:

All clubs will compete in the same level in each category for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There will also be a chance to win "People's Choice".

DUE DATE:

August 12, 2022
5:00 PM

AWARDS LUNCHEON:

GA District Convention
August 13, 2022
Macon, GA

ENTRY FORMS:

Download online at
www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com



QUESTIONS & EARLY SUBMISSIONS:
Samantha Downton at sdownton@avchears.org

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS



NEEDED

We are asking clubs and/or individuals to donate a silent auction package to GA District's Annual Silent Auction at the District Convention. Proceeds from the Silent Auction benefit The Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation.

There will also be a special raffle drawing for all those who donate packages to the silent auction!

DROP - OFF:

At the GA District Kiwanis Convention
Friday, August 12, 2022 before 1:00 PM

Marriott-Centreplex
200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217

CONTACT:

Kim Maxwell, Auction Chair
C: 404-304-3308
E: kim@theaccountingfirm.net



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STEP 2: FORM A COMMITTEE

Kiwanis One Day success depends on proper planning. Begin by conducting a planning meeting and invite all interested members. At this meeting, provide the basic information on Kiwanis One Day and go over the various subcommittee responsibilities. The more volunteers the better. Don't limit the committee; rather, ask for club-wide participation!

STEP 3: SELECT A PROJECT

Select a project that plays to the strengths of the members and makes a difference in the community. You can find ideas here: <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/service-projects/kiwanis-one-day/kiwanis-one-day-toolkit>

STEP 4: FORM SUBCOMMITTEES

Delegate tasks to subcommittees to handle volunteer recruitment, logistics and other important tasks. Suggested subcommittees and responsibilities include: Volunteer Recruitment, Logistics, Community Networking, Hospitality, and Public Relations/Social Media.

STEP 5: SHARE YOUR STORY

Kiwanis One Day provides clubs with a chance to draw attention to their impact on the community. Take photos at your event, share them via Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Post on Pinterest. Mention @Kiwanis to tag Kiwanis International and post action photos throughout the day. Also use the Kiwanis One Day hashtag

#KiwanisOneDay in your posts.

STEP 6: INVITE SPECIAL GUESTS

Inviting special guests to your Kiwanis One Day event is a great idea. It creates community awareness about your club and helps build quality relationships with local officials. Think about who makes a difference in your community and invite them to your event!

STEP 7: REPORT YOUR SUCCESS

Clubs that participate in Kiwanis One Day should report the events, including service hours and other key data, on the Monthly Report form. This helps Kiwanis track and measure service projects, participation, and help improve our programs.

Kiwanis International also has lots of media resources available for you! They've got you covered with a customizable news release, social media posts and graphics, an invitation to help, opening remarks and the Kiwanis 'Just The Facts' sheet.

Everything can be found here: [HTTPS://WWW.KIWANIS.ORG/CLUBS/MEMBER-RESOURCES/SERVICE-PROJECTS/KIWANIS-ONE-DAY](https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/service-projects/kiwanis-one-day)

You can also visit the media relations page for tips and more resources for working with the media and creating awareness for your club.

CLE TRAINING

David Simmons

Training Chair
Kiwanis Club of Cordele

Club Leadership Education has been completed in 15 of our 18 divisions. If you were unable to attend your division's CLE training, there are a few opportunities that remain. There will be a CLE training on August 6 in Albany, Georgia at Christ United Methodist Church from 9AM until 12 noon. On August 12, a CLE training will take place at the site of our District Convention, Macon Marriott, from 1P-4PM. The last currently scheduled CLE training during this administrative year will occur on

August 20 in Moultrie, Georgia at First United Methodist Church from 9AM until 12 noon. If members of your club have been unable to participate in any of the CLE that have been completed or will be unable to attend any of the future CLE training, we are planning to have a CLE training in conjunction with the fall training conference that will be held on October 22.

I want to thank our District's dedicated trainers for leading the various trainings that have already occurred. If you have any questions regarding club leadership education, please feel free to contact me.

ON TO MINNEAPOLIS

Dan Bennett

International Convention Chair
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

The Georgia District was once again well represented at the International Convention in Indianapolis this year. With nearly 100 participants attending both in-person and online. Now, all eyes turn to Minneapolis for the 2023 International Convention. Next year's convention will be held June 21st thru the 24th, 2023 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Minneapolis is a vibrant place rich in culture, shopping, and nature. Cultural attractions include the Guthrie Theater (famous for Shakespearean Plays), the Minneapolis Institute of Art, and the Mill Town Museum. Shopping abounds in Minneapolis also; the famed, Mall of America is a short 10-mile drive from downtown. This is the largest shopping mall in the country featuring more than 520 stores, 50 restaurants, a full theme park, water park, and a 1.2-million-gallon aquarium! With nearly 6 million square feet of attractions, shopping, and dining you're certain to enjoy the trip. Nature plays a prominent role in Minneapolis as well, with the Chain of Lakes Regional Park and Minnehaha Regional Park contentment can be found amidst the hustle and bustle of the city. Above all, however, we will travel to the north country to celebrate and cheer-on our very own Katrina Baranko as she is installed as Kiwanis International President! Be sure to stop by the "On to Minneapolis" booth at the Georgia District Convention and training sessions to get your official travel guide. This will be the convention to celebrate on of our own, so be sure to mark your calendars and make plans now to attend!



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QUESTIONS? Contact Samantha Downton at sdownton@avchears.org

KIWANIS CLUB OF THE UKRAINE VISITED THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ST MARYS

On Monday July 18, members of the Kiwanis Club of the Ukraine visited the Kiwanis Club of St Marys. They shared their personal stories of pain and suffering as well as hope and prayer. They share a video of their personal experiences which can be viewed on you-tube at: <https://youtu.be/yvXn9p7S7FQ>

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Georgia also visited at the same time and made a donation of \$4,000. Kiwanis Club of St Marys made a donation of \$2,000 to help refugee children.

Picture attached (l-r) Christina Chorna (Granddaughter), Lora Pavlenko (Mother), Renata Chorna, (Daughter) and Dale Law, president-elect St Marys Kiwanis Club

Also, in attendance but not pictured, Georgia District of Kiwanis Governor Byron Mullican and Lt Governor Bobby Gillham



KIWANIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEED A KID

Mr. Billy Brinson from Emanuel Missionary Baptist Association and Dianna Wedincamp, President of Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, met to discuss the EMBA's upcoming project. Mr. Brinson, as the director of the association, accepted the Kiwanis' contribution to their Feed A Kid Program. Mr. Billy said the program has 500 children signed up so far for the first week of the food distribution and they hope to have the funds to offer the program the whole month of July. Kiwanis Club is excited to join other community leaders and contribute to make this happen. Ms. Emily Jarrell and Ms.

Beth Salmon are working tirelessly to make this wonderful project happen for the whole month of July. If you would like to help or make a contribution call Mr. Billy Brinson at 478-455-0400.



COOKOUT FOR READING PROGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro met at the Franklin Memorial Library on Thursday July 21, 2022, to host their annual cookout for the end of the Summer Reading Program at 11:00 a.m. President Dianna Wedincamp grilled the hotdogs and Chair Deana Patrick brought the Chips, cookies, lemonade and condiments for a super meal. The Summer Reading program ended with a Hawaiian luau. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, Farm Bureau and Friends of the Library hosted the hot dog cookout and then the library presented a Hawaiian dancer to give everyone lessons. 76 attended. Bingo games were played for prizes and books were given away.



METTER KIWANIS "INTERCLUB" VISIT'S SWAINSBORO KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, July 5, 2022, at the Rustic Grille at 7:00. With President Dianna Wedincamp presiding, we had 25 in attendance including 4 guest's, Steve Burke and Jimmy Allen and an "interclub from the Metter Kiwanis Club, Tim Wood and Lawanna Marlin. Metter Kiwanis Interclub members traveled 25 miles to join our Club in promoting fellowship among

our members. Through the fellowship gained by inter-club activities, members learn how other clubs function, get to know their neighboring Kiwanians, develop new ideas and a broader interest in how Kiwanis operates, find new ideas for use in their own club, and become better Kiwanians. Inter-clubbing creates fun and strong fellowship.



ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY THE
NEWMAN TIMES-HERALD

By JOE ADGIE
joe@newnan.com

Three women from Kyiv, having escaped the horrors of the ongoing war in Ukraine, spoke to Kiwanis members from Newnan, Coweta and across the state on Tuesday.

Lora Pavlenko, along with her daughter, Renata Chorna, and granddaughter Christina, evacuated from Ukraine and went on a trek across Europe before making it to Newnan. Lora's husband meanwhile, is still in Kyiv, supplying food, medicine and other necessities to those that need it.

For the three, Newnan marked the first time in three months that they had actually been able to sleep in a bed, having stayed underground and on cots as they sought safety, away from the war.

During Tuesday's gathering, Pavlenko was awarded with the Georgia District Governor's Leadership Medallion from Byron Mullican, the Governor of the Georgia District of Kiwanis.

Mullican remarked that Pavlenko was the first Ukrainian to receive the medallion, and apologized about the circumstances surrounding the award.

"And we just hope that, like you, sooner or later, this will be over and you will be able to live your life as you shall," Mullican said.

Chorna translated Lora's story, which she told in Russian, to those at the event.

"About 15 years ago, we came to the United States; it was our first time in the United States," Pavlenko said through Chorna. "We came to Atlanta after we had a flight to Jacksonville. But we asked Julie and Don (Chapman) if we could stay with them, and that's how we met them. After that, we went all the time when we came to the United States. We always met with Julie and Don and had a really nice time."



Leaders from all across the Georgia District came to hear the Ukrainian refugees' story. From left are Georgia Kiwanis District Governor Byron Mullican, Lora Pavlenko, Immediate Past Governor George Elkins, and Renata Chorna. Pavlenko was awarded the Governor's Leadership Medallion by Mullican as a special recognition to Kiwanians who have exemplified outstanding leadership skills and furthering the mission of Kiwanis International.

Feb. 24: the outbreak of war

Pavlenko said that they never thought they would come to the United States for such a reason like the war.

"Feb. 23 was a usual day in Kyiv, and I was with Christina, and she did not want to do lessons," Chorna said. "We can not imagine that the next morning, we would have a war."

But at 4 a.m. on Feb. 24, the bombing started across all the biggest cities in Ukraine.

"They bombed everything," Chorna said. "They bombed the usual civil (civilian) houses, apartment buildings, shopping malls, everything."

At that time, Chorna and her daughter Christina lived in a suburb of Kyiv in an apartment.

"I opened the window, and I saw these black helicopters, and they came and they started to bomb everything," Chorna said. "I thought this was like a movie, and I cannot understand the war had started. I stayed in my apartment until the evening, because I thought maybe it starts and it's a bad joke, but they bombed our place where I lived all day. I called my mom and said I will come to Kyiv, because I am afraid for the war. I took my daughter, I took my cat and I took my documents."

Chorna said the next day, the bridge between her town and Kyiv was destroyed, and she said she never saw her apartment again.

"They just bombed my apartment," she said. "I lost everything."

Escape from Kyiv and to safety

In an effort to escape, they moved to the basement of a friend's house. A tall apartment building, they felt, was dangerous to live in as missiles flew past, some right into the buildings.

But it was too dangerous to stay in Kyiv. Chorna and Christina got on a train that took them to Budapest, Hungary. Pavlenko, meanwhile, remained in Kyiv, trying to supply food and medicine to her fellow Ukrainians.

It was there that Pavlenko had several close brushes with death. She said that God was on her side each time.

For instance, in a village near Kyiv, Pavlenko had a close call with a land mine that had been planted by a Russian soldier.

"They asked her, my mom, can you come to this small village to talk to these people, to pray for them and support them," Chorna said. "She said, 'Yes, I will go with you to support people.' She came to this

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small village with five Ukrainian soldiers, and it was a small bus, and when this bus stopped, she started to run to these people in this house, and the soldiers screamed, 'Stop!'"

Pavlenko was told to look at her feet. There were trip lines attaches to mines along the ground. She was told that if she had walked another step, she would have tripped a mine and everyone would have been killed from the explosion.

"Russian soldiers, they put mines everywhere. They put mines in children's toys, in food, everything. I don't know why they do it. It's horrible," Pavlenko said through Chorna.

In another house were three Russian soldiers, heavily armed.

"The soldiers, they tried to take everything, jewelry, gold - they just stole it. And when the door was opened, she saw the soldiers with the guns, and our soldiers, the Ukrainian soldiers, they had the guns too, and she was in the middle," continued Chorna.

Pavlenko started praying that this showdown between Ukrainian and Russian soldiers would not lead to shooting, and thankfully, it didn't.

Eventually, Pavlenko got out of the area, and was able to reconnect with her daughter and granddaughter.

The three traveled to Budapest, and then to Vienna, Austria, and then to a town in Switzerland, before making it to Newnan. In August, they will return to stay in Switzerland where there is a community of around 13,000 Ukrainian refugees.

The horrors of war, and the horrors of Russian aggression

Chorna spoke of the brutal treatment that Russian invaders dealt to those who lived in Kyiv and elsewhere in Ukraine.

"Russian soldiers came too close to Kyiv," Chorna said. "They came to these small villages, and they started to do really horrible things. They killed civil people. They killed children. They raped the women and the children. They acted like animals."

The Russians, Chorna said, were killing people just for the fun of it.

"Many of my mother's friends who lived close to Kyiv, they were killed by Russian soldiers," Chorna said. "They were regular people, not military, not soldiers. Russian

soldiers, they killed the people just for fun. It was just like safari. They say it's a game to kill the people, just hunting."

During the event, Pavlenko and Chorna showed a video that demonstrated the horrors taking place in Ukraine. The sounds of air raid sirens - which they said had become a regular occurrence - as often as every 30 minutes, Chorna said. There was a missile piercing through an apartment building. Children were being treated by doctors. Hospitals and schools were shown after having been bombed by the Russians.

The video showed Ukrainians living in underground Metro stations because their homes had become targets. The Ukrainian men were either fighting for the survival of their nation, helping others to safety or bringing supplies to those that need it.

Chorna said their hope is that the fortunes of the Ukrainian people will turn around in July and August, when more weapons are set to come in from the U.S. to help the Ukrainians defend themselves from the invading Russians.

KIWANIS DONATES TO WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Board of Directors of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club voted June 21, 2022, to donate \$450.00 to the "Veterans of the Library's 1st annual Wreaths Across America (WAA) project. Spokesperson Gary Mason presented the WAA program to our Chapter 2 weeks earlier at our regular weekly meeting. The WAA was organized in Emanuel County by John Tapley. John is a U.S. Army veteran and helped to place 13 U.S. Flags at the Brook Haven Park in Swainsboro last December 18, 2021, for the 13 service members that were killed in Afghanistan last August 2021. John was so passionate about this event that he has organized the WAA in Emanuel County with the Veterans of the Library that meet each Monday morning at 9:30 am at the Franklin Memorial Library in the WWII

room. Because there are nearly 200 cemeteries in Emanuel County, the group has decided to place a wreath on every grave of a veteran in just 4 cemeteries, Swainsboro City Cemetery, East Brook Cemetery, Early Settlers Cemetery and the First Baptist Church Cemetery this year. The WAA needs your help in identifying the veterans' graves in these 4 cemeteries that are not marked as veterans. Our group has walked all 4 cemeteries and have listed over 500 graves that are marked as veterans. Please call 478-494-4113 or 478-494-2517 if you have a family member that is buried in one of these 4 cemeteries that is not marked and give us their name, military service and location in the cemetery, plus any other information you might have. It will not cost you anything, but if you would like to

make a donation to help us purchase these wreaths, their cost is \$15.00 each. The wreaths will remain on the graves for over a month and then we will remove them. The Wreaths will be placed on each grave on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, after a short program, taps to be played and then a Revolutionary Flintlock and cannon 3 round volley at the Swainsboro City Cemetery at 11:00.



MOST IMPROVED 5TH GRADER

The Kiwanis of Grantville club recognized the 2021-2022 Glanton Elementary School Most Improved 5th Grader at their June 2nd meeting. This award is given to the one student selected by the fifth grade teachers who has shown the most progress during the school year. The first annual recipient of this award is Annabell Coker.

All three of her teachers attended the meeting to honor Annabell. Ms. Sandy Titshaw spokesperson for the teachers stated "When asked the question, "Who is the most improved 5th grader? Annabell Coker was the very first thought of all three teachers. Annabell has grown by leaps and bounds this year. She has matured into a wonderful young lady ready for middle school.

Academically, Annabell has grown beyond fifth grade excelling in every academic subject. She has moved from a developing learner to

a distinguished learner at the top of her class. Her confidence radiates in everything that she does. Her compassion for others is visible each and every day. She continually seeks out those who seem to need an accepting friend.

Annabell is a great leader who never lets the peer pressure of others influence her decisions. She holds to her morals and values regardless of the opinions of those around her. Annabell Coker's character, academic skills, and leadership qualities make her the absolute best choice for this prestigious award! There is no doubt that she will do amazing things!!! Annabell was presented with a plaque from the club and enjoyed pizza in celebration of her accomplishments.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the club sold tickets for a 50/50 drawing. Annabell won the drawing and was presented with \$10 which was half of the money collected.



Shelly Smith counted out one dollar bills to present her with her share of the pot. Upon returning to her seat, Annabell turned to her mother and said, "What do I do with this money?" Her mother replied, "What ever you want to do with it." Annabell quickly got up and proceeded to the front to hand the money back to the club president as a donation to the club. What a testament of her servant's heart.

During the 2022-2023 school year, Glanton Elementary School will have their k-Kids club. To find out more about how to get involved with the Kiwanis of Grantville club, contact Shelly Smith at 678-793-7574 (cell) or shellysmith1954@yahoo.com or any of the other Kiwanis members.

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More**

NEW LIFE JACKET LOANER STATIONS

Safe Kids Columbus wants to thank Brice Patterson, Cols Fire & EMS and Jay Clark and Bill Wattsworth, Lake Harding Neighborhood Association, for the new loaner stations in our region. The latest new loaner station is in Harris County GA. Blanton Creek Boat Ramp located at 6111 Lick Skillet Road, Hamilton, GA 31811. I have also included the most recent photo of the new Po Boys Landing Loaner Station on the Alabama side. We now have a total of 7 life jacket loaner stations in our region.

Thanks to amazing River Safety Committee Members, our excellent partners, to include those mentioned along with Academy Sports, Cols Parks & Rec, The Griffis team at 1827 Realty, Georgia Power, and Kiwanis Club of Columbus, we were able to get several just like this one built, installed and serviced weekly with brand new life jackets. We had some life jackets allocated for the new sites and they are up and running!

The amazing thing is... they are being widely used and jackets returned on a routine basis! A great service to our region! Thank you for your work to prevent accidental drownings in our region! Together, we truly do make a difference!



KIWANIS CLUB OF MOULTRIE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Celebrating 100 Years of Service! Pictured are the Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Officers L-R: Sonya Aldridge, Secretary; Sarah Adams, Vice-President; Louie Stripling, President; Alicia Horkan, President-Elect; Ken Turnipseed, Treasurer & Connie Fritz, Immediate Past President

A delegation from Kiwanis International and Georgia District Kiwanis joined in the festivitiesBack Row L-R: George Elkins, Georgia District Governor 2020-2021; Dewey Smith, Kiwanis International Trustee 2014-2015; Bill Davis, Division 13 Lt. Governor; Byron Mullican, Georgia District Governor; Darryl Gumz, Georgia District Governor-Elect; Bill Lieber, Kiwanis International President 1992-1993; Louie Stripling, Kiwanis Club of Moultrie President Front Row L-R: Alexia Lieber, Georgia Kiwanis Executive Director, Katrina Baranko, Kiwanis International Vice President and Barbara Wilber, Division 13 Lt. Governor 2020-2021.

Recognition of Past Presidents included Back Row L-R: Bill McIntosh, Bruce Vines, Bill Foy, Dan Jeter, Bob Craft, Roy Reeves Third Row (L-R) Monty Carlton, Rick Gehle, Brent Chitty, Billy Fallin, Lane Wear, Richard Crowdis, Brandon Rye, Robert Duggan, Click Peters, Second Row L-R: Butch Parrish, Andrew Christensen, John Carlton, Richard Garcia, Wes Lewis, Front Row L-R: Donna Lott, Connie Fritz, Sonya Aldridge and Current President Louie Stripling.

Louie Stripling (L) recognized Robert Duggan, 1962 Club President, as the club's longest-serving member.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE

The Kiwanis Club of Statesboro just completed their second annual "Back to School Shoe Drive." The goal of this program is to gather new shoes for foster children returning to school and is done in cooperation with another great organization—Fostering Bulloch. As a result of this Kiwanis program, over 60 foster children will have a new pair of shoes when they return to school!



SHARING CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Pictured left to right are Dewey Smith, Katrina Baranko, and Mike Bertram following the June 20 meeting of the Albany-Dougherty Kiwanis Club. Club members Dewey and Katrina recently returned from the Kiwanis International annual convention in Indianapolis and presented a program about highlights of their trip.

Katrina is currently serving as president-elect of the international organization, and at next year's convention in Minneapolis she will be installed as Kiwanis International president. Dewey is a former international trustee. They were both members of the former Albany Kiwanis Club, which merged with Kiwanis of Club Dougherty County last October 1. Mike Bertram is president of the Albany-Dougherty club and will be succeeded by Doug Lorber next October 1.

The Kiwanis mission is improving the world for kids, one community, one child at a time. Locally, the Albany-Kiwanis Club is known for its decades of family and youth service through sponsorship for decades of the Student Art Contest, Bike Program, and Pritchett-Pippin Dance Recital, as well as foundation scholarships for high school graduates from Dougherty, Lee, and Terrell counties. Numerous local organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Family Literacy Council, and The Anchorage among others have benefited from financial contributions by the club.

The Albany-Dougherty Kiwanis Club meets every Monday at 12 noon at Austin's Firegrill & Oyster Bar.



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Join this group to post about service projects and events that your club is participating in. If you need volunteers or supplies, post it here! This is a great chance to share what your club is doing and to invite fellow Kiwanians to join along. Great chance to get interclub credits! This is also a place you can share service project ideas and get inspired.

TAG US!

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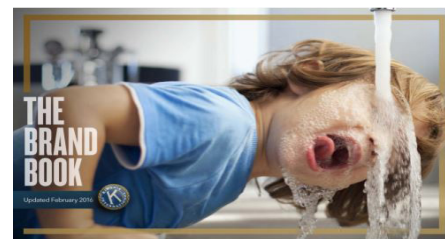


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SHOW YOUR KIWANIS BRAND

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



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