

THE

Georgia Kiwanian

DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023

|

georgiakiwanis.com



ADVENTURE BAGS

Misty Manus

Executive Director of
Adventure Bags

Adventure Bags, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve displaced children across the state of Georgia offering them backpacks filled with overnight essentials and comfort items during uncertain times. Our goal and objectives are to ensure every child facing uncertainty is given the opportunity to feel loved and have something to call their own through our backpacks and the agencies we partner with. Our desire is that Georgia's most vulnerable children will know that someone somewhere is thinking about them.

The idea for Adventure Bags came to life in 2011 after founder Debbie Gori's daughter, a social worker for the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), had to pick up children in another state and bring them into the DFCS system for care. They had nothing but a black trash bag for their belongings. This was unacceptable to the DFCS staff member who assisted the 3 siblings, so she purchased items at the airport for overnight essentials and comfort items. Smiles of joy radiated from the children's faces when they were given these items. They were excited to have something to call their own. Since that time, we've placed over 43,000 bags with partner agencies who directly serve Georgia's children in crisis situations. We partner with county DFCS offices, first responders, domestic violence and homeless shelters, foster organizations, school systems, and other community organizations that provide direct services to children in crisis.

We continue to serve children in crisis across Georgia by providing Adventure Bags to partner organizations across the state. Our organization currently has two programs in place that focus on Georgia's children. Our "One Bag At A Time" program focuses on serving agencies that provide direct services to children entering foster care, being forced into domestic violence shelters, facing homelessness, and other unfortunate circumstances beyond their control. Our, "Help Us Help Heroes" program began as we recognized that often times our first responders are the first ones to come into contact with children in crisis situations. Through this program, we equip our first responders with our adventure bags to have on hand when serving the children in their communities. As of today, we have served over 43,000 children across the state of Georgia. We are currently on track to serve 5,000 children this year alone.

We are so thankful that Governor Gumz has selected Adventure Bags, Inc. as his Service Project for the 2022-2023 year. Through this Project, we would like to invite all Kiwanians to join us in serving Georgia's children through donating supplies, hosting donation drives for supplies, hosting Packing Parties to actually pack the bags, assisting with delivering bags to our partnering agencies, and of course monetary donations are always helpful. It is through Community Partnerships such as this, we encourage our partners to join us and come along side of us and help us to ensure that Georgia's are provide a sense of security and

Continued on Page 12

CONDIDATE FOR
VICE-GOVERNOR

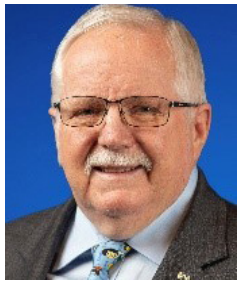


Barry Gardner

has been nominated by
The Kiwanis Club of Fairfield - Villa Rica

CONTENTS

Leadership Updates	2
Membership	3
Scoreboard	7
Service Leadership Programs	8
Committee Updates	11
Upcoming Events	15
Our Impact	20
Stay Connected	28



Darryl Gumz

2022-23 Governor of the Georgia District

C: (770) 605-6656

E: gumzes@gmail.com

Clubs: Winder, Jefferson, West Jackson, Georgia Online

Well, the year is off to a GREAT start! We had a FUN Fall Training to which many came and discovered things about Kiwanis that they did not know. We have opened two new clubs and gained almost a hundred new members. As of this writing, Brooklet was leading the way at plus six for the year. Augusta, Columbus, Moultrie, and Valdosta were right behind.

Has your club selected and identified your Membership/Growth Committee Chair yet? There is a spot for two of them on your Secretary Dashboard. The statistics say that the vast majority of clubs that have experienced growth are the clubs who have identified that key representative.

I am so excited to see all the things your clubs are doing to support your communities. I see your posts on Facebook, I read many of your reports. Y'all are not slowing down at all. Good on ya! Don't let up now, your communities need you. While I am on that subject, have you identified your Signature Project yet? And put it on your Secretary Dashboard? If

not, that is something you need to do. So, what is a Signature Project?

Think about what your Kiwanis club is known for in your community. It can be a service project or a fundraiser. Signature projects:

- Are recurring. (Note: A new project can qualify as a signature project if the intent is to continue the project.)
- Enhance the Kiwanis image.
- Demonstrate significant impact on the community in terms of monies raised or children served.
- Strengthen membership and partnership opportunities.

Enter your Signature Project in the Signature Project Contest in January. Rules and entry forms will be announced soon. By entering the contest, you have the opportunity to earn points toward being Distinguished this year and a chance to be recognized at the Kiwanis International Convention next year in Minneapolis.

How are you doing with Two For Two?

If you are using it effectively, you will likely experience significant growth this year. I have heard from clubs that have been successful with the launch of this new program. If you are struggling, please reach out and let us help you with the mechanics. Remember, the key to success is making a list of contacts with whom you, as a club, already have relationships and then consistently visiting two of them each month.

We are just around the corner from our Division Rallies. I am excited to learn more about your clubs' activities and your SLPs. I am also looking forward to seeing you shine as we support Adventure Bags, my project for the year. See the accompanying article on who they are and how you can help them as they provide service to your communities. We are going to have FUN at each of your rallies! Your Lt Governor will provide you with the details of your gathering.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you ringing bells at Salvation Army kettles, providing meals for the holidays, providing Christmas for children and families where you live, and experiencing the joy of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or whatever your family traditions call for. In this season of love, caring, and giving, may your hearts and home be filled with a boundless joy.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

Alexia Lieber

Executive Director of Georgia District of Kiwanis

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

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

Now, on the business side, wouldn't

it be a wonderful present to Governor Darryl Gumz and his Board, if we could have all reports filed on time by the 10th of each month. May we count on you? Let us make 2022-23 the best reporting year ever.

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

CLUB SECRETARIES, please clip and save the following:

- 10th of each month - Official Club

Monthly Report.

- February 15th - Final date to file your 990
- April 15th - Mid-Year Conference - McDonough, Georgia
- April 22nd - District Talent and Art Showcase - Gainesville, Georgia
- Officer Election - Due June 1, 2023 - Please have these in on time.
- June 21-24, 2023 - Kiwanis International Convention, Minneapolis, MN
- August 25-27, 2023 - District Convention, Savannah, Georgia.

Please note that the District Office will be closed Dec. 23rd - Jan. 2nd.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph M. Bland
Jonquil City, Smyrna

Dean Paul Fletcher
Carrollton Golden K

Jack K. Fletcher
Forsyth-Monroe County

Tann Lightsey
Jonquil City, Smyrna

Bill Loyd
Habersham County

Ramon Montgomery
Carrollton

Robert L. Wilber, Jr.
Lost Mountain

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



CONGRATULATIONS FOR TWO NEW GEORGIA DISTRICT KIWANIS CLUBS

The Georgia District of Kiwanis has opened two new Kiwanis Clubs in October '22 ... the Kiwanis Club of Blakely-Early County (K20917) and the Kiwanis Club of Good Life City (K20920) in Albany, GA.

Club Opener and Past Governor, Andy Pipkin, again led the way in walking the streets and talking with folks in Blakely to gather the new members and get them focused on the new club and getting it going to support the children and families in Early County. Many thanks to Andy and the new members for a terrific job.

The new club named Good Life City, is named after a slogan for the city of Albany, Georgia....who knew!

Congratulations to Past Governor, Past International Trustee, Dewey Smith with an assist from Katrina Baranko, International President-elect, to bring these new members together and make this club a reality.

Congratulations to all the new members in Blakely-Early County and Good Life City!! We look forward to being Kiwanians together and all that you will do to improve the lives of children in your communities!!

CLUBS WITH MEMBERSHIP

GROWTH

AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH
1	Galleria-NW, Atlanta	+1
2	Columbus	+4
2	Greater Columbus	+1
2	Griffin	+1
2	Harris County	+1
3	White Oak Golden K	+1
4	Jesup	+1
4	Skidaway	+3
4	Waycross	+1
5	Blakely-Early County	+23
6	Augusta	+4
9	Milledgeville	+1
10	Blue Ridge	+4
10	Gilmer County	+1
11	Ringgold	+2
12	Douglas County, Douglasville	+1
12	Fairfield-Villa Rica	+2
12	Haralson	+1
12	Paulding	+1
13	Valdosta	+4
15	Jonquil City, Smyrna	+2
15	Lost Mountain	+1
17	Brooklet	+2
17	Statesboro	+3
18	Henry County	+1

LONG DISTANCE INTERCLUB

Barry Gardner, President of the Kiwanis Club of Fairfield -Villa Rica attended a meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Garmish-Partenkirchen Germany on September 27 2022. During the meeting Garmish Club President Peter Bitzright) presented Barry with a book commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Club. Chartered on August 7 1991, the Club was formed by 23 US Army Soldiers and 7 German men from Garmish, all members of the Garmish German- American Friendship Club.



MEMBERSHIP

DUES ARE NOW PAST

DUE

Darryl Gumz

2022-23 Governor of GA District
Kiwanis Club of Winder,
Jefferson, West Jackson, Georgia
Online

The good news is that, as of this writing, 49 clubs (a third of our District), had already paid their dues. Invoices were mailed to club Secretaries in November. Club leaders, look on your Secretary Dashboard for the Finances Tab (Treasurers look at your Kiwanis home page for the Treasurer tab) and you will find your current invoices.

There are two options to paying your dues:

1. The best way is to pay them online with a credit card.
2. The second way is to print out an invoice (or use the one you received in the mail) and mail it in with a check to the address listed on the invoice.

This spot is also where the invoices for new members appear. They can be paid in the same ways.



NEW CLUBS COMING SOON

Be on the look out! The New Club Opening team have been meeting with people in Calhoun and Gordon County to start a Kiwanis Club!

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



DUES BREAKDOWN PER MONTH

2022-23 Kiwanis Year

MONTH	KI DUES	DISTRICT DUES	TOTAL
October	\$82.00	\$30.00	\$112.00
November	\$75.17	\$27.50	\$102.67
December	\$68.33	\$25.00	\$ 93.33
January	\$61.50	\$22.50	\$ 84.00
February	\$54.67	\$20.00	\$ 74.67
March	\$47.83	\$17.50	\$ 65.33
April	\$41.00	\$15.00	\$ 56.00
May	\$34.17	\$12.50	\$ 46.67
June	\$27.33	\$10.00	\$ 37.33
July	\$20.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 28.00
August	\$13.67	\$ 5.00	\$ 18.67
September	\$ 6.83	\$ 2.50	\$ 9.33

CLUB STRENGTHENING

CR Phillips

Club Strengthening Chair
Kiwanis Club of Newnan

Howard Marks in his book on investing called, *The MOST IMPORTANT THING...* sites nineteen 'Most Important Things' in investing.

Well, Club Strengthening is investing in your Club, so in this way I think it's most apropos that we use this concept to start off this first article: *The MOST IMPORTANT THING* in Club Strengthening is...

WHY ARE YOU HAVING A MEETING?

What purpose does your club fill in your community?

What is your club all about, anyway? Do you know? Do the rest of your members know? When was the last time you or anyone asked your club members what your club was all about?

What is it your club members want to be doing but aren't?

What service does it provide to the community? What service does it provide to the Children in your community?

Once you can answer these questions you're off to a very good start.

MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Join us in congratulating all of these clubs that are celebrating big anniversaries in January! 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 Macon County

Division 9
January 9, 1923



Kiwanis Club of Thomson

Division 6
January 25, 1943



MEMBERSHIP

NOMINEES FOR DISTRICT VICE-GOVERNOR

If you or if you know someone who is interested or wants to eventually be Governor of the Georgia District, the process is as outlined below.

Each district officer shall be an active member in a club of the district. The Governor, Governor-elect, and Vice-Governor shall each have completed a full term as a Lieutenant Governor in the District and a full term as a District Committee Chair of the District. The Governor, Governor-elect, Vice-Governor, and District Executive Director shall have and maintain a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

Each district officer has the duty and responsibility to:

- Promote the Objects and objectives of Kiwanis International.
- Promote the interests of the clubs within the district.
- Perform such duties and responsibilities as are currently prescribed or as may be amended in the bylaws, policies, or procedures of Kiwanis International or of the district or as may be assigned by the District Board.
- Actively promote implementation of growth efforts of the district in

conjunction with Kiwanis International's strategic growth plan.

- Actively promote and support programs of emphasis by Kiwanis International, such as the service leadership programs (where applicable) and the global campaign for children.
- Attend all meetings required by the district.
- Whenever possible, all district officers are encouraged to attend the Kiwanis International Convention.

The District Bylaws for the Georgia District of Kiwanis International, Article VII, Section 3 states:

- All qualified candidates for Vice-Governor, Governor-elect and Governor must submit written notice of candidacy to the District Executive Director no later than the beginning of the first convention session.
- Qualified candidates for Governor, Governor-elect, and Vice-Governor shall:
 - Submit a signed agreement to Kiwanis International to fulfill the duties of office.
 - Submit a signed District Statement of Commitment to the district.

- Have a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International and submit a signed document to the district certifying it.
- Submit a letter of nomination from the candidate's club.

Don't delay. Please get your letter of recommendation in soon. It will be a process that will require, in all probability your club having voted to endorse one or more candidates from your club, filing that with the Executive Director's office in Macon, having it screened and approved by the District Screening and Nomination Committee, and then finally the delegates will elect the 2022-23 Vice-Governor at the Georgia District Convention, August 25-27, 2023 in Savannah, Georgia. The elected Vice-Governor will afterwards automatically step up each year to Governor-Elect and Governor.

Steps to engage and retain members of your club. Here are some steps that the Officers and Board of Directors and members can take to make sure every member is engaged, enthused and eager to participate in your Kiwanis club.

EVALUATE YOUR CLUB.

1. Evaluate your meeting site, programs and participation of members.
2. Keep your membership current on dues and fees. Do not wait until September to bill for the following year. Collect dues monthly/quarterly and let those behind know they need to catch-up.
3. Do you have service projects and fundraisers often enough to keep your members engaged? Younger members join to serve their communities.
4. Officers and Board members complete Club Leadership Training each year and attend District and KI training?

CLUB ATMOSPHERE

1. Are your meetings fun, engaging and friendly? Do you have a greeter at the door to make everyone welcome?
2. Are your programs interesting, educational and relevant?
3. Do you have "Happy Bucks," "Sheriff's Report" or "Brag or Complain time?"
4. Are your meetings always positive and encouraging?
5. Do you invite your Student Leadership Program (SLP) leaders and members to attend meetings?

ACTIVE MEMBERS

1. Are you recognizing and showing appreciation to active members? Gift cards, certificates, Kiwanis recognition?
2. Do you "assume" that just because they chaired an event in previous years that they will do it again or do you ask them each time that event occurs? Always ask, don't assume.
3. Inform the membership of coming events so they know well ahead to plan their time to volunteer.

NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

1. Contact members who miss meetings to let them know they have been missed and offer assistance to help them attend the next meeting.
2. Send a card, email or call them if you know they are ill or in the hospital.
3. Let them know you are having an event and invite them to attend and participate.
4. Welcome them back when they return.

NEW MEMBERS

1. Have the sponsor mentor them until they feel comfortable with how your club operates. The sponsor should let the new member know what the expectations are with projects and fundraisers.
2. Have a new member orientation that explains what Kiwanis International is and how your club fits into the big picture. Let them know the activities that your club does and how they can assist.
3. Put new members on a committee quickly and get them involved in activities so they can get comfortable with the club and members. See what committee they would do well in serving.
4. Ask the new member what are their passions for community service and if they know any community needs that the club could address.

Each year, all Districts lose members by the hundreds. Retaining current members as well as recruiting new members should be a priority to every member of your club. All of us know the "movers and shakers" in our lives that would be a great fit in Kiwanis International and your club. We need to commit to retain current members and to utilize the "2 FOR 2" method in recruiting.



TRAINING CHAIR NEEDED

Brent Leslie

Governor-Elect

Kiwanis Club of Jones County

As Governor-Elect one of the first jobs you work on is beginning to assemble the district chairs who will serve the district during the following year. The transition of leadership has opened several positions that will need filling. The first of which is the position of Training Chair. This is one of the unique chair positions in the district that begins prior to the new administrative year.

The first task this position will complete is assembling the training classes that will occur at our district convention in Savannah on August 25-27. Your main role will be assembling the presenters for the classes, determining with consultation with the Gov-Elect on what classes to present, assigning rooms to the presenters based on subject matter and timing, and assuring the presenters respective needs are met. (Audio-visual, internet, etc...)

I am looking for dynamic individuals who are looking to take the next steps in their Kiwanis journey and get involved beyond the club level. If you wish to be considered for this position, please email me at Kermit5839@yahoo.com. I would like to have those wishing to apply for the position back to me by December 14, 2022.

More information can be found in Section 985 in the Georgia District Policy Code. You may find the policy code by going to www.georgiakiwanis.com and clicking the policy code under the resources tab.

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	Wally Yazbak	Atlanta Galleria-Northwest Atlanta Northside Atlanta	201 18 32	201 19 32	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			251	252	
2	Craig Rockenstein	Barnesville Columbus Golden K, Columbus Greater Columbus Griffin Harris County LaGrange Manchester North Columbus Pike County Thomaston West Point	26 46 11 33 107 18 49 14 8 23 36 5	26 50 11 34 108 19 49 14 8 23 36 5	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			376	383	
3	Murray Parks	Coweta County Fayette County Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta Grantville Metro-Fayette Newnan Peachtree City White Oak Golden K	72 17 7 13 10 95 22 57	72 16 7 13 10 95 22 58	
DIVISION TOTALS:			293	293	
4	Michael Klavon	Brunswick Jesup Liberty County Pooler-West Chatham Richmond Hill Saint Marys Savannah Skidaway Waycross	49 30 33 4 15 63 17 133 4	49 31 33 4 15 63 17 136 5	
DIVISION TOTALS:			348	353	
5	Lisa Williams	Albany/Dougherty County Americus Blakely-Early County Cairo Cairo-Morningstar LeeDo Mitchell-Baker Thomasville	73 71 23 48 14 19 12 70	73 71 23 48 14 19 12 70	
DIVISION TOTALS:			307	330	
6	Rick Berry	Augusta Louisville Thomson Uptown Augusta Warrenton Washington	139 24 22 15 18 10	143 24 20 15 18 10	
DIVISION TOTALS:			228	230	
7	Greg Simpson	Athens Classic City Commerce Hartwell Jefferson Oconee West Jackson Winder	22 18 34 35 11 15 4 15	22 18 34 35 11 15 4 15	
DIVISION TOTALS:			154	154	
8	Mike Sullivan	Cumming Duluth-Norcross Gainesville Lawrenceville North Gwinnett South Hall County-Oakwood Suwanee	20 24 120 12 41 12 20	20 24 120 12 41 12 20	
DIVISION TOTALS:			249	249	
9	Jim David	Cochran-Bleckley County Crawford County Forsyth - Monroe County Fort Valley Jones County Macon Macon County Milledgeville North Macon Perry Taylor County Warner Robins	17 22 58 26 27 35 25 23 18 35 19 9	17 22 55 26 27 35 25 24 18 35 19 9	
DIVISION TOTALS:			314	312	

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Joyce Taylor	Blairsville Blue Ridge Cleveland Dahlonega/Lumpkin County Dawson County Gilmer County Habersham County Jasper/Pickens County Rabun County Toccoa	17 56 30 11 9 13 39 10 14 17	17 60 30 11 9 14 39 10 14 17	
DIVISION TOTALS:			216	221	
11	Jeri Purdy	Cartersville Dalton Murray County Ringgold Rome	13 45 14 15 20	13 45 14 17 20	
DIVISION TOTALS:			107	109	
12	Latha Narayan	Bowdon Carrollton Carrollton Golden K Cedartown Douglas County Fairfield - Villa Rica Haralson Paulding Rockmart Villa Rica - Temple	25 87 24 32 17 24 12 22 15 15	25 86 24 32 18 26 13 23 15 15	
DIVISION TOTALS:			273	277	
13	Ben Baker	Adel Cordele Fitzgerald Moultrie Quitman-Brooks County Sylvester Tifton Turner County Valdosta	11 47 22 141 10 40 19 17 15	11 47 22 141 10 40 19 17 19	
DIVISION TOTALS:			322	326	
14	Judi Brown	Alpharetta-Milton Brookhaven-Chamblee Doraville-Tucker Druid Hills Historic Roswell	8 13 15 8 33	8 13 15 8 33	
DIVISION TOTALS:			77	77	
15	Debbie McCracken	Georgia Online Greater Cherokee Greater South Cobb Jonquil City Lost Mountain Marietta Marietta Golden K Metro Marietta	22 34 20 30 59 175 67 22	22 34 20 32 60 172 67 22	
DIVISION TOTALS:			429	429	
16	Sara Sellers	Forest Park Jonesboro Lithonia-Stonecrest Metro Atlanta Stone Mountain	14 15 10 48 5	14 15 10 48 5	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			92	92	
17	Beth Upchurch	Baxley Brooklet Douglas Dublin Effingham Jeff Davis County Metter Statesboro Swainsboro Tattnall County Vidalia	33 51 24 4 18 4 22 128 38 29 95	33 53 24 4 18 4 22 131 38 29 95	
DIVISION TOTALS:			446	451	
18	Sharon Barksdale	Conyers Covington Eatonton Henry County Madison Monroe Social Circle	17 43 15 46 41 17 21	17 43 15 47 41 17 21	
DIVISION TOTALS:			200	201	
GEORGIA DISTRICT GRAND TOTALS:			4682	4739	

DISTRICT TOTALS:

Total Reported Members on 10/01/22	4682
Total Reported Members on 10/31/22	4,739
Total Clubs as of 10/01/22	141
Total Clubs as of 10/31/22	142

LEGEND:

NC	New Club
CS	Club Suspended
M	Merged

SUPPORTING YOUR SLP CLUBS

Darryl Gumz

2022-23 Governor of GA District

Kiwanis Club of Winder, Jefferson, West Jackson, Georgia Online

So, how do you support your SLPs? What should you be doing? I have shamelessly stolen this from Past International President Paul Palazzolo. These are the things that a Kiwanis should be doing with each of their sponsored Service Leadership Programs. My comments are italicized.

1. Appoint a Kiwanian or a committee of Kiwanians to be SLP advisors (be sure they have approved Kiwanis Background Checks). *This should be obvious, but not every club has done this. Although only one will be reflected on the Secretary Dashboard, you can have more than one.*

2. Attend SLP club meetings and events. *You may not be able to attend all of their meetings and events, but they should be able to recognize you when you do show up.*

3. Maintain an expense line item in your service account to support your SLP. *Your SLPs need your financial support. Are you helping them with fees to attend training and conventions?*

4. Meet with the school principal or facility manager at least once each year. *Do it at the beginning of the school year. Get to know who these people are so you can maintain leadership and support for your clubs.*

5. Ensure all dues and fees are paid. *Kiwanis Clubs pay the fees for their K-Kids and Builder's Clubs, but you also need to monitor the fees for your Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs, and Aktion Clubs.*

6. Make sure SLP club officers receive proper training. *GA Key Club conducts training at their Georgia Leadership Training Conference (GLTC) each year, GA Circle K conducts training at their Club Officer Leadership Training (COLT) each year, Other training resources:*

For K-Kids and Builder's Club officers, see <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2022/03/KK-BC-Adv-Guide-2020.pdf>

For Key Club officers, see: www.keyclub.org/resources/officer-training-presentations

For Circle K Officers, see: www.circlek.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2020/08/Club-Leadership-Education-Guide.pdf

For Aktion Club officers, see: www.aktionclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/12/GIAK_319_164-Aktion-Club-Advisor-Guide-2020.pdf

7. Schedule an annual meeting with Kiwanis and SLP Club Leadership. *A great opportunity to*

plan out your years to include each other.

8. Host or participate in joint activities. *Work together to support each other's fundraisers and service projects. Go do something fun together (miniature golf, bowling, a picnic).*

9. Invite SLP club members to attend Kiwanis meetings. *Having SLP members come to your meetings helps them to understand you as a club and as individuals.*

10. Ensure SLP members get training opportunities beyond the club level. *Wouldn't it be great to see some of your SLP members become District or International officers?*

For questions, contact any of our Georgia SLP Administrators:

*K-Kids and Builder's Clubs:
Leah Reiser
leahreiser@yahoo.com*

*Key Club:
Heather Brindle
heather.brindle@gakeyclub.org*

*Circle K:
Virginia Braswell
virginia@georgiacirclek.org*

*Aktion Club:
Victoria Turney
vturney@comcast.net*



THE HAYDEN STUDENT LEADERSHIP (SLP) MEDALLION (HAYDEN MEDALLION)

Dr. Lucy Hayden

Hayden Medallion Coordinator
Kiwanis Club of Coweta County

Does your Club sponsor a Kiwanis Service Leadership Program (SLP)?

You know... a **K Kids, Builders, Key or Circle K Club** that meets in a nearby school, college or university, and strives to serve others locally and worldwide. If your Club does not currently sponsor one, make it a goal to do it this year! Your LT Governor, District Chairs and a multitude of easy-to-use online resources are available to help your Club do this!

Governor Darryl's theme, *FILLING UNMET NEEDS 4 KIDS*, reiterates the importance of serving KIDS. By nurturing and actively supporting SLP clubs, your Club serves students in a meaningful way—showing them how to be a Kiwanian, how to live the Kiwanis mission and make the Kiwanis 'brand' well-known locally.

The Club and School Sponsors should work collaboratively for the benefit of all SLP members—not only to have fun, but also to build positive interpersonal relationships with adults and peers. Also, a goal of this program is to help members become leaders who are willing and compassionate volunteers on projects that improve their school and community; who demonstrate a "Heart to Serve", and who help other members grow by "Encouraging Engagement".

How can outstanding SLP student leaders be acknowledged?

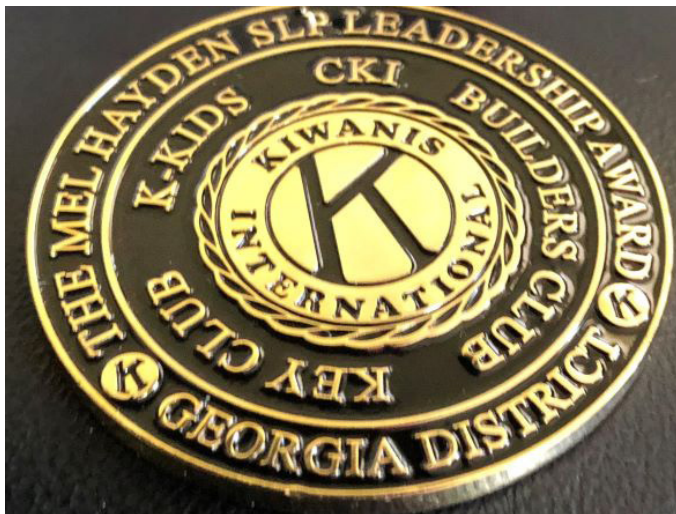
To recognize outstanding SLP student leaders, the Georgia District of Kiwanis created an award, the **HAYDEN STUDENT LEADERSHIP MEDALLION (SLP)**, inaugurated in Division 3 and first presented in 2016. This award is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Mel Hayden, a

member of the White Oak Golden Kiwanis Club (Coweta County). He was a well-known Georgia Kiwanis leader for 20 years who actively promoted the spirit of 'service leadership' among Kiwanis youth in our communities. Kiwanis Governor Debbie Brilling and her Board adopted the **HAYDEN MEDALLION** in 2018, determining that it should be presented to outstanding elementary, middle, high school and college/university students in sponsored SLPs during Governor's Rallies across the entire District.

Since then, over 100 HAYDEN MEDALLIONS have been awarded by Georgia Kiwanis Governors!

How can my Club's SLPs nominate a worthy student leader to receive the HAYDEN MEDALLION?

- Every SLP sponsored in your Division should be encouraged and assisted to identify a deserving student for this award!
- Routinely, School Sponsors provide opportunities to their club members to 'practice' being a leader, including organizing service and fund-raising projects, running club meetings and elections, preparing minutes and reports. FUN must be an integral part of these activities too! It is through these and similar club events, the SLP Sponsor gains valuable insights upon which to nominate a student leader for this award.
- Please remember--only one (1) nomination is accepted per school per year, and a student can only receive the HAYDEN MEDALLION one time.



- The adult Kiwanis Club that sponsors an SLP must be an active partner in SLP activities. When the School Sponsor needs help, the Club Sponsor should be contacted immediately!
- To nominate an SLP leader, the School and Club Sponsors and the Kiwanis Club President must follow the District's process and timelines:
 - Prepare with required signatures the **HAYDEN STUDENT LEADERSHIP MEDALLION (SLP)** Nomination Form.
 - Submit it for review and approval by Lucy Hayden who coordinates all nominations for Governor Darryl. Find details, deadlines and forms at www.georgiakiwanis.com/awards.html
 - With plenty of lead time, your LT Governor should communicate details for your Division's Rally.
- The Governor presents the **HAYDEN MEDALLIONS** at each Rally.
- If your Division's Rally is scheduled for January 2023: Attention--School and Club Sponsors--you should complete and submit SLP nominations, probably prior to the school's winter/holiday break.

Here's to a fun-filled and productive 2022-23 Kiwanis Year, for you and in service with your SLP Kiwanians!

GA CKI FALL MEMBERSHIP RETREAT

In November, the Georgia CKI hosted their annual Fall Membership Retreat in Covington, GA! Between Waho, workshops, service, and games - the weekend will be a lasting memory for many - especially for those graduating from CKI.



KEY CLUB CREATES ALTERNATIVE TO ONLINE SOCIAL MEDIA

Harris County High School Key Club and Kiwanis Club of Harris County joined together to create an alternative to online social media.

The Key Club members created a Card Stand where students can write a handwritten note as a way of supporting and encouraging others.

The Kiwanis Club will help provide cards for the stand.

We also have one at Carver Middle School and are preparing to get that one open soon. Thanks to Sheriff Mike Jolley, a Kiwanis Club of Harris County charter member for the inspiration and preparation!

Great job and collaboration!!



CKI DISTRICT DAY OF SERVICE

In October, the Georgia Circle K hosted their annual District Day of Service! Members from all over the district came to Atlanta to volunteer with Food4Lives to prepare, cook, and distribute food for the homeless folks of Atlanta.



John Holley

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

As we embark upon a new Administrative Year in Kiwanis, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF), to thank Governor Byron and all the members of the Georgia District for your gifts and support to the KCF during the 2021-2022 Administrative Year. Indeed, it was a banner year, and each of you should give yourself a "pat on the back" for your generosity.

For your information, the Georgia District gave a total of **\$60,738 during the year.** Of this amount, **\$31,249** was contributed **by the clubs** in the District. **\$29,359** was donations **by individual members,** and **\$130** was given **by other sources.** The total giving equated to a **per-member giving of \$12.87.** Suffice to say, **this was a "job well done."** In comparison, the total giving by the District for Administrative Year 2020-2021 was \$41,432.

Governor Darryl has already established the seven (7) District sponsored projects he would like for each club to participate. One of these sponsored projects is a donation by each club of \$5.00 per member to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. I am hoping that each club will take on this challenge as it seeks to achieve its "Distinguished Status." I am pleased to report that some clubs have already begun to make their contributions. **Congratulations to the pacesetters!**

Also, the Kiwanis Children's Fund has updated us that, during the last Administrative Year, the KCF received a total of \$1,870,311 in unrestricted giving. It is interesting to note that these funds had an impact on almost 300,000 kids this past year through grants and scholarships. **Concerning Immediate-Past President Bob Garretson's announced** President's Challenge to increase the

number of clubs giving unrestricted gifts to KCF by 5 percent over last year's club giving, only 19 of the 49 districts achieved the President's Challenge. Of course, the Georgia District was one of the 19 districts to achieve its goal. Last year, the Georgia District had 103 clubs giving. This year, we had 110 clubs making contributions.

This year, President Filip Delanote (KCF President) challenged us to work with our District leadership to achieve a 10 percent increase in the amount of money given directly to our Children's Fund mission by clubs. The Challenge for the Georgia District is for the clubs to raise \$34,303. The Georgia District clubs raised \$31,184 during 2021-2022; so our 10% increase would be \$3,118. If clubs or members of our leadership team have specific questions about what this challenge is, you can reach out to me.

Finally, as your District Chair of the Kiwanis Children's Fund, I am your resource for all matters relating to the Fund. **USE ME!** My contact information is jholley40@comcast.net or by phone at (678) 481-7572.

LET'S MAKE THIS OUR BEST YEAR EVER!

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1920, something important crystallized for Kiwanis; something that inspired Roe Fulkerson, the gifted editor of the Kiwanis magazine, to propose two simple words—"We Build"—as the Kiwanis motto. It was the coining of the Motto, after five years of painful and exhilarating growth, that put Kiwanis into its stride. Then in 2005, during the 90th anniversary year of Kiwanis, delegates to the International Convention voted to adopt a new motto, **"Serving the Children of the World,"** to emphasize the primary focus of Kiwanis service over those nine decades and make a commitment for the years to come. Recently, the Kiwanis International Office received major attention when it erected the "Children of the World Garden" sculpture. This sculpture is a 16-foot-tall orb that is tilted slightly displaying graceful lines of shimmering stainless steel and glass with silhouettes of children holding hands in a circle that connects all the way around. A final touch was implemented with the hand-prints of children in cement.



WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

comfort during some of the most traumatic times in their lives.

We will be joining Governor Gumz at each of the Governor's Rallies during the months of January and February. At each of these rallies we will be collecting donations needed to continue our mission. After the rallies, we would like to recognize the rally with the largest number of donations collected. We encourage each of you to get your regions encouraged, excited and engaged. Extend that feeling into your families and your communities! Please find an itemized list of the supplies we use in our adventure bags.

We firmly believe that what we do makes a difference, however we can't do it alone...It takes a village! Thank you in advance for your support and we can't wait to serve Georgia's children with you!

ITEMIZED LIST OF SUPPLIES

Blanket
Baby Bottle/Water Bottle
Stuffed Animals
Toothpaste/Toothbrush
Reading Book
Sketch Pads
Coloring Books/Crayons/ Colored Pencils
Bib & Pacifier
Journal
Baby Wipes
Deodorant
Matchbox Car/Army Men
Brush/Comb
Feminine Hygiene Products
Shampoo/Conditioner/Soap/ 3 in 1
Playing Cards/ Rubix Cubes
Washcloth/Puff
Sunglasses/Nail Polish
Teethers
Fidget Spinners
Small Flashlight
Ear Buds/Brainteaser Toys
Bookbag/Diaper Bags
Small Barbie Dolls/Action Figures

See flyers on next page for more information.

NEED A GUEST SPEAKER? CALL US!

Debbie Brilling

Buck-n-Ear Project Chair
Kiwanis Club of Doraville-Tucker, and Brookhaven/Chamblee

The Buck-n-Ear Project was founded in 1984 benefiting the Auditory-Verbal Center and is considered a Priority One Signature Project for the Georgia District of Kiwanis.

For 45 years, the Auditory-Verbal Center, a non-profit organization, has provided a family-centered and holistic approach to supporting and improving the lives of the deaf or hard of hearing.

All of their Auditory-Verbal Therapists are Speech-Language Pathologists who specialize exclusively in teaching children with hearing loss to listen and speak. They are trained to develop the listening pathways in a child's brain, laying the foundation for a lifetime of listening and speaking WITHOUT the need for sign language or lip reading. They also provide intervention directly in Spanish with a bilingual therapist!

All donations from the Buck-n-Ear program go towards the scholarship program to help pay for Auditory-Verbal Therapy sessions for families who are uninsured or underinsured.

The Auditory-Verbal Center has their main office in Atlanta with a satellite office in Macon. They also have teletherapy which allows clients to receive therapy virtually.

We'd love to share with your club who we are and how your contribution makes a difference! Please reach out if you'd like us to be a guest speaker at one of your meetings. Debbie Brilling at dbrilling@avchears.org



Aidan is an active boy enrolled in a pre-k class with other children who do not have hearing loss. He loves playing soccer and pretend playing with superhero characters or book characters. He has a growing book collection of books in a variety of series. He started attending AV therapy as an infant wearing hearing aids before being bilaterally implanted. He has had wonderful support in the home from his parents, grandmother and great aunt, all of whom have attended therapy sessions with him and carry over goals with the games at home.



Briana is a 3-year-old girl with moderate hearing loss and wears hearing aids, just like her younger brother. In just 6 months, Briana progressed from having severe language and moderate articulation delays to now scoring well within normal limits in her home language of Spanish. All of Briana's therapy was conducted via tele-therapy due to the pandemic and transportation barriers. Briana is excited to start preschool next fall and learn English, alongside typical hearing peers. Briana is creative, independent, and bright. She loves singing and making crafts with her mother and cousin. Her favorite song is "La vaca lola"!

UPDATES?

If you have a committee update, club event, or service project photos, etc. to share, please send an article or caption with a picture to Georgia Kiwanian Editor: **Samantha Downton** sdownton@avchears.org



ADVENTURE BAGS

Providing Security and Comfort to a child in crisis.



Adventure Bags, Inc
was formed in 2011 and has
delivered over 42,000 bags
to Georgia's Children



WEBSITE

(678) 425-0316

donations@adventurebags.org

adventurebags.org

Facebook: [adventurebagsinc](https://www.facebook.com/adventurebagsinc)

a 501(c)3 Organization

Our Why

Every day across the nation, children are displaced for one reason or another; a fire in the home, a legal situation, a horrible accident, or worse. Georgia's children face these situations far too often leaving all that is familiar behind them.

Agencies across the state are faced with the difficult task of not only protecting but also comforting, children in these situations. However, they are armed with nothing to help these children feel at ease at possibly the very worst moment in their lives.

Our goal is for each affected child experiencing such events to be given an **ADVENTURE BAG**. We do this by partnering with various agencies such as the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS), domestic violence shelters, fire departments, law enforcement agencies, homeless shelters, and other organizations that serve Georgia's most vulnerable children.

What is In An Adventure Bag?



Blanket
Stuffed Animals
Book
Coloring Book/Crayons/ Colored Pencils
Journal
4 Smaller Toys
Brush/Comb
Shampoo/Conditioner/Soap/ 3 in 1
Washcloth/Puff
Tooth Paste/Tooth Brush
Teether
Baby Bottle/Water Bottle
Diaper Pack
Bib & Pacifier
Baby Wipes
Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene Products
Small Flashlight
Bookbag/Diaper Bags

Each Adventure Bag's contents differ depending on the age and gender of the recipient. To see a listing of each grouping please visit our website.



Age Groups

Infant

2-4

5-7

8-11

12-15

16-18

I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT WE RECENTLY HAD A TODDLER PLACED WITH US AND THE BEAR HE RECEIVED IN ONE OF YOUR BAGS HAS BEEN A GREAT COMFORT TO HIM. HE HAD NO TOYS OF HIS OWN BUT HE IMMEDIATELY HUGGED AND LOVED ON HIS BEAR. NOW WE KEEP IT WITH HIM WHENEVER WE CAN AND HE RUBS ITS SOFT EARS TO FALL ASLEEP. IT IS A SIMPLE BIT OF SECURITY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME FOR HIM. THE OTHER ITEMS IN THE BAG WERE ALSO VERY HELPFUL FOR ADJUSTING THOSE FIRST FEW NIGHTS.

FOSTER PARENT



Agencies We Serve

DFCS Agencies
Homeless Shelters
Domestic Violence Shelters
Law Enforcement & Fire Departments
CASA Programs
Child Advocacy Centers
Youth Mental Health Crisis Facilities
CSEC Support Agencies
School Systems

We currently serve 95% of the counties within Georgia.

KEY LEADER *REBOOT*

Mike Sullivan

Key Leader Program Chair
Kiwanis Club of North Gwinnett

I enjoy working with teens. I'm also someone who has seen what difference leadership (both positive and lack thereof) can do. With that background in mind, I think KeyLeader is one of the most valuable programs the Kiwanis District of Georgia participates in. Please note, KeyLeader is NOT Key Club. Key Club is a high school service organization that is in High Schools and part of the Kiwanis family.

Key Leader is a leadership retreat for 14-18 year olds, designed to educate teens on what servant based leadership is, make them think about their personal moral compass (and not straying from those ideals while under pressure), get some personal experience what leadership is about, and bring home some new found confidence that they can make a difference.

Over the last few years preceding COVID, we experimented with KeyLeader One Day. The idea had merit, but didn't pan out as planned, and so we were planning on starting back to the traditional program in 2020. 2023 represents our first year back, and with over a 5 year hiatus, this is a reboot. I need YOUR help. The program supports up to 65 youth, and programs like this usually rely heavily on word of mouth and past attendance. Please promote this program within your club, your club's Key Clubs, and within the High Schools your club has influence in.

The 2023 KeyLeader retreat is the last weekend in March (March 24-26, 2023)

More information can be found at:

- <https://www.georgiakiwanis.com/key-leader.html>
- <https://www.key-leader.org/about/>

Registration opens up in January!

If you need any help with materials or understanding the program, please don't hesitate to reach out.



ON TO MINNEAPOLIS

Dan Bennett

International Convention Chair
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

We are well off into a new year for the Georgia District of Kiwanis! I certainly am hopeful that everyone is seriously considering and making plans to travel 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 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!



53' high Minnehaha Falls located at Minnehaha Regional Park



KEY LEADER[®]

MARCH 24-26, 2023

Check-In Friday @ 4 PM
Check-Out Sunday @ 11:30 AM

GEORGIA FFA CAMPGROUND

720 FFA FFA Camp Road
Covington, GA 30014

TICKETS: \$100

\$25 Discount for Key Club Members

**FOR STUDENTS
14-18 YEARS OLD**

*"They made me feel empowered, safe, and made me care more about the people around me. They made me not feel ashamed of who I am anymore. I can be a leader in my school, home, and community.
'My differences count!'"*
- D.F.

KEY LEADER helps you take your leadership skills to the next level empowering you to become more caring and confident servant leaders. Through team-building activities, group discussions and personal reflection, you'll discover your values, how you relate to others and how you can collaborate, lead and problem-solve to achieve more for yourself, your schools and your communities. At the end of this weekend, you'll know more about these six principles:

PRINCIPLE #1: Service Leadership — Achieving your best by helping those with need.

PRINCIPLE #2: Personal Integrity — Doing the right thing.

PRINCIPLE #3: Personal Growth — Developing in mind, body and spirit.

PRINCIPLE #4: Respect — Showing consideration for self, others and your surroundings.

PRINCIPLE #5: Building Community — Developing relationships to achieve positive goals.

PRINCIPLE #6: Pursuit of Excellence — Expecting and achieving the best while living a life of purpose



Kiwaniis[®]
GEORGIA DISTRICT

REGISTER ONLINE & FOR MORE INFO:
GeorgiaKiwaniis.com/Key-Leader



Registration open
from December 1-
February 25.

BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Improve your career, your community and your Kiwanis club.

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

Participants will:

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

Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

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

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

To learn more or register, visit kiwanis.org/amplify.

Kiwanis® Amplify

NEW CLUB AND NEW MEMBER FUN MEETINGS



ATTENTION NEW KIWANIS MEMBERS!

Once each quarter, we will have a Zoom meeting to share information that you may not yet have a good handle on in hopes that you will learn valuable information to support your club's efforts.

We will do this the second Thursday of the appointed months (December, March, June, and September) at 7:00 p.m..

Our first call will be:
**Thursday, December 8th
at 7:00 PM**

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84297867088>
MEETING ID: 842 9786 7088
PASSCODE: 371728
PHONE NUMBER: (646) 558-8656
US (New York)

This month we will discuss our **Service Leadership Programs (K-Kids, Builder's Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K, and Aktion Clubs)**. We will also share information about our **communication tools (web site, social media, email blasts, and others)**. We will also take your questions on those topics or other things you would like to know more about.

We hope that you are having FUN with Kiwanis and we look forward to seeing you online!

IT'S ALMOST GOVERNOR'S RALLY SEASON!

Division 1: February 4, 2023
Wally Yazbak

Division 2: January 27, 2023
Craig Rockenstein

Division 3: January 28, 2023
Murray Parks

Division 4: January 6, 2023
Michael Klavon

Division 5: January 19, 2023
Lisa Williams

Division 6: January 5, 2023
Rick Berry

Division 7: February 9, 2023
Greg Simpson

Division 8: February 16, 2023
Mike Sullivan

Division 9: January 21, 2023
Jim David

Division 10: February 11, 2023
Joyce Taylor

Division 11: February 17, 2023
Jeri Purdy

Division 12: February 18, 2023
Latha Narayan

Division 13: January 20, 2023
Ben Baker

Division 14: February 3, 2023
Jean Adams

Division 15: February 2, 2023
Debbie McCracken

Division 16: January 26, 2023
Sara Sellers

Division 17: January 7, 2023
Beth Upchurch

Division 18: February 10, 2023
Paige Alexander

****ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

UPCOMING
EVENTS



GEORGIA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS

READ ACROSS GEORGIA DAY

THURSDAY, **JANUARY 19**, 2023

Two-thirds of Georgia's third-graders are not reading on grade level, bringing long-term negative consequences to these children, their families, their communities, and our state. *(Get Georgia Reading)*

Research shows that **reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do** to help prepare for reading and learning. Only 48% of young children in this country are read to each day. *(Read Aloud 15 Minutes)*

We challenge *YOU* to help with this!

Each Kiwanis Club in Georgia is asked to partner with your local primary school, pre-k, Daycare, and/or Head Start and **schedule your club members to read to their students! Also consider donating age-appropriate books to the classroom.**

Be sure to document your day with photos and share them on your club's social media and in your local newspaper and send to the Georgia District Event Chair.

Charlene Pennymon, Event Chair
(229) 928-6487 cpennymon@cboa.com



Kiwanis
GEORGIA DISTRICT



georgiakiwanis.com

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR MORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Back in 2019 the Moreland Elementary Parent Teacher's Organization and Newnan Kiwanis, under then Kiwanis President, Chris Gilliam, teamed up to purchase playground equipment to enhance the recess experience of their students.

When Covid-19 came along most playground and school activities came to a halt. In other words, the students didn't get to enjoy their new playground equipment at all. Now most Covid restrictions have been lifted and we're very glad to report the students are indeed enjoying a much happier time!

Pictured from left to right: CR Phillips, Secretary, Kiwanis, Ms. Melanie Perry, Moreland Elementary Principal, Danny Spivey, Kiwanis, Keith Ross, Past President, Kiwanis, Hanson Powell, President, Kiwanis, Charles Wyrick, President Elect, Kiwanis, and the children of the Moreland Elementary Student Council. Not pictured is Ms. Sunny Veal, School Counselor, who's actually taking this picture.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Newnan Kiwanis is kicking off the holidays by participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Tuesday, Nov 15th, Kiwanians arrived for the weekly meeting at the Newnan country club where members folded and filled over 50 shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, socks and hygiene products. These shoeboxes will be sealed and shipped to children all over the globe so kids everywhere can experience the joy of unwrapping a present. Inside each box, alongside a brand new musical instrument, is a hand-written card with an uplifting message from a Newnan Kiwanis member. Thank you Charles Wyrick for orchestrating such a meaningful endeavor.



SPOOKY 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Barnesville Kiwanis Club celebrated our 75th Anniversary by participating in this year's City of Barnesville Trick or Treating Event. They set up spooky decorations and lighting along with their 75th Anniversary Banner while members of the club handed out candy to 4000 kids.



LEGION OF HONOR

Tim Goodman presented a 50-year Kiwanis Legion of Honor pin to Edwin Canady for his 52 years in the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club.



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

LaGrange Kiwanis "Celebrated Community" with the Rotary Club of LaGrange, Optimist Club of LaGrange, LaGrange High School Service Club, LaGrange Youth Council, LaGrange Academy, Jr. National Honor Society and the LaGrange College Circle K. Joining together with the City of LaGrange staff including our Mayor and his wife collected 200 bags of trash and 15 tires. We have a great time serving the community together!



TRUNK-OR-TREAT & CHARACTER COSTUME FUNDRAISER

Members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club donated candy at their recent club meeting for Franklin Memorial Library's second annual Trunk-or-Treat held Thursday, October 13, in the library's parking lot. Over 600 children looked "Spooktacular" as they collected candy, reading books, coloring books and crayons, and sunglasses from a variety of decorated trunks supplied by local businesses, Emanuel County Family Connection, and the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club. Representing Kiwanis were club president Tammy Allen, board member Wanda Ellis, Mary Ellen Smith, and Petite Garrett. But they didn't stop there! Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro also participated in another local Truck-or-Treat. AND they also hosted a Character costume fundraiser benefiting Ferst Readers which raised over \$11,000!



Pictured from left to right: Wanda Ellis, Tammy Allen, Petite Garrett, and



Photo L to R: Petite Garrett, Sondra Fortner, Wanda Ellis, Mary Ellen Smith, Dess Smith III, Tim Goodman, Jim Clapham, Cheryl Goodman.



Photo L to R: Cheryl Goodman, Tim Goodman, and Petite Garrett, Book-o-

YOUTH DAY

Kiwanis Club of Blakely Early County hosted a Youth Day at one of their club meetings. Future leaders learn about values.



SUPPORTING SALVATION ARMY

Kiwanis Club of Jonesboro presented a check for \$500 to local Salvation Army at one of their meetings. They also presented her with a collection of gloves, coats, hats, and scarves for kids. She recognized Jonesboro for ringing the bell for them for 40 years.



PUBLISHED ONLINE ON THE "GRICE CONNECT" | www.griceconnect.com | October 12, 2022

GRICE SALUTES KIWANIS FOR THE GIFT THEY ARE TO OUR COMMUNITY

FAIR WEEK IS THE MOST DEMANDING WEEK OF THE YEAR, BUT ALSO THE WEEK THEY GENERATE THE REVENUE TO HELP SO MANY

DeWayne Grice
Grice Connect

The Kiwanis Club of Statesboro had apparently ran through their list of qualified speakers for the year so they invited me to address them at their monthly meeting Thursday.

It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to share with civic clubs and organizations about the work we are doing at Grice Connect. They learn about ways you can step into the arena with us. Together we can continue to make a difference.

When Kiwanian Marilyn Darrell invited me to speak, she forgot to share that this meeting is one of the most well attended and important meetings of the year for the club. It is the last meeting before they enter the most demanding week of the year for the members, Fair Week.

These ordinary citizen Kiwanians will rise up over the next week to give back to our community in extraordinary ways. From parking cars, selling tickets to flipping pancakes, many of them will leave from a full day of work, and give unselfishly to make sure the fair, once again thrills everyone who attends.

Today, I thanked them for this, for their individual commitment to the club and our community. I reminded them of the phenomenal difference



they make for so many in our community.

When Hurricane Matthew impacted our community in 2016, they were one of the first organizations I reached out to for help. They committed quickly to help and continue to be a valuable partner to Bulloch VOAD today. In times of crisis or disaster, they always are ready to help the community in every way possible. Countless non-profit's share my

appreciation for the financial contributions they make to their agencies.

These funds and resources are primarily raised during the week of the fair.

As you visit the fair this week, take a moment and thank the men and women in the yellow shirts and coats for all of their work this week and for what they do year round for our community.

NEWNAN MAYOR KEITH BRADY SHARES “WHAT’S GOING ON IN NEWNAN”

The Kiwanis Club of Newnan hosted Newnan Mayor Keith Brady at its weekly luncheon meeting where the Mayor shared an update on the latest happenings in Newnan.

The mayor started by thanking Newnan Kiwanis hosting the Coweta County Fair and recognized the impact of the Fair proceeds, which are shared to support the youth of Newnan and Coweta County. He went on to talk about the quality of life in Newnan and how much his family enjoys our community.

Mayor Brady discussed the Caldwell Tanks redevelopment project, Newnan’s new trash vendor and the new trash pickup process, and the LINC Trail and how it adds to the quality of life in Newnan. The mayor also shared with us his excitement in anticipation of next summer’s AFO concert and events with Newnan sister city Ayr-South Ayrshire, Scotland.

Mayor Brady ended with a brief update on the LOST negotiations and helped Newnan Kiwanis members understand the impact of the LOST on the community.



BOOKS FOR PRE-K

Exciting day today! The Historic Roswell Kiwanis stopped by to present each of our 66 Pre-K kids with a book as part of the First Readers program! Each child will receive a book of their own to take home every month for an entire year!



ST MARYS KIWANIS CLUB SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Kiwanis International President is Bert West and he requested that his Mascot represent him in projects worldwide.

Bert helped with Sheriff K-9 unit, gave blood, was subdued by St Marys police, assisted with Cumberland Island 50th Anniversary Celebration and is the winner of best Mascot at the festival





Raymond Goslow's attention to detail compelled him to set the record straight after being introduced as featured speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Marietta luncheon this week.

When introducing the Kennesaw State University graduate and second-place finisher in the 2022 Jeopardy! National College Championship tournament, KSU Trustee and Kiwanian Trent Turk mentioned that in addition to his TV quiz show fame, Goslow holds the world record for solving a Rubik's cube - with his feet. Turk, a fellow alum (he graduated from Southern Polytechnic State University, now KSU) also touted that Goslow beat out several competitors from Ivy League schools - such as Harvard and Yale, to name just two of the 36 universities that competed. KSU, he said, is now being referred to as "the Harvard of the South."

"I would like to issue a couple small corrections," Goslow explained as he took the podium. First he mentioned he does not hold the foot-solving Rubik's Cube world record. "I only have the continental record ... And I also want to correct that KSU is not 'The Harvard of the South.' Harvard is 'The KSU of the North.'"

Goslow shared with the audience background on his family (he described his parents who met as electrical engineering students at Georgia Tech as "super nerds") and his upbringing (Goslow was homeschooled through high school in the

family's south Cobb home). He is the oldest of six children, one brother followed by four sisters, all born in an eight-year span.

He said, though, the isolation of being homeschooled became a struggle in his high school years. "It was not the best environment for me ... I enjoy being around people ... and this kind of environment where I was on my own, teaching myself, learning in this isolated environment was not a good place for me - a toxic mixture really."

In his 11th-grade year, he began volunteering at the South Cobb Regional Library and said it helped teach him "how to interact and interface in society. (Connections that) had meaning that went beyond me and my family and the house that I lived in. It was a very different environment and very good for me, obviously."

After his senior year, he switched from volunteer to part-time employee and began to realize that the library environment might be where he'd find his career. He initially enrolled at Chattahoochee Technical College taking core classes and later transferred to KSU with the goal of a master's degree in Library Sciences.

At age 18, Goslow began taking the online qualifying test to be a contestant on the television show.

"Jeopardy! has always been a part of my life. I remember my dad setting the VCR to record them ... Jeopardy! was always on in the background in my household."

He passed the first test for the college tournament in the fall of 2020, passed a second test and then underwent an online audition.

"The point of the audition is 'are you able to call out categories, are you able to project well?' They also asked us if we won a whole bunch of money on the show, what you would do with it? And that's another secret kind of test. You could say 'I'm going to pay off this loan,' or 'Travel

Kiwanis Club of St Marys recognized Jim Gant with the Kiwanis International Legion of Honor Award for his 40 years of distinguished service to the community. Pinning the award is Irene Husser.



CAMDEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Kiwanis Club of St Marys gave a donation of money and pet food to the Camden County Humane Society.

PICTURE 1: Danielle Barcomb from the Humane Society accepting a check from Steve Wise, Kiwanis Club President PICTURE 2: Club Mascot Bert making the donation of food the Humane Society



Continue on Page 25

CONTINUED: "Goslow from Trimble"

to the Mediterranean.' That's the quickest way to not get on Jeopardy! Because they don't want people who are going to do boring things, say boring things. That's not who they want on their entertainment show."

Goslow's response got the producers' attention: "I have a collection of rubber ducks, about 200 of them, and I would like to add a couple zeroes to the end of that number ... and they really appreciated that answer."

After it was apparent the producers wanted Goslow as a contestant, there still was the matter of a background check.

"I had to fill out all of this paperwork, all of these background checks. They want to know every form of social media you have. They want to know about any possible in-

criminating thing that could possibly be found ... like 13 pages of background checks. I swear, if I went to work for the CIA, there wouldn't be this many background checks."

Over the course of his week in Culver City, California, and taping shows, Goslow worked his way to the final competition. He finished with a second-best \$46,999 in winnings, just shy of University of Texas at Austin student Jaskaran Singh's \$51,700. The second place finish earned Goslow a cool \$100,000.

The shows were taped in November of 2021, but didn't air until February of 2022. "There were three months where I knew how it all went down, that I'd got second place and beat Harvard, but I couldn't share any of that."

Goslow is currently working for Georgia Public Library Services, the

state agency for libraries and a unit of the University System of Georgia. He expects to begin his quest for a master's in January.

He said he underestimated the local impact of his Jeopardy! performance.

"I didn't realize at the time how much it was going to mean to the community. Like how much it was going to mean with KSU beating Harvard ... It wasn't until the show was on TV that I realized that this means something, not just for me and the other contestants, it means something for the school that I represent ... and that felt really, really good, to be able to represent positively the community and the school. It was a pleasant surprise that came out of this whole experience."

CARROLLTON KIWANIS CELEBRATED 75 YEARS

The Carrollton Kiwanis Club celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary with a dinner at Tano Phommasith's Venue on Cedar Street in Carrollton Georgia. The Carrollton Kiwanis Club was sponsored by the Newnan Kiwanis Club and chartered on October 23, 1947.

The President-Elect of Kiwanis International (2022-2023), Katrina Baranko, visited as special guest to deliver the keynote address and assisted the Kiwanis Governor of the Georgia District, Darryl Gumz, in celebrating the success of the club.

The banquet room was full of ninety attendees including past-presidents and dignitaries from the Georgia District.

The Carrollton Kiwanis Club received

local recognition with a visit from Betty Cason, the Mayor of Carrollton, and a proclamation ready by Michelle Morgan, Chairperson of the Carroll County Board of Commissioners.



KIWANIS CLUB OF ST. MARYS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS



For over twenty-six years the Kiwanis Club of St. Marys has served the neediest of Camden County (population 55,000) with our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Working in partnership with our schools, Kiwanis school clubs, local businesses, community groups, and other caring individuals, the Kiwanis Club drive, chaired by Allen Rassi, provides one hundred-fifty families with a 12-16 pound frozen turkey, two bags of canned and dry goods, and bags of apples and potatoes in order for the families to prepare their Thanksgiving meals.

During this time of post-COVID and rising inflation, with so many families hurting and struggling, one might think our project would somehow have suffered also with fewer donations and participation. However, our community was CAMDEN STRONG this year and exceeded all expectations, with more than 12,000 items donated. So much food and money was collected that our club was able not only to feed the one hundred-fifty families at Thanksgiving, but also able to restock two local food banks.

Our canned goods and dry goods primarily come from the collections from our schools. Communication went out to the Superintendent of Schools - who has always fully supported this project -- and then was distributed to all the Principals, Key Club, Builders Club and K-Kids programs of Camden County School System, (nine elementary schools, both middle schools and the high school) asking all to participate in collecting canned

goods and dry goods in the schools starting at the end October. At the high school, for example, Beta Club and National Honor Society assisted with the drive by encouraging food donations from their members, while Key Club members decorated bags and boxes to be placed throughout the school to spur collections. The drive always finishes on the day before Veterans Day in November.

This year Sugarmill Elementary won the trophy for the greatest number of goods collected. Camden Middle School placed second, David L. Rainer Elementary won third, and Woodbine Elementary placed fourth in dry goods donations and donated ten turkeys to the cause as well. It takes an entire day to collect, organize, sort, and stage our efforts for delivery on the Saturday of that week. On the last day of collections, a team of 30+ military personnel from Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base located here in Camden County go and pick up all of the food from the schools and bring those donations to The Warehouse - which is Kingsland First Methodist Church's youth building. At 9:00 a.m. that morning, 30+ Kiwanians, members of the church, and community volunteers begin sorting over 12,000 canned and dry good items on tables by item (example -- corn, beans, etc.) This year was special because, due to Hurricane Nicole's arrival, some of our schoolchildren were able to participate in sorting the goods as school had been cancelled, so they had an early introduction to

hands-on community service.

Grocery bags, donated by Winn-Dixie in Kingsland, are double-bagged to ensure that the bags are strong enough to hold all the goods we've collected. While some of our volunteers are sorting goods, others line up the 300 double bags labeled "A" and "B" so they are ready to receive our collected goods. In this way we know that each family receives the same quantity and types of food. Chick-fil-A donated fifty meals to feed the volunteers who collected and sorted food that day.

Besides the two bags of dry goods, each family receives a turkey, a bag of apples and a bag of potatoes. Kings Bay Commissary helped us locate 150 frozen 12-16 pound turkeys to give to the families. Southern River Walk and Locals Dockside restaurants and the First Methodist Church in Kingsland contributed financial support. Many of our Kiwanians donated \$10.00 or more to assist us in raising the funds to pay for the turkeys.

The Salvation Army of St. Marys, assisted by the directors of two local food pantries, found the 150 families that had the greatest need. We created routes for our delivery drivers, a very detailed process based on location, for the most efficient distribution of the goods on the following Saturday.

We got to Kingsland First Methodist Church Warehouse and began to set the staging area for pickup and



Continue on Page 27

CONTINUED: St Marys Thanksgiving Drive

delivery of our food for the 150 families. It took us a couple hours to get everything staged. We set up a smoker that had a local favorite, Wainwright Sausage, to feed the drivers as they picked up their delivery routes and food goods on their way to bless the families of Camden County.

This Thanksgiving Food Drive, spearheaded by the Kiwanis Club of St. Marys, is truly a community effort that keeps getting better every year. The unique aspect of this project is the way it involves so many elements within our community: schoolchildren, parents, the military, businesspersons, charitable groups, Kiwanians, and good citizens of all varieties. Of all the many things our club does for the community,

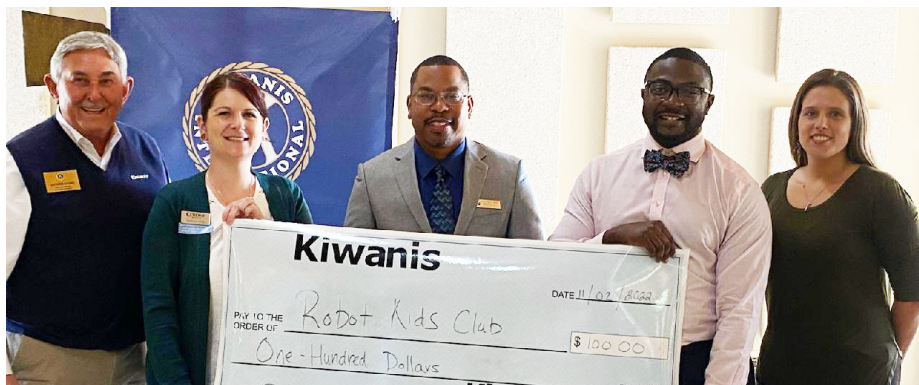
THIS is our signature project, as we in Camden put in over 500 hours of service toward blessing the lives of our fellow citizens. Each year as we complete this project, we ask ourselves the question: who receives the greatest blessings from this Thanksgiving Food Drive -- the ones who organized it, donated, collected, sorted, bagged, and delivered the goods -- or the ones who received them?



UNCLE DREW'S SOCIAL SKILLS AND ROBOTICS PROGRAM

Warner Robins Kiwanis presented some financial support for the Uncle Drew's Social Skills and Robotics Program at a club meeting. Andrew Dennis, Jr. presented his program that he conducts twice a week for kids who would not get this opportunity in their housing community. The program gives the kids a chance to create and experience robotics and also develop social skills as they interact with others. Great non-profit program for kids!

Pictured R-L: Alise Fowler, Club President Lafayette Huston, Uncle Drew, Stephanie Ortiz and George Elkins.



HAY BALE DECORATING FUNDRAISER

The Kiwanis Club of Oconee participated in the Oconee "musical icon" hay bale for the hay bale decorating fundraiser for Extra Special People at Stripling's General Store which raised over \$3,000!





facebook.com/**GeorgiaKiwanis**

Like this page to stay up-to-date with Georgia District and Kiwanis International activities and announcements.



facebook.com/groups/**GAKiwanisStateConventions**

Join this group for GA Kiwanis State Convention announcements, reminders, activities, and photos. We encourage you to engage with other fellow convention attendees on this group and share your convention photos! Even if you are not attending, this is a great chance to see how much your fellow Kiwanians are enjoying the convention!



facebook.com/groups/**GAKiwanisInternationalConventions**

Join this group for Kiwanis International Convention announcements, reminders, activities, and photos regarding the Georgia District. We encourage you to engage with other fellow convention attendees on this group and share your convention photos! Even if you aren't attending, this is a great chance to see how much your fellow Kiwanians are enjoying the convention!



facebook.com/groups/**GAKiwanisProjectsAndEvents**

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!

#KidsNeedKiwanis
#GeorgiaKiwanis
#GaKFam

GEORGIA DISTRICT DIRECTORY

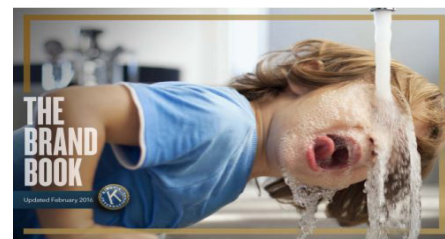


The Georgia District Directory can be downloaded from our website at www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com. It includes updated contact information for the Georgia District Officers, Lt. Governors, and Committee Chairs. Also includes information for each Georgia Kiwanis Club with meeting times and location and officer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

Password to access the digital copy: 2021dd2022

SHOW YOUR KIWANIS BRAND

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



Kiwanis
GEORGIA DISTRICT

Office Address:
4875 Riverside Drive, Suite 204,
Macon, GA 31210

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 6618, Macon, GA 31208

Phone: (478) 474-6169
Fax: (478) 474-3647

Email: alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com

Website: www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com