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KIWANIS LEGION OF HONOR

The Kiwanis Club of Newnan inducted 23 members into the Kiwanis International Legion of Honor during their annual Honors Night dinner on Dec. 6. The Legion of Honor celebrates Kiwanians who have served in Kiwanis for 25 years or more. Recognitions are given in increments of five years thereafter. A total of 28 members qualified for the honor.

IN PHOTO: Pictured back row, from left are C.R. Phillips, 34 years; Charles Wyrick, 26 years; Michael Scott, 25 years; Don Chapman, 28 years; John Anthony, 25 years; Al Kennedy, 44 years; Mike Barber, 37 years; Frank Barron, 48 years; Kerry Elliot, 37 years; and Tommy Ferrell, 41 years.

Front row from left are John Lambert,



35 years; David Kinrade, 25 years; Harold McKoy, 29 years; Billy Perkins, 25 years; Bobby Rooks, 54 years; Ned Chambless, 51 years; Allyn Bell, 50 years; and Bud Freeburg, 37 years.

Those who were not present included Luke Thompson, 29 years; Greg Wright, 25 years; Scott Cummins, 35 years; Mitchell Hicks, 34 years; Brad Sears, 49 years; Art Murphy, 46 years; Chip Barron, 47 years.

Nancy Walden was presented with her certificate and pin at the Dec. 14 meeting for her service of 33 years.

John Miller was inducted posthumously after his death earlier this year. He served 36 years with Kiwanis.

Thank you Kiwanians for your dedication and service to Kiwanis!

MID-YEAR TRAINING CONFERENCE

David Simmons
Training Chair
Kiwanis Club of Cordele

Have you grown weary of virtual learning? If so, the Georgia District of Kiwanis's mid-year training is a perfect opportunity to get out, see other Kiwanians, and learn some more about our great organization. The Mid-Year Training Conference will take place in Macon, Georgia at the Macon Centreplex on Saturday, March 12, 2022. Registration will begin at 8:00AM. The conference will last from 9:00AM until 3:00PM and it will include a box lunch. The training opportunities will be plentiful. In addition to club officer



training and training about our service leadership programs, you can learn of more ways that your club can have a positive difference in your community. I hope that you will attend and I look forward to seeing you in Macon on March 12.

See registration form and class schedule on pages 16 and 17

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Hello Fellow Georgia Kiwanians,

By the time you are reading this Georgia Kiwanian we will be almost halfway through the Division Governor Rallies. As I travel throughout our wonderful state I always enjoy meeting old Kiwanis friends and meeting new Kiwanis friends. THAT is what makes being a Kiwanian great, besides serving our fellow man the friendships we develop is what keeps us going. If your Division Rally is upcoming, PLEASE make a point to attend the rally and have fun, learn and fellowship with District officers and your Division friends. We are all a part of a bigger worldwide organization. Kiwanis International goes much farther than your city, county or state boundaries. Everyone must look at the big picture and not just the small view of your local area.

I am saddened to learn that only about 29% of you are actually opening

up and reading this publication. There are many wonderful articles of clubs serving their areas and much information about Kiwanis and what is coming up in the Georgia District. I suggest that the club president make a copy and have it at your meetings or read it as information to your members. Our Georgia District has gone out of our ways to keep you informed and educated on what is new in Kiwanis and knowledge is power that one cannot take away from you. On Saturday, March 12, 2022 the Georgia District Mid-year Training Conference will be held at the Macon Marriott Centerplex. I encourage everyone to make plans to attend in person, there will be no online access. Please register (forms will have been sent to each of you) and don't forget to select your meal. Only those who have pre-registered will be able to get a meal so do not forget to register early. Having just completed the North

American Governor's Conference, of course the main topic of discussion was, is, and always will be MEMBERSHIP! Having a good meeting experience, retaining current members, inviting prospective members to EVERY meeting is the best way to grow your club. The District membership team has already chartered one new club, Liberty County, and will be busy chartering more clubs this Kiwanis year. It is EVERYONE'S job to bring in new members and to encourage current members, who miss meeting, to come back and help your club serve. The Georgia District has experienced an 810 member reduction in the past five years. We have to begin that trend upward starting NOW! Let's get EXCITED for Kiwanis and service.

Kiwanis International is just too important to fade into the sunset and leave someone else to serve the children of our world! **IF NOT US, WHO!**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

Alexia Lieber

Executive Director of Georgia District of Kiwanis

Mid-Year Conference

Our Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th and it will be in person. Registration will be \$40.00 which will include a boxed lunch.

Distinguished

Those who earned The Governor's Cup Award worked long and hard to maintain that can-do attitude in their clubs. Now, their successors have a solid base upon which to work. The 2020-21 banner patches will be given to the Lt. Governors at

their Board Meeting on March 11th.

Have You Put the Following Dates on Your Calendar?

1. Division Rally - Contact your Lt. Governor if you do not have the date.
2. February 15th - tax deadline for clubs.
3. February 25th-26th - Joint Circle K District Convention and Key Club District Convention - Peachtree City, GA
4. March 12th - Mid-Year Conference - Macon, GA
5. April 23rd - District Art and Music Showcase - Gainesville, GA
6. Club Election - This report is due June 1st. This must be done online.

7. June 8th - 11th - International Convention - Indianapolis, IN.
8. August 12th-14th - Georgia District Convention - Macon, GA

Just a reminder:

1. Send International any membership changes promptly.
2. Submit your Monthly Reports by the 10th of each month online.
3. If your club has pictures of your current events taking place; please send these with a caption to the District Office in Macon for the Online Georgia Kiwanian. Pictures and articles must be sent in electronically - please send pictures as an attachment in .jpg format to alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com

INTERCLUB TIPS

Tim Goodman

Interclub Chairman
Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

The January 10, 2022 Interclub Report shows we have increased our interclub activity. We now have 57 clubs who are participating. Since we have some 146 clubs, that is less than 40%. I still think that more activity is happening and is not being reported. Keep plugging away and we will reach our aspirational goal of 100%. If you have questions, please feel free to ask (goodman@ega.edu or 478-494-4741). Most of the questions I am getting involve the reason for reporting interclubs on the monthly reports and directly to me also. I can only get a periodic summary and I must know the particulars of the club visited (inside or outside division, the identity of the club visited, etc.).

We have eight clubs with 10 or more visits. They are well on their way to the interclub patch. It looks like at least five clubs may have earned their banner patch. Remember to report all your interclub activity even if it does not apply toward the interclub patch. That means meetings with your SLP's, division council meetings, Governor's Rallies, Kiwanis trainings, Division and District events, and Kiwanis Conventions will count. If you have questions about "what counts," please ask (goodman@ega.edu or 478-494-4741). As a side note, it looks like we have a spirited battle between Governor Byron Mullican's club and Immediate Past Governor George Elkins' clubs.



ENGAGE CURRENT MEMBERS

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 (kiwanis.org) 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.

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.

You can download a new-member orientation checklist and presentation from kiwanis.org to help get you started.

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 fund-raising 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 (an email newsletter, for example). This calendar can serve as a source of social media content as well.



IN MEMORIAM

Timothy K. Adams
Covington

William "Bill" H. Brown, Sr.
Brunswick

Gene Goldsmith
LeeDo

Marianne Thomasson
Newnan

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

MEMBERSHIP

CLUBS WITH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022

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

NEW CLUBS COMING SOON

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

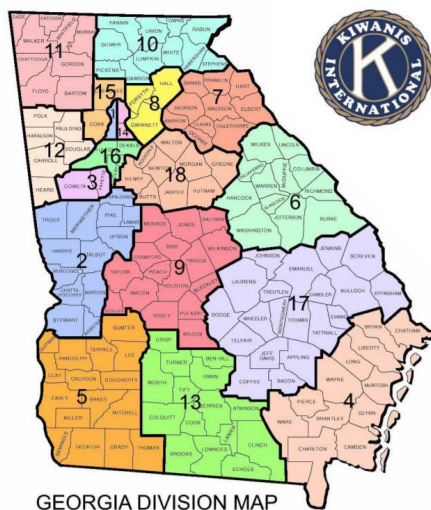
Division 11 Area

Joint club opening project with the Alabama District

Division 4 and 17 Area

Joint club opening project with both Divisions

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



GEORGIA DIVISION MAP

A REASON TO CELEBRATE



On March 2nd, **Kiwanis Club of Pike County** in Division 2, will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary! This club have been busy serving the children in their community and truly making a difference! We are honored to have them as a part of the Georgia District Family. Thank you for all you do!

IT'S ANNUAL DUES TIME

Darryl Gumz

Governor-Elect

Kiwanis Club of Winder

In late October, clubs began receiving their invoices for annual dues payments to Kiwanis International and the Georgia District. Technically, all of those that are unpaid became overdue on January 1st. The vast majority of clubs have already taken care of their dues but there are some things clubs need to know.

If you have not paid yet, you can see the invoice on your club's Secretary Dashboard under the Finances tab. You can pay it online or print it out and send a check. As of a few days ago, there were 37 clubs left on that list.

Additionally, There are 49 clubs that owe New Member fees. Great job for adding new members, just don't forget to send in the money for them.

Finally, there are 19 clubs that still have an outstanding balances for Builders Clubs and/or K-Kids clubs. If these clubs are not active because of the pandemic policies, notify memberservices@kiwanis.org and they can help you out.

MEMBERSHIP

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	Tennell Lockett	Atlanta	220	223	6 of 6
		Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	18	18	6 of 6
		Northside Atlanta	30	30	
		Sandy Springs Perimeter	15	14	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	283	285	
2	Edward Searcy	Barnesville	26	26	
		Columbus	52	54	
		Golden K, Columbus	18	18	
		Greater Columbus	35	36	
		Griffin	118	115	
		Harris County	15	11	
		LaGrange	48	49	6 of 6
		Manchester	10	13	
		North Columbus	8	8	
		Pike County	26	26	
		Thomaston	35	35	
		West Point	5	5	6 of 6
		DIVISION TOTALS:	396	396	
3	Shelly Smith	Coweta County	69	72	6 of 6
		Fayette County	14	14	
		Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	8	8	
		Grantville	9	9	
		Metro-Fayette	10	10	
		Newnan	96	95	
		Peachtree City	22	23	
		White Oak Golden K	58	59	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	286	294	
4	Bobby Gillham	Brunswick	44	48	
		Jesup	42	43	
		Liberty County		17	
		Pooler-West Chatham	10	10	
		Richmond Hill	13	15	
		Saint Marys	62	68	
		Savannah	11	11	6 of 6
		Skidaway	114	124	6 of 6
		Waycross	17	17	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	313	354	
5	Larry Price	Albany/Dougherty County	81	83	6 of 6
		Americus	66	68	
		Bainbridge	13	13	
		Blakely/Early County	23	23	
		Cairo	45	45	
		Cairo-Morningstar	14	14	
		LeeDo	21	22	
		Mitchell-Baker	9	7	
		Thomasville	68	69	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	340	344	
6	Ron Carden	Augusta	147	151	
		Columbia County	10	10	
		Louisville	22	22	
		Thomson	23	23	
		Uptown Augusta	12	15	
		Warrenton	17	17	
		Washington	11	11	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	242	249	
7	Philip Jay Rosenbaum	Athens	30	25	
		Classic City	18	18	6 of 6
		Commerce	30	33	
		Hartwell	35	37	
		Jefferson	13	13	
		Oconee	15	18	
		West Jackson	5	5	
		Winder	17	17	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	163	166	
8	Barry Sanders	Cumming	20	20	
		Duluth-Norcross	20	21	
		Forsyth County	17	17	
		Gainesville	123	124	
		Lawrenceville	18	18	
		North Gwinnett	40	40	
		South Hall County-Oakwood	11	12	
		Suwanee	18	19	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	267	271	
9	David Cozart	Cochran-Bleckley County	15	17	
		Crawford County	20	18	
		Forsyth - Monroe County	51	53	
		Fort Valley	25	25	
		Jones County	28	28	6 of 6
		Macon	34	34	6 of 6
		Macon County	29	30	6 of 6
		Milledgeville	26	25	6 of 6
		North Macon	17	18	6 of 6
		Perry	33	33	6 of 6
		Taylor County	19	20	
		Warner Robins	9	9	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	306	310	

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Sandi Whelchel	Blairsville	9	11	
		Blue Ridge	55	61	
		Cleveland	20	21	6 of 6
		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	11	11	
		Dawson County	10	10	
		Gilmer County	12	13	
		Habersham County	46	46	
		Jasper/Pickens County	12	12	
		Rabun County	15	17	
		Toccoa	13	14	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	203	216	
11	Patricia Thompson	Cartersville	17	17	
		Dalton	50	47	
		Murray County	18	11	
		Ringgold	16	17	
		Rome	19	20	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	120	112	
12	Jeri Purdy	Bowdon	23	23	
		Carrollton	90	89	6 of 6
		Carrollton Golden K	25	25	
		Cedartown	34	35	
		Douglas County	18	18	6 of 6
		Fairfield - Villa Rica	25	26	
		Rockmart	15	14	
		Villa Rica - Temple	17	17	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	247	247	
13	Bill Davis	Adel	15	15	6 of 6
		Cordele	47	48	
		Fitzgerald	22	22	
		Moultrie	140	136	
		Quitman-Brooks County	10	10	
		Sylvester	38	39	
		Tifton	21	19	
		Turner County	15	16	
		Valdosta	15	15	6 of 6
		DIVISION TOTALS:	323	320	
14	Judi Brown	Alpharetta-Milton	7	7	
		Brookhaven-Chamblee	12	12	
		Doraville-Tucker	15	15	
		Druid Hills	8	8	
		Historic Roswell	39	41	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	81	83	
15	Bettie Sleeth	Georgia Online	21	22	6 of 6
		Greater Cherokee	34	37	
		Greater South Cobb	15	17	
		Jonquil City	29	29	
		Lost Mountain	57	58	6 of 6
		Marietta	174	173	6 of 6
		Marietta Golden K	76	76	
		Metro Marietta	22	22	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	428	434	
16	Wimbley Hale, Jr.	Central Dekalb	5	5	
		Forest Park	16	14	6 of 6
		Jonesboro	17	18	6 of 6
		Lithonia-Stonecrest	15	11	
		Metro Atlanta	48	49	
		Rex-Ellenwood	15	15	
		West End, Atlanta	11	11	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	127	123	
17	Jeanette Lafond	Baxley	32	35	
		Brooklet	44	45	
		Douglas	24	23	
		Dublin	5	5	
		Jeff Davis County	6	6	6 of 6
		Metter	28	27	
		Statesboro	122	128	
		Swainsboro	38	37	6 of 6
		Tattnall County	29	25	
		Vidalia	89	90	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	417	421	
18	Sharon Barksdale	Conyers	21	23	
		Covington	66	66	
		Eatonton	17	18	
		Henry County	53	50	
		Madison	40	42	
		Monroe	18	20	
		Social Circle	18	19	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	233	238	

GEORGIA DISTRICT GRAND TOTALS:			4775	4863
DISTRICT TOTALS:				
Total Reported Members at 10/1/21			4,775	
Total Reported Members 12/31/21			4,863	
Total Clubs as of 10/1/21			145	
Total Clubs as of 12/30/21			146	
LEGEND:				
NC New Club				
CS Club Suspended				
M Merged				

K-KIDS PROMOTING SELF-CARE

TAKING CARE OF you

To do a good job helping others, you need to take care of yourself. Learning positive self-talk and how to be caring and kind to yourself helps you feel good.

Anger, sadness and fear can make us feel anxious when we think about the future. We can also make ourselves feel bad when we allow our inner voice to tell us mean, untrue things. (Example: I can't do this, I'll never be good enough, no one cares.)

Being aware of where you are and what you are feeling right now is a good way to avoid getting lost in negative feelings. Try using these Mindful Awareness exercises to tune in to the present moment through sight, sound, touch, smell and taste.

CIRCLE K

Izah Tahir
GA District Circle K Governor

I am sure we can all agree that this pandemic has been harder and longer than most of us imagined it would be. We had virtual classes, virtual club meetings, and even virtual service projects. Throughout all of this, I have been so grateful to have the continued support of Kiwanis backing me. Last month, I was able to attend my local Kiwanis club's luncheon, and it was so nice to see the comradery and joy in their reunion and white elephant exchange (I even got a nice mug!). Thank you again for all you do for us, and please feel free to invite your Circle K presidents and district board members to any of your events!

Last November, Georgia Circle K had our annual Fall Membership Retreat (FMR) in Covington, Georgia. This year, our theme was busy bees, and while attendance was naturally smaller than a "normal" year, the energy everyone brought was insurmountable! There were

SQUEEZE AND RELEASE

This exercise is a great way to slow yourself down so you can relax and think clearly. Some people even like to do this exercise before they go to sleep at night.

1. Think of your feet and squeeze the muscles in them. Hold the squeeze for a few seconds.
2. Stop squeezing those muscles and let them relax.
3. Move up from your feet to your shin muscles. Tighten, then relax them.
4. Move up to your thigh muscles. Tighten, then relax them.
5. Continue squeezing and releasing your muscles all the way to the top of your head.

DEEP BREATHING

Deep breathing is a great way to get your mind and body to relax.

1. Breathe in through your nose while counting to three in your head.

2. Hold your breath for a second or two.
3. Breathe out through your mouth to the to the count of three.
4. Repeat this three times.

As you inhale through your nose, pretend that you are breathing in positive energy and emotions. As you exhale through your mouth, imagine you are breathing out anything negative. Picture those bad feelings leaving your body.

THINK HAPPY THOUGHTS

Your brain can be trained to feel good. Just think about places, people and memories that make you feel safe and happy. When you need a boost, close your eyes and picture your "happy place." Write down a place, person and event that makes you feel happy.

Place: _____
Person: _____
Event: _____

LEARN MORE ABOUT MINDFUL LEADERSHIP
kkids.org/MindfulLeader

KEY CLUB

Monica Cho
GA District Key Club Governor

As my term is coming to an end in late February, this will probably be my last issue on the Georgia Kiwanian Article! I want to personally thank each and every one of you for another amazing service year, especially in the midst of an ongoing pandemic. With Key Clubbers coming back to the Kiwanis family after a year of inactivity, so many new student leaders have been inspired to serve their own homes, schools, and communities. Personally, I learned that service is not only the act of volunteering but also the active fostering of a considerate, diverse group of servant leaders.

Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to our 2022 Service & Leadership Conference in Peachtree City, GA! Our board is super excited to hold an in-person event for the first time in a while, so please register on our website and interact with us. Keep in mind that I am always one email away; I look forward to meeting you all!

workshops, fellowship activities, heartwarming letters, and so much more. I was personally most excited to see our administrator Brent Leslie and Kiwanis Vice Governor Darryl Gumz wearing antennae headbands. Everyone had an un-bee-lievable time, and I could not be more proud of the work the Georgia Circle K district board did to make it happen.

As our Circle K year comes to a close, we are excited to have our annual District Convention on February 26th in Peachtree City. The district board will have one last meeting, and then we will be electing our successors. Our clubs have done an amazing job this year—we are actually near membership growth despite the setbacks of the pandemic—and they have without a doubt earned the awards that will be presented to them. Feel free to reach out to myself or Circle K District Administrator Brent Leslie with any questions you may have, and I look forward to a great final semester as Georgia Circle K governor!

DISASTER RELIEF PROJECT

The Chattooga Aktion Club was busy this past holiday season with their Santa Goodwill Project. Continuing with the Stocking stuffer project, a special gift is being made to the Kentucky disaster. Made possible by donations from friends, families, and the Kiwanis Clubs in Division 15 of the Georgia Kiwanis district, more was able to be shared from the monetary donations. With all the donations, we filled 450 stockings for kids in foster care plus 75 underprivileged families. We were able to support our local Toys for Tots program and we couldn't forget the seniors, so we delivered backscratchers, holiday towels, and toiletries to a local assisted living facility.

We thought our project was over for this year, but then tornadoes hit in Kentucky. We heard from our Kentucky friend and fellow gymnast, Tonya Cornett. Her family was spared, but we couldn't help but think of her and our other Special Olympics friends there.

Club advisor Cindy Bickman's local horse feed store, Cherokee Feed & Seed, advertised a Disaster Relief drive. The Aktion Club was back in action! Instead of saving the extra donations for next year, Cindy led the effort to take 70 blankets and a big tub of socks, toys, and toiletries to the store. But what about all the money we hadn't spent? The Kiwanis adviser, Ron Davis of the Jonquil City club, had a great idea! Why not buy the gas for the truck taking the donations to Kentucky. A seemingly small part to make a BIG difference.

This is what Kiwanis and the Aktion Club are all about. It wasn't a surprise to learn of the club doing something extra. According to everyone who was a part of the efforts, "they were happy to do their part to help people in need this holiday season."

Thank you Cindy, Ron and members of the Chattooga Aktion Club for leading the way.



MEMORABLE VOLUNTEERING: WHAT IT TAKES

Hannah Shin

Georgia Key Club LTG. of Division 5

Article borrowed from *The Key Ring Blog* from Georgia Key Club

I hailed down 4 cars, or so I tried. The people in two of the cars avoided eye contact and zoomed right by; another car had a set of very sweet looking grandparents unfortunately unable to speak English. I finally found luck with the last one.

Exhausted, I asked my question again, "Did you see a group of guys walking down this street from the opposite side?" They looked at me in silence for a solid two seconds and then gave a resounding "no". Uh oh. We were cleaning the road from one end, and the guys were supposed to start at the other end so that we could meet in the middle.

For a while, the girls and I had actually had fun. We saw some cows mooing (and ran away), enjoyed



the beautiful weather and the pink flowers starting to bloom, talked about random things for over an hour, laughed at the number of times we found tiny glass bottles of vodka on the road (which was interesting, to say the least), and became experts at finding the smallest pieces of trash buried deep in the crevices dirt ditches. It was only when we had cleaned more than half of the road when we realized that something was wrong. Turns out, the guys had actually turned back to the school after cleaning far less than half of the road. By the end, we girls had done

1.5 hours of road cleaning (... yay for "girl power").

This was by far my most memorable Key Club service project out of all three of my years as a member. Sometimes, it's that little whiff of stress that spices up the enjoyable parts of Key Club events, making it all the more memorable. Volunteering isn't always rainbows and butterflies. Sometimes, it's sweating a bucket-load to better the community, even if it's something small like cleaning a local road. The hardship was what allowed me to further appreciate the direct impacts of my volunteer work, especially when I passed by the orange trash bags that we had filled to the brim!

Key Club is an amazing organization for the opportunities it provides. You develop leadership skills when you least expect it (hailing down cars was not in my comfort zone department), and you make friends with people when you least expect it (the girls and I held a special bond after "ranting" to each other about our ~little situation~).

PERRY AKTION CLUB PARTNERS WITH HALO

*Each one of us can make a difference.
Together we make change.*
-Barbara Mikulski

Ms. Mikulski may have had the Kiwanians of Perry Georgia in mind when she penned those words. Together, the community of Perry saw their work come to fruition when they recently chartered an Aktion Club. Sometimes all it takes is someone to present the mission.

The HALO, Helping Achieve Life Outcomes by Having Agape Love for Others, organization was a scheduled Club program and after the meeting, everyone had the same thought - a great place to start looking for a partnership.

When Lt Governor Susan Collins (2020-21) was formally introduced to the Aktion Club mission she started to reflect about the people in her life with special needs. "Hearing about Kiwanis Aktion Clubs immediately brought back fond memories of her Uncle Donnie. I immediately started reflecting on growing up with my special needs Uncle," she recalls. "He was always encouraged to participate in activities which provided interactions with like-minded people and gave him a sense of belonging."

HALO turned out to be the perfect partnership. "The awesome people that founded the organization had a mission to enhance the lives of adults with special needs," said Susan. "And isn't that what the Aktion club mission is about."

According to Angela Cuti, the HALO Group's mission is to create a dynamic, multi-faceted program which fosters inclusion into society by addressing the vocational, social and residential needs of adults with special needs. A Kiwanis Aktion Club is a perfect fit.

By assisting members with disabilities to become valuable members of the community and help our community become a stronger place. For Susan, her passion for this new Aktion Club is another way to remember her Uncle and to feel he would have really enjoyed a group such as this.

To help people with disabilities is just another way for her to make a difference

"Aktion Clubs are needed in a lot of communities," said Susan a 10-year Kiwanian, "many times when they graduate from high school and become adults, they are more isolated and don't have the interactions needed to live a happy life." But now members of the Perry community have an Aktion Club.

If you have a HALO Group in your community, this is one organization you might want check out:
<https://www.halogroupga.org/>



WELCOME TO THE KEY CLUB FAMILY

David Knowles, President of Jonesboro Kiwanis Club presents club banner to the new Key Club advisor, Raquel Whitfield, at the new Key club at Mundy's Mill High School in Jonesboro.



PHOTOS (ABOVE & BELOW): HALO teammates harvesting produce at the Starbuck Learning Farm located at the Ga National Fairgrounds and Agricultural Center for distribution at local food pantries as one of their Aktion Club service projects



PHOTO LEFT: HALO teammate Ashley Loving showing a plann mat made from grocery bags for distribution to the homeless.

PHOTO BELOW: HALO teammates working together on a loom weaving plann mats as one of their Aktion club service projects.

BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR SLP CLUB

The reason Service Leadership Programs are sponsored initiatives is because there is tremendous learning and growth that occurs through the mentoring relationships the SLP members have with the sponsoring organization members. The sponsoring Kiwanis club/organization should seize this opportunity to build a strong relationship by doing the following:

Have Kiwanis/sponsoring organization members attend SLP club meeting and events.

The advisor will always attend these meetings, but when others attend as well, that sends a nice message regarding the depth of the support the sponsor wants to provide.

Host or participate in joint activities.

Make sure your SLP clubs are included in the planning and execution of your service projects, and be willing and open to be involved in theirs. The same is true for other social, recreational and fundraising events. Your presence at SLP functions reinforces the concept of the Kiwanis family and encourages SLP members to continue participating in organizations like Kiwanis throughout their lives.

Invite SLP club members to your organization's meetings.

In addition to reinforcing your partnership with the SLP club, you and your fellow club members model servant leadership for your SLP members and inviting them to your meetings opens the relationship to parents and other adult volunteers involved with the club. Also, spending time with SLP

members allows you to see the impact of your service!

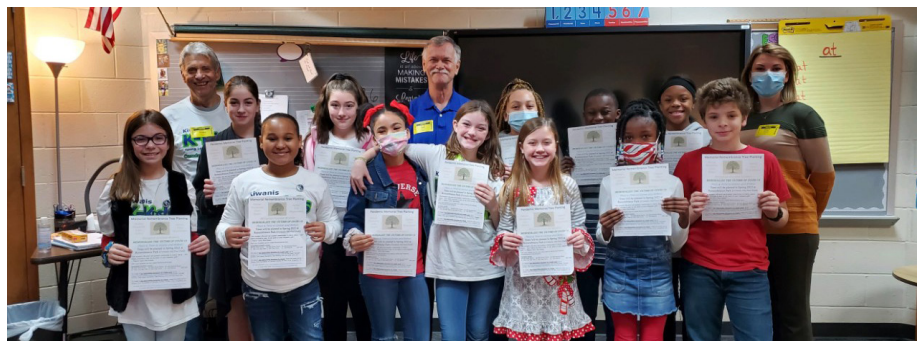
Meet with SLP club leadership.

A joint meeting between the leadership of the sponsoring Kiwanis club and SLP club provides an excellent opportunity to bond, plan and grow as a family unit. If possible, the meeting should include incoming board members and officers as well as the committee chairmen for each club who will be serving during the upcoming year.

A casual, comfortable setting such as a picnic, cookout or backyard gathering during summer months would be ideal for:

- Review and evaluation of the previous year
- Goal-setting and strategizing for accomplishing joint goals
- Budgeting and fundraising planning
- Organizing joint projects

K-KIDS SUPPORTING REMEMBRANCE PARK TREE PROJECT



David L. Rainer Elementary School K-Kids learned about the Pandemic and Live Oak Trees and have agreed to support the Remembrance Park Tree Project.

The Remembrance Park Tree Project Recognizes and Honors Pandemic Care Givers, First Responders and Essential Workers plus Memorializes those who have died of COVID-19 by creating Remembrance Park and planting Live Oak trees.

You can learn more about the Remembrance Park Tree Project here: <https://www.facebook.com/MemorialRemembranceTreePlanting> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAWR1zM0LpA>

JOINING TOGETHER TO FEED 100 FAMILIES

100 families were fed by the Kiwanis Club of St Marys with the help of Trident Training Facility Sailors, Camden County School System, Salvation Army and Kingsland Methodist church.

Each family received 2 large bags of non-perishable food plus a bag of potatoes, a bag of apples and a large turkey.

PHOTO 1: Trident Training Facility Sailors helping feed Camden County. **PHOTO 2:** Kiwanians Marcia Bushaw and Dale Law. **PHOTO 3:** Woodbine Elementary School K-Kids help feed Camden County



John Holley

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

As we enter into a new calendar year, 2022, and into the 4th month of our Kiwanis year, I hope you and your club have already made or plan to make a contribution to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. This is Kiwanis International's fundraising arm, and through its effort is how our great organization continues "Serving the Children of the World."

In a recent news article, the Kiwanis Children's Fund was receiving kudos for providing club grants to support 130,000 children in communities in three countries and four states in the United States. These grants provided hands-on learning about nutrition, helped clubs improve children's lives in the Kiwanis cause areas of health and nutrition, education and literacy and youth leadership development. Donations from individual Kiwanians and Kiwanis Clubs throughout Kiwanis International are the fuel that keeps the Kiwanis Children's Fund moving. Without you, the children of the world will continue to suffer.

There is a saying that says, "The Speed of the Boss is the Speed of the Crew." I am pleased to report that our Boss, Governor Byron, has departed the station with great speed and enthusiasm and is asking

each club to make a minimum donation of \$5.00 per member in your club in support of the Kiwanis Children's Fund. With a current membership of 4847, this would mean a District minimum donation of \$24,235 from clubs alone. I know that each club is working toward "Distinguish Status"; so by putting a checkmark by this task will bring you closer to reaching your goal. I am counting on you, and I know Governor Byron is also. Let me take this opportunity to **thank the 29 clubs** that have already made a contribution for this year. **The total club donations, to date, are \$5,731.50.**

For your information, I will be doing a joint session with the Georgia District Foundation at our Mid-Year Training Conference, in Macon. In addition, I will have a Kiwanis Children's Fund display to provide materials and to assist you in any way I can. As I mentioned in my last article, I am your resource for all matters concerning the Kiwanis Children's Fund. This includes visiting your club (in person or via Zoom) to be your program. I look forward to seeing you in Macon!

Know that the Kiwanis Children's Fund is your Foundation. If your club has a project that could benefit

from a Children's Fund grant, go to (<https://www.kiwanis.org/childrens-fund/grants/club-grant-program>) to learn more. The deadline to submit a Letter of Inquiry—the first step in the application process—has been extended to March 1, 2022. The grants are to support the Kiwanis causes of health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.

Finally, as Kiwanis celebrates 107 years of service this year, consider increasing your individual and club gifts to the Kiwanis Children's Fund so that the legacy of Kiwanis lives on in perpetuity. If I can be of assistance, feel free to contact me at jholley40@comcast.net or by phone at (678) 481-7572.



UPDATES?

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

Alexia Lieber
alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com

PAST LT. GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION

Kathy Harrell

Past Lt. Governors' Association Chair
Kiwanis Club of Jesup

Happy New Year Greetings from your Past Lt. Governor's Association. Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and that we are all ready to hit the ground running for Georgia Kiwanis in 2022!

Just want to remind you all that the Past Lt. Governors offer grants of \$200 to clubs who help start a new club or a new SLP. The application for this grant can be found on the Georgia Kiwanis website.

Barry Gardner is working hard on our Spring service project. We will be working at Amicalola Falls State

Park, Dawsonville, GA on April 8-9. The Work Project will be on Saturday, April 9th. Barry will have more details on the lodging and camping options for us soon but block off that weekend for a time of work, fun and fellowship.

Please know that the members of this group are all great Kiwanians with a wealth of knowledge, author of this article maybe not so much! Do not hesitate to call on us with questions or for help. Can't wait to see everyone in Macon on March 12th. #kidsneedkiwanis

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1917, professional organizer Allen S. Browne created a motto and a creed for Kiwanis which was "Service Brings Its Own Reward" but it only lasted one year. In 1918, Delegates at the Kiwanis International convention approved a constitution designed to unite the rapidly growing organization referring to a group of underlying principles as "Objects."

Though concise and focused on the Golden Rule, these new principles didn't satisfy the members who in 1923 called for a revision. More than 800 pages of suggestions were submitted and considered. Included among those ideas were six statements drafted by New York Governor Lew Mitchell.

In June 1924, Kiwanis International President Ed Arras introduced the six new Objects of the organization and they have since then been the core of what we do.

Objects of Kiwanis:

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide through Kiwanis clubs a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

HELP SUPPORT GA DISTRICT SPONSORED PROJECTS

Byron Mullican

Georgia District Governor
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

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

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

You can find more information for each of the sponsored projects online our website at GeorgiaKiwanis.com.

Below is the list of projects and the recommended amount:

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

\$4.00 per member

Georgia District Art & Music Showcase

\$1.00 per member

Ferst Readers

\$3.00 per member

Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.

\$7.00 per member

Tomorrow's Leaders

\$4.00 per member

Kiwanis International Children's Fund

\$5.00 per member

TOTAL: \$24.00 per member

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

DOWNLOAD FORM ONLINE:
www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com



NEW JOBS, NEW TOOLS

Jim Perry

Human and Spiritual Values Chair
Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K

Have you ever had a repair or project that really could not be done properly without a specific tool? You don't have that tool, nor do you know anyone who does. You may never need the tool again, so you really don't want to invest big bucks in such a rarely needed tool. So what do you do? You break out the channel locks and probably several other tools that "might work". You try them all, and you may have succeeded in making the repair. But there is a possibility that you threw in the towel and called a professional. It's possible you left the repair undone, if there was no urgency to the task. I love to fix things, if I have the right tools. But taking on a task that is so uncertain because I lack the right tools is frustrating and demoralizing.

Many of you are wishing you had the tools to get the job done for our kids. You do. Take a look at who you have on your Club roles. You likely have community leaders, church leaders, political office holders, former Kiwanis leaders, and a host of retired people who have a wealth of life experiences that may constitute the tools your Club needs to change things. Mobilize your resources. The greatest threat to our children and our future is not

Clubs that are not functioning at full strength. The greatest threat to our children is the example being placed before them by so called leaders that are unwilling to oppose the current trends in our society. The so-called "woke" policies that are being forced upon us by one of the most sinister power plays in modern times hurt our entire culture, but it affects the children in their formative years most. If our children can be convinced that the tenets of religion no longer apply, and the values of our Judeo-Christian traditions are out of date, those values will disappear in the next generation. If we become convinced that equality of opportunity was a futile idea promoted by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and so many others, it will be so easy to reinstitute forced governmental discrimination to achieve equity - that condition when everyone has the same outcome, regardless of the abilities they bring to their life's work. We have been told for many years that it will be good to "fundamentally transform America". What is good about destroying the institutions that have instilled American values for generations in our kids and provided the guard rails for orderly and ethical life in a richly diverse society? What can be

good about compromising our educational systems from preschool through university in an effort to saturate the minds of our youth with myths, lies, and pure evil? We hear the talking heads of government and the media continuing to misrepresent truth and reality in an attempt to lull youth into a false sense that these "transformational" ideas are ok and are really an improvement over what America has had for 245+ years. We are even told that the US Constitution is obsolete; that our institutions are antiquated; and that our democracy is in danger. It is, if it were a democracy. It is not. You see, it is telling when the thought influencers don't even understand their own misleading information. We were not founded as a democracy but as a republic. If we had direct democracy - pure majority rule - three states would decide all the issues before us and elect all leaders. This republic and the values upon which it was established must be preserved, and you can use new tools to assure that this happens. Those leaders I spoke of earlier and those retired business and government leaders must be activated. There are many who would speak to your groups; compare and contrast those competing values; and advise your programs and kids groups about the values upon which Kiwanis and this nation were established. The tools may be rusty, but I think you will be surprised to find that they are in very good shape for their age and lack of appropriate use. Clean them up; sharpen them; and use them to influence our kids to form a more perfect Union.



SIGNATURE PROJECT WINNERS

Becky Anderson

Service Chair - Signature Project
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

Georgia District Kiwanis has showed up and showed out with their Signature Projects!!! We were thrilled to have an amazing 21 entries this year! This is the most entries that Georgia District has had submitted in years! It is amazing to read all of the wonderful projects that each of the clubs that submitted are doing. The most amazing part is the number of children that are being served because of Georgia District Kiwanis!

To say that our committee had a difficult time choosing a winner in each tier is an understatement. We wanted to award each and every club with the ultimate gold medal but of course that could not be done. With that being said, we are proud to announce that the winning clubs for this year's signature project goes to Kiwanis of Cartersville- Kiddie Day Parade in Tier 1 and to Kiwanis Club of Statesboro - Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair in Tier 2. Both of these clubs have done an outstanding job of enhancing the Kiwanis image while serving children and raising funds to serve children in their communities. Congratulations to both clubs!!



SOCIAL MEDIA IS FREE... SO USE IT!

Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts are free – so they're great places to tell your story. That's why you should make them great places to visit:

- Post often. Make sure your club has at least two administrators for each account – so if one member can't post, the other can.
- Add posts and pictures from your last service project.
- Avoid posts of meals and meetings unless they show action.
- Use the ready-to-run videos, social media posts, cover photos, and social media squares at kiwanis.org/brand.
- Make sure your contact information is correct.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST GUIDELINES			
	FACEBOOK	TWITTER	INSTAGRAM
LENGTH	Varies, but recommended length is fewer than 100 characters	Up to 280 characters but better as short "threads"	Similar to Facebook
HEADLINE	None	None	None
PHOTO/VIDEO	Recommended for every post	Recommended but not required	Visual is priority!
LINK	Cannot link text (like in a Word doc); must be separate URL	Cannot link text (like in a Word doc); must be separate URL and uses up to 23 of your characters	Links not allowed anywhere except for a single bio link, which can be changed as needed

Follow Kiwanis International on Facebook and Twitter and you can also share their posts! They post daily on Facebook and Twitter, and often tell inspiring stories of club activities and events. They also share

graphics and videos – all information that you can like and share. Kiwanis' official Facebook page is [facebook.com/kiwanis](https://www.facebook.com/kiwanis); go to Twitter or Instagram, and search for @kiwanis.

"BUCK-N-EAR" PROGRAM MAKING AN IMPACT

Debbie Brilling

"Buck-N-Ear" Project Chair
Kiwanis Club of Brookhaven/
Chamblee
Kiwanis Club of Doraville-Tucker
Kiwanis Club of Central Dekalb

Because of your support through the Georgia District Buck-n-Ear Program, deaf and hard of hearing children can learn to listen and speak through spoken language. Meet Lilia and Liam who have both graduated from the Auditory-Verbal Therapy program...

LILIA & LIAM

Our daughter, Lilia, attended preschool and one of her teachers noticed that when she called Lilia's name when her back was turned, she was not responding. We were then referred by our Pediatrician to get her hearing checked and found out that Lilia had moderate to severe hearing loss in both ears due to the Pendred Syndrome.

Initially we felt like, how could this be happening to us? Surely this information had to be wrong. We thought diligently of anyone in our families who had hearing loss, and we could think of no one. We began to think, was it because we sat on the beach listening to 4th of July fireworks? Was it because she attended her first Auburn football game in a loud stadium at 6 weeks old? Our minds were racing looking for a reason, and we were completely devastated.

I felt the world was crumbling around us, and I could not stop thinking about what the future held for our daughter. We were so fearful. What were people going to say about her hearing aids? What would the children say to her in school? That fear of not knowing what her future looked like, was very scary for our family.

We then began our hearing journey.... Lilia was fitted with two hearing aids and wore them with pride. As her hearing loss progressed to profound, she received the Cochlear Implant.

After getting results of her hearing loss, we were given a couple of brochures of specialized programs specific to children with hearing loss. We toured one place but didn't feel like it was a good fit for our family. We then toured the Auditory-Verbal Center and immediately felt the warm and fuzzies and we felt like this was the place for Lilia and for us to begin learning. We loved the one-on-one approach, and we loved that we were essentially the student as well, adapting to a new way to help support Lilia as she learned to hear.

A few years later, we had twin boys - Liam and Lucca. Liam was diagnosed with progressive moderate hearing loss and just like his sister, also has the Pendred Syndrome. He was fit with hearing aids when he was 1 month old and we immediately enrolled him at AVC. His hearing loss also progressed to profound and he received the Cochlear Implant.



AVC has been so helpful navigating us through the many decisions we had to make. The impact from AVC has been profound. We have integrated the auditory-verbal approach into our lives and it has become routine in the way we interact and engage with all of our children. We consider AVC as the experts and it's wonderful to have this crucial resource in our lives. This whole experience at AVC has been hard work but truly miraculous!

Now, both Lilia and Liam are graduates of AVC and they are both bi-modal which means they wear a hearing aid in one ear and a cochlear implant in the other.

Lilia (now 9 years old) loves ballet, learning to play the violin, reading,



doing art, making science experiments, and solving math problems. Liam (now 4 years old) loves listening to books being read to him and playing with his toy vehicles and machines. Liam is an expert on vehicles; he will inform anyone who will listen about all his favorite construction vehicles, such as the backhoe, digger, bulldozer, and crane. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, he says either an alien, a garbage man, a robot, or doctor.

Lilia's favorite sound is hearing her brothers giggle while Liam's favorite sound is the sound of the garbage and recycling trucks coming towards our house!



**KIDS NEED KIWANIS TO
REACH THEIR POTENTIAL**

COMMITTEE
UPDATES

GEORGIA DISTRICT KIWANIS SERVICE PROJECT/CAMPING TRIP



Barry Gardner

District Service Project Chair
Kiwanis Club of Fairfield-Villa Rica

Please mark your calendars!

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

Your whole family is invited! Kids too!

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



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

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

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

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



MONTHLY GEORGIA DISTRICT EDUCATION HOUR

FEBRUARY
GA DISTRICT EDUCATION HOUR:

Youth Protection

Learn more about Youth Protection and the Kiwanis International Guidelines on how to keep your members and the youth you are serving safe

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

FEBRUARY 7 @ 7PM:

We will be learning about the importance of the Kiwanis International Youth Protection Guidelines and how you and your club can keep your members and the children safe.

Prior to the class, please REVIEW the following tabs on **Kiwanis.org/youthprotection**: "Policy & Procedure", "Background Checks", and "YP Training"

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85409669924>

Meeting ID: 854 0966 9924

Passcode: 475985

Phone: +1646-558-8656

MARCH 14 @ 7PM:

Topic will be announced soon

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84350294963>

Meeting ID: 843 5029 4963

Passcode: 196960

Phone: +1646-558-8656

2022 GEORGIA DISTRICT ART AND MUSIC SHOWCASE

Kelly Lee

Art & Music Showcase Co-Chair
Kiwanis Club of Gainesville

For the first time Kiwanis Club of Gainesville is excited to host the Georgia District Kiwanis 2022 Art and Music Showcase. The Showcase will take place on April 23, 2022 at Riverside Military Academy. As we all prepare for our local Art and Music Showcases, please take a moment to review the Art and Music Showcase Handbook, which can be found on the District Website under RESOURCES. All the information you need should be there, but if you have questions please feel free to call us at (770) 534-0727 or email Kelly.lee@stronggaddy.com and joy.griffin@gcssk12.net.

ATTENTION LOCAL ART CHAIRS: Art Competition set-up will begin at 9:00 am and all artwork is due no later than 11:30 am. Judging will take place from 12:00 noon - 1:30

pm; with the Public Viewing from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. We encourage all our art contestants to attend so that we Kiwanians can meet them face to face and tell them how proud we are of their accomplishments.

ATTENTION LOCAL MUSIC CHAIRS: The Music Showcase Dress Rehearsal will be scheduled by the distance each contestant lives from Gainesville, GA. Local Chairs and Contestants will be notified of their Dress Rehearsal Time no later than April 17, 2022. Should any contestant require a local piano accompanist, those arrangements can be made, but must be made by April 10, 2022. The Georgia District Art & Music Showcase will not be responsible for any costs associated with hiring a local accompanist; however, we will be glad to connect contestants with local accompanists. The Music Showcase will remain at the same time of 3:00 pm; with the awards for



both Art & Music following. Good luck to you all as you embark on a new year and our Georgia District Kiwanis 2022 Art & Music Showcase. See you in April!



MID-YEAR TRAINING SCHEDULE AND WORKSHOPS

SCHEDULE:

March 12, 2022

8:00-9:00 AM	Registration
9:00-10:30 AM	Opening Session
10:40-11:30 AM	First Session
11:40-12:30 PM	Second Session
12:30-1:30 PM	Lunch
1:40-2:40 PM	Third Session

REGISTRATION:

You can only register by mail this year. Please complete the form on the next page and mail to the Georgia District office with your payment.

Registration Deadline:
Friday, February 28

WORKSHOPS:

Schedule coming soon but here is a sampling of the classes being offered...

- Kiwanis 101
- Kiwanis 102
- Kiwanis 103
- New Member Orientation
- Learn the Benefits of Interclubs
- Start a K-Kids/Builders Club
- Auditory-Verbal Center/"Buck-n-Ear" Project
- Kiwanis Children's Fund/Georgia District Foundation
- Youth Protection Guidelines
- Circle K
- Making Club Meetings Entertaining
- Club Secretary
- New Club Secretary
- Lead - Take advantage of these changing times
- Partner Up: IT's 2 for 2
- Environmental Action



Georgia District of Kiwanis

2022 MID-YEAR TRAINING CONFERENCE

Macon Centreplex

200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA

Saturday, March 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration Opens at 8:00 a.m.

Kiwanis Club of _____, Division _____

Members Attending
Name

Club Office

District Title

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Do you need special parking assistance? _____

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

You must be preregistered to receive a meal ticket.

Check which boxed Lunch you would like: _____ Smoked Ham and Swiss on Wheat (H)
_____ Roasted Turkey croissant (T)
_____ Grilled Vegetable wrap (V)

Mail Registration Form by:

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

Georgia District of Kiwanis

P. O. Box 6618

Macon, GA 31208

2022 GA DISTRICT CONVENTION WILL BE IN 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** who is not only a member of the Statesboro Kiwanis Club but 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.



Stay tuned, more details about the convention coming soon!

KEY LEADER: EMPOWERING TEENS

Mike Sullivan

Key Leader Chair
Kiwanis Club of North Gwinnett

Key Leader is a leadership retreat to share the joy and understanding of Leadership to teenage students that don't understand they can be leaders too. Registration has started and can be found at: <https://www.georgiakiwanis.com/key-leader.html>

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

Who can attend?
8th - 12th grade / 14-18 years old.

How many students can attend?
65 total

Do you have to be in Key Club to attend?
No

Cost:
\$100
\$75 for Key Clubbers (\$25 off)

Registration Deadline:
March 11, 2022

10 Student Facilitators are needed. These would need to be 11th or 12th graders that are currently in leadership positions.



We need YOU to reach out to your High Schools, your Key Clubs, your Boys & Girls Club, your children or grandchildren.

KeyLeader is a fantastic program, but requires students in order to make a difference. With everything going on this year, we need YOUR help to find them!

For some areas, a student's challenge is finding time. Others, the cost and/or transportation is the issue. If your club can, please consider stepping up and helping students solve these last two issues. Key Leader weekend can be life changing to many students, empowering them to step up and make a difference.

The curriculum is servant-based leadership, and breaks the youth into smaller groups (neighborhoods) for the smaller, hands-on projects that illustrate the various aspects of the material. It's fun, it's exciting, and it needs your help to find attendees!

For those paying attention to COVID in Georgia, the current forecast is that the omicron wave will end late February.

In addition to students, I am interested in lining up volunteers as well. Registration available off of the same webpage. If you are interested, please feel free to reach out and ask questions. Non-Kiwanis members can be chaperones as well, reach out and I can help you get started.



KEY LEADER®

MARCH 25-27, 2022

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



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GeorgiaKiwaniis.com/Key-Leader

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JUNE 8-11, 2022

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 INTERNATIONAL KIWANIS CONVENTION

From ideas for service to innovations in fundraising, you'll find it all at the 2022 Kiwanis International Convention! The best leaders are learners. Attend in person or virtually – so you can increase your club's impact in your community.

Redesigned master classes will go deeper into leadership training and community service with subject-matter experts. These trained professionals will get you thinking and send you home with a to-do list designed to take your club to the next level.

New this year: Come for the entire convention or just come for a day. New options let you personalize a convention experience that works best for you. **Registration opens March 15** but you can view all the packages available now on [Kiwanis.org](https://www.kiwanis.org).

Did you know that your club can pay all or a portion of each member's convention expenses from its service account. The Kiwanis Education Conference qualifies as an acceptable educational expense of the club. Covered expenses can include: registration fees, hotel, airfare or mileage, meals, per diem and other expenses as determined by the club. The Kiwanis Education Conference qualifies as an acceptable educational expense of the club.

Throughout the weekend, there will be Guest Speakers and Entertainment that you don't want to miss including:

Diana Trujillo: Diana Trujillo picks up rocks on Mars. She also digs into the Martian soil. The aerospace engineer is in charge of the team that created – and now operates – the robotic arm on the spacecraft that landed on Mars. Perseverance

rover has been exploring the red planet since February 2021.

Jimmy Casas: Leadership was never meant to be a committee of one. Jimmy Casas lives the principle that he teaches every day. His commitment to creating a culture of excellence earned his school the title as one of the Best High Schools in the nation by Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report.

Rachel Giannini: Every moment is critical to helping kids develop healthy brains, says Rachel Giannini. She would know – her work as a preschool teacher earned her a prominent place in a documentary

about the importance of early childhood education. And she can help your club serve kids in the community.

Michael Cavanaugh: Michael Cavanaugh was handpicked by Billy Joel to portray the Piano Man and worked with the superstar musician to shape the Broadway musical that would be called "Movin' Out." In the lead role, Cavanaugh received Tony and Grammy nominations.

The **Georgia District will be staying at the Westin Indianapolis** which is in the middle of the action with countless restaurants, shops, and clubs just outside the hotel doors.



Registration open from December 1-February 25.

BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Improve your career, your community and your Kiwanis club.

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

Participants will:

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

Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

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

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

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

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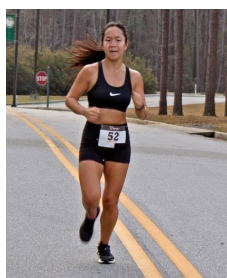
ANGEL JARVIS AND JOHN MORRIS WIN FIRST PLACE IN 2022 RESOLUTION RUN 5K!



PHOTO: The Kiwanis Run Crew from the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club. Seated from L to R; Mary Ellen Smith, Karolina Cerpovicz, Anita Cerpovicz, and Lucy. Standing from L to R; Dwight Watt, Jim Daughtry, Gary Couse, Deana Patrick, Travis Garrett, Jane Durden, Paul Cerpovicz, Cheryl Goodman, and Tim Goodman. Not Pictured; Cindy Ware and Pepper Fields

On a nice, warm January 1, 2022 morning, runners descended upon the campus of East Georgia State College Swainsboro for the running of the 8th Annual Kiwanis Resolution Run 5K. Registration for the Run began at 7:30 am, with the official start at 9:00 am. It was a balmy 70+o. The Run, sponsored by the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, was held to raise money for the Kiwanis Club's many community projects.

The overall winner in the male division was John Morris from Swainsboro, with a time of 23 minutes and 52 seconds. The overall winner in the female division and the overall best time in the race was Angel Jarvis from Swainsboro, with a time of 22 minutes and 18 seconds. The male masters' division winner was Tom Lamb from Wadley, with a time of 25 minutes and 25 seconds. The female masters' division winner was Beth Lane, with a time of 32 minutes and 45 seconds.



Age group winners in the male division were age 10 and under, 1st place Denton Parker; age 30-39, 1st place Roscoe Parker; age 60-69, 1st place Jim Jarvis; and age 70 and older, 1st place John Torpy.

Age group winners in the female division were age 20-29, 1st place Anita Cerpovicz and 2nd place Victoria Parker; age 30-39, 1st place Abigail Brown and 2nd place Jessica Palumbo; age 40-49, 1st place Jodi Jarvis; and age 60-69, 1st place Beverly Walker.

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club would like to give special thanks to East Georgia State College and to our sponsors: Domino's Pizza, Edenfield House Inn, Haddock Chiropractic, Harvey's, Shoprite Pharmacy, Swainsboro Ford, Walmart, and Ware's Bar-B-Que. Complete results can be found on the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club website and facebook page. Run fast, run hard, and run safe!

KIWANIS CLUB HELPS SANTA WITH BIKES

Some Members of the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro traveled to the Swainsboro Pre-K on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 to assist Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and his elves with passing out 46 bikes to young boys and girls at 3:30. There were many happy faces when they arrived to meet Santa.



SUPPORTING ST. MARYS COMMUNITY BAND

Kiwanis Club of St Marys presented a \$300.00 Check to the St Marys Community Band.



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



The Cordele club celebrated 100 years with several activities including posting a banner to share with the community and to promote what Kiwanis is all about. Pictured is Steve Ingram, Marcus Waters, Gene Ford and kneeling William Hurt. Mary Joyce Parker, committee chairman stated due to COVID-19, activities were limited.

KIWANIANS SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Kiwanis Club of St Marys made a \$500.00 contribution to Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Picture caption (l-r) Brad Tippins of FCA, Suzie Tippins of FCA and Anthony Kicklighter, Kiwanis President.



WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK FOOD PANTRY

Kiwanians volunteering at the Wynnton Neighborhood Network Food Pantry.



35 YEAR TRADITION

Jonesboro Kiwanis rang bell for Salvation Army for the 35th straight year. L to R: members Will Ashley, Willie Brown and Herb Jones.



GOVERNOR BYRON MULLICAN ON THE GO

Georgia District Governor Byron Mullican spoke to the Kiwanis Club of LaGrange about the new Kiwanis year and the upcoming plans, programs and events. We appreciate the Governor making the effort to come across the state to get to know the club and its members. Pictured with Gov. Byron is John Carden, Club President and George Elkins, Immediate Past Governor.



KIDS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



The Kiwanis Club of Douglas County held their 24th Annual Kids Christmas Special at the Douglasville Walmart on December 8, 2021. A total of 140 underprivileged students from seven local elementary schools were selected by the school counselor and principal as some of the most needy. Students were picked up by bus at their school and transported to Walmart to shop. After shopping, they were returned to the school by bus for the remainder of the day. Each student was able to select gifts for themselves and family members with the guidance of their escorts from the local sheriff's office, police department, city and county officials and other leaders in the community. Students could spend up to \$100.00 each on gifts for themselves and other family members. The purchase of real nor violent items was not allowed. All Kiwanians, students and escorts had a great time.



KIWANIS CHRISTMAS

TREE

The Kiwanis Club of Warner Robins decorated a Christmas tree at the Air Museum at the Warner Robins Air Force Base. The tree was hung with Kiwanis emblems, membership application and other Kiwanis memorabilia. Looking good! Pictured is Lafayette Huston, Club President.



SUPPORTING KIWANIS CLUB OF UKRAINE

Kiwanis Club of St Marys has partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Ukraine for more than a decade. They have endured through war, political disorder, famine and now a pandemic. But somehow they find a way to endure and improve their community. Lora always finds the bright side of the situation and below is an example of her work. They ran a program for teenagers. Every young man could be a participant in this meeting. They came and opened their talents to new friends, sang, played instruments, danced, recited poetry. These were children from orphanages, under guardianship, children from poor families. It was so joyful to see the shining eyes of children, their joy when they received gifts. Even when everything around is covered with vanity, destruction is always a ray of light that will give the child the strength to move on. We helped many to believe that they are special, they are not rubbish.



TINSEL TRAIL TREE SPONSORSHIP

Marcie Costello, Camden House Director and Kiwanis Club of St Marys member updated club members on the current status of Camden House. At the end of her presentation, Anthony Kicklighter, Kiwanis President presented her a check for \$500 plus another check of \$402 for the Tinsel Trail tree sponsorship.



TARGET SHOPPING SPREE

The Kiwanis Club of Newnan sponsored their annual shopping spree at Target on Dec. 18, with support from the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation. The club was able to provide Christmas presents for 117 children from 21 elementary schools in Coweta County.

80 volunteers from the Newnan and Grantville Kiwanis Clubs, student representatives from Blake Bass Middle School and Evans Middle School as well as member of the Newnan High School Key Club assisted each child select their Christmas gifts.

PHOTO: Kiwanians Mike Barber, C.R. Phillips, Newnan Kiwanis President Keith Ross, J.C. Meghrian, Don Chapman, Nina Blackwelder and Mark Musaus.





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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



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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



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