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MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR VICE GOVERNOR

At the Georgia District Convention in August, delegates will be voting to elect the new 2022-23 Vice Governor of the Georgia District. Below are the bios of these two outstanding candidates.



DAVID SIMMONS
Kiwanis Club of Cordele



RICK TOWNSEND
Kiwanis Club of Brunswick

DAVID SIMMONS

It was an extreme pleasure to have received the nomination from the Cordele Kiwanis Club for the office of Vice-Governor starting the 2022-2023 Kiwanis administrative year. I am honored to have been chosen for this prestigious position. As both clubs and members continue to overcome the COVID pandemic, I am encouraged by the potential that Kiwanis can continue to make in the Georgia District. During this year, as I have attended all but one of our Governor’s Division Rallies, I am inspired by the difference that local Kiwanis clubs are making in their respective communities.

My tenure with Kiwanis started on April 5, 1990 when I became a member of the Cordele Kiwanis Club. I was elected to the Cordele club’s Board of Directors in 1991 and have served on the Board on multiple occasions, from 1991 until 1995 ,and since 2009. I was privileged to serve as Club President during the 1993-1994 Kiwanis year and have served as the club’s secretary since 2011.

In 1997, I was elected by what was then Division 3 to become Lt. Governor. I served in that position during 1998-1999 Kiwanis year. Following my service to the Georgia District Board, I became a Kiwanis International Certified Instructor and began training clubs with Club Leadership Education in 2000. I continue to serve in this capacity. Along the way, I have been honored to have been chosen by a variety of Georgia District Governors to be a part of their leadership team. I have served as the following chair for the Georgia District: Club Administration Chair (2004-2006), Education and Training Chair (2006-2007), Training Conference Chair (2007-2008, 2013-2014, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022), and International Convention Chair (2009-2010). In 2013, I was appointed to the Georgia District Foundation Board. I remained on the Board until 2016 and served as Board President in 2014-2015. In 2020, I was asked to serve on the Georgia District Finance Committee and continue to serve on that committee.

On September 1, 2019, I became a Charter Member of the Kiwanis Club of Warner Robins, which

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GA KIWANIS FUNDS NEW PLAYGROUND!

Kiwanis Club of Commerce with the help of a grant from the GA District Kiwanis Foundation, funded the playground equipment for the Pre-K students at Commerce Primary School!



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Byron Mullican 2021-22 Governor of the Georgia District

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Fifty of our clubs or Georgia District leaders will soon be heading to Indianapolis, In. for the Kiwanis International convention. Forty more will experience it online. With everyone wanting a virtual option, I am saddened that we don't have more members signed up for that option. I encourage everyone to make every attempt to attend next year's Kiwanis International convention in Minneapolis, MN. to support our very own Katrina Baranko as she will be elected as President of our great organization. There is no experience quite like attending the International convention in person.

I hope that everyone had a safe and productive Memorial Day weekend and are ready to get back to inviting prospective new members to your meetings. Club election reports should have been submitted and each of you should be planning to

attend the Georgia District Convention in Macon August 12-14. Registration will open soon. We will have an open convention for the first time in three years. It would be great if every club would have at least one member attending.

Your Georgia District membership team is hard at work in chartering the Kiwanis Club of Effingham in Division 17, so if you know anyone who lives in that county, please encourage them to join and help them "serve the children of the world."

Soon you will be hearing about when the Club Leadership Education will be presented to you IN PERSON and at Division level. I encourage all of your officers and any club members who would like to gain further Kiwanis knowledge to attend. It is open to all members. Gaining knowledge will help every-

one make your club stronger. I want to thank everyone who stepped up to lead their clubs for next Kiwanis year.

As I travel across Georgia visiting clubs, I am heartened to see the great work you are doing to help children and those in need. Thousands of dollars have been awarded to seniors who will continue to educate themselves in institutions of high learning. I thank each club who have put in countless hours in fundraising so they can recognize our students.

Remember; **"IF NOT US, WHO!"**

Byron Mullican
Governor

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

Alexia Lieber

Executive Director of Georgia District of Kiwanis

I am looking forward to seeing those who have registered to attend in person for the Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our very own Katrina Baranko will be elected President-Elect, and I would like to thank those who have supported her on her journey.

Club Election Reports are due

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

This year our Georgia District Convention will be in full swing in Macon, Georgia, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Registration will be open soon on the District Website - www.gadistrictkiwanis.org. Click on Events then Convention and it will take you to the registration.

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

KIWANIS CLUB OF ST MARYS CELEBRATED 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

In attendance were 15 past presidents and Byron Mulligan, Georgia District of Kiwanis Governor. Olivia Fegel, President of Woodbine Elementary K-Kids gave a speech about her sponsored youth club. In addition, Herb Rowland, Charlie Smith Jr, Greg Lockhart and Suzie Tippens regaled the crowd with trips down memory lane. The gathering was also an opportunity to raise \$295 for the sister club in Ukraine.



Picture 1:

Past Presidents of Kiwanis Club of St Marys gathered to celebrate 60 years of service
Front Row: Rowland Eskridge 1988-1989; Herb Rowland 1973-1974; Byron Mulligan GA District of Kiwanis Governor; Jim Gant 1987-1988
Middle Row: Anthony Kicklighter 2021-2022; Doug Corwin 2001-2002; Jolene Andersen 2008-2009; Charlie Smith Jr 1979-1980; Abbie Cumming 2016-2017; Ken Lyons 2018-2019; Greg Lockhart 2000-2001; Jerry Lockhart 1985-1986
Back Row: Keith Post 2019-2021; Stephen Kinney 2014-2015; Suzie Tippins, 2015-2016; Chris Thurner 2011-2012; Allan Giese 1999-2000

Picture 2: is Olivia Fegel, President of Woodbine Elementary K-Kids with club sponsor Cheryl Aston.



Picture 3: Byron Mulligan, GA District of Kiwanis Governor and Anthony Kicklighter, Kiwanis Club of St Marys cutting the cake.

WELCOME TO THE KIWANIS FAMILY!

Welcome Kiwanis Club of Paulding County in Division 12! We appreciate you stepping up to get involved and we are excited to see the impact you will have in your community! We also look forward to meeting you at our upcoming District events!



IN MEMORIAM

**Dean Boone
Thomson**

**Ross M. Chambliss, Jr.
Americus**

**Janet Donica
Jesup**

**Ben Garland
Macon**

**William H. Ison
Jonesboro**

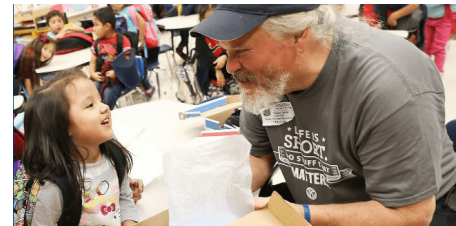
**Ann Piaia
Conyers**

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

MEMBERSHIP



KIDS NEED ADVOCATES



provides me with experiences of being a member of one club that has existed for over 100 years and being a member of a brand new club. Although it may be odd to consider, the basic principles for success of these clubs are the same. Those basic principles are to enhance the membership experience and to improve our communities.

It has been one my life's great pleasures to be a member of Kiwanis. For over 30 years, I have enjoyed the rewards of membership. One of my most rewarding years was my time as a Lt. Governor. That position allowed me to make friendships that have lasted for more than 20 years. As I have traveled the Georgia District for meetings and trainings, I am inspired by the quality of our membership.

My opportunities in Kiwanis would not have been possible without the support of my family, specifically, my wife Monica and son Rob. Monica is presently a member of the Cordele Kiwanis Club, and Rob grew up in Kiwanis having attended multiple District and International conventions. I will forever be thankful for their support.

My variety of experience in Kiwanis has provided me with the ability to serve the Georgia District as your next Vice-Governor. It is with positive anticipation, that I look forward to working with the district leadership in order to continue the great tradition of the Georgia District of Kiwanis. Thanks to each and every one of you for your support of my candidacy. Regardless of the outcome of this election, I believe that the leadership for the Georgia District is in good hands. As a now retired person, it is my goal to assist all Kiwanis clubs as they continue to meet the demands of their communities.

Kiwanis Recognitions:

- Georgia District of Kiwanis Leadership Medallion -1999
- George F. Hixson Fellowship

- Award-November 9, 2000
- Georgia District "Workhorse of the Year" Award- 2006-2007
- Kiwanis International Centennial Award- 2014-2015
- Henry C. Heinz Award-August 4, 2015
- Walter Zeller Fellowship Award- October 14, 2016

RICK TOWNSEND

Rick Townsend has served his community through Kiwanis since 2008. He is currently a member of Brunswick, Jasper-Pickens and the Eye of the Tiger Club (internet based). He is also serving as the Club Coach for the newly formed Liberty Kiwanis in Hinesville, GA and helped organize Kiwanis Read Across Georgia Day to commemorate Kiwanis International's Birthday.

He is a small business owner (Rick Townsend & Associates) which works with schools, organizations, career academies, and technical colleges on workforce development, soft skills training for students, grants, professional development and coaching.

Rick's career in education spanned three decades. In Glynn County, he served as CEO of the Golden Isles College & Career Academy for approximately 10 years. Rick has also served as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent. His career includes working with all levels pre-kindergarten through twelfth, rural to suburban, and economically disadvantaged to wealthier systems around the State of Georgia.

He is a graduate of Reinhardt College, the University of Georgia, and the State University of West Georgia. Rick completed his requirements for a Doctor of Education in School Improvement from the State University of West Georgia.

Rick is a past member of many professional organizations including

the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders, Georgia School Superintendents Association, and Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. He was selected for the Georgia Leadership Academy's Institute for New Leaders and the Superintendents Professional Development Program, a two-year executive level program. He has also participated in the Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement and was inducted into the Phi Delta Kappa educational honor society. He also represented Glynn County as a participant in Leadership Southeast Georgia.

Rick's first introduction to Kiwanis was as a Circle K member while he attended Reinhardt College (now known as Reinhardt University). He joined the Baxley club in 2008 and transferred his membership to Brunswick when he moved to the coast in 2010. Rick was also a club coach for the Richmond Hill Kiwanis Club.

Rick's wife Carolyn is a retired elementary teacher. Rick and Carolyn have three daughters Haley, Emily, and Molly.

District and International Recognition and Leadership:

- Brunswick Club President
- Brunswick Club Board of Directors
- Distinguished Lieutenant Governor for Division 4
- Past Chair for Young Children Priority One
- Participated in Club Openings for Georgia and Michigan
- Currently serving as Chair of Club Growth for GA Kiwanis
- Member of the Kiwanis International Committee for Club Excellence, USA 2.
- Received the Georgia Kiwanis Leadership Medallion
- Received the George F. Hixon Fellowship Award from the Brunswick Kiwanis Club

MEMBERSHIP

MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Join us in congratulating all of these clubs that are celebrating big anniversaries in June and July! 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 truly making a difference. Thank you for all you do!



Kiwanis Club of Moultrie

Division 13

June 13, 1922



Kiwanis Club of Douglas County, Douglasville

Division 12

June 27, 1972



Albany Golden K

Division 5

July 21, 1982



Kiwanis Club of Dougherty County, Albany

Division 5

July 28, 1952

INTERCLUB TIPS

Tim Goodman

Interclub Chairman

Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

Let's take a quick look at the numbers:

85 Clubs have done at least one interclub - Since there were 142 clubs at the end of December, that means 60% of the clubs are participating in interclubs. 24 Clubs are close to eligible for an Interclub Patch - That is 17% of all clubs and 28% of participating clubs. We have a grand total of 1157 interclub visits for a total travel distance of 58,307 miles. That is 1/4th of the way to the moon. 549 visits (47%) are within our home Division.

Remember:

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

You MUST notify the Chair in addition to entering the visits on the Secretary dashboard.

This policy presents a challenge, but it is very significant to satisfying the interclub challenge. Alexia does give me an aggregate report, but that doesn't give enough information to verify that a club has met all the criteria for the challenge. The District officers and board members have access to the interclub data but I do not have that access. I hope we can work around that issue. We currently have about 4 clubs that send a report to me. At least send it when you have completed the challenge so I can check it.

Next Kiwanis Year:

The incoming Governor will give direction to the Interclub Policy for 2022-2023. If you have suggestions, please let me know and I will pass the information to Darryl. I have had some interesting suggestions already, so let me know. I always seem to get asked "what do I do with what I learned?" That is simple - **share what you have learned with your club**, either through the Club President, your club Interclub Chair, the club board, or at a club meeting. **Share, share, share!**



**VOLUNTEER
THE WORLD NEEDS YOU!**

MEMBERSHIP

CLUBS WITH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

AS OF MAY 31, 2022

DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH	DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH	DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH
1	Northside Atlanta	+1	6	Uptown Augusta	+5	11	Rome	+2
2	Columbus	+1	6	Warrenton	+3	12	Bowdon	+3
2	Greater Columbus	+2	6	Washington	+1	12	Cedartown	+1
2	Harris County	+4	7	Classic City, Athens	+2	12	Fairfield - Villa Rica	+1
2	LaGrange	+2	7	Commerce	+4	12	Haralson	+17
2	Manchester	+4	7	Hartwell	+4	12	Paulding	+20
2	Thomaston	+1	7	Jefferson	+1	12	Villa Rica-Temple	+1
3	Coweta County	+7	7	Oconee	+5	13	Sylvester	+1
3	Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	+1	8	Duluth-Norcross	+7	13	Turner County	+2
3	Grantville	+4	8	North Gwinnett	+2	14	Alpharetta-Milton	+1
3	Metro Fayette, Fayetteville	+1	8	South Hall County	+1	14	Brookhaven-Chamblee	+1
3	Peachtree City	+2	8	Suwanee	+3	15	Georgia Online	+3
4	Brunswick	+6	9	Cochran-Bleckley County	+2	15	Greater Cherokee	+4
4	Jesup	+1	9	Crawford County	+3	15	Greater South Cobb	+7
4	Liberty County	+36	9	Forsyth-Monroe County	+3	15	Jonquil City, Smyrna	+3
4	Richmond Hill	+2	9	North Macon	+1	15	Lost Mountain	+3
4	Saint Marys	+9	9	Perry	+4	16	Jonesboro	+1
4	Savannah	+5	9	Taylor County	+2	16	Metro Atlanta	+1
4	Skidaway	+37	9	Taylor County	+2	17	Baxley	+2
5	Albany-Dougherty County	+56	9	Warner Robins	+1	17	Brooklet	+2
5	Americus	+6	10	Blairsville	+11	17	Statesboro	+6
5	LeeDo	+1	10	Blue Ridge	+2	17	Swainsboro	+1
5	Mitchell-Baker	+2	10	Cleveland	+6	17	Vidalia	+6
5	Thomasville	+1	10	Gilmer County	+3	18	Conyers	+1
6	Augusta	+5	10	Jasper/Pickens County	+2	18	Eatonton	+1
6	Louisville	+3	10	Rabun County	+2	18	Madison	+4
			10	Toccoa	+4	18	Monroe	+2
			11	Ringgold	+2	18	Social Circle	+5

WE HAVE A PROJECT IN MIND.... NOW, HOW WILL WE FUND IT?

Service is at the heart of Kiwanis. How will your club meet the needs of the community? Once club members come up with a solution, the next question is: How will we fund it? Service and fundraising efforts go hand in hand. And committee members will work hand in hand to make a difference in the community or around the world.

Your club's fundraisers might involve foods or festivals, races, rides or runs, auctions or outings, sales or shows. Choose an event that fits the interests of your club and community.

A successful fundraiser educates the club or community about an issue, brings in enough donations to make an impact and brings people

together for a common cause. It's team-building for your club, community-building for your area, and support-building for your cause.

If you know of another club that hosts successful fundraisers, we encourage you to reach out and see if they will offer some advice and suggestions!

For some ideas of fundraisers your club can do, check out this link: <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/service-projects/fundraising>

GET READY FOR KIWANIS ENGAGE

Kiwanis will soon transition to Kiwanis Engage, a new customer relationship management system built on the industry-leading Salesforce platform.

Kiwanis Engage will replace the current Kiwanis membership database, along with the club and member interface through Kiwanis Connect.

The upgrade will give all of us the ability to track more data and make data-driven decisions, helping the organization continue to grow and advance.

We anticipate launching Kiwanis Engage in late summer/early fall of 2022. Stay tuned for more details and education as the launch date approaches.

MEMBERSHIP

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	Tennell Lockett	Atlanta	220	217	6 of 6
		Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	18	17	6 of 6
		Northside Atlanta	30	31	6 of 6
		Sandy Springs Perimeter	15	0	
		DIVISION TOTALS:			283
2	Edward Searcy	Barnesville	26	26	
		Columbus	52	53	6 of 6
		Golden K, Columbus	18	18	
		Greater Columbus	35	37	6 of 6
		Griffin	118	112	6 of 6
		Harris County	15	19	6 of 6
		LaGrange	48	50	6 of 6
		Manchester	10	14	
		North Columbus	8	8	
		Pike County	26	23	
		Thomaston	35	36	
West Point	5	5	6 of 6		
DIVISION TOTALS:			396	401	
3	Shelly Smith	Coweta County	69	76	6 of 6
		Fayette County	14	14	6 of 6
		Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	8	9	6 of 6
		Grantville	9	13	6 of 6
		Metro-Fayette	10	11	6 of 6
		Newnan	96	96	6 of 6
		Peachtree City	22	24	6 of 6
		White Oak Golden K	58	58	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			286	301	
4	Bobby Gillham	Brunswick	44	50	6 of 6
		Jesup	42	43	
		Liberty County		36	6 of 6
		Pooler-West Chatham	10	6	
		Richmond Hill	13	15	6 of 6
		Saint Marys	62	71	6 of 6
		Savannah	11	16	6 of 6
		Skidaway	114	151	6 of 6
Waycross	17	17			
DIVISION TOTALS:			313	405	
5	Larry Price	Albany/Dougherty County	81	81	6 of 6
		Americus	66	72	6 of 6
		Bainbridge	13	0	6 of 6
		Blakely/Early County	23	0	
		Cairo	45	45	
		Cairo-Morningstar	14	14	6 of 6
		LeeDo	21	22	6 of 6
		Mitchell-Baker	9	11	
		Thomasville	68	69	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			340	314	
6	Ron Carden	Augusta	147	152	
		Columbia County	10	0	
		Louisville	22	25	
		Thomson	23	23	
		Uptown Augusta	12	17	
		Warrenton	17	20	6 of 6
		Washington	11	12	1 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			242	249	
7	Philip Jay Rosenbaum	Athens	30	22	
		Classic City	18	20	6 of 6
		Commerce	30	34	
		Hartwell	35	39	6 of 6
		Jefferson	13	14	6 of 6
		Oconee	15	20	
		West Jackson	5	5	
		Winder	17	17	
DIVISION TOTALS:			163	171	
8	Barry Sanders	Cumming	20	20	6 of 6
		Duluth-Norcross	20	27	3 of 6
		Forsyth County	17	16	
		Gainesville	123	120	6 of 6
		Lawrenceville	18	12	6 of 6
		North Gwinnett	40	42	
		South Hall County-Oakwood	11	12	
		Suwanee	18	21	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			267	270	
9	David Cozart	Cochran-Bleckley County	15	17	
		Crawford County	20	23	6 of 6
		Forsyth - Monroe County	51	54	6 of 6
		Fort Valley	25	24	
		Jones County	28	28	6 of 6
		Macon	34	33	6 of 6
		Macon County	29	28	6 of 6
		Milledgeville	26	26	6 of 6
		North Macon	17	18	6 of 6
		Perry	33	37	6 of 6
		Taylor County	19	21	
Warner Robins	9	10	6 of 6		
DIVISION TOTALS:			306	319	

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Sandi Whelchel	Blairsville	9	20	6 of 6
		Blue Ridge	55	57	6 of 6
		Cleveland	20	26	6 of 6
		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	11	11	
		Dawson County	10	9	6 of 6
		Gilmer County	12	15	6 of 6
		Habersham County	46	40	
		Jasper/Pickens County	12	14	1 of 6
		Rabun County	15	17	6 of 6
		Toccoa	13	17	
DIVISION TOTALS:			203	226	
11	Patricia Thompson	Cartersville	17	16	6 of 6
		Dalton	50	45	
		Murray County	18	14	
		Ringgold	16	18	
		Rome	19	21	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			120	114	
12	Jeri Purdy	Bowdon	23	26	1 of 6
		Carrollton	90	87	6 of 6
		Carrollton Golden K	25	22	6 of 6
		Cedartown	34	35	6 of 6
		Douglas County	18	18	6 of 6
		Fairfield - Villa Rica	25	26	6 of 6
		Haralson		17	
		Paulding		20	
		Rockmart	15	15	6 of 6
		Villa Rica - Temple	17	18	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			247	284	
13	Bill Davis	Adel	15	11	6 of 6
		Cordele	47	47	
		Fitzgerald	22	22	
		Moultrie	140	134	6 of 6
		Quitman-Brooks County	10	10	
		Sylvester	38	39	
		Tifton	21	19	6 of 6
		Turner County	15	17	
				Valdosta	15
DIVISION TOTALS:			323	314	
14	Judi Brown	Alpharetta-Milton	7	8	6 of 6
		Brookhaven-Chamblee	12	13	6 of 6
		Doraville-Tucker	15	15	6 of 6
		Druid Hills	8	8	6 of 6
		Historic Roswell	39	36	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			81	80	
15	Bettie Sleeth	Georgia Online	21	24	6 of 6
		Greater Cherokee	34	38	6 of 6
		Greater South Cobb	15	22	6 of 6
		Jonquil City	29	32	6 of 6
		Lost Mountain	57	60	6 of 6
		Marietta	174	173	6 of 6
		Marietta Golden K	76	74	6 of 6
		Metro Marietta	22	22	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			428	445	
16	Wimbley Hale, Jr.	Forest Park	16	14	6 of 6
		Jonesboro	17	18	6 of 6
		Lithonia-Stonecrest	15	11	
		Metro Atlanta	48	49	6 of 6
		Rex-Ellenwood	15	0	
		Stone Mountain	5	5	6 of 6
		West End,Atlanta	11	0	
DIVISION TOTALS:			127	97	
17	Jeanette Lafond	Baxley	32	34	6 of 6
		Brooklet	44	46	6 of 6
		Douglas	24	24	6 of 6
		Dublin	5	5	6 of 6
		Jeff Davis County	6	5	6 of 6
		Metter	28	26	6 of 6
		Statesboro	122	128	6 of 6
		Swainsboro	38	39	6 of 6
		Tattnall County	29	29	6 of 6
		Vidalia	89	95	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			417	431	
18	Sharon Barksdale	Conyers	21	22	6 of 6
		Covington	66	57	6 of 6
		Eatonton	17	18	6 of 6
		Henry County	53	53	6 of 6
		Madison	40	44	6 of 6
		Monroe	18	20	6 of 6
		Social Circle	18	23	
DIVISION TOTALS:			233	237	
GEORGIA DISTRICT GRAND TOTALS:			5017	4923	
DISTRICT TOTALS:				LEGEND:	
Total Reported Members at 10/1/21				NC New Club	
Total Reported Members 5/31/22				CS Club Suspended	
Total Clubs as of 10/1/21				M Merged	
Total Clubs as of 5/31/22					

KIWANIS CLUB OF LEEDO HOSTS K-KIDS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The Kiwanis Club of LeeDo is the host club for the Twin Oaks Elementary School K-Kids Club, which is a Kiwanis International program that provides an opportunity for elementary age members to develop initiative and leadership skills through service.

On March 31, 29 TOES K-Kids participated in an all-day leadership workshop at The Bindery at Oakland Library.

The day consisted of a few fun team building activities highlighted with leadership presentations from Mr. Marvin Laster, Executive Director of the Albany Boys & Girls Club, Mr. Dan Gillan, Executive Director of the Albany Area YMCA, and Mr. Andre' London, COO of the Albany Area YMCA.

With a focus on a youth mental health awareness campaign in May, the students were able to hear from



the APEX Coordinator of Aspire Behavioral Health Services, Hollis Smith, as she discussed identifying those who may be dealing with a mental health issue and how to be a safe space for their friends.

A special treat was enjoyed with an animal presentation from Chehaw Park.

A special thank you to K-Kids sponsors Eric Hyslop, Maggie Lewis, and Patsy Shirley for coordinating the event. Thanks also to the Kiwanis Club of LeeDo and Twin Oaks Elementary School for continuing to support K-Kids.

THE NEWS ABOUT FIRST ACADEMY K-KIDS IN DOUGLAS

Jocelyn Crisp

First Academy K-Kids

Callie Dockery

First Academy K-Kids

Our First Academy K-Kids group has succeeded in many things. We are a small but strong club. We have done many things for our community, such as making money through our fundraisers. We have done fundraisers that include selling Harvest Candy bags, selling snacks at the Science Fair Concession Stand, and we are currently selling snacks at F.A.

In our K-Kids club, we have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and a Treasurer. Our President has the job of leading the club. At every meeting, she calls us to order and she reads off our old and new business. Our Vice-President has the job of co-directing. She leads us in the pledges. She also helps the President with her leadership. Our Secretary writes and reads our

minutes. She also takes attendance. Our Treasurer collects dues and she counts the money that we earn.

After we do the fundraisers, we take a vote to decide where we should donate all the money. Recently we have donated \$300 to Douglas Christian Fellowship Church of God. This church had a fire that destroyed all their buildings. Pastor Heath Wingard came to receive the money during one of our meetings which are held at First Academy. He was very grateful and told us that they have been doing well and that God has blessed them.

During our club meetings, we always have something to do or talk about. We do many things for our community. We have a total of 20 members. We keep track of what our community needs and we try to raise as much money as we can for the special cause. At our First Academy K-Kids Club, we do our best to serve our part in the community. As our motto says "We Build" and we will do our best to follow that motto.

K-Kids is an amazing environment for kids to make friends and meet new people they haven't met before. So if there's a K-Kids club in your child's school I would very much advise you to let your child participate. We love our F.A. K-Kids Club.





COMING SOON: THE NEW AND IMPROVED BUILDERS CLUB

Thanks to input from Builders Club faculty advisors and club members, the Builders Club curriculum is getting a reboot. Stay tuned for the next chapter of Builders Club in 2022-23, with more robust and relevant resources. New materials include an Advisor Toolkit, Member and Officer Toolkit, Service Toolkit, Issues Toolkit, and member recruitment tools. Online resources will include meeting kits, downloadable certificates, membership cards and a digital marketing toolkit.



GEORGIA LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE FOR KEY CLUB

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEY CLUB!

On May 7th, Key Club International celebrated 97 years of great service to one of the oldest and largest service organization for high school students!

Key Club members around the world are learning how to lead and stand for what's right through service and volunteerism. In partnership with their local Kiwanis club, high school students are making a positive impact as they serve others in their schools and communities.



John Holley

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

As your representative to Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF), it is my hope to be **your Ambassador** and at the same time be a resource for all matters relating to your Foundation, **The Kiwanis Children's Fund**. For this article, I would like to make **my focus on the Club Grant Program**.

Looking back over the history of the Kiwanis Children's Fund, one finds an organization that has been on the frontlines making its impact for local hometowns and for crisis and disasters around the world. It has been Kiwanis International's fundraising arm, developing resources that serve the children of the world. It is important for you to know, as a Club, that the Kiwanis Children's Fund is a potential funding partner for you.

If you apply for a club grant, it requires thoughtful preparation and thorough attention to the program's criteria. The keys to preparing a successful grant application can be found in the Foundation's, "A Guide to Club Grants", at (<https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/childrens-fund-documents/grants-a-guide-to-clubs-grants>).

In terms of eligibility and requirements, projects must support activities addressing at least one of the following Children's Fund cause areas: (1) **health, education, or youth leadership development.** (2) The project must be Kiwanis-led. This means at least 50% of the work must be performed by Kiwanians or Kiwanis family members. (3) The project must fill a need within your community. (4) The project must include programming that recurs at least once per year. (5) It must receive at least 25% of total funding from your club. (6) Your project must require no more than 40% of total funding from the Kiwanis Children's Fund. (7) You must have at least one non-Kiwanis funding partner. Finally, (8), you must spend the grant

money within 12 months of when the grant was awarded.

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

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

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



PAST GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION

Richard Dixon

Past Governors' Association
Chair
Kiwanis Club of Carrollton

The past Governors of Georgia met at the Mid-Winter Convention in March. We had David Simmons and Rick Townsend at our meeting who are both running for Vice-Pres for 2022-2023.

They both went over their qualifications and reasons for taking the responsibility of this office and later Governor of the Georgia District. They have both been involved in Kiwanis for several years.

We also had the past Governors in attendance go over some of their highlights when they were Governor and any advice to the candidates. Those in attendance and offering their advice were Debbie Brilling, Juanita Edwards, Carol Wisdom, Jimmy McCorlew, Katrina Baranko, Chuck Hood, Pat Tritt, Mick Maguire, John Holley, and past International President Bill Lieber. This was an excellent turnout of our past Governors and was well received by both David and Rick.

Next meeting of the past Governors will be at the District Convention in Macon at Breakfast on Saturday morning.

UPDATES?

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

Alexia Lieber
alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com

Jim Perry

Human and Spiritual Values Chair
Marietta Golden K

Today we were privileged to host a huge Terrific Kids ceremony and party for the fifth graders who will be leaving for middle school in just a few days. As we prepared to share the final Terrific Kids certificates and then party, one of the event leaders asked the kids what they were taking with them to middle school. The very first answer was "responsibility". Others then shared "kindness", "a positive attitude", "respect", and other great character traits. Too good to be true? No, I was there. I was the next to speak. I thought how these kids knew just what to say - just what they thought we wanted to hear. Were they coached? Yes, but let's use the correct term: They have been taught and led to understand the value of these character traits. I was delighted at the responses that made my remarks so easy: Keep these precious virtues, and you will be successful, not only in middle school, but throughout your life.

As the bad news piles up daily, from the economy to international crises, these kids are grabbing onto something bigger than the messes their leaders are creating. When I talked with the kids, played with bubble wands, and spoke solemn words of encouragement, theirs was a hopeful outlook. This neighborhood school historically has had few bright spots, but that did not hold for this day. They had a glimpse of hope and promise that they are collectively laying claim to. Our kids are back. They are more resilient than we ever give them credit for, and we could learn a lot just by listening to what they have to say at the end of their elementary school days in 2022.

I said our kids are back. They are back from the horrors visited upon them by COVID 19 over the past years. We asked all of our Silver Pen participants this year to focus on the effects of COVID 19 on them, their families and friends, and their school. Faculty and Administration repeatedly shared how the students

were uncharacteristically engaged in this subject, producing some amazing documentaries of life with COVID. Our reading of the finalists' papers confirmed what everyone was telling us. The challenges were perhaps more difficult than we had imagined. The hardships created by isolation and home schooling were beyond any reports we had heard. Friendships were destroyed; Family stresses changed the dynamic among families and friends; Technology was often impossible to use; and there was palpable "worry, fear, anxiety, and depression." Yes, these are the kid's written words. I choked back tears at reading the magnitude of what they have endured. Yet, they know and state that these circumstances were temporary. They saw positive results from COVID, like closer family ties and more opportunities to do things together as family. They realized that everyone was taking stock of the way things were in this horrific life pause. But the most heartening responses from the kids were that they see life after COVID and are excited to get on with it. They can say aloud the words that some things will never be the same, yet embrace the promise of better health and a better world. "COVID 19 has had an enormous impact on my life and helped make me who I am today." That student goes on to say, "But I know one thing for sure: It made our family relationship stronger." Our kids are resilient, perhaps more so than we are. They are willing to let go of the things that they now see were not that important. They are holding onto their values and stepping up to make theirs a better world. Fellow Kiwanians, I believe we have been challenged by our kids to go and do likewise!



WHAT'S YOUR SIGNATURE PROJECT?

Becky Anderson

Service Chair Signature Project
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

Has your club decided what your Signature Project for this year will be? Remember this project does not have to be another event to add to your already busy agendas. Look at what your club already does to serve the children in your community. Ask yourself these questions:

1. Is this a project that our club will be doing every year?
2. Do we enhance the Kiwanis logo in our project?
3. Do we encourage new membership through this project?
4. Is this a project that everyone in your community associates as a Kiwanis event?

If your clubs chosen project does not meet these criteria, no problem! Now is the time to rethink how you are doing things and improve. Just remember to always enhance the Kiwanis logo and use this project to toot your horn! Let everyone in your community know about the great things that your club is doing. I am looking forward to reading all of the great submissions this year.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kiwanis Children's Fund began with 25 silver dollars. That's the donation that Walter Zeller made in 1940—the first in our history, one year after our foundation had been established.

But there was a larger idea behind Zeller's gift: Inspire fellow Kiwanians to build on that donation. And they did—with an auction that eventually turned that first contribution into US\$625.

Our foundation's members have been inspiring each other ever since.

Today, we are known as the Kiwanis Children's Fund because we turn your generosity into projects that reach children all over the world by providing grants to clubs and districts as well as Key Clubs and Circle K International clubs.

GEORGIA DISTRICT KIWANIS ART & MUSIC SHOWCASE RESULTS

Joy Griffin

Art & Music Showcase Co-Chair
Kiwanis Club of Gainesville

Kelly Lee

Art & Music Showcase Co-Chair
Kiwanis Club of Gainesville

The Gainesville Kiwanis Club hosted the annual Kiwanis Art and Music Showcase on April 23, 2022 at Riverside Military Academy. Students came from all over the state to compete in visual and performing arts. The judges were amazed by the talent our students displayed.

Thank you to the Georgia Kiwanis Foundation for your providing \$15,000 in scholarships for this event with \$7,500 for the art portion and \$7,500 for the music portion. The Georgia Kiwanis Foundation supports programs throughout Georgia benefiting the children in our communities.

Also thank you Bryant Realty, Inc., Joe DeBose State Farm Agency, Kiwanis Club of LeeDo, Jonquil City Kiwanis (Smyrna), Kiwanis of Albany-Dougherty County and the Kiwanis Club of Rome for sponsoring the event.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Kiwanis State Art and Music Showcase Competition.

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VISUAL ART				
Place	School	Grade	Student	Kiwanis Club
1	Funston	6	Mayra Perez	Moultrie
2	Tiftarea Academy	6	Katelee Lynn Roberts	Tifton
3	Evans Middle School	6	Piper Smith	Coweta County
1	East Coweta Middle	7	Kelsey Angotti	Coweta County
2	Radium Middle School	7	Ja'Niyah Andrews	Albany-Dougherty Co
3	WJW Middle School	7	Madelynn Bonin	Moultrie
1	Landmark Christian School	8	Emily McMillian	Peachtree City
2	Deerfield-Windsor School	8	Molly Starr	Albany-Dougherty Co
3	Durham Middle School	8	Adyson Berryhill	Marietta
1	Milton High School	9	Kiley Irvine	Roswell
2	Westover High School	9	Charlyn Fox	Albany-Dougherty Co
3	Campbell High School	9	Amy Tang	Marietta
1	Lassiter High School	10	Natalie Waters	Marietta
2	Trinity Christian School	10	Emily Varela	Coweta County
3	North Springs High School	10	Joanna Speck	Historic Roswell
1	East Coweta High School	11	Gaeun Lee	Coweta County
2	Stratford Academy	11	Sofia Tang	Macon
3	Lassiter High School	11	Maggie Cooney	Marietta
1	Temple High School	12	Jacey Singleton	Carrollton
2	East Coweta High School	12	Brynn Adams	Coweta County
3	North Springs High School	12	Nate Broward	Historic Roswell
Best in Show				
1	Temple High School	12	Jacey Singleton	Carrollton
2	Lassiter High School	11	Maggie Cooney	Marietta
3	East Coweta High School	12	Brynn Adams	Coweta County
4	North Hall High School	11	Juliet Blehm	Gainesville

PERFORMING ARTS				
Best in Show	School	Grade	Student	Kiwanis Club of
1	Starr's Mill High School	11	Lucas Nymon	Peachtree City
	Starr's Mill High School		Richard Wang	Peachtree City
	Starr's Mill High School	12	Jodie Stone	Peachtree City
	Starr's Mill High School	10	Didi Stone	Peachtree City
2	Wheeler High School	11	Nicholas Brett	Marietta
3	Chestatee High School	11	Mitchell James Ryder	Gainesville
	Chestatee High School	11	Molefe Sijiye	Gainesville
	Chestatee High School	12	Samuel Hamilton	Gainesville
	Chestatee High School	11	John Sykes	Gainesville
4	Bremen High School	11	Yujean Shin	Carrollton



2022 GA DISTRICT CONVENTION: MACON

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

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

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

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

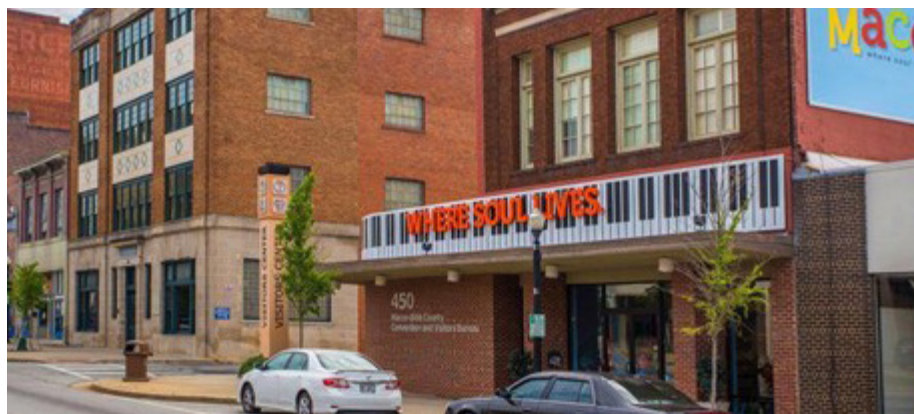


Saturday night, we will enjoy music by **DR. MICHAEL BRAZ** is a nationally and internationally known music educator, composer, and clinician. He has also collaborated with numerous orchestras, music festivals, and ensembles ranging from chamber music to jazz and rock.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

georgiakiwanis.com/district-convention



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

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

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



Explore history at Ocmulgee Mounds Historical Park.

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



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



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

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



Georgia District of Kiwanis International
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Georgia District of Kiwanis



MARKETING & PR COMPETITION

CATEGORIES:

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

CLUB LEVELS

& AWARDS:

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

DUE DATE:

August 12, 2022
5:00 PM

AWARDS LUNCHEON:

GA District Convention
August 13, 2022
Macon, GA

ENTRY FORMS:

Download online at
www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com



QUESTIONS & EARLY SUBMISSIONS:

Samantha Downton at sdownton@avchears.org

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS



NEEDED

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

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

DROP - OFF:

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

Marriott-Centreplex
200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217

CONTACT:

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



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NEW FIRST GRADE RUGS

The Kiwanis of Grantville reached out to Glanton Elementary School to see what the school needed. First grade rugs cannot be purchased with school funds. Principal Curtis informed the club that first grade rugs needed to be replaced. The Grantville Kiwanis club and Joe Felder, Ju. owner of Warehouse Carpets donated three rugs to the school. Thanks for all those Grantville citizens and business made monetary donations at and after the May 5 Candidates Forum.

(l to r) Karen Williams, Ruby Hines, Principal Yovandra Curtis, President Shelly Smith, Rodney Mowery, Dee Berry, Assistant Principal Erin Hicks, James Berry



EASTER BASKETS FOR SENIORS

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro began a friendship with residents at Presbyterian Apartments through the Adopt-a-Senior Program, begun by administrator Dana Flanders in the spring of 2020. When COVID hit and restrictions were put in place, Ms. Flanders wanted to have a way for the residents to not feel alone and abandoned. Seventeen members of the Kiwanis Club agreed with Ms. Flanders and began anonymously delivering gifts, magazines, cards, and books to their adoptees.

To celebrate this Easter and touch the lives of all fifty residents, club members donated Easter grass, candy, snacks, books, and magazines. President Dianna Wedincamp donated fifty Easter baskets which Petite Garrett and Wanda Ellis filled. Delivery to Presbyterian Apartments was made on Good Friday, and those members delivering the baskets were Jane Durden, Petite Garrett, and Wanda Ellis.

CLUB DONATES \$100,000

The Kiwanis Club of Forest Park, today, 4/28/22, donated \$100,000 to the Clayton State University's "The College of Business Center for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship"



THE 2022 “SILVER PEN” AWARD PRESENTED BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MARIETTA GOLDEN K TO THREE OUTSTANDING FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS IN COBB COUNTY GA

The Silver Pen Award, a national program, was presented by the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K in May of 2022. This year Cobb County, GA was represented by three outstanding 4th grade students from Rocky Mount, Acworth and Tritt Elementary Schools. The awards were presented to the classrooms of each school via a school wide media center “live” broadcast ceremony.

Jim Perry, Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K made the presentations and described what was different about the Silver Pen awards this year:

Thank you to everyone who helped and encouraged, as we had another great year with our Silver Pen Program. This year we chose what was perhaps a difficult topic for the fourth grade kids: HOW DID COVID 19 AFFECT YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR SCHOOL, AND YOUR RELATIONSHIPS? That was a lot, but we were pleasantly surprised at the level of engagement and the quality of the writing the subject stimulated. We heard over and over from faculty and administration how engaged the kids were and how much thought and effort they put into these writing assignments. Kiwanis got kudos for inviting the kids to work through some of their feelings and experiences. In one school, the paper was so good that the Assistant Principal copied it and distributed it to all teachers.

We can’t read all the papers, but I am sharing some of the lines that we thought made this year exceptional. The kids obviously went through far more than even we were hearing about on news broadcasts. And it changed who they were. But the surprise to us was that they came through COVID with hope and determination. They caught the light at the end of the tunnel, as we were all still complaining about how dark the tunnel was. Our kids are resilient, and they have shown it in

our post-COVID interactions with them and the comments they incorporated in their Silver Pen assignments.

Note these excerpts from the kids:

“Wearing a mask was a tremendous change for me, because when I wear a mask, I get sores on my nose and those really hurt.”

“The aggressive protests during COVID made me scared that things were really getting out of control. This added to my levels of concern with my mental health and increased my fear, anxiety, and depression.”

“I was not allowed to see friends or even family members that lived out of state. My Grandma got real sick and died and none of the family was allowed to be with her. I was so lonely being isolated from family and friends. I can’t imagine how lonely that was for her.”

“I had countless times of pain, suffering, struggles, trouble, and sorrow. I could not eat. It was hard to get through the day.”

“COVID ruined a lot of stuff for me, my family, my friends, and my school. COVID was an awful virus. No one liked it, and I hope it never returns.”

“The skills I learned in the middle of the pandemic were a much-needed boost to my outdated self. Tons of computer programs gave me the skills I have today.”

“I decided it was not the end, so I didn’t give up. I pressed on, even through times of mass pain. It was my only hope. I decided to make a comeback - to strike from the shadows, and to truly press on. I eventually came out victorious and was able to get back to living my life.”

“COVID 19 has made an enormous impact on my everyday life because

I would not be who I am today, and would not know what it would feel like to have something crazy be going on like this. I am so glad that my family and I were okay.”

These are all quotes from winning papers in each school. Our kids hurt deeply, but they bounced back, too, not to where they were but to a new way of doing life. From what we heard, most of them are doing that fairly well, perhaps better than we are. Until next year, thanks for your help!

In addition, a video of the “Silver Pen” presentations was made and uploaded to YouTube. Click this link to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/RIMsid0PPes>



KIWANIS CLUB OF MARIETTA GOLDEN K MEMBERS TOUR MUST HOPE HOUSE

On April 2nd, 2022 members of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K toured the, "state of the art" MUST Ministries HOPE HOUSE. Kiwanis members Jim Perry, Rosie Teague and John Kone joined alongside other visitors as they toured the 16 million dollar Hope House. Kaye Cagle, VP of Marketing & PR added, "The shelter was \$16 million of the consolidated campus expense of \$23 million. We are now remodeling the Marietta Client Services and Headquarters building next door to the shelter and some funds went toward paying off the Donation Center behind the shelter". MGK members are regular "food donation" contributors to MUST Ministries and on the 1st Thursday of each month, MGK members bring in their food donations. After the meeting, members take the food sacks out to the parking lot where they are loaded into the trunk of Rosie Teague (Vice President of MGK and MUST Ministries designated chairperson). Then, Rosie takes the food over to MUST Ministries.

The long awaited HOPE HOUSE Katy Ruth Camp, Director of Marketing & PR, MUST Ministries says it best as she points out the highlights of MUST Ministries' pioneering new shelter, MUST HOPE HOUSE:

- 43,556 square feet and two stories
- 136 beds and 36 respite beds for inclement weather
- A chapel, where clients can pray and have a moment of reflection
- Dining hall features picture windows to help alleviate claustrophobia
- A rooftop retreat for families features play areas, tables and seating
- The playground area allows our youngest casualties of poverty to play during their time at the MUST Hope House
- Clients with minor medical needs can be seen by medical professionals in one the three examination rooms
- Those in need of clothing can "shop" at an onsite clothing

boutique.

- 10 Family Rooms with 5 beds and a private bath in each allows families to stay together.
- The Children's Afterschool Learning Center allows children to read, study, do homework and work with tutors.
- Workforce development offers clients private rooms to make phone calls and work on resumes and job applications.
- A computer lab houses 10 work stations and a "jobs" professional.

Other amenities include:

- Two classrooms
- Staff Offices
- Laundry rooms
- Outreach showers and restrooms
- Staff and volunteer breakrooms
- Meeting/conference rooms
- Staff workrooms

What makes MUST Hope House so special?

For the past 33 years, MUST has given thousands of families shelter in the Elizabeth Inn in Marietta. But we wanted to do more, help more, and have a place for those families that was built with their needs at the forefront. Thanks to a

successful capital campaign and an ambitious vision, the MUST team designed and built this new shelter to house those experiencing homelessness, while also being one of the first in the nation to do so. At the MUST Hope House, MUST is able to more than double the number of people we are able to shelter and serve. This shelter not only gives those in need a place to sleep - its amenities provide them with a sense of dignity and respect.

About MUST:

MUST Ministries is celebrating 50 years of serving those in poverty. MUST meets the needs of nearly 46,000 people a year through food, housing, healthcare, workforce development, clothing and other programs.

All members of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K as well as the citizens of Cobb County and Marietta are extremely proud to have the brand new HOPE HOUSE facility and wholeheartedly shout out to MUST Ministries, "Please KEEP UP all the good work".



MUST Ministries Before



MUST Ministries NOW



STAR PROGRAM AWARDS



In February, the Kiwanis Club of Cumming hosted their annual STAR Banquet which is also their Signature Project. STAR stands for "Student Teacher Achievement Recognition" program recognizes Georgia's outstanding high school seniors and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development. Since its inception in 1958, the STAR program has honored more than 28,500 high school seniors and their STAR Teachers. The purpose of the STAR program is threefold: * to recognize academic achievement in Georgia's high schools and to motivate students to be good scholars and high achievers * to honor excellence in teaching, to promote teaching as a career and to encourage outstanding teachers to remain in the classroom * to demonstrate the business community's commitment to excellence in education and to increase interaction between students and the business community. To qualify to be a STAR student, you must: 1. Be a Senior 2. Take the three-part or two-part SAT any year on any national testing date 3. Score the highest on a single test date 4. At the end of your junior year, be in the top 10 percent (or be among the top 10 students numerically - whichever category provides the largest number of eligible students).

AQUATIC WHEELCHAIRS DONATED

Kiwanis Club of Liberty donated two aquatic wheelchairs with more on the way! For the first time ever, the Liberty County YMCA will now be able to offer swimming classes and recreation and aquatic therapy.



BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS

Kiwanis Club of Waycross provided breakfast with grits, eggs, sausage, toast, jam, fruit, juice, coffee in collaboration with Okefenokee Alliance For the Homeless (OATH), to clients at OATH's Day Center in Waycross!



SHOWING LOVE TO KEY CLUB ADVISORS

Kiwanis Club of Villa Rica-Temple delivered gift bags to the Key Club Advisors on Teacher Appreciation Day! Ms. Monica Chason at Villa Rica High and Ms. Kyrie Adkins at Temple High.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Kiwanis Club of Villa Rica/Temple presented a scholarship to High School graduate Jamari Malik Mason!





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

TAG US!

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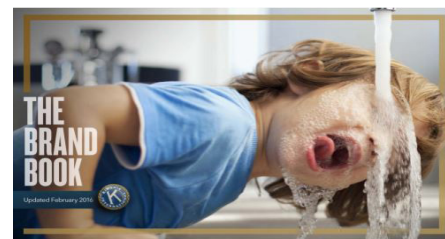


The Georgia District Directory can be downloaded from our website at www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com. It includes updated contact information for the Georgia District Officers, Lt. Governors, and Committee Chairs. Also includes information for each Georgia Kiwanis Club with meeting times and location and officer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

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SHOW YOUR KIWANIS BRAND

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



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