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BIRDS IN THE NEST

Dr. Debbie McCracken
Division 15 Lt. Governor
Kiwanis Club of Marietta

Have you ever had a bird fly into your home, and it refuses to fly back outdoors regardless of the many windows and doors you leave open in your home?

What occasion or person opened that window or door for you that created that opportunity for you to become a member of the Kiwanis International family? In most cases, it was a friend, neighbor, or work colleague who persistently invited you to join. Who have you recently encouraged or actively recruited to join your Club?

Once you become a member of the Kiwanis International family, it is our greatest hope that you resist

the urge to leave when life presents challenges or opens doors and windows for you to fly away from the KI family nest. Kiwanis Clubs all over the world need members who not only do the service work, but they need those members who are committed to sharing their personal resources which support the Kiwanis International mission of serving children of the world through your local communities.

It is our hope your “birds” will never leave the comfort of KI Club family nest. What are you doing to engage members when they come to your club meetings? Do you make your members feel valued and appreciated for their contribution to your local club? Remember to acknowledge and appreciate your club’s older members who come solely for the comradery when they are no longer able to actively participate



in the Club service work. They have paid their dues and did the service work in their younger years. Respect them.

This Kiwanis year Georgia District Governor Brent Leslie’s goal is to add four new members to your Kiwanis Club family. We hope that your Club nest will be overflowing with “birds” who refuse to leave your Club when life presents open doors and windows.

DID YOU REACH PINNACLE CLUB STATUS?

Darryl Gumz
Immediate Past Governor

If you haven't already done so, be sure to send your nominations to Darryl Gumz ASAP!

GROWTH

- (Must accomplish two of three)*
- Minimum of 10% net increase in membership over the prior year’s membership, as certified by October 10, 2023.
 - Sponsorship of a new Kiwanis club during the year.
 - Participation in the Two For Two program all 12 months of the year, as reported in the club’s official monthly reports.

SERVICE

- (Must accomplish two of three)*
- Minimum required increase in overall giving to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund (as determined by the Children’s Fund).
 - Participation in the Kiwanis Signature Project Contest during the administrative year.
 - Increase in the number of specific or overall Service Leadership Programs clubs in good standing during the previous administrative year.

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2023-24 Governor of the Georgia District
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Well blink and you miss it! Just like that, the first 2 months of the administrative year are gone. We are now in the full swing of the holidays. I have always felt that this time of the year is underutilized for club growth. We always tend to assume that people are too busy, however this is a wonderful time to plan your growth plan for the year. It is also a fantastic time to invite others to your Kiwanis club meetings.

For those of you that missed it, we had a fantastic 2 for 2 webinar with Global Membership Director Chris Martz. During the webinar, Chris dispelled the myths surrounding 2 for 2 and offered a new take on club growth. If you missed the webinar, please contact your Lt. Governor. They have been given the link and the passcode to view the webinar. I appreciate all the great feedback we received after the meeting. These strategy quarterly sessions are designed to give all our clubs the tools to succeed.

The Kiwanis Signature Project Contest is about to reopen on January 2nd. Please note that the contest window to apply for is 3 weeks. After that, the window will close. Georgia for the past several years has increased our participation in the contest and I hope this next year will be no different. Please review the additional information found elsewhere in this edition of the Kiwanian about the contest.

Our Division Rallies are fast approaching. I am looking forward to visiting the divisions and hearing about all of the great things you are doing. During the rally council meeting your division should be electing the next Lt. Governor for your division. In a perfect world, you would also be electing the person to serve the 25-26 year. The earlier these individuals are identified it gives our Governor-Elect David Simmons valuable time to begin sharing information vital for their upcoming role. Your board this year got off to a tremendous start by ensuring these people were elected on schedule. I would like to continue that success for the next year.

Our Service Leadership Programs continue to be a major source of strength and a show of our commitment to the next generation of new leaders. Georgia Key Club set a record attendance at their Georgia Leadership Training Conference at Six flags. Now is the time for Key Club sponsored Kiwanis clubs to work to ensure each Key Club is represented at their Service Leadership Conference in March. The Service Leadership Conference is their name for the annual District Convention. Georgia Circle K had an outstanding Fall Membership Retreat. The Georgia Circle K District Convention in February will be the first of its kind as they explore a new format to help lower the costs and provide students with the experiences, they find valuable. Remember, as Kiwanis sponsors for these programs, we have a responsibility to ensure they function correctly and are actively participating with their respective district levels.

Thank you for all you are doing to grow your clubs, increase your service in your communities, and for being excellent sponsors for our Service Leadership Programs. Remember be a FORCE for Kiwanis.



UPDATES FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

Alexia Lieber

Executive Director of Georgia
District of Kiwanis

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

Now, on the business side, wouldn't it be a wonderful present to Governor Brent Leslie and his Board if we could have all reports filed on time by the 10th of each month. May we count on you? Let's make 2023-24 the best reporting year ever.

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

CLUB SECRETARIES, please clip and save the following:

10th of each month - Official Club Monthly Report.

February 15th - Final date to file your 990 form to the IRS

March 16th - Mid-Year Conference - Macon, Georgia

April 27th - District Talent and Art Showcase - Macon, Georgia

Officer Election - Due June 1, 2024 - Please have these in on time.

July 3 - 6, 2024 - Kiwanis International Convention, Denver, CO

August 25-25, 2024 - District Convention, Norcross, Georgia.

Please note that the District Office will be closed December 22nd - January 2nd.

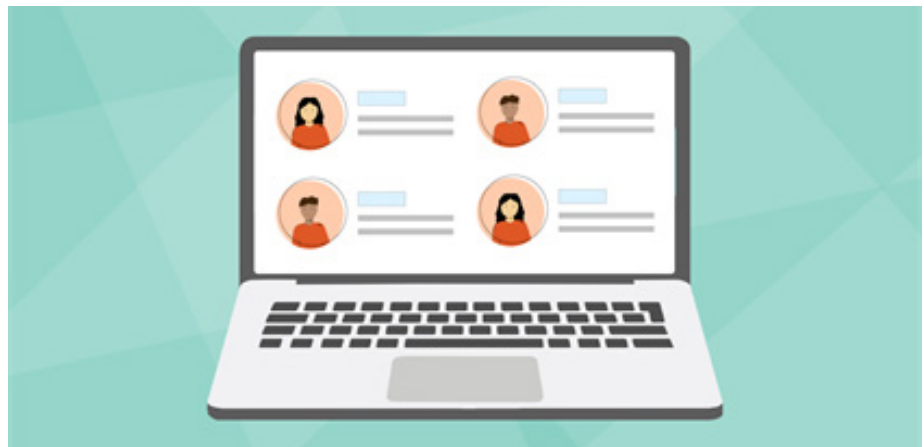


DUES BREAKDOWN PER MONTH

2023-24 Kiwanis Year

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

2023-24 DISTRICT DIRECTORY



You can download a copy of the 2023-24 District Directory online our website!

Georgia District Directory includes 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.

Download here:

www.georgiakiwanis.com/ga-district-directory

IN MEMORIAM

Allison Flory
Baxley

Jack Norman Gay
Moultrie

Nathans Harwell
Brooklet

Austin P. Hutchinson, Jr.
Saint Marys

Larry Jones
Statesboro

Tommie M. Lee
Griffin

Walter S. Pease, Jr.
Statesboro

Bettie Sleeth
Greater Cherokee

Julie C. Watson
Coweta County

Donald C. Whaley
Statesboro

Delmus E. Williams
Fairfield-Villa Rica

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

WELCOME TO THE KIWANIS FAMILY!

Welcome Kiwanis Club of North Cherokee! 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! This new club is sponsored by four Kiwanis Clubs: Kiwanis Club of Greater Cherokee, Kiwanis Club of Jonquil City, Smyrna, Kiwanis Club of Warner Robins, and Georgia Online Kiwanis



CLUB BOOST - A TOOL YOU CAN USE!

CR Phillips

Club Strengthening Chair
Kiwanis Club of Newnan

How many of you have heard of a Club Boost? I hadn't until I was a Lt. Gov. and then it sounded like an awfully lot of work because, as you can see from the attachment (SEE NEXT PAGE), it's got a lot of moving parts! And an organizational requirement that looks like a military operation!

The truth is that I actually participated in one not too very long ago that four of us were able to effectively pull off in one day! Also, I was always under the assumption that a Club Boost was akin to 'Last Rites', it's what you did in trying to stave off surrendering your Club Charter. Not True! Not True At All!

The truth is EVERY CLUB, that's correct, EVERY CLUB ought to use this tool!

So, here are some effective and relatively simple Club Boost rules to follow:

1. Create a small committee consisting of your Membership Chair and one or two others
2. Start pulling together a list of from 30 to 60 - depending on how big your team is - folks in

your community you'd like to see become members of your Kiwanis Club

3. Focus on and select a date
4. Contact you Lt. Governor on what you'd like to do!
5. The Lt. Governors will get the partnering team members to go with you and your team members, and make the actual contact calls on the day that you and your team have set up appointments for.
6. And this is the most important step: You've GOT to set up solid appointments!
7. Your teams make the sales call, armed with an application and ask for a check on the spot!

There are a lot of former District Governors, and others, located all around our beautiful state that are just eager to help with this sort of effort.

C.R. Phillips
Club Strengthening Chair
Georgia Kiwanis
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MEMBERSHIP



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Club boost timeline checklist

Updated December 23, 2022

	Action Steps	Timeline
	District leadership should determine club/s (division or geographical area) that are interested in a boost.	Every month.
	Determine if both the officers and members of the club have the desire and dedication to make a boost happen.	Once identified as a boost candidate.
	Identify a club coach.	Once identified as a boost candidate.
	Guide the club through several ACE tools (preferably Member Survey, Community Survey and Rediscover Your Purpose) to understand the needs of their members and community stakeholders.	3-6 months before boost.
	Contact your Kiwanis International Area Director for assistance in selecting a club boost date.	At least 8 weeks before boost.
	Set date for club boost.	8 weeks before boost.
	Invite 6-8 members per club site to be part of the boost team.	8 weeks before boost.
	Identify team members who can meet with potential members one to two weeks before and after the boost event.	8 weeks before boost.
	Prepare a budget for club boost expenses.	8 weeks before boost.
	Train team members on how to make appointments/calls/texts/and how to go on appointments.	4-6 weeks before boost.
	Collate list of at least 100 to 150+ prospects on Google sheets for tracking and appointments.	At least 4-6 weeks before boost.
	Evaluate your club's current Facebook page and website. Ensure proper branding is being used and all information is up to date.	At least 4-6 weeks before boost.
	Utilize Two For Two program for warm introductions to potential members.	4 weeks before boost.
	Create or update club brochure or material that will be given to potential new members.	4 weeks before boost.
	Book hotel for boost attendees, if needed.	4 weeks before boost.
	Order boost box and prepare materials for recruiting teams.	4 weeks before boost.

	Determine the type of event (service project, fundraiser, club meeting, etc.) you will invite potential members to during appointments.	4 weeks before boost.
	Submit information for KI Communication department to create a Facebook Page for the club. If one already exists, grant admin rights to KI representative.	Information must be submitted 30+ days before the event.
	Use the Google Sheet to begin contacting prospective members. (email, phone calls, in person visits).	2-4 weeks before boost.
	Identify venue as central meeting place for daily meeting and debriefing.	2 weeks before boost.
	Prepare mobile app for dues collection and membership application form.	Two weeks before boost.
	Prepare teams of 2 to meet potential members.	One week before boost.
	Confirm appointment times with potential members and share the names of who will be visiting them.	One week before boost.
	Communicate with team members throughout the boost on appointment outcomes and updates/changes to the schedule.	During boost.
	Follow up with all potential members, social media leads and contact list for those who showed interest. Remember to invite them to events and keep them up to date on club happenings via text, email, Facebook, etc.	Immediately following boost.
	Connect with new members to identify who in their network might be potential members to add to the club.	One week post boost.

Digital marketing | Facebook advertising

Application for advertising support from Kiwanis International Communications team

https://kiwanis.formstack.com/forms/advertising_support

INTERCLUB UPDATES

Tim Goodman
Interclub Chairman
Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

Interclubs are visits to other Kiwanis Club meetings or events, visits to SLP meetings or events, and attendance at Kiwanis training conferences and Kiwanis conventions. Interclub visits are fun and informative and can lead to enduring friendships. They also give you an opportunity to see what other clubs are doing, allowing you to adopt those activities that can benefit your club. It also assists clubs in learning how to conduct business the "Kiwanis Way."

An interclub must have at least two members from a Club to count as an "official" interclub visit. I noticed in the 2022-2023 end-of-the-year Interclub Summary Report that 80 clubs did 989 interclub visits last year. Those clubs who do a very good job of interclubbing are presented with a special patch for their club banner. The criteria for completing the Interclub Challenge for a banner patch is to have at least eight interclubs to other Kiwanis Clubs. SLPs. Training Conferences, and Conventions do not count for the Interclub Challenge, but do count as interclubs. Last year 33 clubs earned an interclub patch. Some clubs do not stop at the minimum, so we give special top-10 patches to the clubs with the most visits and also top-10 patches to those who have traveled the most miles. Last year the club with the most visits had over 80 interclubs and the club traveling the most miles had almost 10,000

one-way miles traveled. This is one advantage of a club nominating a Kiwanian for district office and another advantage of attending the KI International Convention. It's a long way to Colorado!

Setting up an interclub is easy. Start by finding someone in your club who also wants to do an interclub and talk to your Club President, Secretary, or Interclub Chair. Go to the District Directory at <http://www.georgiakiwanis.com/ga-district-directory.html> to find information about when and where other Kiwanis clubs meet. Find the club you want to visit. You get the contact information about their President and Secretary and the day, time, and location of their meeting from the directory. To schedule an interclub with another Kiwanis club, contact their President, Secretary, or Interclub Chair to make sure they are meeting the time you wish to attend. In some clubs, the President, Secretary, or Interclub Chair will make contact with the club you wish to visit. Follow your club's procedure. When you get back, be sure to tell your President and Secretary.

The Secretary is responsible for reporting all interclubs on your club's monthly reports and to me to assure you have credit for completing the interclub visits. I should be notified also in addition to entering the visits on the Secretary Dashboard. A number of Secretaries also let me know when they have completed the Interclub Challenge. Keep up the good work!

CLUB LEADERSHIP

EDUCATION (CLE)

David Simmons
Governor-Elect
Kiwanis Club of Cordele

We are just over two months into the new Kiwanis year and you may be thinking that it is too late to have Club Leadership Education for your club's officers, board members, and members at large. Just a reminder that it is never too late to educate your club membership. We are fortunate in the Georgia District of Kiwanis to have several qualified instructors who are more than willing to conduct a Club Leadership Education in your division. If your club is interested, I ask that you reach out to your Lt. Governor so that a training session can be coordinated.

There is an online Club Leadership Education available on the Kiwanis International website. Although this training session is not specific to the Georgia District, it does offer good information for club officers. It is noted that this Kiwanis International version does not count for the criteria for a Distinguished Club in the Georgia District. Even though it does not count towards being distinguished, this training can still be very beneficial.

If you have any questions regarding CLE, feel free to contact me at: cordele.kiwanis.377@gmail.com

CLUBS WITH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2023

DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH	DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH	DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH
1	Atlanta	+2	6	Augusta	+2	14	Historic Roswell	+1
2	Barnesville	+3	7	Athens	+3	15	Greater South Cobb	+1
2	Greater Columbus	+2	7	Hartwell	+1	15	Lost Mountain	+1
2	Griffin	+2	8	Gainesville	+1	15	Marietta	+2
2	Harris County	+1	8	North Gwinnett	+1	15	Marietta Golden K	+1
2	LaGrange	+1	9	Perry	+1	15	North Cherokee	+2
3	Coweta County	+1	10	Blue Ridge	+1	16	Jonesboro	+1
3	Newnan	+1	11	Dalton	+1	16	Metro Atlanta	+3
4	Brunswick	+1	11	Murray County	+1	17	Brooklet	+1
4	Pooler-West Chatham	+1	12	Carrollton	+1	17	Swainsboro	+1
4	Saint Marys	+2	12	Cedartown	+3	17	Vidalia	+3
4	Savannah	+1	12	Douglas County	+3	18	Conyers	+1
4	Skidaway	+12	12	Rockmart	+1	18	Eatonton	+1
5	Albany-Dougherty Cty	+2	13	Sylvester	+1	18	Henry County	+3
5	Mitchell-Baker	+1	14	Doraville-Tucker	+1	18	Social Circle	+1

2023-24 GEORGIA DISTRICT SPONSORED PROJECTS

We encourage all Georgia Kiwanis Clubs to make monetary contributions to these Georgia District Sponsored projects because combining our resources and maximizing results, we can truly make a difference. Below is the summary for each of the projects.

DUE: March 1, 2024

If your club cannot contribute recommended amount, please contribute at some level for each project.

Download form online our website:

www.georgiakiwanis.com/district-sponsored-projects



AUDITORY-VERBAL CENTER: "BUCK-N-EAR"

Georgia District project since 1984. The Auditory-Verbal Center (AVC), a nonprofit organization 501(c)(3), provides a family-centered and holistic approach to supporting and improving the lives of the deaf and hard of hearing. AVC provides Auditory-Verbal Therapy which teaches children with all degrees of hearing loss how to listen and speak WITHOUT the use of sign language or lip reading. AVC has locations in Atlanta and Macon, and for those families who can't make the drive, they offer Teletherapy. All funds raised through this "Buck-n-Ear" program helps pay for Auditory-Verbal Therapy sessions for families who are underinsured or can't afford the services. Making a life impact change in the life of a child.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$4.00 per Kiwanis Club member

PROJECT CHAIR: Debbie Brilling



GEORGIA DISTRICT ART & MUSIC SHOWCASE

For over 30 years, the Georgia District of Kiwanis Art & Music Showcase has provided students

with the opportunity to demonstrate their talents in a competitive atmosphere with students from across the state. The students have received certificates, trophies, awards, and scholarships in recognition of their talent and efforts. In order to qualify for the District Competition, the student must be a winner of a local showcase and sponsored by a Kiwanis Club within Georgia during the same Kiwanis year, and also meet the qualifications for the local and District competitions. In 2017, the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation provided a total of \$15,000 in Educational Scholarships (\$7,500 for the Art Contest and \$7,500 for the Music Contest). The first-place winner in each contest received an educational scholarship of \$3,500 each.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$1.00 per Kiwanis Member

PROJECT CHAIR: John Savis



FERST READERS

Ferst Readers mission is "strengthening communities by providing quality books and literacy resources for children and their families to use at home during the earliest stages of development." Ferst Readers wants every child to have the best start in life - and nothing helps a baby's brain develop more than exposure to rich language and loving interactions. The key is having books in the home and being read to - right from birth. Our vision is "to create better learners,

brighter futures, and stronger communities by giving every child under five access to quality books in their homes." Children in the Ferst Readers literacy program receive a bookstore-quality, age-specific book and resources mailed to them at home every month until their fifth birthday. It's this access to print that helps create a language-rich environment in the home.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$1.00 per Kiwanis Member

PROJECT CHAIR: There is no Chair, contact Ferst Readers



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GEORGIA DISTRICT FOUNDATION

GEORGIA DISTRICT KIWANIS FOUNDATION, INC.

As a non-profit foundation, this corporation allows Georgia Kiwanis to work together to fund efforts that might be beyond the financial ability of individual Kiwanians and individual Kiwanis clubs. While most gifts and contributions to Kiwanis Clubs and the Georgia District of Kiwanis are not tax deductible, gifts to the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3), are. Because of the support from individual Georgia Kiwanians and their local Kiwanis Clubs, the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation has funded many worthwhile efforts that aid the youth of the State of Georgia, such as: scholarships to students who are members of Georgia Circle K or Georgia Key Club (matched by the Kiwanis International Foundation), scholarships to student winners

MEMBERSHIP

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TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Tomorrow's Leaders helps pay for the District Board for both Key Club and Circle K for travel and registration to conferences and conventions. Tomorrow's Leaders also offers scholarships to Kiwanis Youth members in Georgia. This is

an exciting and important way your club can participate in helping develop Tomorrow's Leaders.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$5.00 per Kiwanis Club member

PROJECT CHAIR: There is no Chair, Contact Alexia Lieber



Kiwanis
CHILDREN'S FUND

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FUND

At the Kiwanis Children's Fund, our mission is to develop resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of the world. So, the work of the Children's Fund helps Kiwanians change kids' lives—often in ways that would otherwise remain beyond the resources of clubs and districts. In fact, our vision is to extend your Kiwanis impact. We strive to make sure your gift helps children in many places and many ways. And we succeed by holding fast to a set of core values:

Stewardship, Transparency, Responsiveness, Legacy, Integrity, and Trust. With combined funds from all clubs and individual Kiwanians worldwide, the Kiwanis Children's Fund conducts national and international projects on behalf of Kiwanians worldwide. Such projects include: Assisting in the Eliminate Campaign, providing high quality medical equipment worldwide, providing assistance to the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute to help fund research in determining the cause of leukemia, provide financial assistance to Key Club and Circle K, provide assistance for the Kiwanis World Service Medal, provide assistance for the "Kiwanis In Action" video, and much more.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$5.00 per Kiwanis Club member

PROJECT CHAIR: John Holley

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

PROGRAM	RECOMMENDATION	CLUB CONTRIBUTION
Auditory-Verbal Center's "Buck-n-Ear"	\$4.00 per member	
Georgia District Art & Music Showcase	\$1.00 per member	
Ferst Readers	\$1.00 per member	
Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.	\$8.00 per member	
Tomorrow's Leaders	\$5.00 per member	
Kiwanis International Children's Fund	\$5.00 per member	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$24.00 per member	

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

100% of contributions to the District Foundation comes back to the clubs for service.

If you cannot contribute recommended amount, please contribute at some level for each project.

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	David Moore	Atlanta	197	199	6 of 6
		Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	14	14	6 of 6
		Northside Atlanta	33	33	
DIVISION TOTALS:			244	246	
2	Wayne Johnson	Barnesville	19	22	
		Columbus	44	44	6 of 6
		Greater Columbus	25	27	
		Griffin	94	96	
		Harris County	14	15	
		LaGrange	41	42	6 of 6
		Manchester	10	10	
		North Columbus	8	8	
		Pike County	18	18	
		Thomaston	40	39	
West Point	4	4	6 of 6		
DIVISION TOTALS:			317	325	
3	Roger Bryant	Coweta County	77	78	
		Fayette County	19	19	
		Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	8	8	
		Grantville	14	13	
		Newnan	104	105	
		Peachtree City	17	16	
White Oak Golden K	61	61			
DIVISION TOTALS:			300	300	
4	Layton Gilroy	Brunswick	48	49	
		Jesup	31	31	
		Liberty County	30	30	
		Pooler-West Chatham	13	14	
		Richmond Hill	16	16	
		Saint Marys	59	61	
		Savannah	15	16	
		Skidaway	119	131	
Waycross	5	5			
DIVISION TOTALS:			336	353	
5	Bill McDaniel	Albany/Dougherty County	76	78	6 of 6
		Americus	72	72	6 of 6
		Blakely-Early County	24	24	
		Cairo	49	49	
		Cairo-Morningstar	19	19	
		Mitchell-Baker	13	14	
		Thomasville	60	60	
DIVISION TOTALS:			313	316	
6	Mark Woelzlein	Augusta	125	127	
		Louisville	24	24	
		Thomson	21	20	
		Uptown Augusta	20	15	
		Warrenton	18	18	
		Washington	10	9	
DIVISION TOTALS:			218	213	
7	Brianna Blevins	Athens	20	23	
		Classic City	17	17	6 of 6
		Commerce	26	26	
		Hartwell	37	38	
		Jefferson	12	11	
		Oconee	14	14	
		West Jackson	3	3	
		Winder	16	16	
DIVISION TOTALS:			145	148	
8	Allen Jernigan	Cumming	19	18	
		Duluth-Norcross	15	15	
		Gainesville	116	117	
		Lawrenceville	12	12	
		North Gwinnett	33	34	
		South Hall County-Oakwood	10	10	
		Southeast Gwinnett	15	15	
		Suwanee	19	19	
DIVISION TOTALS:			239	240	
9	Durrett Childs	Crawford County	18	18	6 of 6
		Forsyth - Monroe County	46	46	
		Fort Valley	25	25	
		Jones County	26	26	6 of 6
		Macon	34	34	
		Macon County	31	30	
		Milledgeville	28	28	6 of 6
		North Macon	14	14	6 of 6
		Perry	37	38	
		Taylor County	19	18	
		Warner Robins	11	10	
DIVISION TOTALS:			289	287	

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Bill Echelberger	Blairsville	11	11	
		Blue Ridge	55	56	
		Cleveland	31	31	
		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	5	5	
		Dawson County	10	10	6 of 6
		Gilmer County	17	16	6 of 6
		Habersham County	33	31	
		Rabun County	14	14	
		Toccoa	16	16	
DIVISION TOTALS:			192	190	
11	James Braswell	Calhoun-Gordon County	16	16	
		Cartersville	10	10	
		Dalton	44	45	
		Murray County	12	13	
		Ringgold	16	16	
		Rome	23	19	
DIVISION TOTALS:			121	119	
12	Neil E. Weathington	Bowdon	27	21	
		Carrollton	85	86	6 of 6
		Carrollton Golden K	23	23	
		Cedartown	35	38	
		Douglas County	10	13	
		Fairfield - Villa Rica	23	22	
		Paulding	16	13	
		Rockmart	14	15	
		Villa Rica - Temple	19	19	
DIVISION TOTALS:			252	250	
13	Alicia Horkan	Adel	6	6	
		Cordele	43	43	
		Fitzgerald	19	19	
		Moultrie	118	117	
		Sylvester	36	37	
		Tifton	17	17	6 of 6
		Turner County	23	22	
		Valdosta	20	20	
DIVISION TOTALS:			282	281	
14	Cathrine Storey	Alpharetta-Milton	3	3	
		Brookhaven-Chamblee	7	6	6 of 6
		Doraville-Tucker	9	10	6 of 6
		Druid Hills	10	10	6 of 6
		Historic Roswell	31	32	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			60	61	
15	Debbie McCracken	Georgia Online	23	23	
		Greater Cherokee	31	30	
		Greater South Cobb	23	24	
		Jonquil City	32	32	
		Lost Mountain	61	62	
		Marietta	165	167	6 of 6
		Marietta Golden K	59	60	
		Metro Marietta	21	21	
		North Cherokee	20	22	
DIVISION TOTALS:			435	441	
16	David Moore	Forest Park	13	13	
		Jonesboro	19	20	6 of 6
		Lithonia-Stonecrest	10	10	
		Metro Atlanta	46	49	
DIVISION TOTALS:			88	92	
17	Trish Tootle	Baxley	34	32	
		Brooklet	56	57	
		Douglas	20	20	
		Effingham	21	20	
		Metter	20	20	
		Statesboro	139	139	
		Swainsboro	29	30	
		Tattnall County	21	21	
		Vidalia	110	113	
DIVISION TOTALS:			450	452	
18	Tom Greenfield	Conyers	22	23	
		Covington	47	47	
		Eatonton	14	15	
		Henry County	45	48	
		Madison	37	37	6 of 6
		Monroe	18	18	
		Social Circle	20	21	
DIVISION TOTALS:			203	209	
GEORGIA DISTRICT GRAND TOTALS:			4484	4523	

DISTRICT TOTALS:

Total Reported Members on 10/01/23	4,484
Total Reported Members on 12/01/23	4,523
Total Clubs as of 10/01/23	136
Total Clubs as of 12/01/23	136

LEGEND:

NC	New Club
PR	Pending Revoke
CS	Club Suspended
M	Merged

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Harris County Kiwanis Key Club Advisor, George Elkins, presented a Distinguished Service Award to Harris County High School Key Club School Advisor, Jennifer Rolison, and Jennifer Gilmore, (not pictured) for their great leadership of the Harris County Key Club for 2022-23.

Congratulations to Mrs. Rolison and Mrs. Gilmore for receiving the Distinguished Service Award! Your dedication to the Key Club is truly appreciated!



RECRUITING FOR CIRCLE K

Members of the LaGrange College Circle K and Advisor, Dean Hartman, spend the day talking to students about the service opportunities through Circle K on campus and in the community.



START A TERRIFIC KIDS PROGRAM



HELP MAKE SURE ALL KIDS ARE TERRIFIC KIDS

Terrific Kids is a character-building program that recognizes students for modifying their behavior. The program encourages kids to become the best version of themselves. Kids determine what being terrific means to them, then develop their own goals and use peer mentoring to hold themselves

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS TREE

LaGrange Kiwanis Club and LaGrange College Circle K debuted its Kiwanis Christmas tree on Lafayette Square among many other themed trees to make a trail around the square as part of the annual Circles of Troup County Tinsel Trail.

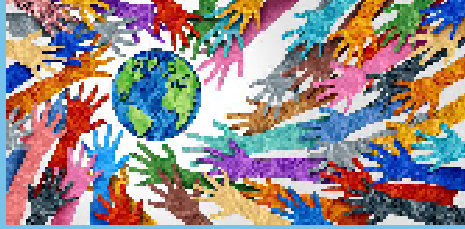
The tree features hot-air balloon ornaments crafted by Terrific Kids from Ethel Kight Elementary School students. Its theme is "Learning takes you to new heights" The tree was decorated by LaGrange College Circle K students.



accountable for the actions they take each week. When a participant achieves their goal, her or she is recognized for being a Terrific Kid.

www.kiwaniskids.org/terrific-kids

SUPPORT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL'S LITERACY WORK BY DOING THE 2023 GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECT – A BIG BOOK DRIVE THIS YEAR!



Global Service Project 2023

How to do a BIG Book Drive

Here are **7 EASY STEPS** for carrying out a successful book drive and donating the books to an organization or program that will use them well.

Step 1: Identify where your club will donate books. See if your community has a [Little Free Library](#). Check public libraries, homeless shelters, schools, community centers, and assisted living homes for their interest in book donations. Ask the director or staff of the place you choose what type of books they need.

Step 2: Select book drive dates and where books will be collected and get approval. Find dates that don't conflict with other events. Pick places to put collection boxes. Get approval from your principal or administrator.

Step 3: Complete key planning tasks. Gather supplies, create and hang posters, decorate and set up collection boxes.

Step 4: Launch the book drive and check on progress! Watch donation boxes so they don't overflow.

Step 5: Sort and box books at the end of the drive. Set aside books that are not the type the organization needs.

Step 6: Donate the collected books. Arrange to drop the books off at the organization or for their staff to pick them up.

Step 7: Report the results! Let your community know how many books were donated. Share your story on social media and tag us with #KKids or #BuildersClub. Go to kkids.org/globalkickoff or buildersclub.org/globalkickoff and click on Book Drive Results link to let Kiwanis International know the name of your club and how many books were collected! Next May we'll let you know about all the clubs that did Global Service Project 2023!





SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Becky Anderson

Signature Project Chair
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

It's that time of year again for the Kiwanis International annual Signature Project Contest! This is an important club and district event that has been growing each year since it started in 2017.

We annually receive over 420 club entries from around the world and learn about the amazing things Kiwanis members are doing in their communities to help others.

Below is a summary of the rules for clubs to submit entries.

1. Clubs complete the online form (follow your language link here) containing questions about their clubs' signature project. The forms are not active until the start of the contest at 8:00 AM ET January 2, 2024. All entries must be completed using the online form. No other format (word, email) will be accepted.

2. When the club hits "Submit" an email containing their answers is automatically generated to all District Governor and Secretary, as well as the club member who submitted the entry and Kiwanis International.

3. The Contest is open for 3 weeks. The Deadline is firm.

4. Complete contest rules are found here: <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/service-projects/2024-signature-project-rules/>

IMPORTANT DATES:

**Contest Opens 01/02/24,
Tuesday, 8:00 am ET**

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE - EVEN ONE LIKE TURKEY CALLING!

Debbie Brilling

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

Easton is 9 years old and is a graduate of the Auditory-Verbal Center.

In Easton's family, hunting is a big deal. Earlier on in Easton's hearing journey, his Dad was worried his son would never hear a turkey gobble, but now, he can not only hear gobbles, but he can run a turkey call better than most! Despite being profoundly deaf with Cochlear Implants, Easton has mastered a hobby in turkey calling!

This past spring, he finished 4th in the NWTF Grand National Calling Championships Poults Division and this summer, he won World Champion in 2 Divisions (Poults 10 & Under and Amateur Divisions)! Easton has proven that you can do anything you set your mind to.

Your kind-hearted generous support through the GEORGIA KIWANIS BUCK-N-EAR PROJECT has gifted our clients the ability to enjoy these sounds and cherish the memories for years to come. We are grateful to have you as a part of the AVC family and couldn't do what we do without you!

You can read the full article about Easton that was published by Matt Stewart on NWTF and watch the video about his experience as a turkey caller:

<https://www.nwtf.org/content-hub/breaking-the-sound-barrier>



DID YOU KNOW?

The Objects of Kiwanis guide our organization. They are our values, our beliefs, and our core. Delegates approved the six permanent Objects of Kiwanis at the 1924 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado. They have remained unchanged through the decades and we will be celebrating 100 years with these objects where it all began--in Denver, Colorado at the Kiwanis International Convention in July 2024!

OBJECT 1

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

OBJECT 2

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

OBJECT 3

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

OBJECT 4

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

OBJECT 5

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

OBJECT 6

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND

John Holley

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

As we embark upon our 2023-2024 Kiwanis Year, I bring you greetings from Amy Zimmerman, the Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF) Board President. She is hoping that you are in great spirits and eager to take on new challenges that are before us. As your representative to the Kiwanis Children's Fund, I too am enthusiastic about the opportunities that we have to make this a banner year in our support for our world class organization, **The Kiwanis Children's Fund**.

It is my hope that each club and every member of the Georgia District will make a commitment to push the boundaries and make the greatest difference we have ever made in support of The Kiwanis Children's Fund. Of course, this requires each of us to look deep in our souls and put the KFC as a priority in our giving. With our support, we can truly achieve our mission, "...**improving the world one child and one community at a time.**"

As is customary with each Kiwanis Children's Fund President, President Amy has issued her President's Challenge. Two components of her challenge have to do with club giving and are as follows:

- **10% increase in the number of clubs in the District donating:** What this means is that we need to increase the number of clubs that gave last Kiwanis Year by

10%. By having more clubs participating in charitable activities is a testament to the growth in our District. If you gave last year, give again, and we thank you. If you didn't give last year, please join us this year, and give. We need you to reach our goal.

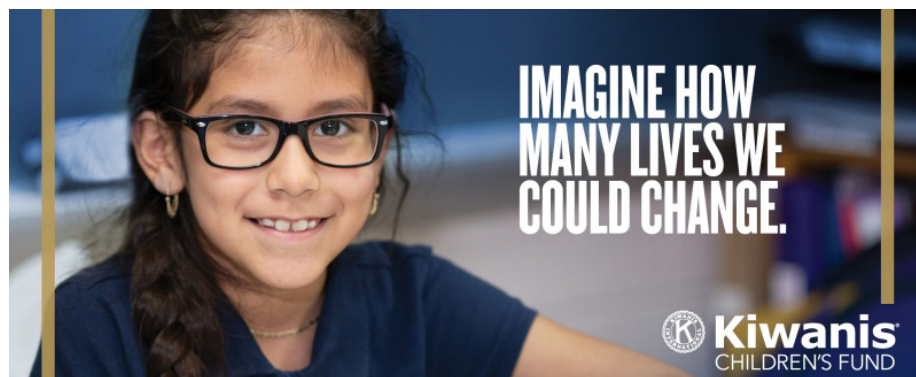
- **10% overall increase in the total amount of club giving:** By striving for a 10% total club giving, we are making a greater impact on the lives of those who need our help. This increase can fund essential projects, drive more significant support for local initiatives, and strengthen the Children's Fund's ability to make a difference.

I am excited about our year ahead and about how we can be agents for change with our giving. What you give to the Kiwanis Children's Fund can change lives, globally and in your local communities. There is no greater feeling to have than to know that your club is a part of a larger organization that is improving lives of individuals and communities all over the world.

Finally, know that Governor Brent is counting on your club as he takes on the President's Challenge. I know you will not let him down!
I AM THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE.

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

LET US BE A "F.O.R.C.E." FOR KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL!





HONOR A MEMBER WITH THE HENRY C. HEINZ AWARD

Kim Maxwell

President of Georgia District
Kiwanis Foundation
Kiwanis Club of Henry County

Henry C Heinz was one of the first Kiwanians in Georgia and was involved in Kiwanis International in the formative years of our organization. He served three years as Treasure and Vice President before becoming President of Kiwanis International in 1927-28 (first International Officer from the GA District). Heinz was also part of the formation of the Kiwanis International Foundation, serving as the Foundation's first president in 1941, a position he held until his murder in 1943.

The first Key Club was formed during Heinz's year as International President in Sacramento, CA. Further strengthening Kiwanis's support of youth, thus laying the groundwork for what we have today. He brought both leadership qualities and vibrant personality to Kiwanis. He had strong determination to always look out for the best interest in Kiwanis. Although intensely interested in all aspects of Kiwanis service, his personal goal was to help children with limited opportunities achieve their potential.

The Award was created in 2002 to honor those individuals who have exhibited outstanding dedication and commitment to helping children. This is a wonderful time of year to celebrate a member or honor the memory of a member. By doing so, you are celebrating the achievements and showing gratitude to a fellow Kiwanian. The recipient is honored with the Henry C. Heinz Award medallion, a lapel pin and a certificate acknowledging achievement. Who would you like to honor?

A donation of \$500 from an individual, Kiwanis club, Division or any other group of Kiwanians is made payable to the Georgia Kiwanis District Foundation.

EVERY CLUB SHOULD CONSIDER OPTIONAL CRIME AND/OR ACCIDENT COVERAGE

Thele Moore

Insurance Risk Manager
Kiwanis Club of Social Circle and
Doraville-Tucker

Kiwanis International provides general liability as well as directors and officers liability insurance. However, your club's options for financial coverage don't end there. Kiwanis offers optional crime and accident insurance coverage programs.

Participation in the crime coverage program is the only way to insure your club against criminal theft. Every year, many Kiwanis clubs lose money to such theft. Since clubs vary in size, activities and assets, each club can choose which limit is appropriate: US\$10,000, \$25,000 or \$50,000. Some clubs have even been tricked into sending money to a fraudulent third party. With the crime coverage program, \$5,000 of coverage is also included for these kinds of events.

With the Kiwanis Accident/Medical program, your club will have accident insurance that helps pay medical expenses for injured Kiwanians and volunteers. Here is an accident insurance claim example -The Kiwanis club runs a weekly bingo game as a fundraiser, and the sponsored Key Club runs the concession stands. As one of the Key Clubbers is returning from the storage area carrying supplies, she trips over a wayward box (which she left there) and falls forward, hitting her head on the floor. The

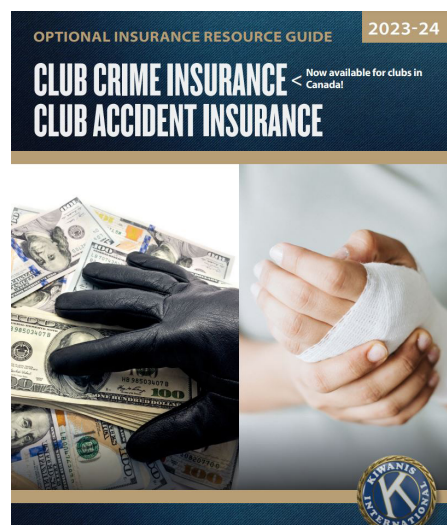
ambulance is called, and she is rushed to the hospital. She has a concussion and a cracked cheekbone. Her family does not have health coverage. The covered accident insurance may apply.

To approve the club's purchase of either or both options, submit the purchase to your club's board in time for them to review, approve and send the application and payment by the deadline.

These coverages will be available next year between August and October 2024.

The 2023 Crime and Accident insurance brochure can be found online here:

www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/optional-insurance-guide-2023-24.pdf



Edward Searcy

Human and Spiritual Values Chair
Kiwanis Club of Thomaston



In today's times, there are so many things that are happening around us. There are things going on that we cannot believe are happening right before our eyes. Living in the harsh conditions and troubled world we are living in has so many people questioning their faith, political views, acknowledging that mental health is real, safety concerns at home and abroad, finances are so tight until we limit ourselves to the basics of life with minimal enjoyment and relaxation times, and our health seems to be jeopardized due to increased health care cost. In all reality, these are the FACTS of OUR LIVES that we must deal with, but the question is, how will we deal with them?

In Romans 12: 1-2 NASB, Apostle Paul inspires us by the words of, "1) Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is your spiritual service of worship. 2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

The fact of the matter is, things that are going on in this world, things that we face in this world are covered, by the mercies of God {(God is faithful and allows weakening to the body) (a sacrifice)}, living and holy (the body holds life which is consecrated to God, our Spirit), acceptable to God is your spiritual service of worship (accept God's will which shows our faith in him for who he is). Do not be conformed to this world (renew your mind) prove God's will (become spiritually cleansed). JACKPOT!

Let us accept that the world is full of unpleasing things to the flesh but, when we make spiritual adjustments in life, we can deal with the "FACTS of LIFE" with understanding that we are victorious and can still have joy during life circumstances!

Remember: In life, things could be better, but they could be worse, so be content right where you are!

Darryl Gumz

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

The year has begun. Kids are in school. K-Kida, Builders Clubs, and Key Clubs are in full tilt. Are we doing what we need to do in order to keep them safe?

Do each of your SLPs have an assigned Kiwanis Advisor? (I know that some don't. I think that is a poor way to sponsor an SLP).

Does each Kiwanis Advisor have an approved Kiwanis Background Check? (I know there are some that do not. That is completely unacceptable and leaves your club at great risk. This needs an immediate remedy.)

Do all of your approved chaperones have an approved Kiwanis Background Check? You need to know that they do. Again, the liability is yours if you do not ensure your youth are protected.

For your advisors and chaperones: have they completed the required Praesidium Abuse Prevention courses? These must be repeated every two years.

Has your club completed its mandatory annual club training on Youth Protection Policies and Procedures? (Some have, some have not. Please make sure you get it done as soon as possible. Failure to do so puts our insurance rates at risk.)

If you have completed your club training, has your secretary indicated so in the monthly report? If not, how would anyone outside your club know it was done?

If you are unsure about any of these questions, now is the time to get your questions answered. Reach out to me and let's make sure you and your youth are protected the best we can do.

Darryl Gumz
Youth Protection Manager
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UPDATES?

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

Samantha Downton sdownton@avchears.org

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

UPDATED OCTOBER 2022

These policies can be found in Kiwanis International Policies and Procedures as **Procedure 432**.

All adults working with youth under the age of 18 at any Kiwanis event are required to read/understand, agree to and abide by these policies.

EDUCATION: Every Kiwanis club is expected to inform and educate its members on these policies, best practices and required actions for individuals who become aware of youth in potentially harmful situations. This education must occur annually, including providing a copy of these policies to each club member. Every Kiwanis district is expected to provide an educational forum or workshop at every district-produced convention and conference regarding policies and best practices for adults working with youth, using materials provided by Kiwanis International.

CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS: Kiwanis International requires clubs to have a clear criminal history background check for any club member serving as an advisor to any Service Leadership Programs club. The check must be conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. Any person without a clear criminal history background check may not serve as the advisor. Approved background checks shall be valid for no more than two years. Kiwanis advisors shall acquire a new criminal history background check upon their initial appointment to the position.

CHAPERONE: A chaperone is defined as a Kiwanis member, faculty member, parent, legal guardian or person who is in loco parentis, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, who has been approved by the school or agency and registered with the school or agency to accompany the youth members at the specific event. All chaperones (club members and non-members) participating in any single-day or overnight Service Leadership Programs event must have a clear criminal history background check and must have completed Kiwanis International youth protection training. Additionally, chaperones must follow all applicable policies and procedures.

CHAPERONES FOR OVERNIGHT EVENTS: A minimum of one adult per 10 students must be serving as chaperones during the entirety of an overnight event.

CHAPERONES FOR SINGLE-DAY EVENTS: A minimum of one adult per 50 students must be serving as chaperones during the entirety of a single-day event.

OVERNIGHT EVENTS: All adults (club members and non-members) registered for or staying overnight at any Service Leadership Programs event must have a clear criminal history background check and must have completed Kiwanis International annual youth protection training. However, parents/guardians of participating students who are not chaperones may attend the event for a maximum of one overnight stay without a criminal history background check.

OVERNIGHT STAYS: While attending a Kiwanis event that requires an overnight stay in a hotel or camp/ conference setting, adequate adult chaperoning is expected and must include no fewer than one adult male for each ten or part of ten youth males, and one adult female for each ten or part of ten youth females. Except for a parent sharing a sleeping room or other sleeping quarters (e.g., a tent) with his/her own child, no adult should share a hotel or dormitory sleeping room or other sleeping quarters with a youth. In the event that sleeping quarters consist of multiple beds (such as in a bunkhouse or camp cabin), adults may share the sleeping quarters with youth members of the same gender, provided that two or more adults are present.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS FOR SERVICE

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS: Kiwanis International requires all SLP district administrators to complete an application process, which includes submission of a completed application, having a clear background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International, completion of Kiwanis International youth protection training and any other elements that may be required by Kiwanis International. After receipt of an individual's application and verification of all required elements, Kiwanis International will review the information and decide, in



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its sole and absolute discretion, whether the individual is accepted to become an SLP district administrator. Kiwanis has no obligation to allow an individual to become an SLP district administrator based solely on a “clear” background check. Denial may be appealed via the process outlined in Procedure 197.

ANNUAL MEETING WITH KEY CLUB AND CKI

ADMINISTRATORS: Each Key Club district administrator and CKI district administrator shall hold an annual meeting, either in person or virtually, with Kiwanis International staff and the district Youth Protection manager to discuss respective Key Club and CKI district events and activities and the status of the respective district Key Club and CKI programs.

TRANSPORTATION: When transporting youth, the best practice is the “rule of threes,” with at least three people in the vehicle at all times, along with documented approval from a parent or guardian for the transportation arrangements. When both of these conditions cannot be met, one of them should be. All transportation decisions should be made in accordance with local laws and school policies.

USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO, MARIJUANA AND OTHER SUBSTANCES:

While attending any Kiwanis event that is produced primarily by or for the benefit of youth, adults are expected to refrain from using or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and/or marijuana products, even if prescribed for medicinal use. In addition, the use and/or possession of illegal drugs or the improper/illegal use of legal drugs is prohibited.

MEDICATIONS: The possession of prescription and non-prescription medications by youth at a Kiwanis event should be permitted only by the written permission of the parent/guardian.

REPORTING: If a Kiwanian observes troubling behavior involving a youth at a Kiwanis event or becomes aware of a situation that is illegal or potentially unsafe for a young person at a Kiwanis event, they must immediately contact the appropriate personnel at the event, as well as provide notification to law enforcement personnel as appropriate. All local, state, provisional and federal laws regarding reporting must be followed. If the Kiwanian becomes aware of the troubling behavior after the event, they must contact leaders of the event and provide notification to law enforcement personnel as appropriate. Kiwanis

International now offers a 24-hour, confidential helpline at 1-866-607-SAFE. The helpline can be used if you think a youth has been harmed or their safety and well-being are at risk.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: All documents bearing personal information of any youth attending a Kiwanis event, including registration forms, medical information forms, permission to treat forms, etc., should be treated as confidential. Processes that protect this information must be created, including minimizing the number of people who have access to any such documents. The documents shall be maintained a minimum of three years or longer, as may be required by applicable state/provincial laws and regulations. After the maintenance period has expired, the documents shall be destroyed in a way that maintains confidentiality, such as shredding. The disposal and destruction of all confidential information shall conform to applicable state/provincial laws and regulations.

YOUTH AND SOCIAL MEDIA: For any social networking site that involves requesting a connection (such as inviting someone to be a friend on Facebook), adults should never initiate such connections with youth. If a youth requests such a connection from a Kiwanian, the Kiwanian should use their best judgment in responding. Adults should treat their interaction with youth on social networking sites as though the interaction were occurring in public, in front of other adults and young people. In other words, if it would not be appropriate to say something to a young person in public, it should not be said as a comment on a social networking site, either. Kiwanians should refrain from interactions that can be seen as excessive (such as constantly “liking” or commenting on a person’s posts on Facebook). Prior to posting any media online, such as photographs, obtain permission from all individuals (or parents, for minors) who appear in that media; it could be illegal to do otherwise. See Kiwanis International Policy B for complete social media guidelines.

BEHAVIORAL OR HEALTH ISSUES: Kiwanians are often seen by a young person as adults to trust with personal and/or sensitive information. Kiwanians should refrain from counseling youth and should instead find, or assist the young person in finding, appropriate expert assistance.

CONFLICTS WITH OTHER RULES: Whenever these policies conflict with local school policies or rules, or local, state/ provincial or national laws or regulations, the highest applicable standards for conduct shall prevail.



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COMING SOON TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU

Barry Gardner

District Service Project Chair
Kiwanis Club of Fairfield-Villa Rica

There exists a group of qualified painters, builders and wreckers just waiting to help your Club or Division in your next project.

We have painted fences at High Falls State Park, Built picnic tables at the Little White House, and demolished a pavilion at Ft Yargo State Park.

We are ready to help. All you need is:
A project,
An available Saturday work day ,
and a Campground near by.

If you have a project and need extra hands, Please let me know at bjg0080@bellsouth.net.

MID-YEAR TRAINING: MARCH 16TH

Jeanette Lafond

Incoming Training Chair
Kiwanis Club of Brooklet



As we move through this busy time of year I encourage you to be grateful and thankful for all the things we are able to do to help others. One of the ways we can be better Kiwanians is to learn more about Kiwanis and all it has to offer, as well as learn ways to increase our membership and outreach. If this sounds like something you just have to know more about, you're in luck!

Mid-Year Training will be held Saturday, March 16 at Middle Georgia State University in Macon.

Some of the tentative topics for the training sessions are:

- Risk Management
- Youth Protection
- K-Kids

- Builders Club
- Key Club
- Circle K
- Member Retention
- Club Secretary
- Marketing
- Club Strengthening
- Awards and Recognition
- Cyber Security
- Website Platforms
- Emerging Leaders

This list isn't finalized just yet but we plan to bring you a variety of topics. Stay tuned to District communications so you don't miss your opportunity to sign up.



GEORGIA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS

READ ACROSS GEORGIA DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

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

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

We challenge *YOU* to help with this!

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

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

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



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SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

The LaGrange Kiwanis Club is a partner with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization whose goal is that every child in the community has a bed to sleep in.

Members of the LaGrange Kiwanis Club spend a few hours in the bed building process to make sure kids have a bed!



2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY PUMPKIN PATCH

The Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County hosted their 2nd Annual Community Pumpkin Patch event on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at Veterans Park in Reidsville, GA. Over 1,000 people came out to enjoy the festival and were greeted by the aroma of sizzling hotdogs and hamburgers, donated by Zuber Malek and Zac Momen of Reidsville and Glennville Dairy Queens. Over 1,200 of these treats were grilled to perfection by Masons from the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge and served up on buns donated by Jessie Johnson, along with a variety of chips and drinks, all free of charge. Mandy Willis and the ladies from Promise of Hope manned the concession stands and made sure the food and drinks never stopped.

Local businesses, churches, civic organizations, restaurants, government agencies and school clubs came together to give back to our Tattnall County community. Kids enjoyed entertaining games and activities everywhere! Pumpkin bowling was a hit, as were the rubber ducky game and the penny drop challenge. The temporary tattoo and the face painting booths were very popular and so were the pumpkin-painting tables and the sensory booth. Tattnall Forestry brought a special guest, Smokey the Bear. The kids enjoyed having their pictures taken with him. The fun photo ops around the park were busy and the bounce house and slide never slowed down. Milton Williams, president of the Brooklet Kiwanis Club, and Brian Strickland, Tattnall Kiwanis member, manned a booth to share information about Kiwanis. Bradley Bratcher kept the kids moving on the Train Ride, borrowed from Birdford Baptist Church, winding around and through the booths and games. The pie eating contest was truly a sight to behold, and there were many more games and prizes besides. Lindsay Renfro and her ladies from Dancin' Divas entertained the crowd throughout the day and the beautiful ladies of Frontline Warriors from Shane's Crib gave a powerful testimony through dance.

In between the fun, everyone explored the food booths, and all the treats, including cake-pops

by Gavin's Goodies, Travis Jones's amazing boiled peanuts, pickles, brownies, hot popcorn, cupcakes, Neil and Jill Singleton's Sno-Cones, Mary Richardson and Reidsville Garden Club's homemade lemonade, Spooky Punch, and candy made sure nobody went home empty handed or hungry! The fried Oreos and funnel cake booth by Amber Jones of Amber's Salon and cotton candy booth by Brandie Guthrie of TCM Liquidations ran a neck and neck race for the most popular food item, and both ladies continued cooking after 2pm, ensuring everyone in line when the event ended got the treat that they wanted! Special thanks to the men from Pinegrove Baptist church for pitching in where they were needed throughout the day.

The highlight of the day for most of the kids was the Pumpkin Patch, where 600 pumpkins sat, delivered by Rus Monroe of Herndon Farms, ready and waiting for a child to take it home. This was serious business for the kids, and was made possible by the generosity of Todd Padgett of Todd Padgett Homes, who sponsored the pumpkins for the patch, tents, coolers and the music and sound for the day! The Patch was bordered by bales of hay, which Kiwanis donated to Tattnall County Animal Shelter after the event.

The Kiwanis Community Pumpkin Patch was absolutely free for everyone and is a 'give back' event—a thank you to the community for all the help and support they have given Tattnall Kiwanis through the year, and was a joint project between Tattnall Kiwanis and so many others.

The event was held from 10am until 2pm, and was designed for families to have a day where the kids could do all the activities and try all the treats, without cost being an issue, and Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County is already looking forward to next year!

Groups that participated:

TCHS Key Club
TCHS FBLA Club
TCHS FCCLA
Pinegrove Baptist Church

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TCM Liquidations
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Gavin's Goodies
Jill and Neil Singleton
Travis B Jones
Reidsville Garden Club
Tattnall Family Connections
Farmers Furniture
T Mobile
Guarantee Signs
Reidsville Library
Kim and Sierra Bland
Reidsville Bank
Reidsville Housing Authority

Tri County Protection Agency
Connection Point Church
Kasey Jarriel
The Sandwich Depot
Reidsville Baptist Church
Village Pizza
The Dirt Church
Tattnall Forestry
Renasant Bank
Grace Point Baptist Church
Dancin' Divas
Frontline Warriors

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TOCCOA KIWANIS MEMBER RECOGNIZED FOR HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF TOCCOA IN THE GEORGIA MAGAZINE!

Hometown HEROES

By Amber Lanier Nagle

Lucy Davis: nutrition to support students

It's a party-like atmosphere as a dozen or so volunteers march single file around the perimeter of a room. They laugh as they fill plastic bags with nonperishable food items.

"We have a good time," Lucy Davis of Toccoa says.

A few minutes later, the volunteers have packed 221 bags, and more volunteers arrive to transport the sacks to Stephens County schools.

Prior to her retirement in 2010, Davis worked as a nurse and high school health occupation teacher.

"After I retired, I wanted to—needed to—do something productive," the 83-year-old remembers. "And then I heard Pat Standard talking about Neighbors4Neighbors on the radio, and I decided to volunteer."

Neighbors4Neighbors is a nonprofit organization dedicated to feeding and comforting hungry individuals and families in Stephens County. It is also the sponsoring agency for Food2Kids, a program that provides weekend meals for students in the local school system who have been identified by school officials as being food-insecure.

"In my time working at the high school, I developed close relationships with my students, and I learned a lot about their problems and needs," Davis says. "Being hungry on the weekends with no food in the house is just one example."

She focused her efforts on the Food2Kids program, which originally served only local elementary schools.

"When a child moves to middle school, it doesn't change the fact that there may not be enough food at home during the weekend," she says. "So, we started providing bags for middle school and high school students, too. And we've since included the Head Start kids." (Head Start is a federal program that assists low-income families in supporting the mental, social and emotional development of children from birth to age 5.)

An army of community volunteers gathers each week to fill bags with 8 pounds of nutritious products such as stew, beans, cereal, oatmeal, crackers, granola bars, fruit cups and peanut butter, costing about \$7 (about \$275 per student per school year). Distribution of the bags is up to the schools.

Davis is moved by the outpouring of love, time, food and financial support that volunteers and members of the community have provided to help the organization carry out its mission.

"All we have to do is ask. Individuals and businesses always help us," she says. "They understand that children can't learn when they are distracted by hunger."

In October, Davis received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber of Commerce, recognizing her tireless dedication to the program.

"I hope others in Georgia will step forward to help hungry kids in their hometowns," she says. "I feel really good about



what we've accomplished here. I invite others to get involved. Come join the party!"

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Want to help alleviate childhood hunger in Stephens County or in your neck of the woods? Visit the Neighbors4Neighbors website, neighbors4neighborsinc.org, to learn more, or send a donation to: Food2Kids, Attn: Neighbors4Neighbors, 935 East Tugalo St., Toccoa, GA 30577

24 WRAPPED BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

Kiwanis Club of Jefferson treated 20 lucky students a surprise party where they enjoyed a special read-aloud, cookies and lemonade, and receiving an amazing gift—the gift of books!

Each child received a basket of 24 wrapped books, one to open every day in the month of December leading up to Christmas. What a treat to be able to unwrap a new surprise book to read every night!



28TH ANNUAL YOUTH GOLF CHARITY TOURNAMENT



On September 13, 2023 two Kiwanis Clubs teamed up for the 28th Annual Youth Golf charity tournament. The tournament was held at the BridgeMill Athletic Club in Canton, with planning and preparation for the event starting a year ago.

The fundraising event hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K (Joe Van Horn, Co-Chair) and the Lost Mountain Kiwanis Club (Mark Telling, Co-Chair) set record breaking profits this year.

Joe Van Horn thanked everyone as he said, "On behalf of the Marietta Golden K and the Lost Mountain Foundations, we thank you for your generous contribution and interest in our youth charity programs in 2023."

The theme of the tournament was "Tee it up for the Kids" and Joe added, "We are proud to announce that the fundraising efforts for the 2023 "Tee it UP For The Kids" was very successful this year. Over 160 individuals and companies made donations, with the largest being \$3,000. Thanks to their generosity we were able to raise over \$35,000 for distribution to deserving youth charities and local programs. More than 30 Kiwanis supported charities and youth organizations will benefit from the proceeds of the golf tournament.

Over 128 golfers played in the tournament this year and while most are avid golfers anyway, participation in the tournament had a special bonus for everyone.

Whether or not the individual was a "scratch" golfer or someone who got out there to bat the ball around, everyone who participated can rest assured that every dime of the proceeds will be distributed to a well deserving charity or organization.

The 28th Annual Youth Golf Tournament was a tremendous success this year, however as with anything, there is always room improvement. The golf committees of both clubs will take a short break, then plans get underway for the 29th Annual Youth Charity Golf Tournament. It is never too early to be thinking about how you can be a part of the golf tournament next year. Just remember that you too can help "TEE IT UP FOR THE KIDS" in 2024!





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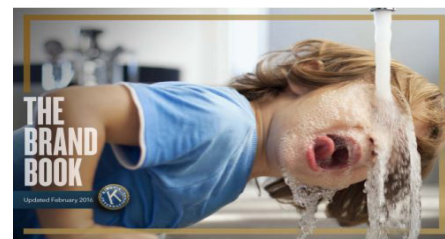


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It includes updated contact information for the Georgia District Officers, Lt. Governors, and Committee Chairs. Also includes information for each Georgia Kiwanis Club with meeting times and location and officer contact information.

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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