

# THE Georgia Kiwanian

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## KEY LEADER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

### Mike Sullivan

Key Leader Program Chair  
Kiwanis Club of North Gwinnett

Key Leader recap: Key Leader is a leadership retreat for 14-18 year olds, designed to educate teens on what servant based leadership is, make them think about their personal moral compass (and not straying from those ideals while under pressure), get some personal experience what leadership is about, and bring home some new found confidence that they can make a difference. Key Leader teaches all this, and is FUN. Regardless of their mood when they arrive, they'll leave with a smile on their face and fond memories of the weekend they had with their new friends.

Key Leader is the last weekend in March 24-26, 2023. Deadline for registration is Mar 10. The cost structure is \$75 for Key Club members and \$100 for non-Key Club members.

#### What can you do?

- I need youth attending. Your high schools, home schools, friends, neighbors. Kiwanis is about kids, and I need your help in marketing this program.
- I need adult volunteers. Requirements for volunteers are similar to being a Key Club advisor (background check and taking Praesidium online classes). I need Adults registered by late February to make sure all the requirements are met. (I'm also accepting emails from folks that want to be considered as a backup chaperone)
- I also need a site-coordinator to work with me on this program. I had someone and the darn fool



got elected. He'll be working at the capitol and I need someone new.

- In the past, clubs have donated snacks. All combined, we hope to have something to keep 40-50 youth going all weekend. If your club can help, it would be appreciated.

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

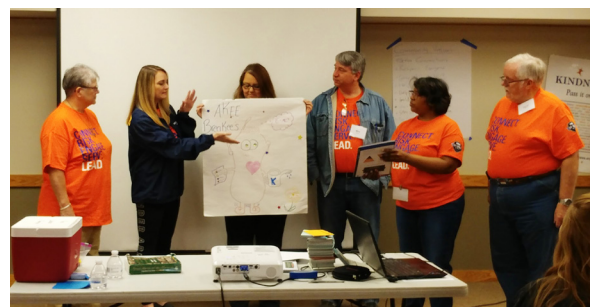
More information can be found at:

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

I am so encouraged by folks that I've talked to recently, there has been great support and I'm thankful. I want this to be a great program for youth across the entire state, and to achieve that goal, I'll need help from folks in each and every club.

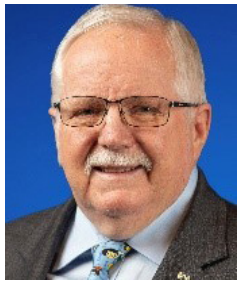
If you need any help with materials or understanding the program, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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It has been a lot of FUN and pure real joy visiting Divisions and Clubs at our Governor's Rallies. Y'all have been amazing in your hospitality, graciousness, and generosity. I appreciate all you have done to support Adventure Bags. If you don't know who they are yet, you can learn more at [www.adventurebags.org](http://www.adventurebags.org). They are a great resource to many kids in your areas who are being displaced. I am excited to meet the rest of you in our upcoming rallies.

We are now 1/3rd of the way into our Kiwanis year. How's yours going? Are you getting any new members? As I was writing this, Skidaway was leading the pack with 9 new members. Brooklet and Statesboro both had 7 while Valdosta and Blue Ridge both had 6. As a District we were up 84 members with 46 clubs at least plus 1. With 18 clubs showing a decrease in membership, there are a lot of clubs staying even. Are you using Two For Two? It is a proven method to continually grow your club Every month should be Membership Month!

Be watching for a survey from us. We know that the Georgia District of Kiwanis is LOADED with talented and energetic people. And some of them have no idea how they can help us. This survey is a vehicle to help us identify some of those talents and skills and gives you an opportunity to use them to make our District better. Understand that this is not a tool to help us hound you. But you indicate areas you might want to help in, we will touch bases with you to see if we might have a way to use your skills and talents.

We are busy organizing several new clubs and we could use your help. There are ongoing online classes to learn some of the ins and outs of Club Opening and Club Strengthening. The next one is on Club Coaching and will be Tue, Feb 7 on Zoom from 8-9 p.m. Look for the complete schedule of these training sessions in this edition of the Georgia Kiwanian.

Congratulations to Manchester on our newest Builders Club. Manchester Middle School and Manchester will be better places because of your work. I am hoping to see 9 more K-Kids clubs built this year to help grow our future service leaders as they begin school.

There are lots of things happening over the next few months. I hope you'll consider joining us at some of them. Come be a part of the growing Kiwanis community. Our Kiwanis International Convention opens for registration 2/15. You can book your hotel room at our District Hotel, the Hilton, now at <https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2023-convention/travel-tourism>. We will be staying there with several other Districts including our neighbors to the west, the Alabama District. This is the year we will be installing Katrina Baranko as Kiwanis International President and you won't want to miss that! At our Mid-Year Training Conference, we will take orders for a Georgia District polo shirt that we will be wearing to support Katrina! Plus there is this topic of an International dues increase. If your club wants to be heard on the topic, you need to be there.

Thank you to all the clubs that have contributed to our District Projects. Your contributions are vital to the success of many programs and activities all around Georgia and the Kiwanis Children's Fund. If your club hasn't contributed yet, please consider doing that today. These are gifts that keep on giving, allowing your own club to benefit in many ways.

I just returned from the America's Governors Conference where we shared a lot of information concerning membership throughout Kiwanis International. A scary piece I want to share with you is this. Given the current trend, we will have less than 100,000 Kiwanis members by the end of the 2023-2024 Kiwanis year. This would be the first time since the 1940s that we were that small. Please help us add to your own club membership and add new clubs to our District. We want to see Kiwanis thrive to be here for your children and grandchildren. To do that, we have GOT to turn this around.





## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

### Alexia Lieber

Executive Director of Georgia District of Kiwanis

#### Mid-Year Conference

Our Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th and it will be in person at the Henry County Performing Arts Center in McDonough, Georgia. Registration will be online soon.

#### Distinguished

Those who earned The Governor's Cup Award worked long and hard to maintain that can-do attitude in their clubs. Now, their successors have a solid base upon which to work.

The 2021-22 banner patches will be given to the Lt. Governors at their Board Meeting on April 15th.

#### Have You Put the Following Dates on Your Calendar?

1. Division Rally - Contact your Lt. Governor if you do not have the date.
2. February 15th - tax deadline for filing IRS 990 Form
3. February 24th- 26th - Circle K District Convention - Atlanta, GA
4. March 10th- 12th - Key Club SLC, Decatur, Ga.
5. March 24th - 26th - Key Leader, FFA Camp, Covington, GA
6. April 15th - Mid-Year Training Conference, Henry County

Performing Arts Center,  
McDonough, GA

7. April 22nd - District Art and Music Showcase - Gainesville, GA

8. April 28th-30th - Camping Service Project, Ft. Yargo State Park, Winder, GA

9. Club Election - This report is due June 1st. This must be done online.

10. June 21st - 24th- International Convention - Minneapolis, MN

11. August 25th - 27th- Georgia District Convention - Marriott Savannah River, Savannah, GA

#### Just a reminder:

1. Send International any membership changes promptly.
2. Submit your Monthly Reports by the 10th of each month online.
3. If your club has pictures of your current events taking place; please send these with a caption to Samantha Downton at [sdownton@avchears.org](mailto:sdownton@avchears.org) for the Online Georgia Kiwanian. Pictures and articles must be sent in electronically.



## DUES BREAKDOWN PER MONTH

### 2022-23 Kiwanis Year

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



# IN MEMORIAM

**Jonesy R. Haygood**  
*Toccoa*

**Mary Brown James**  
*Atlanta*

**Harris Johnson**  
*Carrollton*

**Thomas L. Lipscomb**  
*Griffin*

**Carl Richardson**  
*Griffin*

**Dr. Edwin L. Wynn**  
*Brooklet*

**Stuart A. Yahm**  
*Carrollton*

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

# INTERCLUB TIPS

## 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." I noticed in the most recent Interclub Summary Report that 47 clubs have already begun their interclub activity for 218 visits, ahead of last year at this time (41 clubs for 121 visits). Our goal is 110 clubs to do Interclubs. Last year we had 102 clubs who did at least one interclub. Keep up the good work! Our goal is 50 clubs to do an interclub this year. Last year we had 42 clubs who completed at least one interclub. 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 as follows:

1. It requires **two members** from a Club to count as an "official" interclub visit.

2. Clubs **will** receive a banner patch IF they complete the Interclub Challenge. A Club must make a minimum of eight interclub visits. Seven of those visits must be within your Division with different Clubs. If your Division has less than seven opportunities, you may double up with other Clubs. One interclub visit **must** be with a Club outside your Division. **SLPs, Training Conferences, and Conventions do not count for the Interclub Challenge, but do count as interclubs.**

3. Patches will also be given to the top 10 Clubs who have the most visits and to the top 10 Clubs who have the highest miles travelled at the end of the Kiwanis year (Sep 30, 2023). **SLPs, Training Conferences, and Conventions do not count for the Interclub Challenge, but do count as interclubs.**

4. Remember to report all interclubs on your monthly reports and to me to assure you have credit for completing the challenge. You must notify me in addition to entering the visits on the Secretary Dashboard.

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# CLUBS WITH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023

DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH	DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH	DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH
1	Atlanta	+2	6	Augusta	+4	12	Paulding	+3
1	Galleria-NW, Atlanta	+1	7	Hartwell	+2	12	Villa Rica-Temple	+3
2	Columbus	+5	7	Oconee	+2	13	Moultrie	+1
2	Greater Columbus	+1	8	Gainesville	+1	13	Valdosta	+6
2	Harris County	+3	9	Milledgeville	+1	15	Georgia Online	+1
2	Thomaston	+2	9	Warner Robins	+1	15	Greater Cherokee	+1
3	Newnan	+2	10	Blue Ridge	+7	15	Greater South Cobb	+1
3	White Oak Golden K	+3	10	Dawson County	+1	15	Jonquil City, Smyrna	+2
4	Jesup	+3	10	Gilmer County	+3	15	Lost Mountain	+3
4	Pooler-West Chatham	+3	11	Cartersville	+2	17	Brooklet	+8
4	Saint Marys	+3	11	Ringgold	+3	17	Statesboro	+5
4	Skidaway	+10	12	Carrollton Golden K	+1	18	Conyers	+1
4	Waycross	+1	12	Cedartown	+1	18	Covington	+3
5	Americus	+2	12	Douglas County,		18	Henry County	+3
5	Blakely-Early County	+23		Douglasville	+1			
5	Good Life City	+15	12	Fairfield-Villa Rica	+3			
5	Mitchell-Baker	+1	12	Haralson	+2			



# MEMBERSHIP TRAINING SCHEDULE - CLUB OPENING AND CLUB COACHING

## FEBRUARY - CLUB COACHING

Tue 2/7/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/85407576973>

Meeting ID: 854 0757 6973

Passcode: 916591

## MARCH - CLUB OPENING

Tue 4/4/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/82812651544>

Meeting ID: 828 1265 1544

Passcode: 845029

## APRIL - CLUB COACHING

Tue 4/4/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/82812651544>

Meeting ID: 828 1265 1544

Passcode: 845029

## MAY - CLUB OPENING

Tue 5/2/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/89295481637>

Meeting ID: 892 9548 1637

Passcode: 854693

## JUNE - CLUB COACHING

Tue 6/6/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/84893503385>

Meeting ID: 848 9350 3385

Passcode: 032229

## JULY - CLUB OPENING

Tue 7/11/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/82612809874>

Meeting ID: 826 1280 9874

Passcode: 739055

## AUGUST - CLUB COACHING

Tue 8/1/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/88203905733>

Meeting ID: 882 0390 5733

Passcode: 608746

## SEPTEMBER - CLUB OPENING

Tue 9/5/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/89069730526>

Meeting ID: 890 6973 0526

Passcode: 191708

# CLUB STRENGTHENING

## CR Phillips

Club Strengthening Chair

Kiwanis Club of Newnan

So, continuing down the same path... The Most Important Thing in Club Strengthening is:

### The Club Experience!

Let's say you're an interested member and your club is just underwhelming... What can be done?

First things first: What's the best day and time for a meeting? Have you asked ALL your members - especially ones that have recently left? Having a SPACIFIC DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION for your membership to focus on is very Important so that your members can integrate that into their individual schedules. My home club has a Tuesday luncheon meeting at the local country club. Another club with which I'm familiar meet twice a month, always the second and fourth Tuesdays at noon, at a local restaurant for lunch where members can buy their own meal if they choose.

Now let's go on to meeting location: What's it like when you walk in? Is it friendly, Happy, Interesting? Can you see the Flag? How 'bout your club Banner(s)? No? why not?

Is there going to be a meal? I've heard it said by my Baptist friends, "If you want folks to come to a meeting, you've got to feed them." And I believe it.

Many restaurants have an area off to the side or have an actual meeting room and may even let your club use it for free if everyone buys a lunch or supper plate, that may even let you store your flag and club banners there. All you have to do is ask - And Keep Asking until you've solved this problem.

As you can see, these two topics are tied together and once solved, to the majority's satisfaction, it will most certainly help Strengthens Your Club!



# NOMINEES FOR DISTRICT VICE-GOVERNOR

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

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

Each district officer has the duty and responsibility to:

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

of growth efforts of the district in conjunction with Kiwanis International's strategic growth plan.

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

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

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

the district.

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

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

## MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

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



**Kiwanis Club of  
Greater Columbus**  
Division 2  
February 13, 1963



**Kiwanis Club of Sylvester**  
Division 13  
March 20, 1923



**Kiwanis Club of Adel**  
Division 13  
March 24, 1993

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	Wally Yazbak	Atlanta	201	203	7 of 7
		Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	18	19	7 of 7
		Northside Atlanta	32	31	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			251	253	
2	Craig Rockenstein	Barnesville	26	26	
		Columbus	46	51	7 of 7
		Golden K, Columbus	11	11	
		Greater Columbus	33	34	
		Griffin	107	107	7 of 7
		Harris County	18	21	7 of 7
		LaGrange	49	44	7 of 7
		Manchester	14	14	7 of 7
		North Columbus	8	8	
		Pike County	23	23	
		Thomaston	36	38	
West Point	5	5	7 of 7		
DIVISION TOTALS:			376	382	
3	Murray Parks	Coweta County	72	72	7 of 7
		Fayette County	17	16	
		Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	7	7	
		Grantville	13	13	7 of 7
		Metro-Fayette	10	10	
		Newnan	95	97	
		Peachtree City	22	20	
White Oak Golden K	57	60			
DIVISION TOTALS:			293	295	
4	Michael Klavon	Brunswick	49	47	
		Jesup	30	33	
		Liberty County	33	33	
		Pooler-West Chatham	4	7	
		Richmond Hill	15	9	
		Saint Marys	63	66	7 of 7
		Savannah	17	17	
		Skidaway	133	143	7 of 7
		Waycross	4	5	
DIVISION TOTALS:			348	360	
5	Lisa Williams	Albany/Dougherty County	73	73	7 of 7
		Americus	71	73	7 of 7
		Blakely-Early County		23	
		Cairo	48	48	
		Cairo-Morningstar	14	14	
		Good Life City		15	
		LeeDo	19	19	
		Mitchell-Baker	12	13	
Thomasville	70	70			
DIVISION TOTALS:			307	348	
6	Rick Berry	Augusta	139	143	
		Louisville	24	24	
		Thomson	22	21	
		Uptown Augusta	15	15	
		Warrenton	18	18	
		Washington	10	10	
DIVISION TOTALS:			228	231	
7	Greg Simpson	Athens	22	22	
		Classic City	18	18	
		Commerce	34	31	
		Hartwell	35	37	
		Jefferson	11	11	
		Oconee	15	17	
		West Jackson	4	4	
		Winder	15	15	
DIVISION TOTALS:			154	155	
8	Mike Sullivan	Cumming	20	19	
		Duluth-Norcross	24	24	
		Gainesville	120	121	7 of 7
		Lawrenceville	12	12	
		North Gwinnett	41	39	
		South Hall County-Oakwood	12	12	
		Suwanee	20	20	
DIVISION TOTALS:			249	247	
9	Jim David	Cochran-Bleckley County	17	0	
		Crawford County	22	22	
		Forsyth - Monroe County	58	55	
		Fort Valley	26	26	
		Jones County	27	27	7 of 7
		Macon	35	35	
		Macon County	25	25	
		Milledgeville	23	24	7 of 7
		North Macon	18	18	7 of 7
		Perry	35	35	
		Taylor County	19	19	
Warner Robins	9	10	7 of 7		
DIVISION TOTALS:			314	296	

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Joyce Taylor	Blairsville	17	17	
		Blue Ridge	56	63	
		Cleveland	30	30	
		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	11	11	
		Dawson County	9	10	
		Gilmer County	13	16	
		Habersham County	39	38	
		Jasper/Pickens County	10	10	
		Rabun County	14	14	
Toccoa	17	16			
DIVISION TOTALS:			216	225	
11	Jeri Purdy	Cartersville	13	15	
		Dalton	45	45	
		Murray County	14	14	
		Ringgold	15	18	
		Rome	20	20	
DIVISION TOTALS:			107	112	
12	Latha Narayan	Bowdon	25	25	7 of 7
		Carrollton	87	84	7 of 7
		Carrollton Golden K	24	25	6 of 7
		Cedartown	32	33	
		Douglas County	17	18	7 of 7
		Fairfield - Villa Rica	24	27	7 of 7
		Haralson	12	14	
		Paulding	22	25	
		Rockmart	15	14	
Villa Rica - Temple	15	18			
DIVISION TOTALS:			273	283	
13	Ben Baker	Adel	11	11	
		Cordele	47	47	
		Fitzgerald	22	22	
		Moultrie	141	142	
		Quitman-Brooks County	10	0	
		Sylvester	40	39	
		Tifton	19	19	
		Turner County	17	17	
		Valdosta	15	21	
DIVISION TOTALS:			322	318	
14	Jean Adams	Alpharetta-Milton	8	8	
		Brookhaven-Chamblee	13	13	
		Doraville-Tucker	15	15	
		Druid Hills	8	8	
		Historic Roswell	33	33	
DIVISION TOTALS:			77	77	
15	Debbie McCracken	Georgia Online	22	23	7 of 7
		Greater Cherokee	34	35	
		Greater South Cobb	20	21	6 of 7
		Jonquil City	30	32	7 of 7
		Lost Mountain	59	62	7 of 7
		Marietta	175	170	7 of 7
		Marietta Golden K	67	67	
		Metro Marietta	22	22	
DIVISION TOTALS:			429	432	
16	Sara Sellers	Forest Park	14	14	7 of 7
		Jonesboro	15	15	
		Lithonia-Stonecrest	10	10	
		Metro Atlanta	48	48	
		Stone Mountain	5	5	
DIVISION TOTALS:			92	92	
17	Beth Upchurch	Baxley	33	33	
		Brooklet	51	59	
		Douglas	24	23	
		Dublin	4	4	
		Effingham	18	18	
		Jeff Davis County	4	4	7 of 7
		Metter	22	22	
		Statesboro	128	133	
		Swainsboro	38	38	7 of 7
		Tattnall County	29	29	
Vidalia	95	95			
DIVISION TOTALS:			446	458	
18	Paige Alexander	Conyers	17	18	7 of 7
		Covington	43	46	
		Eatonton	15	15	
		Henry County	46	49	7 of 7
		Madison	41	41	7 of 7
		Monroe	17	17	
		Social Circle	21	20	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			200	206	
GEORGIA DISTRICT GRAND TOTALS:			4682	4770	

DISTRICT TOTALS:	
Total Reported Members on 10/01/22	4,682
Total Reported Members on 1/31/23	4,770
Total Clubs as of 10/01/22	142
Total Clubs as of 1/31/23	142

LEGEND:	
NC	New Club
CS	Club Suspended
M	Merged



# K-KIDS IN PARADE

K-Kids club were in the Leesburg Spirit of Christmas Parade!



# HELP KEY CLUBBERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

**Heather Brindle**  
Key Club Administrator  
Kiwaniis Club of Georgia Online

As the District Key Club Administrator, I'm approaching you all for help and support of Key Clubbers around the district. We are planning to host over 200 Key Clubbers from around the district at the Ga. District Service Leadership Conference in Decatur, Ga. March 10th -12th. The theme is Lights, Camera, Service and we are excited to celebrate our Key Club year. Information for this event can be found at GaKeyClub.org/SLC. We would love to invite Kiwanis to our event to see the hard work and celebrate the awesome service projects that our members have done over the past year.

Please know that some of these Key Club members can afford to pay for their costs, or at least a portion of them. Most cannot. I'm asking you as Kiwanians for your help. Many clubs have told me that they either don't sponsor a Key Club, or their Key Clubs that they sponsor haven't approached them for support.

If you do not sponsor a Key Club, this is your opportunity to HELP! Any amount of support is helpful! Please discuss with your board or club members to see what your club

might be able to help with. If you have budgeted funds that haven't been used, please consider helping out! ANY amount of help is appreciated!

If you have your own Key Club that you sponsor, please consider sending them to SLC.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email at Heather.Brindle@gakeyclub.org. Any financial support can be made out to the Ga District Key Club and be sent to:  
Ga. District  
C/O Key Club SLC  
PO Box 6618  
Macon, Ga. 31208.

# GA KEY CLUB AWARDS AND CONTESTS POSTED

The contest, awards, and scholarships for GA District are now available on their website: [gakeyclub.org/contests](http://gakeyclub.org/contests)

## GA DISTRICT

### GA DISTRICT CONTESTS

The following contests are created to award talented, inspiring & creative Key Club members. All members participating must officially register with the convention.

- Club T-shirt Contest Due by March 10, 2023
- Club Video Contest

### GA DISTRICT AWARDS

Due by February 3, 2023

- Fundraising Excellence Award
- Service Excellence Award
- Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes Award
- Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes Award
- S. Michael Goss Most Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award
- John C. Thompson Outstanding Kiwanis Advisor Award
- Social Media Award

The following award is to recognize outstanding Key Club officers that go above and beyond the call of duty for their respective positions.

- Distinguished Club President Award
- Distinguished Club Vice-President Award
- Distinguished Club Secretary Award
- Distinguished Club Treasurer Award

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## GA DISTRICT

### GA DISTRICT AWARDS

Due by February 3, 2023

The following award is to recognize clubs or individual members that demonstrate incredible service to their homes, schools and communities.

- Robert Barron Outstanding Community Service Award

The following award is given to an individual Key Club member in the Georgia District that has exemplified everything that Key Club stands for. Nominations for this award can be made by a Key Club member, Faculty Advisor, Kiwanian or school official.

- J. Marion Brantley Most Outstanding Key Clubber Award

### GA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

Due by February 3, 2023

The following scholarship application is for scholarships that will be awarded to senior Key Club members in the Georgia District. Up to four (4) \$1000 scholarships will be awarded at the 2022 Service & Leadership Conference (SLC). All scholarship applications must be submitted online by February 3, 2023.

- Georgia District Leadership Scholarship

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, GO TO [GAKEYCLUB.ORG/CONTESTS](http://GAKEYCLUB.ORG/CONTESTS)

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## KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL

### KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

This award is given to Key Clubs that exhibit excellence across all facets of KCI (community service, participation in District/Int events, fundraising, Kiwanis-family)

- Annual Achievement Report Due by February 3, 2023

These awards are given to Key Clubs that successfully complete and highlight an outstanding service project.

- Single Service Award
- Major Emphasis Award
- Signature Service Award

Due by February 3, 2023

### KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS

The following contests are created to award talented, inspiring and creative Key Club members of the GA District. All members participating must officially register with the Service & Leadership Conference.

- Non-Digital Poster Contest
- Digital Poster Contest
- Traditional & Digital Scrapbook Contest
- Oratorical Contest - Due by February 3, 2023
- Talent Contest - Due by February 3, 2023

Due by March 10, 2023

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# TOES K-KIDS SPREADING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

The 2022-2023 K-Kids Club of Twin Oaks Elementary School delivered gifts to the Leesburg nursing home. The K-Kids hosted a hot chocolate and hot apple cider fundraiser on November 26 at the Trojan Tree Lot, raising \$600. The funds were used to purchase gifts for all the residents of the nursing home.

Thank you to all who contributed to their fundraiser and thank you to the nursing home for allowing us to share the joy of Christmas with our friends.



## SUPPORTING YOUR SLP CLUBS

### Darryl Gumz

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*For Key Club officers, see: [www.keyclub.org/resources/officer-training-presentations](http://www.keyclub.org/resources/officer-training-presentations)*

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

*For Aktion Club officers, see: [www.aktionclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/12/GIAK\\_319\\_164-Aktion-Club-Advisor-Guide-2020.pdf](http://www.aktionclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/12/GIAK_319_164-Aktion-Club-Advisor-Guide-2020.pdf)*

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

*plan out your years to include each other.*

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

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

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

For questions, contact any of our Georgia SLP Administrators:

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# DCON 2023

## *Serving in a Winter Wonderland*

*Join Georgia District Circle K for a  
weekend of workshops, district  
elections, service, and more!*

*February 24-26, 2023*

*DoubleTree by Hilton Atlanta Perimeter Dunwoody*

*register at: [georgiacirclek.org/district-convention.html](https://georgiacirclek.org/district-convention.html)*

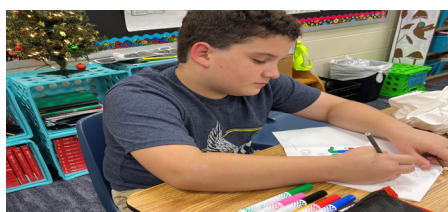
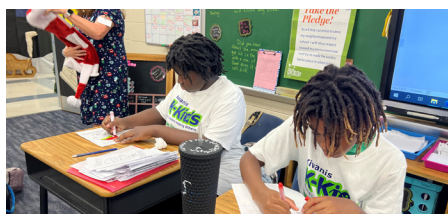


# K-KIDS MAKE CARDS FOR SENIORS

Kiwanis Club of St Marys sponsors civil club in the Camden School system to teach the value of service to others. This year the Woodbine Elementary K-Kids used their December 7 meeting to make Christmas cards for the senior residents at Lakes Crossing Care Center in Kingsland. The students come up with their own projects, raise the needed funds and then do the project.

Everyone should be proud of the great work the K-Kids do in our community.

Special Thanks to Mrs Cheryl Aston club teacher sponsor.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Some historical highlights about Kiwanis International Conventions...

**1916:** The first convention, May 18-19, in Cleveland, Ohio, unified the founding clubs into "The National Kiwanis Club," and a Constitution was approved. George F. Hixson was elected to the first of his two terms as President of the National Kiwanis Club. Later that year, headlines would proclaim "Kiwanis Becomes International," when the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, was organized on November 1.

**1919:** Kiwanis declared its independence in Birmingham, Alabama. In a wave of check writing, attendees raised \$17,500 in one-half hour to buy Kiwanis from founder Allen Browne.

**1922:** The first convention staged outside the United States was in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**1924:** Kiwanis' six permanent Objects were adopted during the convention in Denver, Colorado, USA. During the same convention, the first song was written for Kiwanis. George Sanford Holmes, president of the Kiwanis Club of Denver, wrote the words to Onward in Kiwanis for the convention that year.

**1927:** Efforts to provide educational opportunities began with the convention in Memphis, Tennessee, USA. Various forums, workshops, and other instructional sessions have been provided over the years.

**1935:** The first nationwide broadcast of a Kiwanis convention was aired by the Columbia Network across the US by KTSA in San Antonio, Texas.

**1943:** The only interruption in annual conventions came when World War II made it necessary to substitute an International Council meeting for the convention. A small administrative convention was conducted in 1944 with limited attendance. In 1945, the International Council again conducted the necessary business, but in 1946, Kiwanis resumed its regular convention operation. With nearly 10,000 people present, the Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA convention of that year broke all previous convention attendance records.

**1961:** Delegates in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, adopted one of the most important resolutions in the history of Kiwanis: "Resolved, we favor the establishment of Kiwanis clubs in other countries in addition to Canada and the United States."

**1983:** For the first time in its history, Kiwanis International stages its annual convention outside the US and Canada - in Vienna, Austria. The entertainment at the closing session included artists who performed in superb solos, duets, and group renditions. Kiwanis would return to Europe in 1993 with its 78th Annual Convention in Nice, France.

**1987:** The House of Delegates in Washington, DC, eliminated gender as a qualification for membership in all Kiwanis clubs.

**2015:** At the 100th Anniversary celebration of Kiwanis International in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, delegates elected Sue Petrisin to be Kiwanis International president—the first female president of Kiwanis International or any major international service organization.

**Aaron So**

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14th January 2023

Dear Georgia District Kiwanis Club,

My name is Aaron So, and I am the current District Events Chair of the Georgia District of Key Club International. As a Georgia Kiwanian, you may be familiar with our Service & Leadership (SLC).

If you aren't familiar, SLC is an annual event that Georgia District Key Clubbers widely anticipate. SLC is the time to reflect on and celebrate a year of Key Club service by Club Members and Officers throughout the term. This year, our SLC will be an Oscar Award Night Themed Party with the intention of celebrating Georgia Key Club excellence.

Attendees experience this encapsulating and memorable weekend by creating new friends across the state of Georgia and are invited to attend workshops, listen to our keynote speakers, and vote for the succeeding District-level offices: Lieutenant Governor, District Bulletin Editor, District Secretary-Treasurer, and District Governor. Additionally, this weekend marks the end of the 2022-2023 term and the official retirement of its officers and District Board officers. This retirement is followed by inaugurating the elected 2022-2023 and welcoming the start of the 2022-2023 term! With that, we are excited to announce that **registration for the Service & Leadership Conference is now OPEN!**

We hope you'll consider chaperoning or sponsoring Key Club members in your area to attend the 2023 Service & Leadership Conference taking place **March 10th - 12th** in Decatur, GA. The cost to register is **\$275 per member** and the deadline is **February 8th, 2023**.

Will you help send a Key Clubber to SLC? If so, please reply to this email to let us know, and our District Secretary-Treasurer will work with you to connect you with a nearby Key Club.

To learn more about the conference, you can [visit www.gakeyclub.org/slc](http://www.gakeyclub.org/slc).

We at the Georgia District of Key Club International thank you for all that you do to serve the children of the world through Kiwanis. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to [events@gakeyclub.org](mailto:events@gakeyclub.org).

Sincerely,

**Aaron So**

District Events Chair

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# "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?"

## Edward Searcy

Human and Spiritual Values Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Thomaston

Can any of you remember this iconic phrase from the Test Guy of Verizon Wireless, "Can You Hear Me Now"? Verizon was taking pride in the moment of providing a quality network for their customers and not only wanting to relay their message but, to make sure that their message could be heard. Verizon focused more on service rather than focusing on how many minutes you could have to talk and not hear what was being said. This catchphrase started in 2002 and lasted for 9 years before the Test Guy became silent. After the silent period, Sprint, Verizon's competitor, and the mobile carrier that was not even in the top 3 carriers picked up the Test Guy from Verizon and became the #1 carrier by simply following the path of the Test Guy and making improvements in the areas he visited and possibly even more areas than he visited while he was with Verizon.'

So, what am I saying? Even though people hear our message, "Filling Unmet Needs 4 Kids" in this 2022-2023-year, people need a face that they can associate the message with and bring the belief that they only do what is best for youth. Have you ever heard, "Action Speaks Louder Than Words"? Who will be Known for "Filling Unmet Needs 4 Kids? When we have meeting, we strategize on how to fulfill our yearly goals, but when we leave out of our meetings, we should have the face that says, "that is the Kiwanis Man or Woman that is about "FUN 4 Kids". The service we provide as Kiwanians will continue growing Kiwanis, our voices can and will be heard but, we must be sure we can hear the voice of others as well. We must hear the challenges of our youth of today and then let them see us working to address the issues they are facing. Times are changing and we must change with the times but, one thing for sure is that if our service changes, it must increase and not decrease. We must be like the Test Guy, seeking out places that has no service, traveling into those places and finding the right place to make

our presence known. Cellphones need towers to catch a signal and Cellular Companies find the highest peak to place their towers. Being in high places makes their towers not only seen, but helps our voices be heard throughout great distances. Kiwanians, we must work and travel into the valleys to find out why our voices are not being heard and why are presence are not in places that are barren from Kiwanians bringing "FUN 4 Kids". Let us not have a silent period in Kiwanis and let other organizations capitalize on the work we have started and then, leave us behind. I issue a challenge to us as Kiwanians, instead of asking the question, "Can You Hear Me Now", let us also ask, "Can You See Me Now"? Let's make this a year to remember by: "Filling Unmet Needs 4 Kids"!

## KIWANIS PARTNERSHIPS

### Jeanette Lafond

Partnership Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Brooklet

Partnership... what's Partnership???

If you've wondered this, you're not alone. That was my first thought too last year when Governor Byron asked me if I'd like to be Partnership Chair.

Being in a Kiwanis Partnership means a company or organization has partnered with Kiwanis.

Did you know that Kiwanis International has already partnered with several organizations? A few listed on their website are Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Hilton, and Little Free Library. As District

Partnership Chair I'd like to see more local partnerships between Kiwanis Clubs and their local communities.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with Partnership ideas. You can email me at [jeanettelafond@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettelafond@gmail.com).

**On the next two pages, you can view the list of current Kiwanis partners...**



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## KIWANIS REWARDS VISA<sup>®</sup> CARD

allows members and clubs to support Kiwanis International programs – and earn rewards by using the card for personal and club-related purchases.



## eHEALTH

's mission is to help everyone find affordable Medicare coverage through its website technology, consumer advocacy and personalized customer assistance. eHealth helps find Medicare coverage that works for everyone's needs.



## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PLUS

steps in to help you with more than 20 emergency and medical assistance services if an emergency arises while you are traveling.



## ID RESOLVE

If you or your spouse fall victim to identity theft what would you do? Where would you turn? With ID Resolve you'll have 24-hour identity theft resolution services that helps protect your money, your time and your financial reputation.



## PERKSPOT

Through PerkSpot, Kiwanis members gain access to a one-stop, online shop with exclusive discounts on items from national and local merchants! Enjoy access to thousands of discounts in 25 categories, updated daily.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

Kiwanis International partners with Boys & Girls Clubs of America with a focus on mentoring tomorrow's leaders. Invite the staff of their local chapter to a club meeting, and begin building an impactful relationship.



## CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS

and Kiwanis family members work together by sponsoring fundraising events and conducting service projects at local children's hospitals. Contact your local CMN hospital and invite a representative to a club meeting so you can share ideas and create a partnership.



## MARCH OF DIMES

and Kiwanis family members partner to raise thousands of dollars annually to give every baby a fighting chance. In fact, your club can help support local events such as March for Babies and Prematurity Awareness Month.



## UNICEF

and Kiwanis family members have joined forces to virtually eliminate iodine deficiency disorders. Today we collaborate on The Eliminate Project, raising US\$110 million to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the Earth.



## NICKELODEON

encourages action in kids globally. Worldwide Day of Play reinforces Nickelodeon's mission to make the world a more playful place by leading play events.



## ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

(formerly known as Office Depot) provides competitive low pricing on office supplies and club print needs. Registration is free and easy.



## SCHOLASTIC

is the world's largest publisher that provides children access to books and promotes a lifelong love of reading. Thanks to our partnership, Kiwanis clubs receive crucial resources for helping children in their communities get access to books and reading opportunities – regardless of socioeconomic status.





**KIWANIS WAREHOUSE** As a premier online wholesale distributor, Kiwanis Warehouse provides the kind of insider access that's usually available only to large enterprises. For Kiwanis clubs looking to keep service-project budgets reasonable, it's like a secret weapon. Kiwanis Warehouse is operated by our partner, DollarDays, offering more than 30,000 high-quality goods at wholesale and bulk prices. Get everything from backpacks and school supplies to health and beauty products, footwear, fleece blankets and much more.



**COLONIAL FLAG FOUNDATION** has brought Healing Field® and Field of Honor® flag display events to hundreds of communities throughout the United States. Kiwanis clubs can use this unique and proven program that has raised millions of dollars to support local charities. Colonial Flag Foundation, an established 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable foundation, has an experienced team providing guidance and tools that makes this all possible.



**JCI** is a nonprofit organization of active citizens, ages 18 to 40, who are committed to making an impact in their communities. Kiwanians can partner with JCI members on joint community projects to increase local impact. Clubs should also encourage JCI members to join their Kiwanis Club upon completion of their JCI experience. Find your local JCI chapter or contact your state office to inquire about ways to collaborate.



**KIDSGARDENING** is a USA-based nonprofit that provides grants and educational materials for kids to play, learn and grow through gardening. The partnership helps provide access to those benefits while supporting the Kiwanis cause of health and nutrition. Kiwanis family clubs have access to 40 years' of rich educational content, along with a custom toolkit supporting new and existing youth garden programs.



**LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES INC.** has been creating innovative playground equipment since 1971. Think of the impact your club could make in your community with a playground "build" as a signature project. Ask your members if giving children a place to play is the right project for your club.



**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** and Kiwanis have partnered to expand book access around the world. The partnership supports the Kiwanis cause of education and literacy by helping clubs with the implementation and stewardship of Little Free Libraries. Kiwanis family clubs receive a 10% discount on Little Free Libraries and a 20% discount on co-branded charter signs in either English, Spanish or French.



**NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES** and Kiwanis International facilitate collaboration between Kiwanis clubs and NLC members to deepen local civic engagement in support of children and families.



**READING IS FUNDAMENTAL (RIF)** is a national children's literacy nonprofit organization committed to a literate America. With the help of Kiwanis clubs, RIF works across the country to inspire a passion for reading and building home libraries. By providing literacy tools, best practices and support materials, RIF empowers Kiwanians to build a culture of literacy in their own backyards.



**SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL** is a membership organization for individual sister cities, states and countries. Our partnership gives Kiwanians access to more than 2,300 international sister cities, member rates on events and exchange opportunities. Increase local education, arts and cultural impact through a Sister City collaboration.



# KIWANIS WEBSITE HOSTING CHANGES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2023

Portalbuzz previously had integration with Kiwanis Connect, Kiwanis' club management system, but as of February 2023, the data connection will be severed, meaning Portalbuzz club management features will no longer exist.

Your website will NOT disappear and you will continue to have access to all website functionality that it current has but your Club will need to decide how they would like to continue hosting their website. Clubs have the choice to stay with Portalbuzz or switch to Kiwanis Connect WordPress or switch to a different platform.

## FAQs

### WHAT IS PORTALBUZZ?

Portalbuzz is a third-party system that Kiwanis Clubs are free to use to manage their websites. This is an additional paid service, not one required for club management purposes.

### WHAT IS KIWANIS CONNECT?

All club officers should be using <https://members.kiwanis.org/> to access the club management features (adding/deleting members, updating rosters, secretary reports, updating bylaws, background checks, updating Service Leadership Program advisor information, etc.)

### WHAT WILL PORTALBUZZ LOOK LIKE AFTER CONNECTION WITH KIWANIS CONNECT IS SEVERED?

You will continue to have access to all website functionality that it current has. After February 2023, you will need to manually enter your members' information in Kiwanis Connect if you wish to use the features that utilize this information.

### WHAT NOW?

Your club can either choose to stay with Portalbuzz and continue paying their fee as long as it is available to clubs and this will be separate from Kiwanis International's system.

OR

Clubs can pay a smaller fee for website management and switch to Kiwanis' new WordPress website

hosting where Kiwanis creates a free website for you, your members customize it, and you pay for only the domain.

OR

Clubs can switch to a different website hosting system separate from Kiwanis International such as Weebly (the Georgia District uses this platform for the District's website), GoDaddy, Wix, Bluehost, HostGator, etc. Fees vary and it would be up to the Club's choice.

### HOW DO I TRANSFER CONTENT?

If you have a well-established website with a lot of pages and hesitate to switch, you can ask Portalbuzz to provide your club's site assets, which you can then import onto another system.

You will need to manually transfer content yourself or you can hire a web designer to do this for you.

### HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE NEW KIWANIS WORDPRESS WEBSITE?

"Free Kiwanis Websites and Google Tools to Replace Portalbuzz" workshop hosted by the New England & Bermuda District of Kiwanis: <https://youtu.be/12tvemb91sg>

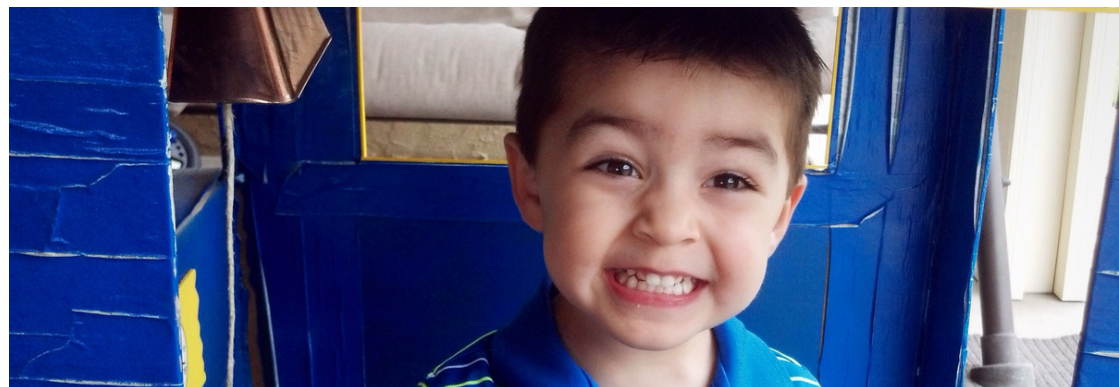


Tutorials and WordPress Website Training Videos: <https://wiki.site.kiwanis.org/>



### HOW DO WE START A WORDPRESS WEBSITE?

Have your club's webmaster or someone from your club complete this form to sign up for a WordPress website for your club: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IVEeTcE-5J0imcaJuTXADDzsgqfHPEzNN-uULdLfsH2aVUNks1OVYySUJTTE-FLSzYzOTIzSjA0QVdFTCQIQCN0P-Wcu>



## GIVE YOUR SMILE TO SOMEONE WHO NEEDS IT

# GO COMMITTEE UPDATES

# 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](mailto:sdownton@avchears.org)



## NEED A GUEST SPEAKER? CALL US!

### Debbie Brilling

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Tristan has been listening through binaural hearing aids since he was 8 months old. Over the years he has developed into a strong listener and communicator, and he will be attending a mainstream 3rd grade class this year. Tristan is an avid reader and reads on grade level. Tristan has a great sense of humor, and has learned to keep trying his best when he's faced with a new challenge. Tristan will be missed at AVC, but now he has more time to play games with his brother, Everest, and go on adventures with his family.



Marlee has worn bilateral cochlear implants since she was a year old. She and her parents have put in a lot of hard work over the years, and it shows! No one has ever accused Marlee of being shy, and she always comes to therapy with new stories, new ideas, and new topics of conversation to discuss with her therapist. Marlee loves to read, sing, dance, swim, do gymnastics, and play with her brothers. She will be attending a mainstream first grade class this year, and her future is bright!





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# What is In An Adventure Bag?



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

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



## Age Groups

Infant

2-4

5-7

8-11

12-15

16-18

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

FOSTER PARENT



## Agencies We Serve

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

We currently serve 95% of the counties within Georgia.



## MID-YEAR TRAINING

### David Simmons

Vice-Governor and Training Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Cordele

Save the date! Mid-Year Training is on April 15th at the McDonough High School.

More details coming soon but here is a list of some of the workshops being offered....

- Membership Retention (Byron Mullican)
- Youth Protection (Bob Pinckney)
- Auditory Verbal (Debbie Brilling)
- Two for Two (Darryl Gumz)
- Lt. Governor-Elects (Brent Leslie)
- Secretary (Alexia Lieber and David Simmons)
- Interclub & Kiwanis Awards (Tim Goodman)
- Fundraising (Bobby Gillham and Jeff Heeder)
- President Elects (David Simmons)

## ON TO MINNEAPOLIS

### Dan Bennett

International Convention Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

We are well off into a new year for the Georgia District of Kiwanis! I certainly am hopeful that everyone is seriously considering and making plans to travel Minneapolis for the 2023 International Convention. Next year's convention will be held June 21st thru the 24th, 2023 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Minneapolis is a vibrant place rich in culture, shopping, and nature. Cultural attractions include the Guthrie Theater (famous for Shakespearean Plays), the Minneapolis Institute of Art, and the Mill Town Museum. Shopping abounds in Minneapolis also; the famed, Mall of America is a short 10-mile drive from downtown. This is the largest shopping mall in the country featuring more than 520 stores, 50 restaurants, a full theme park, water park, and a

1.2-million-gallon aquarium! With nearly 6 million square feet of attractions, shopping, and dining you're certain to enjoy the trip. Nature plays a prominent role in Minneapolis as well, with the Chain of Lakes Regional Park and Minnehaha Regional Park contentment can be found amidst the hustle and bustle of the city. Above all, however, we will travel to the north country to celebrate and cheer-on our very own Katrina Baranko as she is installed as Kiwanis International President! Be sure to stop by the "On to Minneapolis" booth at the training sessions to get your official travel guide. This will be the convention to celebrate on of our own, so be sure to mark your calendars and make plans now to attend!



53' high Minnehaha Falls located at Minnehaha Regional Park

## GOVERNOR'S RALLIES

**Division 1:** February 4, 2023  
Wally Yazbak

**Division 7:** February 9, 2023  
Greg Simpson

**Division 8:** February 16, 2023  
Mike Sullivan

**Division 10:** February 11, 2023  
Joyce Taylor

**Division 11:** February 17, 2023  
Jeri Purdy

**Division 12:** February 18, 2023  
Latha Narayan

**Division 14:** February 3, 2023  
Jean Adams

**Division 15:** February 2, 2023  
Debbie McCracken

**Division 18:** February 10, 2023  
Paige Alexander

\*\*ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE





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

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

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



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- Earn a certification of completion.

## Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

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

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

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

**Kiwanis® Amplify**



# ANNUAL READ ACROSS GEORGIA DAY WAS A SUCCESS!

**Charlene Pennymon**  
Young Children Priority  
One Chair  
Kiwanis Club of Americus

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful participation with our Annual Kiwanis Read Across Georgia Day on January 19,2023! Our Kiwanis family is the absolute best , because we are always working together making lasting differences in the lives of all of our children. Thank you so much for helping to promote reading to all of our young citizens! Thank you for sending in all of those awesome pictures from your Read Across Georgia Day in your communities, they really were fantastic!

I look forward to working with everyone once again, as we aim toward having and an even more successful event in 2024! I know that anything we as Kiwanians are ever involved in, will ALWAYS, be a success!

Thank you all so much! I hope you have a wonderful prosperous year!





## DIVISION 7 CLUBS TEAM UP FOR THE KIDS

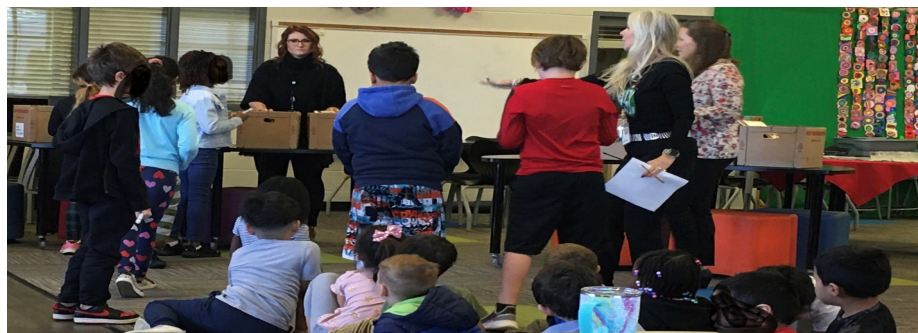
The Kiwanis Clubs of Jefferson and West Jackson recently worked together to provide books for several students at three Elementary Schools in their area. The project began in the summer as the clubs began soliciting book and monetary donations. The goal was to collect 1500 books for kids in K-2. The goal was to provide 20 students at each school with a box containing 24 individually-wrapped books so that they could open a book each day in December until Christmas.

Working with local public libraries and Dragon's Lair Bookshop in Jefferson, they collected money to purchase books and received significant contributions of books from these places. Using social media, they also put out requests for Christmas wrapping paper. They received donations of paper, tape, and scissors. With the assistance of the Jackson County High School Key Club, Kiwanis members got all of the books wrapped and boxed, ready to deliver to some very happy students.

The last few days of November, Kiwanis members went to Jefferson Elementary School, Gum Springs Elementary School, and West Jackson Elementary School to deliver the Christmas goodies. The

schools provided space and snacks for the students. Governor Darryl Gumz read stories to the gathered children and then each child was blessed with their own box of books.

Jefferson Kiwanis President Marena Bleech stated "This was a huge undertaking that was able to bring much-needed books to students in their early school years. We are looking forward to continuing this program next year." Students and staff were very appreciative of the gifts. Students remarked how they now had some books to read, something lacking in many of their homes.



## RED KETTLE BELL

Kiwanis Club of St Marys are helping to raise money for Salvation Army by volunteering to ring the Red Kettle Bell from now until Christmas.

If you see/hear a bell ringer, please reach deep into your heart to make a contribution, every coin helps.

Kiwanians pictured ringing the bell are Retired School Teacher Linda Williams and Pastor Rick Douyillez



## COATS FOR KIDS

Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Delivered 70 coats to Cox Elementary Pictured L to R: Keith Brown, Kiwanis Committee Chair, Stephanie Hardy-School Social Worker; Bradley Grantham, Kiwanis Committee Co-Chair, Kristi Gonzales-Cox Elementary Principal and Sarah Adams, Kiwanis President-elect.

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie recently sponsored its annual Coats For Kids collection drive for new or gently used coats to help local children during the colder months. Community partners included Modern Cleaners, Carriage Cleaners, Moultrie-Colquitt County Recreation Department and the Moultrie Board of Realtors. Colquitt Regional Medical Center's Employee Committee also presented a generous check to purchase coats.





## ID KITS FOR FAMILIES

To kick-off Youth Protection Week, The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie distributed 200 Child ID Kits to parents & grandparents at Downtown Second Saturday.



## CHRISTMAS WITH THE SHERIFFS

Harris County Kiwanis Club enjoyed sharing Christmas with the children of the Harris County Sheriff's Deputies and Staff. Our member, Jerry Smith, enjoys the shopping spree for presents for all the children and Santa Claus is with us getting ready to see all the kids and give gifts. This event is always a great time in the community at Christmas time!



## GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Immediate Past Harris County Kiwanis Club President, Lisa Scully, is the new President of the Georgia Association of Realtors for 2023. Lisa led our Kiwanis Club in 2021-22 to gain more members and more involvement in the community. We are very proud of her success as a realtor and representing our community and especially to this great honor and achievement of this statewide leadership position in the GAR. Well done, Lisa!!



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*WORLD*  
ALL BY BETTERING  
*YOURSELF.*  
Kiwanis

## TREE DECORATING FOR WOMEN'S SHELTER FUNDRAISER

Kiwanis Club of St Marys set out to decorate a Christmas Tree for the Camden House women's shelter Tinsel Trail fund raiser. There are double the trees this year and it is really breath taking.

But the really fun part of St Marys is that a Gentleman wondered over, he happened to be visiting on his boat from the Netherlands. Kiwanians Peggy Shoemaker, Barb Dickman, Grand Dog Scout, Abbie Cumming and Bert offered him a chance to help decorate. Eelso Fransen, Captain of "My Lady" joined in as we bragged about and he shared his world travels.

Everyday in St Marys is special but this was even "special-er"





## EMPOWERED 4 LIFE

Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 2022, Newnan Kiwanis, at their weekly luncheon meeting, welcomed fellow Kiwanian, Mr. Derrick Teagle, Director, Empowered 4 Life.

Empowered 4 Life was established in 2007 as a way to train and mentor student-athletes year around. E4L prepares student-athletes ages 4-18 for their next level of competition. Our goal is to maximize the students God-given talent.

In August of 2008, we started to assist students in the college recruiting process. From 2008 to present day, we have assisted in over 380 students receiving college athletic scholarships. E4L instills an understanding of faith and knowing that no matter what obstacles stand in your way, you can truly overcome them.

Empowered 4 Life offer the athletes assistance on college trips which includes speaking with coaches and administrators as well as engaging with other student-athletes. Our motto is, "We are going to TRUST GOD and TRUST THE PROCESS."

Pictured left to right: Charles Wyrick, President Elect, Newnan Kiwanis and Derrick Teagle, Empowered 4 Life



## HOLLY JOLLY TROT

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, December 6, 2022, at the Rustic Grille at 7:00. With President Tammy Allen presiding, we had 28 in attendance, including 6 guests: Division 17 Lt. Governor Beth Upchurch, Cayla Williams, Austin Henry, Calder Ward, Erin Ward, and Melanie Ward. The pecan pies, donated by Cheryl Goodman, were won by Travis Garrett and Jane Durden. The Domino's pizza, donated by Domino's Pizza was won by Anita Cerpovicz. Chair Tim Goodman thanked the five Kiwanians who helped time the Holly Jolly Trot for Tots 5K in Sandersville on December 3. Chair Petite Garrett spotlighted Kiwanis Member Gary Couse. Gary is very active helping with timing 5K runs for the club. Gary enjoys outdoor activities like skiing, hunting, fishing, hiking, and photography. He has thru-hiked the complete 2,190-mile Appalachian Trail and has bicycled across the United States and across Canada. His favorite meal is beef stroganoff, and his favorite candy is a Snickers bar. He also enjoys "Rambo" movies. The program for the evening was hosted by Windy Ward who presented Cayla Williams, Children's Coordinator at the Franklin Memorial Library. Cayla outlined some of the special events of the library since she began. Starting with Grandparent's Day for the children to thank their grandparents with breakfast and a craft in which children made special handprint aprons for their grandparents. They also did a "bounty hunt" to find pictures of book Characters in the library. They partnered with the pre-K for a library card sign-up day and even had a "Pet Rock" Day so children could paint their favorite rock. Other events include participation with military veterans at their Monday morning breakfasts at 9:15 at the library, hosting a Trunk-or-Treat for Halloween, and hosting a float in the Swainsboro Christmas Parade. Their next event is a "Breakfast with Santa" and a "Lunch with Santa" on December 10 at the library. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club is one of the partners in those events. The library has received two grants this year and has had assistance from the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and Family Connection to help carry out these programs.



## KIWANIS CHRISTMAS CHARITY DRIVE

The Kiwanis Club of Fairfield-Villa Rica held their annual Christmas Charity Drive at the gates of Fairfield Plantation on Saturday December 3 2022. Club members were at the gates from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm collecting cash and food items. They collected \$3278.00 in addition to the food items.

The Food was divided between the Carroll County Emergency Shelter and the Salvation Army. Checks for \$1000 each were given to the Emergency Shelter, Salvation Army, and the Carroll County Soup Kitchen..





# NEWNAN KIWANIS DISTRIBUTES RECORD \$210,000 IN PROCEEDS FROM COWETA COUNTY FAIR

On Giving Tuesday, The Kiwanis Club of Newnan hosted its members and community partners at the Newnan Utilities cabin to distribute grants from the record \$210,000 in proceeds from the Coweta County Fair. While enjoying the food and fellowship, Newnan Kiwanis handed out checks to fifty different community organizations. Of these fifty organizations, twenty received a grant from Newnan Kiwanis for the first time.

In addition to providing grants for community partners, proceeds from the Coweta County Fair go towards supporting Newnan Kiwanis' school-based youth clubs, scholarships, and an abundance of Newnan Kiwanis community service projects.

The 2022 Coweta County Fair was a significant success with record attendance over its 11-day run. According to Scott Cortner, Chairman of the Newnan Kiwanis Fair Committee "It's great to see our success with the Coweta County Fair translate into this record amount of proceeds to share with the community. We made a big commitment to enhance the 2022 Fair, with new rides and new entertainment, and it's gratifying to see our efforts so richly rewarded."

Mike Barber, Chairman of the Newnan Kiwanis Finance Committee, was on hand Tuesday night to announce each of the grant recipients. Mike said "We

are excited about the number of different community organizations which applied for a grant, including so many who will receive a grant for the first time. We have a vigorous vetting process for each applicant, and we are confident our awards go to support our mission of serving the children of our community."

Hanson Powell, President of Newnan Kiwanis, was there to personally greet each award recipient and asked the recipients to address the audience, describing how the grant funds will be used. Hanson remarked that "I know how hard our members and our committees work in putting on the Coweta County Fair, then vetting all the grant applications and arranging this awards event. I am proud to be the President of such a hardworking and productive group of people in the Kiwanis Club of Newnan."

The Newnan Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Newnan Country Club. Guests are always welcome. Please don't wait for an invitation to join us.





## SPONSOR BECOMES MEMBER

The Kiwanis Club of Harris County welcomed a long time supporter and now NEW member, Gary Byrd! Gary 's law firm has been a Charter Corporate Sponsor with his wife, Emily, as the member representing the business.

Gary was always involved in the events, projects and fundraisers from the beginning. So, Gary decided to become an individual member and we are very excited to have him in both capacities.

Thanks, Gary, for your new commitment to the work and service to children and youth in Harris County. Pictured are Gary and Club President Emily Byrd.



## KIWANIAN GETS TOP HONOR

The winner of the 2022 Citizen of the Year is someone who really needs no introduction, but certainly deserves recognition of all of the years of service they have spent to the community.

Our citizen of the year is without question one of the most popular, well beloved people in our community and for good reason. Our winner is never seen without a welcoming smile or a sincere question about your well being and of your family, because she knows them as well, and they love her too.

She is the daughter of Billy Robert's Senior and Eula Dora Pate Roberts, sister to Bill Roberts Jr, Lindora Roberts Collins, Carol Roberts Garrett, And Vickie Roberts Gunn. She and her husband Charles have

## 25TH KIDS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

The Kiwanis Club of Douglas County raises funds each year to take a child, from a financially challenged household, Christmas shopping. Twenty (20) students are selected by school, principal/counselor/teacher, from Eastside Elementary, Burnett Elementary, North Douglas Elementary, Bright Star Elementary, Dorsett Shoals Elementary, Mt. Carmel Elementary and Winston Elementary. This year twenty students will be selected from each school for a total of 140 students. Douglas County bus transportation for students to the event will be paid by the Kiwanis Club.

Each student will have \$125.00 (plus or minus a few dollars) to spend on themselves and/or siblings and parents. Students will be escorted by local law enforcement, firemen, military, city, county employees, local officials representing Douglasville and Douglas County, Douglas County Schools and local volunteers from churches and civic groups. These escorts will assist their assigned student in making their purchases and remaining in the \$125.00 per student range.



been married for 50 years.

During her time serving with Colony Bank, she has been a member of the Kiwanis Club since 1996, Board member of the EMC Foundation since 2004, Keenage Club Advisor since 2001, served on the Library board since 2007, and numerous other boards and committees that would take all night to mention. Listing all the good works of this

lady is certainly impossible.

To know her, is to love her, your citizen of the Year for 2022, Diane Wideman. She is a member of the Turner County Kiwanis Club. She first began serving the community at Ashburn Bank which became Colony Bank. She worked a total of 45 years in banking. Undoubtedly, that is where she must have met everyone in the community.





# KIWANIS CLUB OF NEWNAN HOSTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE

The Kiwanis Club of Newnan, in partnership with the Georgia Kiwanis Foundation, hosted its Annual Christmas Shopping Spree on Saturday morning December 17 at the Target Store in Newnan.

Newnan Kiwanis works with the local elementary schools to identify children who would benefit from the "shopping spree." This year, 97 boys and girls from 16 different schools received a set budget and went on a shopping spree with a Newnan Kiwanis volunteer. The children are free to choose any item whether games, toys, clothes, or anything else inside the store, provided they stay within their budget. More than 50 Newnan Kiwanis members and volunteers took turns escorting the children through the shopping spree experience.

Also participating and supporting the shopping spree were young men and women who belong to the Kiwanis International family of clubs, such as the Builders Clubs and Key Clubs from the local area middle and high schools.

According to Hanson Powell, the President of the Kiwanis Club of Newnan, "The members and partners of the Kiwanis Club of Newnan are dedicated to serving the children of the world. This

Christmas Shopping Spree provides a great opportunity for Newnan Kiwanis to fulfill that mission, brightening the Christmas holidays for so many children and families within our community."

Newnan Kiwanis member and Newnan City Councilman George Alexander is Chairman of the Christmas Shopping Spree Committee for Newnan Kiwanis, and he added, "The members of the Kiwanis Club of Newnan eagerly anticipate this event each Christmas. Of course the children love it, but our Newnan Kiwanis members and volunteers also find great joy in the experience of shopping with these children and adding to the children's enjoyment of Christmas."

Powell went on to say that "One of the greatest joys in the shopping experience is how the children often think of their other family members,

parents and siblings, when determining how best to spend their shopping budget."

Alexander offered praise and thanks to Newnan Kiwanis partner Target Stores for their support and assistance in facilitating this event saying, "Target Stores is a great partner for this annual event. They go out of their way to help and accommodate our needs in fulfilling this special experience for these children. We can't say enough about how much we appreciate our relationship with Target Stores."

The Newnan Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Newnan Country Club. Guests are always welcome.





# FRESHMAN 101 MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS

Kiwanis Club is hosting their annual Mock Job Interviews for the Freshman 101 Class at Pepperell High School. The Club started this program 15 years ago!

They will be mock interviewing freshman students for a dummy restaurant with various positions (Host/Hostess, Cashier, Server, Cook Assistant). Each interview will be for about 5- 7 minutes with some positive feedback for the students at the conclusion of the interview. The students will have a resume and some sample questions to ask. Interviewers will have a description of the company and sample questions they may ask students. They can choose your own questions if you prefer.

Here are some photos from past years...



## SNACKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

To kick-off the new Kiwanis year, the Kiwanis Club of Moultrie provided snacks for the volunteers at the Teen Maze held at C.A. Gray Jr. High.



## DELIVERING TREES FOR FUNDRAISER

Kiwanis Club of St Marys assisted Camden House, the local women's shelter, to deliver the trees for the the 2nd annual Tinsel Trail display in Howard Gilman Memorial Park in downtown St Marys. City of St Marys Public Works crew put up all the trees with direction by Linda O'Shaughnessy, Camden House Board of Directors member and Kiwanis Mascot Bert. Bert wasn't really much help carrying the trees.



OUR IMPACT



The Kiwanis Club of Newnan hosted its members and their families at the Newnan Centre for their Annual Honors Banquet. While enjoying the food and fellowship, Newnan Kiwanis recognized members for their leadership, commitment, and dedication to the Newnan Kiwanis Club.

C.R. Phillips was recognized as the Kiwanian of the Year. According to Newnan Kiwanis Immediate Past President Keith Ross, "C.R. is being recognized for his relentless devotion to the Kiwanis Club of Newnan. In 2022, C.R. attended and represented our club at all the significant Kiwanis events, including the international convention. C.R. also worked closely with past club Secretary Bud Freeburg to ensure a successful transition, with C.R. becoming our new club Secretary for 2023. We are blessed that C.R. is a member of our club, and we are proud to honor him with this award."

Bud Freeburg received a Lifetime Membership Award. This award was presented to Bud Freeburg to say thank you and recognize Bud for his 20 years of service and dedication to the Newnan Kiwanis Club as club Secretary. Bud's Kiwanis International dues will be paid for life.

Legion of Honor Awards were presented to those from Newnan Kiwanis for their years of membership in Kiwanis beginning at 25 years and recognized every 5 years thereafter. This year's awards were presented to:

Bobby Rooks: 55 years  
Neal Shepard: 50 years  
Brad Sears: 50 years  
Al Kennedy: 45 years  
Art Murphy: 45 years  
Mitchell Hicks: 35 years  
Scott Cummins: 35 years  
Kerry Elliott: 35 years  
Lamar Wright: 30 years  
Luke Thompson: 30 years

Zeller Awards are presented to Newnan Kiwanis members for their outstanding leadership and participation. For each member receiving this award, a donation of \$1,250 was made to the Eliminate Project, a Kiwanis International

worldwide project to eradicate maternal neonatal tetanus in mothers and babies. This year's awards were presented to:

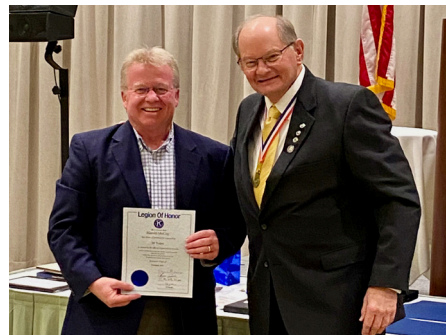
Mike Barber  
Mark Musaus  
Frank Barron  
Beth Neely  
Jeff Coggin  
Danny Spivey  
Mike Exner

Named after the first Kiwanis International President, the Hixson Awards are presented to Newnan Kiwanis members for their outstanding leadership and participation in our club. For each member receiving this award, a donation of \$1,000 was made to the Kiwanis International Children's Fund. This year's awards were presented to:

Chip Barron  
C.R. Phillips

Charlie Neely was awarded the Junior Kiwanian of the Year for his efforts and participation in support of the Kiwanis Coweta County Fair, the July 4th Parade, the Christmas Shopping Spree, and various other community activities. Charlie is also the President of the Kiwanis sponsored Builders Club at Evans Middle School.

Keith Ross was presented the Past President Award recognizing his successful leadership of the Newnan Kiwanis Club over the past year.







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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!

#KidsNeedKiwanis  
#GeorgiaKiwanis  
#GaKFam

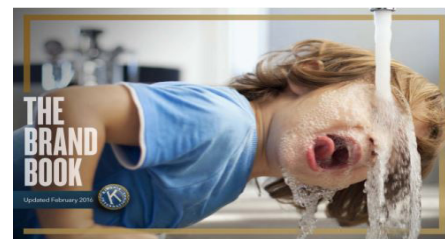
## GEORGIA DISTRICT DIRECTORY



The Georgia District Directory can be downloaded from our website at [www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com](http://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.

## 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](http://www.kiwanis.org/brand)



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