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## THE SILVER PEN AWARD

#### FOR 2023 GOES TO THREE OUTSTANDING ESSAY WRITING 4TH GRADE STUDENTS

#### John Kone

Marietta Golden K



L to R: Dr. Cheri Vaniman, Principal Rocky Mount ES; Peter Munk (dad); Karen Munk (mom); Aimee Mendel, past president KCMGK: Jim Perry, presenter and past president KCMGK; John Kone, president KCMGK and Dr. Sage Doolittle, Rock Mount ES, front: DEANNA MUNK, SP award winner

The Silver Pen Program, now a statewide award, was created over 25 years ago by the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K (KCMGK). Since then, the Silver Pen Award has been presented by the KCMGK to Cobb County Fourth grade students. The essay completion was competitive since the award was open to all 4th grade students on a school wide level.

Jim Perry, past president of the KCMGK and Silver Pen Award presenter summarized it this way, "The Club challenges all fourth graders in three schools to write a comprehensive essay on a topic assigned by the Club. Teachers in each section of fourth grade send their best two submissions to the school adminis-

tration. One paper from each class is submitted to the Club, who has a panel of judges select the winner from each school. The Silver Pen Award was our Signature Program for many years, but its success became widely known. Now, this is an approved program for Kiwanis Clubs throughout the Georgia District."

This year, the KCMGK awarded the Silver Pen Awards at three Cobb County schools: Acworth, Rocky Mount, and Tritt Elementary Schools. The winning students were: ASH-LEY LANGAN, Acworth ES; JAMES THORPE, Tritt ES, and DEANNA MUNK, Rocky Mount ES. Each winner was presented with a silver pen in a velvet sleeve, a roll of \$25

uncirculated one dollar coins acquired directly from the Philadelphia Mint, and an engraved plaque. The presentations were made during the morning broadcast to the whole school.

Everyone was extremely proud of the Silver Pen Award winners, however, the most surprising change observed by us, the adults (parents, teachers and Kiwanis Club members) was the delivery! At each school, the SP awards were presented LIVE, to each classroom, via a "closed circuit" in house TV system. "We never had anything like this when I was in Elementary School", one parent went on to say." Both students and adults are thankful for all the technological changes that have taken place in our schools over the years.

Once again, congratulations to the winners and rest assured, the Silver Pen Essay competition will"continue" next year!

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## **GOVERNOR DARRYL GUMZ**





#### Darryl Gumz 2022-23 Governor of the Georgia District

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Well, Summer has arrived along with a flurry of activity. As we continue to open and strengthen clubs, our convention season has arrived. Most schools have ended for the year and now is a good time to meet with your school leaders to strengthen your SLP relationships and to consider some new clubs in your schools. We could use some new K-Kids clubs to help our elementary school students learn about service. Builders Clubs in our middle schools help foster those relationships and leaders as they prepare for Key Club in High School and Circle K as they enter college. Where do you have students that aren't being impacted by Kiwanis? Let's go there!

We are now two-thirds into our Kiwanis year. How is your year going? How are you doing with your Distinguished Club status? How about your KI Pinnacle Club status? I have included both forms in the paper to remind you of the requirements.

Is your club growing? As of this writing, we are up 141 members as a District. Skidaway continues to lead the pack at plus 15. Pooler-West Chatham is plus 11. Statesboro is plus 9. We have 64 clubs up by at least 1. I absolutely LOVE seeing all the new members. Gentle reminder to clubs to send in your dues for the new members as you go. If your club owes over \$150, you could be denied having delegates at the International and District conventions.

By the way, if you have not already submitted your election report

for next year's club officers, they are now overdue. The District and Kiwanis International depends on those reports for scheduling Club Leadership Education and preparing the new officers for a great and FUN year! Speaking of CLE, next year's Lt. Governors are busy scheduling CLE now. Please make an effort to come learn and share.

We have several new clubs slated to open between now and the end of this Kiwanis year. If you would like to help, we would love to have you. We are planning on working in Cuthbert and Vienna in July, Canton and Garden City in August, and Pendergrass and Evans in September. Please contact either me or Dewey Smith for more information.

If you haven't already done so, you can still register for the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis June 22-24. Going in person may be pretty pricey if you haven't already secured your reservation and room, but you can still register to attend virtually. We are going to have a BLAST there as we elect and install our very own Katrina Baranko as the new President of Kiwanis International. We will have a District Dinner with our friends from the Alabama District at Hell's Kitchen on Friday night, so you will want to join us for an evening of redemption with the Oak Ridge Boys Saturday night! If you ordered one of our new polo shirts, they are scheduled to be shipped to you by the end of this week.

Registration is now open for our District Convention August 25-27 at the Marriott Savannah Riverfront. We have loads of FUN scheduled for that weekend and I look forward to seeing all y'all there. We have some great entertainment planned. On Friday night, we have the SCAD Honeybees scheduled to perform. This remarkable group of vocalists and musicians is not to be missed. On Saturday night, Ronda Rich will bring her brilliant southern story-telling charm to everyone. Ronda is a well-known author with a rich history and I promise you will leave there completely enchanted.

Thank you to the 80 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.





KIDS NEED ROLE MODELS.

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER**

#### **Alexia Lieber**

Executive Director of Georgia District of Kiwanis

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

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

This year our Georgia District Convention will be held in Savannah, Georgia, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone. Registration is now open on the District Website www.gadistrictkiwanis.org. Click on Events then Convention and it will take you to the registration. Are you checking off your points to become a Distinguished Club for 2022-23 year? Club Presidents and Secretaries make sure you are checking off items you have completed. This year it is a point system, where you can be in one of three Categories for Distinguished. Forms are due by October 31, 2023.

# **DUES BREAKDOWN PER MONTH**



2022-23 Kiwanis Year					
MONTH	KI DUES	DISTRICT DUES	TOTAL		
October	\$82.00	\$30.00	\$112.00		
<u>November</u>	\$75.17	\$27.50	\$102.67		
<u>December</u>	\$68.33	\$25.00	\$ 93.33		
January	\$61.50	\$22.50	\$ 84.00		
<u>February</u>	\$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		
<u>July</u>	\$20.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 28.00		
August	\$13.67	\$ 5.00	\$ 18.67		
September	\$ 6.83	\$ 2.50	\$ 9.33		

## **CLUBS WITH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

AS OF MAY 1, 2023

	+1 +1 +5
2 Columbus - 2 Greater Columbus - 2 Harris County - 2 Thomaston - 3 Coweta County - 3 Fayette County - 3 Fayette Ville/Greater Atla	
3 Grantville 3 Newnan 3 White Oak Golden K 4 Jesup 4 Pooler-West Chatham 4 Savannah 5 Skidaway 4 Waycross 5 Americus 5 Blakely-Early County 5 Cairo-Morningstar 5 Good Life City 6 Mitchell-Baker 6 Augusta 6 Uptown Augusta 7 Athens 7 Hartwell 7 Oconee 7 Winder 9 Jones County 9 Macon	+1 +1 +5 +2 +6 +1 +13 +1 +2 +24 +5 +15 +3 +1 +4 +1 +1

DIV.		<u>MTH</u>
9	Warner Robins	+1
10	Blue Ridge	+6
10	Gilmer County	+3
10	Rabun County	+2
10	Toccoa	+1
11	Cartersville	+2
11	Ringgold	+2
11	Rome	+3
12	Bowdon	+4
12	Carrollton Golden K	+2
12	Douglas County,	4
4.0	Douglasville	+1
12	Fairfield-Villa Rica	+3
12	Haralson	+2
12	Paulding	+3
12	Villa Rica-Temple	+4
13	Valdosta	+7
14	Doraville-Tucker	+2
15	Georgia Online	+4
15	Greater Cherokee	+2
15	Greater South Cobb	+3
15	Jonquil City, Smyrna	+3
15	Lost Mountain	+4
16	Jonesboro	+4
17	Brooklet	+6
17	Effingham	+3
17	Statesboro	+8
18	Conyers	+6
18	Covington	+4
18	Henry County	+5

# PINNACLE CLUB AWARD WITH KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Below is the criteria to receive the Pinnacle Club Award from Kiwanis International:

#### **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.

# THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN CLUB STRENGTHENING IS...

#### **CR Phillips**

Club Strengthening Chair Kiwanis Club of Newnan

CLUB MEETING EXICEMENT

In review: We've discussed club meeting location, time, date, meal or no meal, club newsletter and meeting programs, and all this is aimed toward one thing - <u>CLUB</u> <u>MEETING EXITEMENT!</u>

And don't tell me that all your members are too old to get excited or maybe interested! I'm 13 days away from my 76th Birthday - Lord willing - and I get excited about our club meetings all the time!

It doesn't matter if you meet twice a month or only once a month: If you have an interesting program consisting of a good speaker perhaps someone representing one of the charitable organizations you've been supporting who's going to tell all your members how important your contribution was and how those funds or efforts sometimes it's not just about the money - made the lives of some disadvantaged children in your community just a bit better, isn't that reason enough to get excited about what your club does for your community. Feeling PROUD and getting EXCITED about your club's efforts are all tied together!

Then at your next club meeting you could have a speaker discuss a need in your community that's not being fulfilled and now your club is presented with another challenge and REASON to get EXCITED about another project.

Pulling Members In, Pulling Members Together, Giving Members and Clubs Purpose!

That's what it's all about folks."

C.R. Phillips Club Strengthening Chair Georgia Kiwanis C: 706-402-4319

# **IN MEMORIAM**

Cecil G. Duffee Carrollton Golden K

Russell G. Gregory

Galleria-Northwest Atlanta

Geraldine Harris

Metro Atlanta

Nancy C. Harvey North Macon LaGrange

Jim Hood

Monroe

Portia Hopper Uptown Augusta

Bryan G. Leslie

Jonesboro

Roger R. Peebles Swainsboro

Richard Pittman Scheff
Milledgeville

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



# MEMBERSHIP TRAINING SCHEDULE - CLUB OPENING AND CLUB COACHING

#### **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

# **INTERCLUB TIPS**

#### **Tim Goodman**

Interclub Chairman Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

WHERE ARE WE? - We are eight months into the Kiwanis Year, let's see where we are. 75 Clubs have done at least one interclub. Since there were 142 clubs at the end of March, that means 53% of the Clubs are participating in interclubs. 17 Clubs are eligible for an Interclub Patch. That is 12% of all clubs and 23% of participating clubs. We have a grand total of 626 interclub visits for a total travel distance of 21,339 miles. 424 visits are within our home Division. If we compare the numbers to those at the same time last year, we had 85 Clubs doing at least one interclub and 24 Clubs were eligible for the Interclub Patch. We had 1157 visits (549 to our home Division) for 58,307 miles. Perhaps it is because it now takes two Kiwanians from a Club to make up an interclub or the cost of travel is increasing. I would encourage you to do interclubs. You get a lot of good information and you get to know your fellow Kiwanians in your Division and in the Georgia District.

**REPORTING!!!** - Remember to report all interclubs on your monthly report and to the Interclub Chair to assure you have credit for completing the challenge. We recommend you notify the Chair in addition to entering the visits on the Secretary dashboard. This policy presents a challenge, but it is very significant to assuring that your Club satisfies the interclub challenge. I do get an aggregate report, but that doesn't give me enough information to verify that a club has met all the criteria for the challenge. The District officers and board members have access to the interclub data but I do not have that access. We currently have about 4 clubs that send a report to me. At least send it when you have completed the challenge so I can add your club to the list of those completing the challenge.

**NEXT YEAR?** - The incoming Governor will make adjustments to the Interclub Policy for 2023-2024. If you have suggestions, please let me know and I will pass the information to Brent. He has made some adjustments in the policy already, so let me know as soon as possible. Always remember to share what you have learned with your club, either through the Club President, your club Interclub Chair, the club board, or at a club meeting.

## **GEORGIA DISTRICT RENAISSANCE IN CLUBS GROWING**

#### **Byron Mullican**

Immediate Past Governor Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

Each year the Georgia District has clubs that turn in their charter because they have failed to grow or cannot get members to lead their clubs. Clubs get complacent in doing the same things year after year until they turn around and see that the membership is down to 10 or less and then realize they need help. Some of these clubs are not meeting regularly, no programs, no fundraisers. The Georgia District has 22-24% of clubs that are under charter strength (15 members) annually. So far this year, the district is experiencing a Renaissance as nine of these clubs have worked hard to build back their membership to 15 members or more. Remember, every club was chartered with a minimum of 15 members. Nine of our under charter strength clubs are now at 15 or more members and we encourage them to continue to recruit and improve their club experience to reinvigorate their presence in the community and beyond.

The biggest success story this year-to-date is the Kiwanis Club of Pooler-West Chatham. This club was down to only one member who refused to allow the club to turn in their charter. Club treasurer Janese Cooper would not let the

club die and to give her some time to rebuild. She asked me to meet with her and bring all of my club strengthening material and suggestions for her to utilize. Before meeting, Mary Joyce Parker, a member of the Cordele Kiwanis Club was moving to Pooler and we asked her if she would join the club and give her Past Lt. Governor and Kiwanis experience and work with Janese. When we met, Janese and Mary Joyce, committed to saving the club and presented a plan and went about implementing the plan. They came up with a mission to focus the club and recruit off of and now they are at 15 members and still recruiting. A change of meeting time and place, dynamic speaker at the meeting I attended and a renewed enthusiasm for Kiwanis and each other.

The Georgia District has a Club Strengthening committee is ready to council you on growing your club. There is also a Club Boost available to those clubs who are committed in helping their club grow. A Club has a few responsibilities they have to accomplish before the District will bring in a team. The Boost will not happen unless the club leaders and members are dedicated in working with the team. The District has proved that we can recruit members but it is the clubs responsibility to keep the new members engaged. This begins with a complete evaluation of the club operations

meeting place, time, speakers, fundraisers, atmosphere and activities. What has the club done to attempt to retain and recruit new members? Is the board of director's keeping track of dues and are collecting monthly or at most quarterly. Please do not collect dues only once a year, typically August-September.

The club needs to compile a list of prospects so the team can make appointments with the prospects. Does the club use Achieving Club Excellence material found on kiwanis.org to help them in recruiting. Is the club using the 2 for 2 membership program that was started this Kiwanis year? Those who have are experiencing great results in getting new members. The District team needs club members to go with them to recruit. You know your club and what you do and are the face of the club and community. This will also train the club member. to work on recruiting when the team completes the boost. Also, the club must follow-up on the prospective members to insure they complete the application and submit the fees. There are a few more requirements but when completing all of them your club will be identified as a Boost candidate. Reach out to Governor Darryl Gumz, District Membership Chair Dewey Smith or Club Growth chair CR Phillips for more details or you can contact me.

# MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Join us in congratulating these clubs that are cebrating 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 Cartersville

Division 11

Division 11 June 11, 1953



Kiwanis Club of Metter

Division 17 June 19, 1923



Kiwanis Club of Louisville

Division 6 June 21, 1923

# 2 MEMBERS INVITE 2 PROSPECTS. EVERY MONTH.

For the best Kiwanis clubs, membership growth is not a one-time campaign or event. It's a continuous club operation. And every member should play a part. But how do you make it fun for them — and manageable for the club?

Two For Two helps you do both.

# What if you add a new member each month?

More hands and more money for service.

More administrative dollars. More
awareness in your community.

# Remind members why recruiting matters.

For members, the message is simple: The larger the club, the more it can do. More members mean more connections, skill sets and ideas. Tasks become easier — and possibilities expand.

After all, new members are made by current members. They join because of face-to-face interaction: A Kiwanian shared their story, explained the club's service and fellowship and offered an invitation.

Two For Two provides a way to organize your efforts:

# Identify two members to reach out to two prospects for each of the next several months.

This way, members will work in pairs. After all, teams are more successful. They support each other and reach more people more rapidly. And you never know who a prospective member will relate to better. It's a great way to work — from strategizing to honing how they explain the club, its impact and the benefits of fellowship

#### The members reach out to the prospects.

Use a couple of simple steps: Connect by thanking the prospects for the impact they've made (through service, donations or other activities). Then ask for a date and time to discuss the club, explain the dues structure and answer questions.

The members invite the prospects to a meeting or service project. After the invitation, they should follow up! A reminder call before the meeting or event. A handwritten thank you, with details specific to the prospect. Inclusion in the club's newsletter distribution. A message with responses to questions the members couldn't answer face to face.

# focus on impact.

Potential members need to know what you do, how you do it, why the community needs them and where they can immediately fit in the process.

## **ENGAGE CURRENT MEMBERS**

#### **ENGAGE EXISTING MEMBERS**

The key to keeping members engaged is making them feel valued and appreciated. Clarify expectations from members. Assess your club experience by asking members questions such as:

- "What do you enjoy most about being a member of our club?"
- "What is our club's greatest strength?"
- "If you could change one thing about our club, what would it be and why?"

Rediscover your community's needs and clarify how your Kiwanis club can help. Your local nonprofit organizations or school associations are a great place to start. Use the community needs analysis tool to analyze your impact on the community. Seek feedback from members about the types of service projects they are interested in and what local organizations they are interested in serving. SurveyMonkey and Google Forms are a few useful tools.

Here are 12 steps to excite your members, impress your prospects, and enhance everyone's Kiwanis experience:

- 1. Make your purpose known.
  - Create a vision with your club and mention it in every meeting, newsletter, news release, fundraising ticket, and advertisement.
- 2. Remind them often. At every meeting ask, "Who have you invited to come to Kiwanis this week?" Remind every member to look for prospective members and invite someone to come to your meetings. Yes, at every meeting, talk about growing your club!
- 3. Give them a reason. Host a contest: Why? It gives everyone an excuse to ask others to come and to join Kiwanis. If you get your club excited and they just ask people to join, you will grow.
- 4. Promote friendliness. Compile an accurate membership list with names, addresses, phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, and distribute copies to every

- member. Follow that up by e-mailing them a copy. Keep the list updated and redistribute copies at least every three months. This is a must—the club members must be able to communicate with each other before the club will grow.
- 5. Speak their language. Communicate often and in many formats. At least monthly, publish a club newsletter, and mail and e-mail a copy to each member. Have additional copies at meetings for guests and prospective members. Send weekly e-mails to remind members of programs, special projects, fundraisers, etc., and include past club visitors in your distribution.
- 6. Plan your program. Have a set agenda every meeting. This is a huge component of the member experience. Your members will more readily invite prospective members when they know there is a good program planned. Programs should be planned at least two months in advance. Don't just meet and talk over fundraisers.
- 7. Stay young. Invite kids to be part of your programs! Remember, we are an organization dedicated to helping youth so keep young people as the focus of your program agenda.
- 8. Don't forget the fun. Every two months or so host a "fun" program to which members invite their friends and family.
- 9. Show them you care. Send a "we miss you" card or note to members who have missed two meetings in a row, even if you know why they've been away (vacation, etc.). Especially send one if you know someone is sick. If a member goes into the hospital, take up a collection and send flowers. No matter why they've been absent, send a note telling them they are important and missed.
- 10. Extend a warm welcome.

Greet new visitors at the first of the meeting and introduce them to the club. In the three weeks following the prospective members' visit, send a follow-up letter or postcard...even if they don't come back immediately.

- 11. Make it personal. Send a letter of invitation to every prospective member who has been invited to join. Each month compose a prospect list of names and addresses and share this list with current members, asking them to contact those on the list. A personal invitation to come and join can be very effective.
- 12. Show appreciation. Send thank-you notes for every donation, no matter how small. Include a picture of your fundraiser or project that they were a part of, particularly any news coverage; it is easy and impressive to the community and prospective members. Brag on your team every chance you get!

#### **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

Once a member has joined your club, provide orientation as soon as possible. Get to know them. Discover their interests. Assign them a role within the club. Communicate. And follow up on expectations to keep them engaged.

To help you get started, you can find a new-member orientation checklist and presentation here: https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/ member-resources/member-outreach/member-engagement

#### **NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES**

As a member of a Kiwanis club, there are so many ways to get involved:

- Attend club meetings
- Participate in service and fundraising projects
- Attend district conferences
- Visit other club meetings
- Serve on committees
- Run for office

#### **CREATING AN EVENTS CALENDAR**

Your club meetings, service activities and networking events are your best source for engagement with members.

Develop an events calendar that lives on your website. They key is to keep it updated regularly. You want your members to know they can easily find all the details to stay engaged with your club. You can also include a list of upcoming events in your club communications. This calendar can serve as a source of social media content as well.



## 2022-2023 Distinguished Club:

#### **Membership Growth**

Finished with a net increase of one at the end of the year Helped open or sponsor a new Kiwanis Club Participated in Two For Two each month	2 2 2
Subtotal 0	-6
Leadership Education	
Club President completed CLE Club President completed CLE by Sep 30, 2022 Club Secretary completed CLE Club Secretary completed CLE by Sep 30, 2022 Club Treasurer completed CLE Club Treasurer completed CLE by Sep 30, 2022	1 2 1 2 1 2
Subtotal 0	-9
Conference Attendance	
Club Represented at Division Rally Club represented at Fall Training Club represented at Mid-year training Club represented at International Convention Club represented at District Convention Club represented at each Division Council meeting	1 1 1 1 1
Subtotal 0	-6
Interclub	
Club completed at least 7 interclubs within Division Club completed interclub with at least one club out of Division	1 1
Subtotal 0	-2
Local Community Service	
Club hosted projects or programs to benefit local youth	2
Subtotal 0	-2

Service Leadership Programs	
Club sponsored an SLP Club opened a new Circle K Club opened a new Key Club Club opened a new Builders Club Club opened a new K-Kids club Club opened a new Aktion Club Club opened a new Aktion Club Club began BUG or Terrific Kids program at a new scho	1 1 1 1 1 1 0l
	Subtotal 0-7
Global Community	
Club contributed to Kiwanis Children's Fund Club contributed suggested amount to Kiwanis Children	
	Subtotal 0-3
Georgia District Projects and Raffles	
Club contributed to each of the Georgia District Projects Club contributed suggested amount to each of the Georgi Club sold all initial tickets to the Georgia Raffle	ta District Projects  1-6 2-12 2
	Subtotal 0-20
Monthly Reports	
Club submitted all monthly reports Club submitted all monthly reports NLT the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the n- Club submitted election report NLT June 1, 2023	ext month 2 2
	Subtotal 0-5
	Total 0-60
Distinguished Club awards	
Distinguished Club awards Gold 43-60	
Silver 38-42	
Bronze 32-37	
Submit completed form no later than October 31, 2023 to: yo Governor Darryl Gumz, gumzes Executive Director Alexia Lieber	
Club Divis	sion
President Secre	etary

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Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	Walley Vall	Atlanta	201	201	7 of 7 7 of 7
-	Wally Yazbak	Galleria-Northwest Atlanta Northside Atlanta	18 32	19 33	7 of 7
DIVISION	TOTALS:		251	253	,
		Barnesville	26	26	
		Columbus	46	51	7 of 7
		Golden K, Columbus Greater Columbus	11 33	11 34	7 of 7
		Griffin	107	107	7 of 7
2	Craig	Harris County	18	21	7 of 7
	Rockenstein	LaGrange	49	43	7 of 7
		Manchester	14	14	7 of 7
		North Columbus Pike County	23	8 23	
		Thomaston	36	39	
		West Point	5	5	7 of 7
DIVISION	TOTALS:		376	382	
		Coweta County	72	75	7 of 7
		Fayette County Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	17 7	18 8	
_		Grantville	13	14	7 of 7
3	Murray Parks	Metro-Fayette	10	10	
		Newnan	95	100	
		Peachtree City	22	19	7.67
DIVISION	TOTALS:	White Oak Golden K	57 <b>293</b>	59 <b>303</b>	7 of 7
DIVISION	TOTALS.	Brunswick	49	43	7 of 7
		Jesup	30	35	
		Liberty County	33	32	
		Pooler-West Chatham	4	10	
4	Michael Klavon		15	14	_
		Saint Marys Savannah	63 17	62	7 of 7
		Skidaway	133	18 146	7 of 7
		Waycross	4	5	, 0.,
DIVISION	TOTALS:		348	365	
	Lisa Williams	Albany/Dougherty County	73	72	7 of 7
		Americus	71	73	7 of 7
		Blakely-Early County Cairo	48	24 47	
5		Cairo-Morningstar	14	19	
,		Good Life City	17	15	
		LeeDo	19	19	
		Mitchell-Baker	12	15	
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<u>DISTRICT TOTALS:</u>
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# **BUILDERS CLUB: HOW TO PLAN A LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

As the Builders Club service year comes to an end, you might decide to plan for next year. If you've always wanted to do a leadership retreat with your club, this is a good time to consider it. This can be particularly meaningful for Builders Club members. Well-designed social and emotional experiences and leadership development can play a vital role in building self-esteem and social connection for students during this period in their development.

Other benefits of retreats include:

- Connecting and bonding for students.
- Time for team-building and active, experiential activities.
- Intensive time to focus on exploring or learning specific topics.
- Dedicated time for teams to plan.
- Building facilitation skills in students leading sessions or activities.

One of the first steps in planning a retreat is to get approval from the school's administration or organization's executive director. Involve your club officers in planning and perhaps in making the request to your administrator or director. For that conversation, be ready to share a basic description and purpose for the retreat, as well as an idea of when you would like to hold it.

Details to determine for a club leadership retreat:

- **Purpose:** What goals do you have for the retreat? What do you want officers and members to gain?
- Participants: Who will facilitate each workshop or session? Will there be special duties or roles for advisors, officers and committee chairs? Will you invite a speaker from your Kiwanis club or organizations that your club works with? Do you need help from other teachers or parents/guardians?
- Program: What topics will be covered to meet retreat goals? What type of sessions will you have (workshop, icebreaker, teambuilding)? How long should sessions be to keep students engaged?
- Length: How much time is reasonable for students to participate a half day or whole day? How long does the retreat need to be to meet your goals? Remember to keep students engaged, keep sessions short and include activities that have them active and out of their seats.
- **Timing:** What time of year will you hold the retreat? The beginning of the school year? Midyear? Factors affecting timing include the availability of the location, other events on students' calendars and the goals of the retreat.

- Location: Is there a flexible use space in your school or organization that would be comfortable and available? Are there special places in your community (such as your sponsoring Kiwanis club or a public park) that have a space to meet at no charge? Does the location provide a way to get students outside for a healthful break? How will you handle meals and/or snacks in the space?
- Transportation: How will students get to the retreat? If the club needs transportation, what is the cost and are there any resources to cover it?
- Supplies: What items will you need for each of the sessions and activities? Will you provide or will students bring something to drink and eat?
- Takeaways: How will you capture what happened at the retreat? You'll want to include decisions made about club activities or procedures, action steps the club plans to take, questions brought up that need resolution and the experiences of participants.
- Release forms: Remember to have photo release forms signed by parents/guardians for all members at the beginning of each year so you can use images from club events in presentations, stories and social media.

# **KEY CLUB COLLECTS EYE GLASS FRAMES**



Toby Baktiyar, Vice President of Villa Rica high school Key Club and Linda Mason of the Villa Rica-Temple Kiwanis dropping off eye glass frames at the Lion's Club preceptor at the Villa Rica Walmart.

Great job Key Clubbers!



# HELP SEND KEY CLUB MEMBERS TO CONVENTION

#### **Heather Brindle**

District Key Club Administrator Kiwanis Club of Georgia Online

As the District Key Club Administrator, I'm approaching you all for help yet again to support our Key Club members that are hoping to attend the 2023 International Key Club Convention.

We are planning for the Key Club International Convention in Anaheim, California. I've attached the brochure given to Key Club members. Again, we are planning a pre-convention tour alongside 11 other districts! Last year's experience was so positive for our students that we have grown from 6 to 11 districts.

This year's event has two huge events for the Georgia Key Club attendees to celebrate! Our district will be inviting all attendees on the last day of convention to plan to come to Atlanta in 2024! That's right, we are hosting the 99th International Convention in our own backyard in July 2024.

Also at this year's convention, we will be running a candidate for international office. Taylor Petrofski from Lambert High School Key Club will be running and the more members that we have in attendance, the more we can support her in her election!

I know that everyone has experienced the increases of travel expenses as we have come out of Covid times. This trip is no exception. Students are anticipating nearly \$700.00 for airfare costs alone. This is why I've offered the trip without the airfare included, for the ease of parents issuing their students' tickets on their own and finding better deals on their own.

Please understand 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. I would like to be able to supplement all of the members as reimbursement after their travel. Many clubs have told me that they either don't sponsor a Key Club or their youth budget has been awaiting the opportunity, or their Key Clubs that they sponsor haven't approached them for support. This is how those clubs can help!

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 yet for a Service Leadership Program (SLP) 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 the International Convention! You have a Kiwanis Advisor that can communicate with the Faculty Advisor and encourage attendance and declare support from your club. I promise that they will experience a once-in-a-lifetime event!

We currently have chaperones ready and committed for the Key Club Convention trip! As you can see by the brochure found at www.gakeyclub.org, students are able to attend the convention itself, or add on the tour prior to the convention. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email District Administrator Heather Brindle at heather.brindle@gakeyclub.org

Any financial support can be made out to and mailed to: GA. DISTRICT KEY CLUB c/o ICON sponsorship PO BOX 6618 Macon, Ga. 31208.

Thank you for always supporting the Georgia District Key Club!

# SERVICE BENEFITS MEMBERS!

Service doesn't just make our communities and world better; it has many benefits for the people who serve. Through K-Kids clubs, for example, students benefit from:

- Self-discovery. In a club, members learn about their own talents and interests. It's important for advisors to take time to help students explore what they are good at and how they can make meaningful contributions. This gives students insight into the value they bring to a team and increases their confidence. This can also build a sense of social connection to their peers and the adults around them.
- Learning. By researching local needs (in their school, town or city) and interviewing experts, students learn about people and organizations in their community and about real-world solutions. As members plan service projects, they also learn new skills, including public speaking, organizing, recruiting members and volunteers, budgeting and much more.
- Engagement. Service can build members' sense of place, providing connections in their school, town or city, and sometimes with other Kiwanis family clubs (such as Key Clubs, Builders Clubs or the sponsoring Kiwanis club). In addition, service builds cultural competency allowing members to spend time in new places, with people whose experience is different from theirs and who they wouldn't normally meet.

While your SLP club helps others through its many service initiatives, make sure administrators and members' families know that students gain great benefits through the program as well.

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\*\*\* PRICE IS BASED ON COSTS IN EFFECT 3/2/2023! PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! ENERGY PRICING CAN REFLECT A SURCHARGE.

# JULY 3RD - 9TH<sub>9</sub> 2023 Payment plans are available.

#### PAYMENTS DUE FOR A QUAD ROOM:

1st payment of \$400 due by May 1st 2nd payment of \$380 due by May 15th 3rd payment of \$200 due by June 10th

There is a non-refundable policy In place. Reservations will be made once deposit Is submitted.

#### **6 NIGHT/7 DAY TOUR INCLUDES:**

6 nights hotel accommodations with taxes & 6 Breakfasts Convention Registration (\$265) Official District Tee Shirt and Pin DISNEYLAND with Fourth of July FIREWORKS!

# Roundtrip Airport Motorcoach Transfers from John Wayne Airport (SNA) to Anaheim Hilton Hotel

Group Dinner with 9 other Districts!
½ Day Tour of Los Angeles and ½ Day at Santa Monica Pier
NOT INCLUDED: ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE

#### PER PERSON PRICING

(CONVENTION only)

#### PRICING: (JULY 5-9, 2023)

Quad - Four people to a room sharing 2 beds ...... \$ 530.00
Triple - Three people to a room sharing 2 beds ...... \$ 610.00
Double- Two people to a room sharing 2 beds ...... \$ 750.00
Single - One person to a room. 1 bed ....... \$ 980.00

Convention only includes: 4 nights hotel, 4 Breakfasts, convention registration, group tee shirt AND pin. NOT INCLUDED: AIRFARE

#### Georgia Tour (JULY 3-9, 2022)

Georgia Tour includes: 6 nights hotel, convention registration, 6 breakfasts, 1 dinner, transportation airport/hotel, tee shirt and pin. NOT INCLUDED: AIRFARE

Airfare is not included in the prices above. You are responsible to book your own flights. Please plan to arrive to John Wayne Airport (SNA)on July 3rd by 5pm to use the provided transportation. Flights returning to Atlanta need to be booked for Sunday, July 9th. Flight schedules must be emailed to Heather.Brindle@gakeyclub.org by June 15th.

Checks payable to Georgia
District Key Club and mailed to:
Ga. Key Club P. O. Box 6618
Macon, GA 31208



Join us at the biggest event of the Key Club year! We will celebrate all of the amazing things Key Club members do with students from all around the world.

You'll also have the opportunity to:

- Travel to and from the International Convention with your district
- Share innovative service projects and fundraising ideas.
- Listen to amazing speakers and train for leadership positions.
- Elect the new Key Club International Board.
- Discover new charities and organizations you and your club can work with.
- Have fun and make memories that last a lifetime.

#### Georgia District Tour Agenda

July 3: TRAVEL DATE (arrive by 5 p.m.) / Group Dinner with 9 districts

July 4: DISNEYLAND with Fireworks

July 5: 1/2 DAY LA TOUR / 1/2 DAY SANTA MONICA BEACH

# WHEN YOUR BEST IS JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH, KEEP GOING

#### **Edward Searcy**

Human and Spirtual Values Chair Kiwanis Club of Thomaston

There are so many things in the world that places so much weight on you, leaving you feeling at times, "that your best is not good enough"! We as a people face so many external factors that contributes to health issues (physical and mental), financial imbalance, family connections, understanding your purpose, and the list goes on of things that causes us to try and prove our self-worth, not only to ourselves but, to live the life of other's expectations as well. You can live a life that is filled with "PEACE and JOY" if you stop stressing the untruths that society places on you, to be more than who you are rather than just allowing you to only, "do your best and be who you were created to be".

When it feels like your best is not good enough, remaining focused will make a difference in your

journey. By simply doing your best, you go to greater levels of life being unpressured. Proverbs 18:16 reminds us, "A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men". When your best is not good enough, keep going, don't stop doing your best. When YOU do YOU, no one else can do that and that makes you unique. Being different is what sets us apart from others. In the bible, David was looked upon as not good enough. David was not good enough to train as a soldier with his brothers, but he kept going. David protected his father's sheep by doing his best, David saved a lamb from the mouth of the lion and the bear. When time came to protect what belonged to the Israelites, the Philistines looked upon the Israelites best as not good enough to fight their giant Goliath. Even though David was not trained like his brothers, David kept going. David went to the battlefield and David accepted the challenge of a giant Goliath. Even though David's brother Eliab became angry with

him, even though Saul doubted David, even though Saul's garments did not fit David, even though Saul's weapons were seen by the army and not by David as the right weapons for battle, David kept going with the best he had.

It turns out David's best freed a nation from fear and taunting. While external factors of the Goliath's size held others back, Saul learned what he thought was his best was not good enough, his army was at a standstill. David's best seemed small in the eyes of man but, being led by God and with the spirit of the Lord being upon him, he had victory in store for him. When you don't take the small things for granted, victory is in store for you. A small guy, with a small slingshot and five smooth stones showed that when the world says, "Your Best Is Not Good Enough, Keep Going", victory is in store for you!

Zechariah 4:10, "For who has despised the day of small things? ..."

# **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 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 sattelite 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



Ryker was born with auditory neuropathy spectrum disorder in both ears, and received bilateral cochlear implants when he was 2 years old. His journey towards listening and spoken language has been a long one, but he and his family have worked tirelessly to make him a fluent verbal communicator. Ryker is thriving in his mainstream kindergarten classroom, and regularly wins awards for reading, writing, and leadership! Ryker is an enthusiastic athlete and loves to talk about his exploits on the baseball field.

# **KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND**

#### **John Holley**

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

As we celebrated the 84th **Birthday of the Kiwanis** Children's Fund during the month of April, there was much joy across the Kiwanis World. To see the organization go from a worth of \$625.00, over 80 years ago, to an organization that has contributed over \$247,000,000.00 to two global initiatives (Iodine Deficiency Disorder and The Eliminate Project), since 1994, one has to agree that this is a great time for all Kiwanians worldwide to feel proud of being members of an organization that is about serving the children of the world and about improving the world one community at a time. The month of April was a great time for the Georgia District to wish the Kiwanis Children's Fund a Happy 84th Birthday. Know that this is our organization to provide the funds to support our service projects. If you and your club have not made your annual gifts, please do so before the end of the Kiwanis Administrative year. On behalf of the Kiwanis Children's Fund, I am thanking you for your support.

Each year, the President of the Kiwanis Children's Fund gives a challenge to each Kiwanis Governor as it relates to contributions to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. As I mentioned in a previous article, the Kiwanis Children's Fund President has challenged each District to increase its club giving by 10% from the previous year. For the Georgia District's Challenge, this means our clubs must contribute \$34,303, in order to meet the challenge. As of April 30, 2023, 78 clubs have contributed a total of \$21,106. Last year we had 108 of our clubs to make contributions. I am asking every club to join us as we meet the President's Challenge. If your club has already given for the year, you have already received a thank you note from me. Without support from Kiwanians all over the globe, the Kiwanis Children's Fund cannot maintain its viability. I KNOW

# GOVERNOR DARRYL IS DEPENDING ON YOUR SUPPORT!

If you have a project and need financial support, reach out to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. They will provide assistance up to 40% of the cost of the total project. A Club Grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund can fill a gap in funding for a service project in your community or elsewhere. The project must address children's needs in one of the Kiwanis causes, or combination of those causes. The causes are as follows: (1) HEALTH AND NUTRITION, (2) EDUCATION AND LITERACY, and (3) YOUTH

#### As always, as your District Chair,

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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'S MAKE THE GEORGIA DISTRICT THE EXAMPLE FOR OTHER DISTRICTS!





## **OFFICIAL CALL**

#### **Leah Reiser**

By-Laws, Policies, and Resolutions Chair Kiwanis Club of Georgia Online

Official call and notice are here with given that the 104th Annual Convention of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International will be held on August 25-27, 2023. The convention will take place at the Marriott Savannah Riverfront, Savannah, Georgia.

Any Proposed Amendments to the District Bylaws must be submitted to the District Secretary and received by him/her no later than 60 days prior to the District Convention. Therefore, to be considered, all Bylaw Amendments must be in the hands of the District Secretary, P. O. Box 6618, Macon, Georgia 31208, by June 25, 2023

Any club desiring to present a Resolution at the District Convention must submit it to the District Resolutions Committee chaired by Leah Reiser at leah.reiser@gakeyclub.org, not less than 60 days prior to the convention.

# **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

# "Spring Cleaning" Your Kiwanis Brand

Use this checklist to ensure that your Club's Marketing/PR is in tip-top shape! Working on our IMAGE will help the Kiwanis Brand grow!

#### **□ LOGO TRANSITION**

If you are still using the oval "birdcage/globe" logo, change it out for the current Kiwanis logo. Search high and low to make sure all logos have been replaced with the new. Go here to download the Kiwanis logo: <a href="https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/logos">www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/logos</a>

If your club doesn't have a customized logo, request one here for free: <a href="https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/logos-and-assets/custom-logo-requests">www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/logos-and-assets/custom-logo-requests</a>

You can either use your customized club logo (preferred on club materials) or the Kiwanis International Logo (preferred on generic Kiwanis materials).

#### □ CLUB PROMOTIONS

Double check to make sure the correct version of the logo is on all of your promotional materials such as flyers, brochures, newsletters, banners, etc. We encourage you to use your customized club logo as much as you can on your club promotionals.

Check to see if the Kiwanis brand colors, fonts, and styles are evident on these materials. Every little bit helps make the Kiwanis brand stronger. Check out the Kiwanis Brand Book for guidelines: <a href="www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/kiwanis-brand-campaign">www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/kiwanis-brand-campaign</a>

#### **□ EVENTS**

For your service projects and events, the Kiwanis Brand guidelines are a tad bit more slack. You are not required to use the Kiwanis colors, fonts, and styles but you must have the correct logo (custom club logo or the Kiwanis logo).

Make sure your Kiwanis Club name and logo are present on all club sponsored event materials such as flyers, banners, signs, announcements, etc. Show your club pride!

#### ☐ SOCIAL MEDIA / FACEBOOK

Refresh your club's social media accounts with new posts and updated photos. Make sure contact information and club information is up-to-date. This is a great source to show what your club is doing. Completed a service project recently? Share a photo of the project! This is your chance to show how fun and involved your club is.

Kiwanis International has some great ready to use 15-or-30 second video clips for easy, eye-catching posts that you can make. Download/share the video clips from here: <a href="https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/kiwanis-brand-campaign">www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/kiwanis-brand-campaign</a>. There, you will also find some ready to use social media graphics such as Facebook cover photos, social media square graphics, etc.

If you don't already have a club facebook page, now is the time to start!

#### **□ WEBSITE**

Make sure all the information on your website is current and up-to-date. Think about photos, contact information, service project calendar, event calendar, dues, etc. Your official club logo should be prominent on the header of the website.

The Kiwanis brand needs to be carried out throughout the website theme, such as with colors, fonts, graphics, etc.

If you do not already have a club website, we encourage you to create one! We recommend using Weebly to host and be your editing platform.

#### □ CLUB MARKETING/PR CHAIR

Every club should try to have a PR/Marketing Committee and/or Chair to help maintain the club's branding and Marketing efforts. This committee can be responsible for the club's social media, website, media outreach, graphic design needs, etc.

#### □ COMMUNITY MEDIA OUTREACH

The media is tricky business, but it's important to try to have your Marketing/PR Committee reach out to the local media on getting articles published about projects your club is doing or have completed. You may get rejected, but you never know when they will have the space for your piece so keep submitting and try again and again!

Kiwanis has lots of ready-to-go graphics that are great for media outreach with TV spotlights, radio spotlights, billboards, print ads, etc. All of these can be customized to include your club's information. Visit kiwanis.org/brand to download these materials.

# **Questions?**

#### **GA DISTRICT MARKETING COORDINATOR:**

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# **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

## www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com/district-convention

#### **REGISTRATION:**

**Kiwanis Member Early Bird** Registration Fee (until July 25): \$60 per person

**Kiwanis Member On-time** Registration Fee (Jul 26 - Aug 17): \$75 per person

**Spouse/Guest Registration Fee:** No Charge

### **Friday Night Dinner:**

\$60 per person

**Past Governors Breakfast** (Saturday):

\$45 per person

**Awards Luncheon** (Saturday):

\$45 per person

**Saturday Dinner:** \$80 per person

**Officer Installation Brunch** (Sunday):

\$50 per person

No registrations will be accepted after Thursday, August 17, 2023.

#### **HOTEL:**

**Marriott Savannah Riverfront** 

100 General McIntosh Boulevard Savannah, GA 31401

A special group rate is available at the Marriott Savannah Riverfront for \$163-243 per night and is good from Wednesday, August 23, 2023 through Monday, August 28, 2023.

The last day to book your hotel reservation at the discounted rate is Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

**District Convention Chair:** 

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**Logistics Chair:** 

Pat Tritt C: 706-540-0763 E: tritt.gakiwanis@gmail.com Club: Classic City



https://www.savannah.com/savannah-river-street/

## **WORKSHOPS AT DISTRICT CONVENTION**

#### Jeanette Lafond

Incoming Training Chair Kiwanis Club of Brooklet

We have lots of workshops scheduled for Saturday, August 26th at the Georgia District Convention in Savannah, GA! We highly encourage everyone to participate. It's a great opportunity to learn more information and get ideas to take back to your club. See below a brief synopsis of each class being offered:

#### **Youth Protection**

Valuable information on Youth Protection Guidelines including what to watch out for when interacting with today's youth.

#### The Big Picture (beyond the club)

This session will help members gain an understanding of how their club fits into the Kiwanis International family.

#### Circle K

Are you interested in learning about the World's Largest Collegiate Service organization? Do you want to help make an impact in your community through a college campus? Come see what all the buzz is about with Georgia Circle K.

#### K-Kids/Builders

Learn about K-Kids and Builders Club

#### **Website Design**

Get pointers on how to setup a website for your club using the Kiwanis website platform

#### **Risk Management**

Valuable information about Risk Management and how it relates to your club

# Kiwanis 101: Basics for New Members

Information on the history and make up of the organization. International, District, Divisions, clubs

#### **New Club Secretary**

Question and Answer session with an experienced Club Secretary for new club secretaries.

#### **Governor-Elect Forum**

Sit down and discuss problems

facing your club, asking questions about best practices, and how your club can increase membership!

### Leadership for Empowering Engagement and Effective Decision-Making

This workshop aims to equip you with the skills and knowledge necessary to make informed decisions as a board, officer, or member of Kiwanis while also igniting the passion and potential of younger members. We'll dive into the art of decision-making to explore the delicate balance between when to involve the broader membership and when to take the reins as officers or as a board. We'll also discuss how to approach the seemingly tenuous bridge to cross the generational divide so you can infuse your organization with new ideas and tech-savvy approaches that will propel Kiwanis into an even brighter future.

#### **Kiwanis in the Digital Age**

Social media, online payments, and graphic design, oh my! Is your club struggling to keep up with the digital age? Let Georgia Circle K and their administrative team give

you some tools for your digital tool box

#### **Key Club - The Key in the K-Family**

Come learn about how to strengthen your existing Key Clubs and how to grow the K-family by sponsoring a Key Club in your community. Come hear from our current Key Club Governor about the exciting goals and activities that the Georgia District Key Club has planned this year.

# Kiwanis International Counselor Forum

Question and Answer session with our Kiwanis International Counselor

#### **Club Strengthening**

Sharing ideas that WORK in making your members' Kiwanis Club Experience enjoyable, meaningful, and important in their lives and community.

#### **Kiwanis 102: Club Basics**

Learn how more about your club's board, committees etc.

#### **Returning Club Secretary**

Question and Answer session with an experienced Club Secretary for returning club secretaries.

# **YEAR IN REVIEW SHOWCASE**

#### **Samantha Downton**

Marketing Chair, Webmaster & Facebook Coordinator, Marketing/PR Competition Chair Kiwanis Club of Doraville-Tucker

This year, we are trying something new and we are pretty excited about it. Instead of hosting the Marketing & PR Competition at Convention in August, we are going to host a club showcase!

We are inviting clubs to create a Tri-Fold display board showcasing your club and all that you do! Your tri-fold could include photos of projects you've done this past year, list projects and events you have supported, and also include your club meeting time and location.

After the event, this is also a great tool to use when promoting your club for membership drives!

Your display board will be on display all weekend at the District Convention in Savannah, for fellow Kiwanians to browse and see the amazing impact your club is doing.

I really encourage your club to participate in this event! You can find more information online here: https://www.georgiakiwanis.com/ club-showcase.html



Georgia District of Kiwanis

# YEAR IN REVIEW Lowcase

Every day, Kiwanis Clubs across the state of Georgia is making an impact in the community. In honor of your dedication, we invite you to create a tri-fold display spotlighting the impact your club has made over the past year. These boards will be on display at the Georgia District Convention for fellow Kiwanians to browse and see the amazing impact you have done.

**Kids Need Kiwanis** and we want you to show us why! Your tri-fold display could include the following:

**PHOTOS:** Include photos of various service projects, meetings, fundraisers, and events you'd like to highlight.

**IMPACT:** List projects you have done or supported this past year. Tell us how you are making an impact!

#### **CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION:**

You never know who may want to come by for a visit or follow you online! Include information on your club's meeting time/location, your club's website, and social media channels.

SHOWCASE DATES:
August 25-27
District Convention | Savannah, GA



Sample Display Board: https://tinyurl.com/fe5rka56





#### Georgia District of Kiwanis International

# **Convention Program 2023**

August 25-27 ♦ Savannah, GA

# Thank you for being a Sponsor of the 2023 Georgia District Kiwanis District Convention!

The following levels of sponsorship and/or advertising are available. (See back for approximate ad sizes) *Note: To have your Gold, Silver, or Bronze ad printed in color, be sure to check the Color Ad upcharge block below.* 

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# Ad forms and payment due by July 7, 2023

Please make checks payable to: **Georgia District of Kiwanis**Mail to: Georgia Kiwanis, 4875 Riverside Drive Suite 204, Macon, GA 31210

Questions Please call Alexia Lieber at 478-474-6169 or email at alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com

#### **Ad Page Sizes**

Depending on the final size of the program, your desired layout may be reduced or enlarged to fit the size of the program page. The below is just an example of the relative size for each ad. Please provide your ad in ready to use JPEG, PDF, or DOC format.

Send your ad or design elements to alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com

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# **CLE TRAINING**

#### **David Simmons**

Vice-Governor and Training Chair Kiwanis Club of Cordele

It is the time of the year for Club Leadership Education. We will be offering in person CLE in each division. If your club can't attend the training in your division, you are welcome to attend another training session in another division on another date. Please reach out to the incoming Lt. Governor in your division and advise them of which training session that you plan to attend. Kiwanis International will also be having online Club Leadership Education in August. Each club should receive an email notification in June. Speaking of June, please remember to submit

your election report by June 1. It is recommended that club officers attend both the in person and the online training. In order to meet the criteria for the Governor's Cup, only the in person training qualifies. We are hopeful that publishing the scheduled training dates and setting locations throughout the entire Georgia District will allow each club to participate.

#### **Club Leadership Education training schedule:**

<u>Date</u>	<b>Division</b>	<u>Trainer</u>
June 10	5	Dewey Smith
June 10	10	Juanita Edwards
June 10	12	David Simmons
June 17	4	Jeanette Lafond
June 17	11	David Simmons
June 17	13	Katrina Baranko
July 15	1	Tim McDaniel
July 15	7	Darryl Gumz
July 15	18	Mike Sullivan
July 22	3	C.R. Phillips
July 22	9	Katrina Baranko & Dewey Smith
July 22	14	Darryl Gumz
August 12	2	George Elkins
August 12	6	Jeanette Lafond
August 12	16	David Simmons
August 19	8	Mike Sullivan
August 19	15	David Simmons
August 19	17	Jeanette Lafond

#### **Instructor Contact Information:**

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Darryl Gumz	770-605-6656	gumzes@gmail.com
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C.R. Phillips	706-402-4319	crphillips@numail.org
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Dewey Smith	229-344-1714	deweyki@bellsouth.net
Mike Sullivan	770-815-4959	mike.sullivan.96@gmail.com

# KEY LEADER®



#### **SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023**

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

#### **GEORGIA FFA CAMPGROUND**

720 FFA FHA Camp Road, Covington, GA 30014

TICKETS: \$100

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Sign up by AUGUST 25TH and get a \$10 discount

KEY CLUB STUDENTS: Receive an additional \$25 discount

#### FOR STUDENTS - 14-18 YEARS OLD

Through a weekend of team-building activities, group discussions, and personal reflection, we'll help take your leadership skills to the next level. You'll discover your values, how you relate to others, and how you can collaborate, lead, and problem-solve to achieve more for yourself, your schools, and your communities. By the end of the retreat, you'll know more about these six principles:

#### PRINCIPLE #1: Service Leadership

Achieving your best by helping those with need

#### PRINCIPLE #2: Personal Integrity

What do you do when nobody is looking? What are your personal values? Teens examine these concepts during the program.

#### **PRINCIPLE #3: Personal Growth**

Key Leader develops the mind, body and spirit by improving listening skills, exploring personal communication styles and examining risk and when it's appropriate.

#### PRINCIPLE #4: Respect

Attendees learn to respect themselves, others and their surroundings and work to develop a culture of respect in their schools.

#### **PRINCIPLE #5: Building Community**

Key Leader teaches teens to build positive relationships and to reflect on both the challenges their communities face and the actions they can take to make a difference.

#### **PRINCIPLE #6: Pursuit of Excellence**

Students learn to expect and achieve their best, to set goals as a success strategy and the importance of leading a life of purpose.









# PHOTOS FROM THE GA DISTRICT SERVICE CAMPING TRIP

Project was a success and we enjoyed a delicious lunch after! Special thanks to our project chair, Barry Gardner, for coordinating this event and all the volunteers who showed up to help! Stay tuned for where we are going next....





















# PHOTOS FROM GEORGIA DISTRICT ART & MUSIC SHOWCASE

The Georgia Art & Music Showcase was spectacular! Filled with lots of wonderful talent from across the state. Special thanks to our project chairs, Joy Griffin and Kelly Lee, for coordinating this event!





































## PANCAKES IN THE BREEZEWAY

Kiwanis Club of Moultrie - Pancakes in the breezeway at Moultrie's Spring Fling was a great success. Special thanks to the CCHS Key Club for helping serve!





# **REBECCA'S CAFE**

Kiwanis Club of Statesboro partners with Rebecca's Cafe by volunteering on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. Members prepare over 275 bagged lunches which include sandwiches, fruit, snacks, and a dessert. Lunches are provided for the less fortunate and hungry in the community.









# **TEAM KIWANIS**

Kiwanis Club of Liberty County sponsored their first LCRD team this year and they won the championship!! Whoohoo! Great job boys and coaches!



# **SNACKS AND SERVICE GO GREAT TOGETHER!**

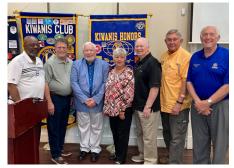
Kiwanis Club of Marietta enjoyed homemade breakfast goodies while they stickered books and built a Free Little Library Shed at Past President Debbie McCracken's home! Thank you to everyone who was able to help with this great project!





## **INTERCLUB VISIT**

Kiwanis Club of LaGrange enjoyed an Interclub visit from the Griffin Kiwanis Club. Pictured are L-R LaGrange President Jerome Alford, Griffin members Eric Moye, Incoming Div. 2 Lt. Governor Wayne Johnson, Pat McDaniel, Johnie McDaniel, Griffin Club Secretary, George Elkins, Past Governor, Div. 2 Lt. Governor Craig Rockenstein.



## MARCH READING CHALLENGE



Bottom row L to R: Rashida Lee-Walker, Assistant Principal; Donna Evans, East Cobb UMC; Sarah Alwardt, 5th Grade Teacher

Back row standing L to R: Kathy Culbertson, Media Specialist; Sandy Perry, KCMGK; Jim Perry, Past President KCMGK; Aimee Mendel, Past President KCMGK; Rosie Teague, VP KCMGK; Linda Bonstein, East Cobb UMC; Elayna Wilson, Principal Powers Ferry ES and John Kone, President KCMGK

On April 14th, 2023 through a cooperative effort of the staff from Powers Ferry Elementary School, volunteer members of the East Cobb United Methodist Church and members of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K (KCMGK), winning 5th grade students received special

certificates and books as they were rewarded for meeting the "March Reading Challenge". Following the presentation ceremony, the students were treated to snacks and an "Amazing Readers" engraved cake for dessert! Quite an accomplishment indeed and one student boasted he read over 30 books!! ... GOOD JOB STUDENTS!

"I don't know who was more thrilled" one of the volunteers exclaimed, "the 5th graders who won the certificates or the adults (Kiwanis club members and East Cobb First UMC volunteers) who provided all the goodies for the winners" ... in any event, everyone is extremely proud of the accomplishments of the students.

The amazing thing about the reading challenge is that, at the beginning of the school year, 42 percent of the students were reading below the basic level. At mid-year, this number was reduced to 29 percent for a dramatic improvement!

Note: Each child completing the challenge got a book to keep and a certificate showing that this is sponsored jointly by East Cobb United Methodist Church, as a Partner in Education, and the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K as a part of its Student Leadership Program.

## RECORD NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN

This year, the Kiwanis Club of Statesboro, had a record number of applicants and was proud to present 25 scholarships totaling \$50,000 to graduating seniors from high schools in Bulloch, Candler, Emanuel and Screven Counties. These \$2,000 scholarships will be utilized exclusively to assist with expenses incurred while attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution. "The Kiwanis Club firmly believes that investing in the education of these bright individuals will contribute to the betterment of our community and beyond," said Christopher Wiggins, President, Kiwanis Club of Statesboro.

The Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors who have demonstrated exceptional academic excellence and have shown remarkable commitment to leadership and service both within their school and the broader community. These deserving students have displayed remarkable dedication and have set a shining example for their peers.

Funding for our Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship program is provided by our successful Kiwanis-Ogeechee Fair and our Kiwanis Rodeo. These fund-raising events allow our club to support many worthwhile community service organizations, with a primary emphasis on programs benefiting children and youth.



# MIKE SMITH AND ANITA CERPOVICZ WIN FIRST PLACE IN 2023 KNOTTY PINE 5K!

On the morning of May 6, 2023, runners came to Swainsboro for the 22nd running of the Knotty Pine 5K Race as part of the Pine Tree Festival. The 5K was sponsored by the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, who provided logistics and support for the race. Last year the start/finish line was moved to the corner of Pine and Green Streets and the route changed to run mainly on Moring Street. This year the same route was used. This year as last year, SAR members Dess Smith and Steve Burke assisted Swainsboro Police Chief Randy Ellison fire a starting cannon. The 1st place overall winner in the 5K male division was Mike Smith from Statesboro, GA with a time of 21 minutes and 7 seconds, while the overall winner in the female division was Anita Cerpovicz also from Statesboro in a time of 28 minutes and 17 seconds. The 1st place master's male winner was Jason Martin from East Dublin, GA, with a time of 22 minutes and 25 seconds and Kellye Thurman from Swainsboro, GA was 1st place in the master's female division with a time of 32 minutes and 4 seconds.

Age group winners in the male division were: age 10 and under, 1st place Charley McNeely in 25 minutes and 56 seconds, 2nd place Reese McNeely in 31 minutes and 11 seconds, and 3rd place Kellan McNeely in 31 minutes and 12 seconds; age 11 to 19, 1st place Evan Rogers in 21 minutes and 26 seconds, 2nd place Brantley Smith in 22 minutes and 29 seconds, and 3rd place Peyton Taylor in 23 minutes and 30 seconds; age 20 to 29, 1st place Noah Aholelei, in 23 minutes and 28 seconds, 2nd place Andrew Anderson in 32 minutes and 35 seconds, and 3rd place Jared Sapp in 32 minutes and 35 seconds; age 30-39, 1st place Martin Neal in 21 minutes and 54 seconds, 2nd place James Webb in 23 minutes and 24 seconds, and 3rd place Roscoe Parker in 46 minutes and 23 seconds; age 40 to 49, 1st place Jason Edenfield in 29 minutes and 44 seconds; age 50-59, 1st place Kevin Faircloth in 29 minutes and 31 seconds; age 60 to 69, 1st place Steve Stiegman in 36 minutes and 40 seconds; age 70 and older, 1st place Tom Lamb 25 minutes and 29 seconds and 2nd place John Torpy in 39 minutes and 43 seconds.





Age group winners in the female division were: age 10 and under, 1st place Brooklyn Lewis in 33 minutes and 21 seconds, 2nd place Rachelle Stoltzfus in 37 minutes and 37 seconds, and 3rd place Julianne Way in 43 minutes and 37 seconds; age 11 to 19, 1st place in 30 minutes and 31 seconds and 2nd place Lauren Sapp in 48 minutes and 55 seconds; age 20 to 29, 1st place Ami Scott in 48 minutes and 8 seconds; age 30-39, 1st place Harriet Smith in 29 minutes and 14 seconds, 2nd place Joni Mc-Neely in 31 minutes and 53 seconds, and 3rd place Rebecca McNeely in 32 minutes and 9 seconds; age 50-59, 1st place Beth Lane in 37 minutes and 18 seconds and Alexandra Flowers in 46 minutes and 1 second; age 60-69, 1st place Beverly Walker in 34 minutes and 57 seconds, 2nd place Barbara Ervin in 43 minutes and 4 seconds, and 3rd place Dee Whitehead in 43 minutes and 36 seconds; and age 70 and over, 1st place Carol Edwards in 42 minutes and 40 seconds.

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club would like to give a special thanks to our sponsors; Domino's Pizza, Haddock Chiropractic, Harvey's, Shop Rite, Statesboro Coca-Cola Bottling, Swainsboro Ford, Swainsboro Raceway, Swainsboro Internal Medical Clinic, Walmart, and Ware's Bar-B-Que. A special thanks also to the Swainsboro Police Department for all the assistance as they kept our runners safe even with all the people around for the Pine Tree Festival. Complete results of the runs can be found on the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club website at swainsborokiwanis. org and the Pine Tree Festival page at pinetreefestival.org.

Just Keep Running and Run Fast, Run Hard, and Run Safe!





# RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW CHILDREN'S PARK

The Kiwanis Club of Cumming held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Kiwanis Children's Park at the City Center. The Kiwanis Children's Park overlooks the Lou Sobh Amphitheater and features a unique musical theme and wheel-chair-accessible merry-go-round. The Children's Park is open to kids of all ages and abilities (even those who are just young at heart)!

Thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Cumming and all the other local organizations and individuals who made this wonderful pocket park possible: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation, Catherine Mashburn (In Memory of Dr. Marcus Mashburn Jr., Charter Member of Cumming Kiwanis), Forsyth Cumming Optimist Club, Charles and Linda Cole, Kevin and Holly Salisbury, The Dunn Family (In Memory of Dr. Bob Dunn, Past-President Cumming Kiwanis), Cumming Kiwanis Club (In Memory of Jon Alan Sarver), North Forsyth-400 Rotary Club, Wes and Crystal Dorsey, Frank and Pam Felker, Scot, Melissa and Sarah Roehm, and Phil and Ellen Eve!

















# **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**



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



#### facebook.com/groups/GAKiwanisStateConventions

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



#### facebook.com/groups/GAKiwanisInternationalConventions

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



#### facebook.com/groups/GAKiwanisProjectsAndEvents

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

# TAG US!

#KidsNeedKiwanis #GeorgiaKiwanis #GaKFam



# GEORGIA DISTRICT DIRECTORY



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

# 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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