

THE Georgia Kiwanian

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IT'S A NEW YEAR WITH KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT KATRINA BARANKO



KATRINA J. BARANKO, a member of the Albany-Dougherty County Kiwanis Club is now the Kiwanis

International President! She says it's so important that we tap people on the shoulder and ask them to step up, but also assure them that if they do, we'll be there to support them and help them do a good job. That's why she plans to encourage and emphasize mentorship this year.

The Georgia District is very proud of Katrina and we look forward to a fun year of Kiwanis under her leadership!

CANDIDATE FOR 2024-25 VICE-GOVERNOR



Edward J. Searcy
has been nominated by the
Kiwanis Club of Thomaston

CLUB HONORED FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

In celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Carrollton Kiwanis Club, a flag and flag pole was donated and installed at the Hobbs Farm Trailhead of the Carrollton Greenbelt; a eighteen mile recreational track that connects several active and passive recreational areas surrounding the City of

Carrollton. The Carrollton Kiwanis Club hosted a 3K race for middle school students and a 5K race on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The race and the flag pole at the start and finish line was dedicated in memory of Kiwanian Dr. Bob Reeves, (1937-2020).



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Brent Leslie
2023-24 Governor of the Georgia District
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Club: Jones County

Welcome to another great year in Kiwanis. I am honored to begin this year as your District Governor. This class of Lt. Governors have been working hard to prepare to serve you this year. They have spent considerable time training, learning, and growing to best serve our clubs. I am pleased to have another great group around me as we navigate this year. Our Governor-Elect David Simmons, Vice-Governor Barry Gardner, and Immediate Past Governor Darryl Gumz are all in to ensure a great year.

There are several changes to note as we begin this year. First, the District office will be reducing our operating days to Monday to Thursday. Second, no printed GA District Directory will be published this year. Each year, we publish a printed book only to have it obsolete the moment it is completed. The financial resources used to print the copies can best be put towards our continuing club growth and strengthening efforts. The updated directory will be published online on www.georgiakiwanis.org. You may receive the password by contacting the district office or your Lt. Governor.

My theme for the year is asking each of you to become a F.O.R.C.E for Kiwanis. The acronym stands for Focusing on Reality, Community, and Excellence. I chose this theme for several reasons. The biggest of which is that forces make things happen. We must put effort into making our clubs grow. Only then can we truly say we are "Serving the Children of the World". This year I encourage your clubs to focus on the reality our clubs are facing. Have deep conversations about how your club is functioning. Ask yourself why our club is not

growing, why are we not meeting our expectations of the impact we have on our community, and most importantly are we making our clubs valuable for those who are in it. Take a hard look at every aspect of your club. If changes need to occur, consider them carefully. If in the end your club determines that a change is not necessary, you have at least had the discussion.

We must focus on our communities. Is our club having an impact? Does the Kiwanis club have the ability to reach more underserved people in your community? Is your club's signature project actually meet the definition of a signature project? If your club doesn't have a signature project, consider starting one. Kiwanis International will once again be having the annual contest for Signature projects. Please put your project up for consideration. Lastly, focusing on excellence. Wake up every day asking yourself how I can make my club better. Every Kiwanian has these responsibilities, it isn't just the officer's job. Help them out by offering suggestions during the year. Review the club distinguished criteria and use it as a road map during the year. Encourage new members to get involved with the club. Ensure your club has a new member orientation so that new members know the incredible group they have joined. If you're looking for ways to grow your club review the materials for 2 for 2 as provided by Kiwanis International. The clubs in Georgia that are embracing some of the concepts found in that document have seen tremendous growth. Make sure your club has a membership chair or a committee on membership. The clubs that have this important position active are the ones that

grow year over year.

I am excited for this year. I hope you will make plans and plan your budgets accordingly for several events this year. The first is our Midwinter training conference which will be at Middle GA State University just off I-475 in Macon on March 16th. This will be our kickoff for the second part of the administrative year. It will also be where we will announce important details about this year's convention. You will not want to miss it. Of course, we will be celebrating in Denver over the July 4th holiday at our Kiwanis International convention. Whether you want to go rocky mountain climbing or just want to reconnect with friends in other districts it will be a fun time. We will also be celebrating our own Katrina Baranko as she leads as our Kiwanis International President. Our district convention this year will be in Peachtree Corners. This will be our time to celebrate our year together.

Thank you for what you do each day for the children in our communities and in our organization. Let's get to work!



A NOTE FROM VICE GOVERNOR

Barry Gardner

Vice Governor of GA District of
Kiwanis
Club: Fairfield-Villa Rica

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Vice Governor of the Georgia District. I look forward to working with Governor Brent, Governor Elect David, and the Lt

Governors as we conduct another successful Kiwanis year.

Like all Civic and Service Organizations, we have a challenge ahead - MEMBERSHIP. We need to overcome this challenge by recruiting new members and building new clubs, while we work together to reenergize our current membership. We can do both!

Members accomplish our objectives, members do the work, members enhance the lives of children, members - you and I, are the life blood of Kiwanis. Let's get out there and conduct a blood drive, find those donors and bring them into Kiwanis.

Again Thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to another great year for Georgia Kiwanis.

UPDATES FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

Alexia Lieber

Executive Director of Georgia
District of Kiwanis

A new year, a new beginning, and a clean slate. October 1st marked the beginning of the 2023-24 Administrative Year. By now, Club Officers have attended their CLE Training online or in person, and in turn, the Club President has trained his/her officers and committee chairs. The incoming Lt. Governors are eager to begin a record-breaking year under the leadership of Governor Brent Leslie.

Clubs are urged to get off on the right foot by reporting their **Official Monthly Reports online by the 10th of each month.** The 2023-24 Contribution Workbook is on the District Website. Please mail a copy of the summary sheet along with your club check to the District Office, so, I will know how to split the money.

Distinguished Club Criteria for the 2023-24 year is posted on our District Website. (www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com)

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Club secretaries are urged to delete members and make address changes online so that the Kiwanis International database has the most updated information.

I am looking forward to working with you this year.

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 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:

b. 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.

c. 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 2024-25 Vice-Governor at the Georgia District Convention, August 23-25, 2024 in Norcross, Georgia. The elected Vice-Governor will afterwards automatically step up each year to Governor-Elect and Governor.

DISTRICT OFFICERS



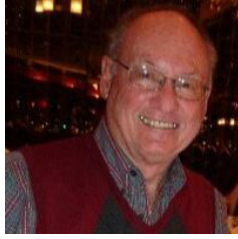
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Brent Leslie

Jones County



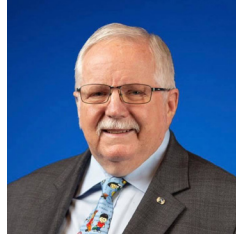
GOVERNOR-ELECT
David Simmons

Cordele



VICE GOVERNOR
Barry Gardner

Fairfield-Villa Rica



IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR
Darryl Gumz

*Winder, Jefferson,
West Jackson,
Georgia Online*



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Alexia Lieber

North Macon

DIVISION LT. GOVERNORS



DIVISION 1
David Moore

Atlanta



DIVISION 2
Wayne Johnson

Griffin



DIVISION 3
Roger Bryant

White Oak Golden K



DIVISION 4
Layton Gilroy

Liberty County



DIVISION 5
Bill McDaniel

*Albany-Dougherty
County*



DIVISION 6
Mark Woelzlein

Augusta



DIVISION 7
Brianna Blevins

Athens



DIVISION 8
Allen Jernigan

Gainesville



DIVISION 9
N. Durrett Childs

Jones County



DIVISION 10
Bill Echelberger

Blue Ridge



DIVISION 11
James Braswell

Georgia Online



DIVISION 12
Neil Weathington

Carrollton



DIVISION 13
Alicia Horkan

Moultrie



DIVISION 14
Catherine Storey

Historic Roswell



DIVISION 15
Dr. Debbie
McCracken
Marietta

**DIVISION 16**

David Moore

Atlanta**DIVISION 17**

Trish Tootle

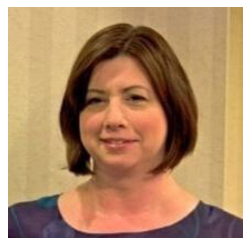
Statesboro**DIVISION 18**

Tom Greenfield

Madison

DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Soon.

**AKTION CLUB
ADMINISTRATOR****AREA DIRECTOR
SOUTHEAST-KI**

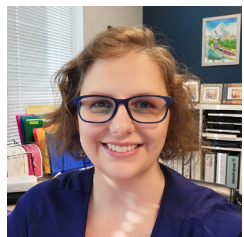
Rhonda Vrell

Clemmons**ART & MUSIC
SHOWCASE
CHAIR**

John Davis

Macon**"BUCK-N-EAR" /
AUDITORY-VER-
BAL CENTER**Debbie Brilling
*Brookhaven/Chamblee,
Doraville-Tucker***BUILDERS CLUB
ADMINISTRATOR**

Leah Reiser

Georgia Online**BULLETIN EDITOR**

Samantha Downton

Doraville-Tucker**BY-LAWS, POLICIES,
& RESOLUTIONS**

Leah Reiser

Georgia Online**CIRCLE K
ADMINISTRATOR**

Virginia Braswell

Georgia Online**CLUB OPENING
CHAIR**

George Elkins

LaGrange**CLUB STRENGTH-
ENING CHAIR**

Clinton "CR" Phillips

Newnan**DISTRICT CON-
VENTION CHAIR**

Dia Stokes Kelly

Alpharetta-Milton**DISTRICT CPA**

James "Jamie" Gibson

Macon**DISTRICT SERVICE
PROJECT (CAMP-
ING TRIP)**

Barry Gardner

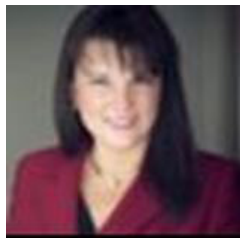
Fairfield-Villa Rica**EMERGING
LEADERS****EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Alexia Lieber

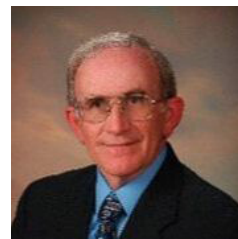
North Macon

**FINANCE**

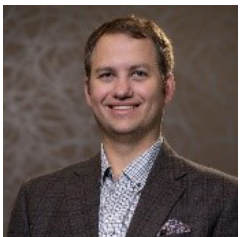
Jim Smith

Griffin**GA DISTRICT
KIWANIS FOUNDATION
PRESIDENT**Kim Maxwell
Henry County**HUMAN & SPIRITUAL
VALUES
CHAIR**Edward Searcy
Thomaston**INSURANCE RISK
MANAGEMENT**

Thele Moore

Social Circle, Doraville-Tucker**INTERCLUB CHAIR**

Tim Goodman

Swainsboro**INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

Jonathan Brilling

*Brookhaven/
Chamblee***INTERNATIONAL
LEADERSHIP
COMMITTEE**Dewey Smith
Albany-Dougherty
County**K-KIDS
ADMINISTRATOR**

Leah Reiser

Georgia Online**KEY CLUB
ADMINISTRATOR**

Heather Brindle

Georgia Online**KIWANIS
CHILDRENS FUND**

John Holley

Metro Atlanta**LOGISTICS & SITE
SELECTION CHAIR**

Pat Tritt

Classic City**MEMBERSHIP
CHAIR**

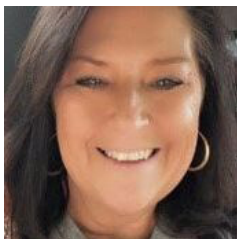
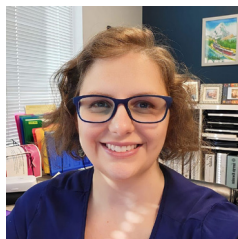
Dewey Smith

Albany-Dougherty**PARLIAMENTAR-
IAN**

Dave Kelly

Galleria-Northwest**PAST DISTRICT
GOVERNORS'
ASSOCIATION
CHAIR**Dewey Smith
Albany-Dougherty
County**PAST LT. GOVERNORS'
ASSOCIATION
CHAIR**Mike Sullivan
North Gwinnett**RAFFLE CHAIR**

Pat Tritt

Classic City**SCREENING AND
NOMINATIONS
CHAIR**Debbie Brilling
Brookhaven/Chamblee,
Doraville-Tucker**SERVICE CHAIR -
SIGNATURE
PROJECT**Becky Anderson
Tattnall County**SOCIAL MEDIA,
MARKETING, &
PUBLIC RELATIONS
COORDINATOR**Samantha Downton
Doraville-Tucker**TRAINING CHAIR**

Jeanette Lafond

Brooklet



**TRAINING CHAIR
(CLE)**

David Simmons

Cordele



**YOUNG CHILDREN
PRIORITY ONE**

Charlene Pennymon

Americus



**YOUTH PROTEC-
TION MANAGER**

Darryl Gumz

*Winder, Jefferson,
West Jackson,
Georgia Online*



CKI GOVERNOR

Anika Anbar



**KEY CLUB
GOVERNOR**

Armin Sedghi

Kiwanis IS MY SUPERPOWER



2023-24 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

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

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

Download here:

www.georgiakiwanis.com/ga-district-directory



UPDATES?

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

Samantha Downton sdownton@avchears.org

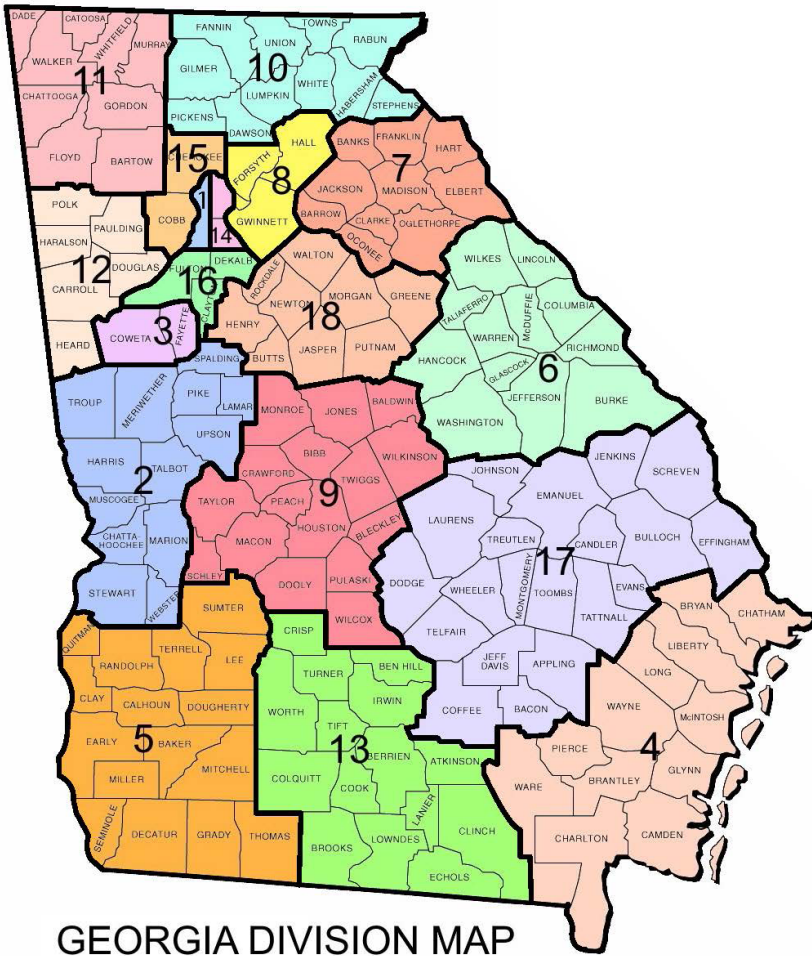
GEORGIA DISTRICT CLUBS

Kiwanis clubs dot the globe, making sure kids have what they need to be secure and successful in any community. Kiwanis members know the needs in their communities and host nearly 150,000 service projects a year, from building playgrounds to mentoring teens and sponsoring youth sports.

We are proud of our Georgia District clubs and the impact they are making in their community and across the state.

Together, we make a difference!

Below is a map of our Divisions and on the next page is a list of all of our clubs across the state.



GEORGIA DIVISION MAP

DIVISION 1

Atlanta
Galleria-NW Atlanta
Northside Atlanta

DIVISION 2

Barnesville
Columbus
Greater Columbus
Griffin
Harris County
LaGrange
Manchester
North Columbus
Pike County
Thomaston

West Point

DIVISION 3

Coweta County
Fayette County
Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta
Grantville
Newnan
Peachtree City
White Oak Golden K

DIVISION 4

Brunswick
Jesup
Liberty County
Pooler-West Chatham

Richmond Hill
Saint Marys
Savannah
Skidaway
Waycross

DIVISION 5

Albany/Dougherty
Americus
Blakey-Early County
Cairo
Cairo Morningstar
Mitchell-Baker
Thomasville

DIVISION 6

Augusta
Louisville
Thomson
Uptown Augusta
Warrenton
Washington

DIVISION 7

Athens
Classic City Athens
Commerce
Hartwell
Jefferson
Oconee
West Jackson
Winder

DIVISION 8

Cumming
Duluth-Norcross
Gainesville
Lawrenceville
North Gwinnett
Southeast Gwinnett
South Hall County, Oakwood
Suwanee

DIVISION 9

Crawford County
Forsyth-Monroe Co
Fort Valley
Jones County
Macon
Macon County
Milledgeville

North Macon
Perry
Taylor County
Warner Robins

DIVISION 10

Blairsville
Blue Ridge
Cleveland
Dahlonega/Lumpkin County
Dawson County
Gilmer County
Habersham Co
Rabun County
Toccoa

DIVISION 11

Calhoun/Gordon Co
Cartersville
Dalton
Murray County
Ringgold
Rome

DIVISION 12

Bowdon
Carrollton
Carrollton Golden K
Cedartown
Douglas County

Fairfield - Villa Rica
Paulding
Rockmart
Villa Rica - Temple

DIVISION 13

Adel
Cordele
Fitzgerald
Moultrie
Sylvester
Tifton
Turner County
Valdosta

DIVISION 14

Alpharetta-Milton
Brookhaven/Chamblee
Doraville-Tucker
Druid Hills
Historic Roswell

DIVISION 15

Georgia Online
Greater Cherokee
Greater South Cobb
Jonquil City, Smyrna
Lost Mountain
Marietta
Marietta Golden K

Metro Marietta
North Cherokee

DIVISION 16

Forest Park
Jonesboro
Lithonia-Stonecrest
Metro Atlanta

DIVISION 17

Baxley
Brooklet
Douglas
Effingham
Metter
Statesboro
Swainsboro
Tattnall County
Vidalia

DIVISION 18

Conyers
Covington
Eatonton
Henry County
Madison
Monroe
Social Circle

2023-24 INTERCLUB POLICY & OPPORTUNITIES

Tim Goodman

Interclub Chairman
Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

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. Kiwanis International encourages Clubs close to newly chartered Clubs to assist the new Clubs in learning how to conduct business the "Kiwanis Way." Some Divisions have members join the new Club and serve in leadership roles the first year to make a smooth transition into Kiwanis International.

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. These 8 interclub visits can be within the division or outside the division. Interclubs with your SLPs are considered bonus points. They will not count for your initial 8 Interclubs but will be added to your total after your club has achieved 8 Interclubs. **Training Conferences, and Conventions do not count for the Interclub Challenge.**
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, 2024). **Training Conferences, and Conventions do not count for the Interclub Challenge.**
4. Remember to report all Interclubs on your monthly reports and to Tim Goodman to assure you have credit for completing the challenge. A report sheet has been created in excel for you to log your Interclubs.

For More Information: Tim Goodman, goodman@ega.edu (478) 494-4741

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Below are meeting times for all the clubs in our District... updated version can also be found in our District Directory online our website which gets updated frequently.

MONDAY

8:00 A.M.	GREATER CHEROKEE (1ST)
11:30 A.M.	CLEVELAND
11:45 A.M.	BLUE RIDGE
NOON	ALBANY-DOUGHERTY COUNTY, AUGUSTA, BRUNSWICK, DAHLONEGA- LUMPKIN COUNTY (1ST & 3RD), DALTON, DRUID HILLS, JEFFERSON (2ND & 4TH), METRO MARIETTA, METTER, ROCKMART (1st,2nd, & 3rd), SAINT MARYS, THOMSON (1ST,2ND, & 3RD)
5:30 P.M.	PAULDING (2nd & 4th)
6:00 P.M.	METRO ATLANTA, JONESBORO, WEST POINT (2ND)
7:00 P.M.	JONES COUNTY

TUESDAY

7:00 A.M.	RINGGOLD
7:45 A.M.	RICHMOND HILL (1ST)
8:00 A.M.	EFFINGHAM (1ST)
10:00 A.M.	JONQUIL CITY-SMYRNA
11:30 A.M.	DAWSON COUNTY (1st & 3rd)
11:45 A.M.	DOUGLAS COUNTY, DOUGLASVILLE (1ST & 3RD), FAIRFIELD -VILLA RICA (1ST & 3RD)
11:50 A.M.	FORSYTH-MONROE COUNTY
NOON	ATHENS,BROOKHAVEN-CHAMBLEE (1ST & 3RD), CALHOUN/GORDON COUNTY (1ST & 3RD), COLUMBUS, CONYERS, GAINESVILLE, HENRY COUNTY, GREATER SOUTH COBB (2nd & 4th), JESUP, MACON, MACON COUNTY, NEWNAN, NORTH GWINNETT (2nd& 4th), PEACHTREE CITY (2nd& 4th), ROME (1st & 3rd), SUWANEE (1ST & 3RD), THOMASTON, TURNER COUNTY, UPTOWN AUGUSTA, VIDALIA, WEST JACKSON (2ND & 4TH)
12:15 P.M.	ATLANTA, MILLEDGEVILLE
12:30 P.M.	LOUISVILLE, WARRENTON, SAVANNAH (2nd & 4th)
1:00 P.M.	WASHINGTON,
4:30 P.M.	RICHMOND HILL (3RD)
6:20 P.M.	BROOKLET (EXCEPT FOR THE 5TH TUESDAY)
6:30 P.M.	HARRIS COUNTY (2nd & 4th), MANCHESTER (1st & 3rd), BOWDON (3RD), DORAVILLE-TUCKER (2nd), DOUGLAS (2nd & 4th), FAYETTE COUNTY (1ST & 3RD), GEORGIA ONLINE (Third Tuesday), RINGGOLD, SWAINSBORO (1ST & 3RD)

WEDNESDAY

7:30 A.M.	CLASSIC CITY-ATHENS,
8:15 A.M.	POOLER-WEST CHATHAM (2nd)
9:00 A.M.	CARROLLTON GOLDEN K

11:00 A.M.

11:30 A.M.

11:45 A.M.

NOON

1:30 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY

7:30 A.M.

8:00 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

11:30 A.M.

11:45 A.M.

NOON

12:15 P.M.

12:30 P.M.

1:00 P.M.

5:30 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY

11:30 A.M.

NOON

12:30 P.M.

1:00 P.M.

SATURDAY

9:30 A.M.

CAIRO MORNINGSTAR (2ND), NORTH
CHEROKEE (1ST, 2ND, & 3RD)
GREATER COLUMBUS, SOCIAL CIRCLE
(2nd & 4th)
LIBERTY COUNTY
ADEL, ALPHARETTA -MILTON (2ND &
4TH), BLAIRSVILLE, BLAKEY-EARLY
COUNTY (2ND & 4TH), CRAWFORD
COUNTY, CUMMING (1st & 3rd),
FITZGERALD, GALLERIA-NORTHWEST
ATLANTA (1ST, 2ND, 4TH, & 5TH),
GRIFFIN, HABERSHAM COUNTY,
HARTWELL, MITCHELL-BAKER, NORTH
MACON, SMYRNA (4TH), SYLVESTER,
WARNER ROBINS (1st & 3rd)
SOUTH HALL COUNTY (1st & 3rd)
DULUTH-NORCROSS (1st & 3rd)
BARNESVILLE (2ND)

SKIDAWAY

SOUTHEAST GWINNETT (1ST & 3RD)

WHITE OAK GOLDEN K-NEWMAN

COWETA COUNTY (2ND & 4TH), LOST

MOUNTAIN, MARIETTA GOLDEN K

COMMERCE

CORDELE

BAXLEY (1ST & 3RD), CAIRO, EATONTON,

GILMER COUNTY (1ST & 3RD), FORT

VALLEY, HISTORIC ROSWELL (1ST&

3RD), LAGRANGE, LAWRENCEVILLE

(1st & 3rd), MADISON, MONROE (1ST

& 3RD), NORTH COLUMBUS (1ST &

3RD), PERRY. PIKE COUNTY,), RABUN

COUNTY (1ST & 3RD), STATESBORO,

TIFTON (2nd & 4th)

MARIETTA, NORTHSIDE-ATLANTA

COVINGTON, OCONEE (1st & 3rd)

MOULTRIE, MURRAY COUNTY (4TH)

FOREST PARK

CARTERSVILLE, GRANTVILLE (1ST),

TATTNALL COUNTY (1ST & 3RD)

WINDER (1ST & 3RD)

LITHONIA-STONECREST (3RD),

TOCCOA (1st & 3rd)

FAYETTEVILLE/GREATER ATLANTA

(2nd)

VALDOSTA (1st)

CARROLLTON, CEDARTOWN, TAYLOR

COUNTY, WAYCROSS

THOMASVILLE

AMERICUS

LITHONIA-STONECREST (3rd)

2023-24 DISTINGUISHED CLUB CRITERIA

Membership Growth

Finished with a net increase of one at the end of the year	2
Helped open or sponsor a new Kiwanis Club	1
Participated in Two For Two each month	2
Subtotal 0-5	_____

Leadership Education

Club President completed CLE	1
Club President completed CLE by Sep 30, 2023	2
Club Secretary completed CLE	1
Club Secretary completed CLE by Sep 30, 2023	2
Club Treasurer completed CLE	1
Club Treasurer completed CLE by Sep 30, 2023	2
Subtotal 0-9	_____

Conference Attendance

Club Represented at Division Rally	1
Club represented at Mid-year training	2
Club represented at International Convention	1
Club represented at District Convention	2
Club represented at first Division Council meeting after Oct 1.	1
Subtotal 0-7	_____

Interclub

Club completed at least 4 Interclubs.	1
Club completed at least 8 Interclubs.	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	1
Club opened a new Circle K	1
Club opened a new Key Club	1
Club opened a new Builders Club	1
Club opened a new K-Kids club	1
Club opened a new Aktion Club	1
Club began BUG or Terrific Kids program at a new school	1
Subtotal 0-7	_____

Global Community

Club contributed to Kiwanis Children's Fund	1
Club contributed suggested amount to Kiwanis Children's Fund	2
Subtotal 0-3	_____

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DISTINGUISHED CLUB AWARD

Georgia District Projects and Raffles

Club contributed to each of the Georgia District Projects	1-5
Club contributed suggested amount to each of the Georgia District Projects	2-10
Club sold all initial tickets to the Georgia Raffle	5
Subtotal 0-20	_____

Monthly Reports

Club submitted all monthly reports	1
Club submitted all monthly reports NLT the 10th of the next month	2
Club submitted election report NLT June 1, 2024	2
Subtotal 0-5	_____
Grand Total 0-60	_____

Distinguished Club Awards

Platinum	61 +
Gold	43-60
Silver	38-42
Bronze	32-37

SLP BONUS POINTS AVAILABLE

If the Kiwanis Club’s sponsored Key Club is in good standing and represented at Key Club Service Leadership Conference in 2024 as verified by the District Administrator, the Kiwanis Club will receive 3 bonus points.

If the Kiwanis Club’s sponsored Circle K Club is in good standing and represented at the Circle K District Convention in 2024 as verified by the District Administrator, the Kiwanis Club will receive 3 bonus points.

For K-Kids, Builders, or Aktion sponsoring Kiwanis club the Kiwanis club must ensure that club is in good standing and participate in at least one joint project as verified by the District Administrator, the Kiwanis Club can receive up to 2 points for each group.

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	Wally Yazbak	Atlanta	201	198	7 of 7
		Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	18	17	7 of 7
		Northside Atlanta	32	33	7 of 7
		DIVISION TOTALS:	251	248	
2	Craig Rockenstein	Barnesville	26	19	
		Columbus	46	51	7 of 7
		Golden K, Columbus	11		
		Greater Columbus	33	34	7 of 7
		Griffin	107	100	7 of 7
		Harris County	18	21	7 of 7
		LaGrange	49	45	7 of 7
		Manchester	14	15	7 of 7
		North Columbus	8	8	
		Pike County	23	18	
		Thomaston	36	42	
		West Point	5	5	7 of 7
		DIVISION TOTALS:	376	358	
3	Murray Parks	Coweta County	72	81	7 of 7
		Fayette County	17	19	
		Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	7	8	
		Grantville	13	17	7 of 7
		Metro-Fayette	10	10	
		Newnan	95	104	
		Peachtree City	22	17	
		White Oak Golden K	57	62	7 of 7
		DIVISION TOTALS:	293	318	
4	Michael Klavon	Brunswick	49	47	7 of 7
		Jesup	30	37	
		Liberty County	33	33	
		Pooler-West Chatham	4	15	7 of 7
		Richmond Hill	15	15	
		Saint Marys	63	62	7 of 7
		Savannah	17	18	
		Skidaway	133	152	7 of 7
		Waycross	4	5	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	348	384	
5	Lisa Williams	Albany/Dougherty County	73	76	7 of 7
		Americus	71	75	7 of 7
		Blakely-Early County		24	
		Cairo	48	45	
		Cairo-Morningstar	14	19	7 of 7
		Good Life City		15	
		LeeDo	19	19	
		Mitchell-Baker	12	15	
		Thomasville	70	61	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	307	349	
6	Rick Berry	Augusta	139	131	
		Louisville	24	24	
		Thomson	22	21	
		Uptown Augusta	15	20	
		Warrenton	18	19	
		Washington	10	10	
		DIVISION TOTALS:	228	225	
7	Greg Simpson	Athens	22	23	
		Classic City	18	18	7 of 7
		Commerce	34	27	
		Hartwell	35	38	7 of 7
		Jefferson	11	12	7 of 7
		Oconee	15	16	
		West Jackson	4	4	7 of 7
		Winder	15	16	7 of 7
		DIVISION TOTALS:	154	154	
8	Mike Sullivan	Cumming	20	20	7 of 7
		Duluth-Norcross	24	18	
		Gainesville	120	121	7 of 7
		Lawrenceville	12	12	7 of 7
		North Gwinnett	41	41	
		South Hall County-Oakwood	12	10	
		Southeast Gwinnett		15	
		Suwanee	20	18	7 of 7
		DIVISION TOTALS:	249	255	
9	Jim David	Cochran-Bleckley County	17	0	
		Crawford County	22	23	7 of 7
		Forsyth - Monroe County	58	50	7 of 7
		Fort Valley	26	25	7 of 7
		Jones County	27	28	7 of 7
		Macon	35	33	7 of 7
		Macon County	25	26	7 of 7
		Milledgeville	23	30	7 of 7
		North Macon	18	17	7 of 7
		Perry	35	36	7 of 7
		Taylor County	19	19	7 of 7
		Warner Robins	9	11	7 of 7
		DIVISION TOTALS:	314	298	

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Bill Echelberger	Blairsville	17	17	
		Blue Ridge	56	62	7 of 7
		Cleveland	30	31	7 of 7
		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	11	7	
		Dawson County	9	10	7 of 7
		Gilmer County	13	15	7 of 7
		Habersham County	39	33	1 of 7
		Jasper/Pickens County	10	0	
		Rabun County	14	16	
Toccoa	17	18			
DIVISION TOTALS:			216	209	
11	Jeri Purdy	Calhoun-Gordon County		20	
		Cartersville	13	13	7 of 7
		Dalton	45	43	7 of 7
		Murray County	14	14	7 of 7
		Ringgold	15	17	7 of 7
		Rome	20	23	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			107	130	
12	Latha Narayan	Bowdon	25	29	7 of 7
		Carrollton	87	85	7 of 7
		Carrollton Golden K	24	23	6 of 7
		Cedartown	32	35	7 of 7
		Douglas County	17	18	7 of 7
		Fairfield - Villa Rica	24	27	7 of 7
		Haralson	12	0	
		Paulding	22	17	1 of 7
		Rockmart	15	16	7 of 7
Villa Rica - Temple	15	19	7 of 7		
DIVISION TOTALS:			273	269	
13	Ben Baker	Adel	11	6	
		Cordele	47	44	7 of 7
		Fitzgerald	22	22	
		Moultrie	141	125	7 of 7
		Quitman-Brooks County	10	0	
		Sylvester	40	36	
		Tifton	19	19	7 of 7
		Turner County	17	23	7 of 7
		Valdosta	15	23	
DIVISION TOTALS:			322	298	
14	Jean Adams	Alpharetta-Milton	8	8	
		Brookhaven-Chamblee	13	8	7 of 7
		Doraville-Tucker	15	15	7 of 7
		Druid Hills	8	10	7 of 7
		Historic Roswell	33	33	7 of 7
		DIVISION TOTALS:			77
15	Debbie McCracken	Georgia Online	22	26	7 of 7
		Greater Cherokee	34	37	7 of 7
		Greater South Cobb	20	24	7 of 7
		Jonquil City	30	34	7 of 7
		Lost Mountain	59	64	7 of 7
		Marietta	175	167	7 of 7
		Marietta Golden K	67	64	7 of 7
		Metro Marietta	22	21	7 of 7
		North Cherokee		20	
DIVISION TOTALS:			429	457	
16	Sara Sellers	Forest Park	14	13	7 of 7
		Jonesboro	15	19	7 of 7
		Lithonia-Stonecrest	10	10	
		Metro Atlanta	48	47	7 of 7
		Stone Mountain	5	0	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			92	89	
17	Beth Upchurch	Baxley	33	34	7 of 7
		Brooklet	51	56	7 of 7
		Douglas	24	21	7 of 7
		Dublin	4	0	7 of 7
		Effingham	18	21	
		Jeff Davis County	4	4	7 of 7
		Metter	22	22	4 of 7
		Statesboro	128	138	7 of 7
		Swainsboro	38	35	7 of 7
		Tattnall County	29	21	7 of 7
		Vidalia	95	113	
DIVISION TOTALS:			446	465	
18	Paige Alexander	Conyers	17	24	7 of 7
		Covington	43	47	7 of 7
		Eatonton	15	14	
		Henry County	46	51	7 of 7
		Madison	41	40	7 of 7
		Monroe	17	19	7 of 7
		Social Circle	21	20	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			200	215	

DISTRICT TOTALS:	
Total Reported Members on 10/01/22	4,682
Total Reported Members on 9/01/23	4,795
Total Clubs as of 10/01/22	142
Total Clubs as of 9/01/23	139

LEGEND:	
NC	New Club
PR	Pending Revoke
CS	Club Suspended
M	Merged

CR Phillips

Club Strengthening Chair
Kiwanis Club of Newnan

The Most Important Things... Are the problems and questions facing YOUR club Right Now! At this year's Georgia District Convention, I led a workshop on Club Strengthening that was very well attended and generated a lot of interest. I went 'old school', got an easel with a 2' X 3' pad of paper, a black dye marker, and asked those present to state in a word or two what their real issues were. That response became my presentation comprised of the following six topics: 1. Speakers, 2. Generational Gap, 3. Leadership, 4. Recruiting, 5. Member Engagement, and 6. Membership.

SPEAKERS:

Speakers lead right back to the relevancy of your club's position in the community. Whether you belong to a club of 7 or 70 no one person can see with accurate clarity the needs in their community. We must go to the folks who do see every day what those needs are, and they are usually more than happy to address a civic focused group like Kiwanis. So, who exactly are these folks? Well, I'd start with the pastors or perhaps youth pastors in your local churches, then there's the Depart of Families and Human Services, the local Police Dept., the Sheriff's Dept., the councilors at the schools, the school principals, then the School District Superintendent, and the local 501c (3) charities. Each different group sees the community differently and it's their eyes that you want to use to see what the real needs of the children in your community are and what needs you are capable of addressing.

GENERATIONAL GAP:

In my mind this goes hand-in-hand with what needs your clubs are

addressing. It's one thing to have a Christmas Shopping Spree - all good and well - and it's another thing to actively support groups like Bridging-the-Gap or One-Roof on a continual basis. Younger members aren't so much interested in an 'old men's luncheon club', but rather focusing on real needs in their real society. A monthly canned food drive or a monthly fund raiser that focused on specific applications will generate interest from the public and new members who want to participate.

LEADERSHIP:

Who is it that's going to stand up and take charge of any given project or club office for that matter? Each committee is a bit like a mini-club in a way. Why don't you try co-chairing a specific event? Give your friend a nudge and say something like, "Come on we can do this if we work together, why don't you give me a hand and we'll have fun doing it too!" Be sure and incorporate the folks who are going to benefit the most in your fund-raising effort. When they see your passion and commitment, they become...

RECRUITS:

Every time someone comes to speak to your club - give them a two-minute talk about who Kiwanis is - specifically what your club wants to do, what your goals are, how you want to help them, and an APPLICATION TO JOIN! These folks are definitely LEADERS, these folks are, more than likely, in their 40's, 50's, or 60's. These folks are ACTIVE DOERS in YOUR COMMUNITY! Then when a couple of weeks go by with no response, you'll have invited another community/charity leader in to speak, give this person a call, inviting them to this next presentation because it sounds like these two charities - these two community efforts - could learn from

each other. I've seen that happen at my own club. It works and the local Kiwanis platform is a place for them to meet regularly!

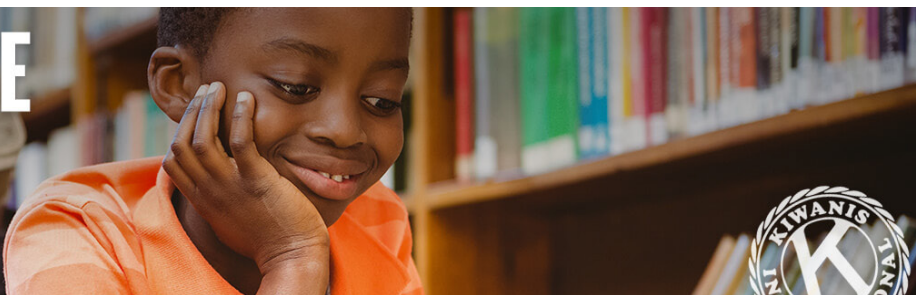
MEMBER ENGAGEMENT:

It is quite true that there are some members whose entire Kiwanis Club experience is to come to your regularly scheduled meeting, set in their chair, at their table, and kibbutz with their friends. And God Bless Them Too! They pay their dues, keep your numbers up, and just perhaps, when you're out on your signature project, and give you a bit of a hand. What about all these other efforts and projects you'd like to tend to? This is where we come back to partnering up with friends giving new members, especially new members, a chance to participate and lead. You're the 'old hand' and with your new side kick the two of you can do impressive things. And you can keep them out of the ditches so to speak... It's partnering, that's what this TWO + TWO Membership Drive Program is really all about: Partnering, not having to do it all on your own, having a friend at your side to help move things along! Sometimes all you have to do IS ASK SOMEONE!

MEMBERSHIP:

Hopefully by now you can see that each of these topics are tied together into a concerted Membership Drive Effort. That everyone in your community with the same mind set of service, especially for children, is a potential member. That every opportunity you have for service will put you in contact with others who have the same concerns for the children in your community that you do, and your Kiwanis Club gives then one central place to coalesce, compare notes, and push on to the provide more relevant service to the children of your community.

HELP KIDS THRIVE



IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Carlton Allen
Commerce

Wendy A. Freeman-Smith
Coweta County

Stephen Blackmon
Washington

Samuel H. McLaughlin
Skidaway

Thomas M. Blanchard, III
Augusta

William J. Miller
Athens

Mike Cleland
Baxley

Ralph Ogletree
Forsyth-Monroe County

Paul Croft
Ringgold

Phyllis K. Shepherd
Coweta County

Louise Darby
Douglas

Claude L. Vickers
White Oak Golden K

Howard F. Davis
Toccoa

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



**HELPING OTHERS
IS AWESOME.**

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



Logan is the youngest AVC Macon graduate to date! Her mom and sister have worked so hard to help Logan learn how to listen and talk with her cochlear implants. Logan's sister also has cochlear implants, and so she's been the best helper! Logan loves to play with balls and ducks, and has the biggest personality.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Darryl Gumz

Immediate Past Governor, Youth Protection Manager
Kiwanis Club of Winder, Jefferson, West Jackson, Georgia Online

Kiwanians are part of a global network of clubs and members who partner with each other and with organizations whose missions align with ours – serving the children of the world. So we're strategically positioned to protect those children as well.

Nothing is more important than the safety of the children Kiwanis serves. That's why Kiwanis International dedicates a week each year to youth protection. In 2023, Youth Protection Week is October 9-13, giving Kiwanis clubs the opportunity to conduct important youth protection training and evaluate the club's compliance.

Kiwanis clubs are required to educate members annually on Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies & Procedures. The resources available during Youth Protection Week make it easy for your club to meet this prerequisite. It does not require anyone with any special certification to conduct this training. Kiwanis clubs can host in-person or virtual training for all members of the club:

- Using the Youth Protection Policy training for Kiwanis clubs (https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/yppolicy_club_slidedeck_fy22-2023.pdf)
- Viewing the Youth Protection Policy training for Kiwanis clubs (<https://vimeo.com/863372175>)

Have each member sign and date the Youth Protection Policy form or an attendance roster and keep those on file for three years. We appreciate your club's efforts during Youth Protection Week and the commitment you share to protecting youth.

Educate members

Take time during the week to train members on youth protection during a Kiwanis club meeting. Club members also can use our online resources to complete the training on their own.

After your club completes training

for the 2023-24 Kiwanis year, your club secretary should update the reporting dashboard.

Other information and resources:

- <https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/youth-protection-background-checks-public>
- <https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/YOUTH-PROTECTION-POLICIES-PROCEDURES.pdf>
- <https://www.kiwanis.org/youth-protection/creating-a-culture-of-care/>
- <https://www.kiwanis.org/youth-protection/ki-back-ground-checks/>

Join a live webinar

Kiwanis International is diving deeper and hosting youth protection webinars for members, officers, volunteers and chaperones who advise or volunteer with the Service Leadership programs.

Monday, October 9

8 p.m. ET: Get educated! Youth Protection Policies in Practice for Clubs, led by Erika Ryser, Kiwanis SLP Training & Education Specialist.

Register: https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/join/register/tZUkfGoQD-4vEt1TR8Sv_uZ-R20N4wqs2zT1#/registration

Tuesday, October 10

8 p.m. ET: Prevention and Awareness are Key to Youth Protection, led by Melissa McMann, Kiwanis SLP Training & Education Administrator.

Register here: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/9633820880?pwd=ek9VTlhLRjVLNTN0eTZjTFN-1RE5PQT09#success>

Wednesday, October 11

8 p.m. ET: Embracing and Integrating Youth Protection Policies in Your District.

Register here: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/join/register/tZE-kcOGspj0uG9L2LfYeCivLVBHZ->



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Visit the Kiwanis Youth Protection Week webpage (www.kiwanis.org/youth-protection/youth-protection-week), where you'll find links to:

- Updated training presentations and recording for Kiwanis International Youth Protection Guidelines.
- Guidance on how youth can create a Culture of Care.
- Information on how to get your background check.
- Updated Praesidium Academy youth protection and child abuse prevention training FAQ.
- Information about Kiwanis' dedicated, confidential Youth Protection Helpline.
- Live webinar dates to learn more about youth protection.

Follow the links to learn more about these new resources as we work together to serve the children of the world – and protect them as well! After your club completes training for the 2023-24 Kiwanis year, your club secretary should update the reporting dashboard.

Through this annual training, your club is helping to protect youth – and the Kiwanians who work with them – while strengthening the Kiwanis family's continuing status as a leader in building the next generation of servant leaders.

I will be in touch with many club leaders to help you navigate through the system to ensure your clubs are in compliance with the Youth Protection Policies. This is to protect your club as well as the youth you serve. If you have any questions or need help, please contact me.

EVENTS

October 9-13, 2023

Kiwanis Youth Protection

October 21, 2023

District Board Meeting,
Macon, GA

October 28, 2023

Kiwanis One Day

November 10-12, 2023

Georgia Circle K - FMR
FFA Camp, Covington, GA

November 30, 2023

Deadline for Club dues

February 15, 2024

Deadline for filing IRS 990 form

February 23-25, 2024

Circle K District Convention

March 8-10, 2024

Key Club SLC,
Stone Mountain, GA

March 15, 2024

District Board Meeting,
Macon, GA

March 16, 2024

Mid- Year Training,
Middle GA State University,
Macon, GA

April 2024

Camping Service Project

April 27, 2024

Georgia District Art and Music
Showcase - Macon, GA

May 18, 2024

District Board Meeting, Macon, GA

June 1, 2024

Club Election Reports Due

July 3-6, 2024

Kiwanis International Convention,
Denver, CO

July 3-6, 2024

CKI International Convention,
Denver, CO

July 16-19, 2024

Key Club International Convention,
Atlanta, GA

August 23-25, 2024

Georgia District Convention,
Norcross Hilton, Peachtree Corners,
GA

August 31, 2024

Deadline for all District require-
ments to be submitted to KI. To
Remain "in good standing."

September 30, 2024

End of Kiwanis year 2023-24

DIVISION RALLY

DATES

Division 1

David Moore - March 23, 2024

Division 2

Wayne Johnson - March 1, 2024

Division 3

Roger Bryant - March 2, 2024

Division 4

Layton Gilroy - January 5, 2024

Division 5

Bill McDaniel - January 27, 2024

Division 6

Mark Woelzlein - January 6, 2024

Division 7

Brianna Blevins - February 17, 2024

Division 8

Allen Jernigan - February 16, 2024

Division 9

N. Durrett Childs - January 20, 2024

Division 10

Bill Echelberger - April 5, 2024

Division 11

James Braswell - April 6, 2024

Division 12

Neil E. Weathington - March 7, 2024

Division 13

Alicia Horkan - January 26, 2024

Division 14

Catherine Storey - March 22, 2024**

Division 15

Debbie McCracken - February 9,
2024

Division 16

David Moore - February 16, 2024

Division 17

Trish Tootle - January 19, 2024

Division 18

Tom Greenfield - February 2, 2024

****Subject to Board Discussion
at the October District Board
Meeting**

— Everything is —
BETTER
— WHEN YOU BRING YOUR FRIENDS —



2023-24 GEORGIA DISTRICT SPONSORED PROJECTS

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

DUE: March 1, 2024

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

Download form online our website:

www.georgiakiwanis.com/district-sponsored-projects



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

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

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

PROJECT CHAIR: Debbie Brilling



GEORGIA DISTRICT ART & MUSIC SHOWCASE

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

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

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

PROJECT CHAIR: John Savis



FERST READERS

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

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

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

PROJECT CHAIR: There is no Chair, contact Ferst Readers



Kiwanis
GEORGIA DISTRICT FOUNDATION

GEORGIA DISTRICT KIWANIS FOUNDATION, INC.

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

of the Art and Music Showcase, funding for training at Kiwanis International for Key Club and Circle K leaders, and purchase of special recognition materials for the Georgia District of Kiwanis International.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$8.00 per Kiwanis Club member

FOUNDATION CHAIR: Kim Maxwell

NOTE: 100% of donations go back out to GA Kiwanis projects and GA Kiwanis club projects.



TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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

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

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

PROJECT CHAIR: There is no Chair, Contact Alexia Lieber



Kiwanis
CHILDREN'S FUND

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FUND

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

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

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

PROJECT CHAIR: John Holley

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

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

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

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

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

“ARTZ FOR THE HARP”



Musicians from “Artz for the Harp,” entertained the Kiwanis Club of Marietta at its annual Arts Fund luncheon meeting. Artz was one of six non-profits sharing in \$25,000 in grants awarded by the club. Recipients use the funding for youth educational programming or a Kiwanis children arts project. In addition to Artz for the Harp, other receiving grants were Gift of Music Foundation, the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, the Georgia Ballet, Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art and Friends of Kennesaw Mountain. (Photo by Jim Trimble)

ST MARYS ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Kiwanis Club of St Marys held an Adopt-a-highway at Hwy 40 and St Marys Road. As other Kiwanis and Key Club Members were picking up trash, Charlie Smith, Jr cut a tree that was blocking part of the on-ramp.

Pictured: Charlie Smith Jr with Chain Saw
Pictured: Jacob, Key Club VP; Steve Dir, Key Club Advisor; Peggy Shoemaker, Key Club Liaison.



POPSICLES IN THE PARK

With the opening of the Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center in 2018 came “Popsicles in the Park,” an event sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Marietta to provide a fun way to welcome early learners to school.

As the Center built connections with other early learning centers in Marietta, the event became known as the Marietta Literacy Kick-off. This year, the name changed once again, this time to honor the district’s long-standing literacy initiative – Marietta Reads: Literacy Kickoff. The 2023 event was held the morning of Aug. 5 at Henry Memorial Park in Marietta.

Though the name of the event has changed, what has remained constant in the last five years is using fun and games to bring literacy to life. Dozens of families and hundreds of children attended the event, which is still sponsored and staffed by Kiwanis with support from community partners - Wellstar, Cobb Collaborative and the Cobb County Public Library.

Another example of Kiwanis making a long-lasting difference in young people’s lives.



STUDENTS RECEIVE CONSTITUTION BOOKLETS

In 2010, Kiwanis Club of Marietta member Barbara Hickey joined with other community leaders in Cobb County to raise money to place instructional booklets on the U.S. Constitution in 4th or 5th grade classrooms where teachers were covering the history of the Constitution.

Constitution Day is September 17, originated on that day in 1787 by delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Barbara and her colleagues realized the importance of teaching young children about this most precious of governmental documents. For years, Barbara raised money to support the initiative.

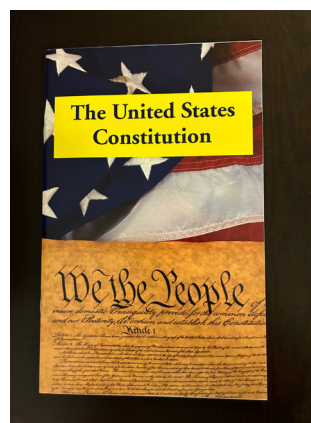
Before Barbara Hickey succumbed to ALS over three years ago, she established the Barbara Hickey Children's Fund, Constitution Day. The fund needs replenishment each year. That's when Marietta Kiwanian Rosan Hall stepped up to carry on Barbara's legacy. Since then, the Kiwanis Club and Marietta annually has contributed to the campaign that has raised at least \$3,500 or more each year, allowing it to

distribute about 4,000 copies of the U.S. Constitution to students in both the Cobb County and Marietta City school systems.

Each year, the campaign contacts the Cobb County and Marietta City school systems to determine the number of teachers and students to receive the Constitution booklet. The booklets are distributed prior to Constitution Day with more than 4,000 copies awarded annually.

This is yet another example of Kiwanis working to improve the education of today's youth and helping to shape them into knowledgeable citizens.

Donations can be sent to:
The Barbara Hickey Children's Fund Constitution Day
Cobb Community Foundation
P O Box 671868
Marietta, GA 30006
Or by going to:
www.CobbFoundation.org.
Use "Constitution Day" to ensure your contribution is credited to the correct fund.



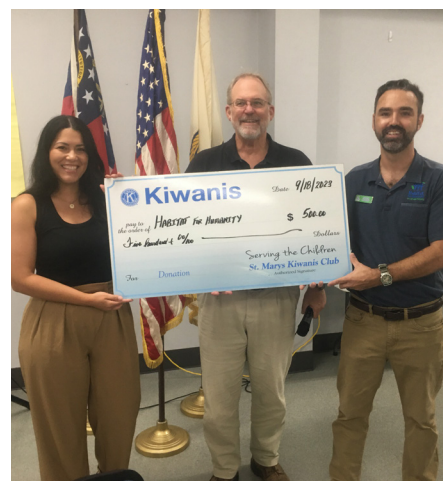
SUWANE CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

On July 18th, we invite the organizations we support to come and celebrate with us. On this day, they receive their donations and share their amazing work with kids in the community. We also celebrate our Don Lee memorial scholarships as well. This year, thanks to a grant from the Georgia District Foundation, we awarded scholarships to 8 very deserving students.



ST MARYS SUPPORTS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Kiwanis Club of St Marys is proud to announce a \$500 donation to Habitat for Humanity of Camden County. Pictured: Eliane Smith, Habitat Board Chairperson; Steve Wise, Kiwanis President; Justin Moore, Habitat Operations Manager





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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.

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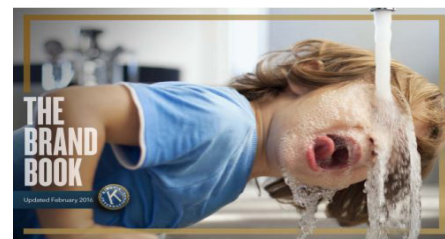


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It includes updated contact information for the Georgia District Officers, Lt. Governors, and Committee Chairs. Also includes information for each Georgia Kiwanis Club with meeting times and location and officer contact information.

SHOW YOUR KIWANIS BRAND

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



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