As a candidate for Georgia District’s Vice Governor for 2019-20, I am honored that the Brooklet Kiwanis Club has nominated and encouraged me to serve our great Georgia District. It humbles me to serve alongside some great Georgia District leaders that I have worked for and with. I am also thankful that my wonderful wife Susan stands in full support in me seeking to serve the District. I have spent my adult life serving others through coaching youth sports year round, working in church organizations that serve children and in the Methodist Men’s Association in my church.

Since my year as Lt. Governor for Division 17, the Division and Lt. Governor were Distinguished. Governor Richard Dixon named our Division Co-Outstanding Division for the Kiwanis year 2015-16. I continued to serve the Georgia District by first serving as a vice chair on the Formula team and then accepting the position as chair for the newly established Club Growth Committee where I have visited over 70 of our District clubs, counseling them on ways to recruit for new members.

We have a great District but there is still plenty of growth that needs to be realized. Every Club should be encouraged their monthly secretary reports on time every month and should continually be recruiting new members.

As your Vice Governor I will continue to dedicate my time to assist the Club Growth Committee in helping all of our Clubs grow. I want to find that spark to give to all of the Clubs the renewed spirit to continue to serve their communities to their fullest. I will encourage each Club to be more hands on when assisting our youth, having been moved with the one-on-one contact with needy children as I participated in the Tattnall County Christmas at Home project. One has the opportunity to actually go into the community and see the faces of those less fortunate, see the smiles and get a thank you as you give them a bag of toys and clothes. When it hits you directly in your heart, that is when you know you are truly making a difference. My desire is to dedicate my time over the years in one capacity or another to serve the District. I have spent my adult life serving others through coaching youth sports year round, working in church organizations that serve children.

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Thank everyone for your encouragement and support to be your Vice Governor for 2019-20.

**Club Leadership**
- Member of the Brooklet Kiwanis Club 2009-present
- President of the Brooklet Kiwanis Club 2011-12, 2018-19
- Member of the Tattnall County Kiwanis Club 2016-18

**District Leadership**
- Distinguished Lt. Governor 2015-16, All Clubs in Division Distinguished
- Co-Outstanding Division 2015-16
- Certified Club Opener
- Formula Asst Chair 2016-18
- District Club Growth Chair 2018-19
- District Interclub Chair 2017-18, 2018-19
- Opened the Golden Kiwanis Club of Statesboro
- Assisted in the opening of Tattnall County and Pooler Kiwanis Clubs
- Counseled over 70 Club on Club Growth

**Kiwanis Recognition**
- Kiwanis member 10 years
- George F Hixson Fellowship Award
- Henry C Heinz Award
- Silver Level Formula Appreciation
- Distinguished Member 2017-18

**Career**
- US Army Reserves Nov 1968-Feb 1969
- Republic of South Vietnam Jul 1969- Feb 1971
- Germany 1976-1977
- Earned 2 Bronze Stars, Joint Chiefs of Staff Commendation medal, US Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct medal and others
- Honorable Discharge as Staff Sergeant Dec 1977
- Graduated from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Washington, DC 1971
- Attended Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland pursuing a degree in Law Enforcement 1972-1975

**Personal**
- Born Jan 22,1950 Bethesda, Maryland
- Married to Susan Burleigh for 25 years
- Daughter Elizabeth Anne and husband Dave Garrison and Granddaughter Chloe
- Member of the Brooklet United Methodist Church
A Great Kiwanis Culture

Debbie Brilling
Governor Georgia Kiwanis District
dbrilling@avecheares.org

The message of membership growth must never be taken lightly. It is an energizing drumbeat of Kiwanis so that we can increase our strength and service to help more children.

We don’t talk about “Club Culture” much in Kiwanis. But perhaps we should. Many studies have shown that the organizational culture is one of the best predictors of an organization’s success. So, what is organizational culture? Simply put, the culture is the values and the behaviors that define your club from within.

For example, inclusiveness and respect will allow members to feel like they belong. Open communications and accountability will increase trust and teamwork. How does your club make members feel? Is your club optimistic or pessimistic? How are new ideas accepted (or rejected)?

To build a winning team and a successful organization you must create a culture of greatness. It’s the most important thing a leader can do because culture drives behavior, behavior drives habits, and habits create the future. As the leaders at Apple say, “Culture beats strategy all day long.” - Jon Gordon

So would you describe your club culture as a culture of greatness? You may be thinking “Yeah, right”. But why not? There are baby steps you can take to improve club culture.

- Develop a club attitude of gratitude (as Oprah calls it). It is pretty much impossible to have gratitude and be complaining and negative at the same time.
- Gratitude turned outward is recognition and who doesn’t like to be recognized? Recognition empowers.
- Great cultures communicate, communicate, communicate.
- Leaders of great cultures teach, coach, mentor and empower their team to be positive leaders.
- Since negativity drains so much energy, great cultures deal with negativity at the cultural level so as not to interfere with the real work of achieving their goals.

So, knowing all this: Does your Kiwanis club or division need to improve its culture? Is your club ready for new members?

May is Membership Month. Let’s get our clubs “new member ready” so we can grow and serve more children and our communities.

**Inspired by Governor Allan Arbuckle from Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis.

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Kids Need Kiwanis

Kids are curious, lovable and hilarious. They are also wild, impatient and vulnerable. Kiwanis is looking for kids in every corner of the globe with over 600,000 volunteers who serve their communities through local clubs. We are generous with our time. We are creative with our ideas. We are passionate about making a difference. And we have fun along the way!

Kids can plan to attend your event.

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Growing Your Club

By the time everyone reads this article we will have completed our Mid-winter Training Conference at McDonough High School and are busy practicing all of the knowledge you gained attending the classes. I hope that most of you had attended my class on Club Growth as I have given you a plethora of information on ways to gain new members. REMEMBER, the best advice is to keep inviting prospective new members to your meetings.

Make your meeting fun and informative. Take them on your service or fundraising projects. Put them on a committee as soon as possible and let them take on projects and responsibilities.

When you induct your new members, make it something big, in- viting their friends and family to your meetings. The Hartwell Kiwanis Club made an announcement in the newspaper when they inducted a new member. The local newspaper called them on their phone and found out about their in- duction and the next day printed this issue with a picture of the new member and his family with a police car parked out front.

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Hartwell Passes Out Legion of Honor Pins

Legion of Honor pins for years of service were passed out at the Monday, March 4th. Recipients were Richard Campbell, 30 years; Steve Carswell, 38 years; Bill Chaffin, 50 years; Randy Daniel, 30 years; Michael Dyer, 21 years; Rick Glasso, 31 years; Mel Grayson, 40 years; Scott Hardigree, 40 years; Bill Leard, 31 years; Lee Leverette, 24 years; Darrell Oglesby, 29 years; David Seagraves, 31 years; Paul Abernathy, 47 years, and Buck Workman, 21 years. Lt. Gov. Darryl Gunz passed out the pins and certificates.

The Hartwell Kiwanis Club was founded in 1922, failed in the depression, and was re-organized in 1949.

The Brooklet Kiwanis Club Celebrated Their 70th Anniversary

The Brooklet Kiwanis Club celebrated their 70th anniversary on March 19, 2019. Governor Elect Andy Pipkin, Vice Governor George Elkins, Georgia Executive Director Alexia Lieber and her Husband Kiwanis International Past President Bill Lieber along with members from the Jeff Davis County, Tattnall County and Statesboro attended this event. Kiwanis International Legion of Honor awards were given to Billy Tyson 50 years, Dr. Tom Bigwood 35 years, Dr. Ed Wynn, 30 years and Jerome Jones 25 years. Ed Rich was also recognized for his 21 years of service. Billy Tyson and wife Delaine are pictured.
A Successful SLC

In the beginning of March, Georgia Key Club held its annual Service & Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA. Key clubbers from all over Georgia were able to interact through sharing names, jokes, and instagram usernames. Just walking in to the ballroom, you could feel the excitement of the students content with being in the presence of like-minded students who were eager to serve and grow their communities.

Over the course of three days, students were bustling and hustling from workshop to workshop, learning more about what it means to serve and how they can improve as leaders. The Thirst Project speaker, who never disappoints, enriched the students with compassion for the global water crisis and inspired students by demonstrating the large impact that could be made starting with them. The busy day was topped with a mind-blowing illusionist.

Instead of the usual Georgia Sheriffs’ Youth Homes 3k Walk, the District created a Dance-a-thon in which students were able to dance their worries away to Bruno Mars with the help of Just Dance performers on the big screen. And to cap it off, it was revealed that Georgia Key Club had raised over $17,000 to go towards the GSYH pavillion!

At SLC, students also participated in caucusing to vote on their new board as candidates for the new District Board ran from room to room giving speeches. At closing ceremony, tears were shed as heartfelt speeches were made to celebrate the past year of service and well-deserved awards were given out to the outstanding Key Club members. Finally, on Sunday morning, the District Board sat on the podiums up front for the very last time and the new District Board excitedly rose to take on their positions.

New Key Clubs
Chartered
Bowdon High School
Sponsoring Club
Bowdon
Morris Innovative High School
Sponsoring Club
Dalton

New Builders
Club Chartered
Dacula Middle School
Sponsored by
Lawrenceville

Is Your Kiwanis Club Really Sponsoring a Builders or K Kids Club?
That question can be answered in the positive if you meet these 8 primary obligations.

• You have an appointed advisor or committee of advisors.
• Club members attend SLP meetings and events.
• Kiwanis Club maintains expenses in service account.
• Meet with school leaders at least once a year.
• Ensure all dues and fees are paid.
• Host or participate in joint activities.
• Invite SLP club members and leaders to Kiwanis meetings.
• Ensure SLP members have training opportunities at the club level and beyond.

What’s next? How about a grant project such as playground construction, backpack food programs, safety education, etc? Go to www.kiwanis.org/foundation-grants to apply by 15 April for review in June/July. Applications by 15 Nov. will be reviewed Jan/ Feb. board meeting. Best wishes for your continued success in serving the youth and community.

Service Leadership Programs

One of the things Kiwanis emphasizes in the Service Leadership Programs is helping the kids learn leadership skills. We now have a way to honor those students who show exemplary leadership skills.

The Mel Hayden SLP Leadership Medallion is available by contacting the Lt. Governor for your division.

During his service as Kiwanis Lt. Governor for Division 3, Dr. Mel Hayden, a member of the White Oak Golden Kiwanis Club (Coveta County) changed the focus of the annual Kiwanis Governor’s Rally. He switched the Rally’s focus to a showcase of service activities performed by Kiwanis K-Kids, Builders, Key Clubs (which are called Student Leadership Programs or SLPs). This ‘Showcase of Service’ featured student-created displays and conversations with students from SLP Clubs in the Division.

Subsequent Lt. Governors of Division 3 enhanced the SLP showcase idea, and in 2016 created THE HAYDEN SLP STUDENT LEADERSHIP MEDALLION AWARD. This award recognizes outstanding service leadership and is presented to students who are active members of a sponsored K-Kids, Builders, Key and Circle K Club in Georgia and who have been nominated by their SLP faculty advisor. The award is dedicated to the memory of Mel Hayden, a well-known Georgia Kiwanis leader for 20 years who actively promoted the spirit of service leadership among Kiwanis youth in our communities.

In 2018 through the support of Georgia Kiwanis Governor Debbie Brilling, THE HAYDEN SLP STUDENT LEADERSHIP MEDALLION AWARD has been adopted as a student recognition program across Georgia. These medallions are provided at no cost to Lt. Governors through specific donations made to the Georgia Kiwanis District Foundation, Inc., a 501(c) (3) organization.

Kids Need Kiwanis

Serving the Children of Georgia and the World
Greetings!

My name is Lucy Zheng and I am honored to be serving as the Georgia Circle K Governor starting April 1. I currently attend Georgia Tech as a 4th year civil engineering major, and my future plans are to stay in Atlanta and get to work on those pesky roads. I am from Saint Simons Island, and am a former member of the Glynn Academy Key Club. I have served on the district board for 2 years now, as well as served as club president and international service chair. My favorite service project that I regularly do with my club is sorting food at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. You can find me there most Wednesday nights checking expiration dates and tossing damaged goods.

Circle K is such an amazing organization. Our district currently has just shy of 350 members and so far, we’ve recorded more than 2800 service hours. We’re small but mighty, and we’re always ready to serve. I strongly encourage Circle K clubs to find out who your nearest CKI is and partner with them to help the community! I look forward to talking to many of you throughout this year. If you have any questions about Circle K, feel free to email me at governor@georgiacirclek.org!

Lucy Zheng
Georgia Circle K District Governor
governor@georgiacirclek.org

The Kiwanis Club of Dougherty County on April 15 presented a check for $640 to the Dougherty County 4H to fund two summer camp scholarships to Rock Eagle 4H Center for students who otherwise would be financially unable to attend. Dougherty 4H coordinator Jazmin Thomas accepted the donation from club president David Shivers. The club was excited to be able to offer this opportunity to two deserving students! (Special photo by Kristin Caso)
Community Service Projects

Cub Scout Pack 191

Cub Scout Pack 191, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, had their Pinewood Derby Race and the winners competed in the District race also sponsored by our club.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus is celebrating 100 Years of Service (1919-2019) with 4 Centennial Projects totaling $10,000. Valley Rescue Mission’s Women and Children’s Center Kiwanis Linen Closet, Cub Scout Pack 191 Pinewood Derby, Boys and Girls Club Computer Lab and Safe Kids Columbus Booster Seat program with 3 elementary schools.

Ric Tipton, Buck Zachry, Charlie Jarrell, Juan Osorio, Betsy Watson, Ronnie Bell, Xochi Cantu, Hattie Wyatt and Jimmy McCorlew. Our Club presented Cub Scout Pack 191 with a $2,500 check for their Pinewood Derby. This is the 2nd of our four Centennial projects scheduled during our “100 Years of Service Celebration”.

Kiwanis Times 5K & 10K Runs

Thirteen members of the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro traveled to George L Smith II State Park on Saturday, March 9, 2019 to time the Weekend Blessing 5K and 10K Runs.

The event was a huge success, with over 80 runners participating in the two events. Pictured L to R: Jim Clapham, Diane Wedincamp, Travis Garrett, Mary Ellen Smith, Dess Smith III, Cheryl Goodman, Petite Garrett, Deana Patrick, Jane Durden, Gary Couse, Tammy Allen, Frank Patrick, and Wanda Ellis.

Scouting for Food

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Dalton and area Scouts worked together on Saturday to restock the local Salvation Army Food Bank. Scouting for Food has been a team effort of Kiwanis and Scouts in Dalton since the 1980’s.

A Celebration of Nations

Sandtown Middle School Builders Club dressed in native attire representing the many cultures in their school and paraded for the audience describing their flags and greetings in their native languages.

This was a school and community wide project. Restaurants and parents donated and served the unique foods. Teachers and youth engaged in displays and discussions about other countries throughout the exhibits.

The games and dancers topped off the afternoon. It was a fantastic journey to understanding cultural diversity and inclusion. Great job by the advisors, Ray T. and the sponsoring Club of Greater South Cobb.

Metro Atlanta Kiwanis hosts Ronald McDonald House

The Metro Atlanta Kiwanis Club turned out in great spirits to provide a home cooked meal of baked and fried chicken, cabbage, green beans, mac n cheese, apple pie, rolls. lemonade and tea for the families at the Ronald McDonald House.

Kiwanis Club of Statesboro donates bedsheets

The Kiwanis Club of Statesboro donated bedsheets to the A & O Men’s After Care Center. The Center was set-up to assist the local community by providing a way to help working-age men find their way back into productive lives in a working environment.

L to R: Deana Patrick, Reverend Keith McKinney, and President Ceryl Goodman.

The Georgia District of Kiwanis website: www.gadistrictkiwanis.org
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**Fundraising**

**CHILDERN’S FUND DISTRICT GRANT**

Each year, the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund allows a few Districts to apply for a Kiwanis Children’s Fund District Grant. The Grant amount is based on 15% of funds donated to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund based on the donations for 2017-18.

The Kiwanis International Children’s Fund has just approved the Georgia District for our District Grant request. Happily, I can announce that the Georgia District was awarded a grant for $8379.00.

This money comes back to the Georgia District to be used for projects helping our youth. This year we applied for the following grant monies:

- **CIRCLE K**: Circle K had asked for a total of $2775.28 to defray the cost of their Club Officer Training and District Officer Conference. This will pay for Hotel rooms, meeting rooms, and some meals. This enables Circle K to have a meaningful training conference for their Club and District Officers.

- **KEY CLUB**: Key Club had asked for a Grant amount of $4000.00 to enable them to team with Tomorrow Leaders and award eight (8) Georgia District Leadership Scholarships at $1000.00 each.

**GEORGIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT**: The Georgia Kiwanis Leadership Program had asked for a total of $1500.00 to pay for their speaker for an upcoming leadership training day in Division 3. This is a Pilot program opportunity to offer our leadership program for our youth representing grades 9-12 in High School. This will be a one-day training to teach kids leadership training in a one-day program instead of a 3-day program. The plan is that we can reach more kids in the Georgia District by moving this program to different Divisions. This is trying a new approach to the Key Leader Program.

As you can see this is a way The Kiwanis Children’s Fund is giving back to the Georgia District in a very meaningful way. These requested Grants amount to $8275.28 for our youth and is certainly needed and appreciated.

Thank you and your clubs for any donations made to the Children’s Fund in the past and certainly in the future. As I said before, the money that is coming back to the Georgia District kids is 15% of the donations given last year. …and we hope that that 15% will be larger next year so that we are able to give more grant money to be used for our youth here in the Georgia District.

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**What would you do with $5,000?**

In the Georgia District, we have had 10 winners over the last ten years. I talked to a few of their winners and they had different uses for the winnings. One used the money for a vacation with their granddaughter. Another used the money to help with medical bills. One Kiwanian gave their winnings to charity, including $1,000 to the Georgia District Foundation. They all had one thing in common: they bought a ticket.

This year the Georgia District Foundation will again match the profits from the Raffle and make a donation to the Eliminate Project. This will show the Georgia District commitment to the Eliminate Project in the last year of fundraising. Remember, the club that sells the winning ticket will receive $1,000 for their service account. The Georgia District Raffle tickets will be sent to all club secretaries in May. The number of tickets that are sent are based on the club membership on October 1, 2018. There will be 5 tickets sent for every 25 members with a minimum of 5 tickets per club. Since we started the Raffle in 2009 we have raised $79,086.83 for the Georgia District.

If each club sold their tickets we would raise over $30,000! Unfortunately many clubs do not offer the tickets to their members. Last year only half of the Georgia Clubs (77) sold ticket of the 153 clubs in the District. Let’s increase that number this year! We ask that you ask your club secretary about the tickets soon. The tickets (sold or unsold) will need to be returned to the District Office by August 1, 2019 in order to be eligible for the raffle. Good luck! You have a chance to win if you buy a ticket.

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**Waycross Kiwanian Club Receives $400 Check for Kiwanis Eliminate Project**

By Anthony Hendrix, President Elect, Kiwanis Club of Waycross

In a recent meeting of the Waycross Kiwanian Club, Bishop Michael-Angelo James of the Okfenokee Ministerial Fellowship, and president of the Waycross Kiwanian Club, presented a $400 check to John Conger, past-president of the Waycross Kiwanian Club.

The $400 was collected at the Okfenokee Ministerial Fellowship Ecumenical Service held on Sunday, January 27, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. The $400 will be used for the Kiwanis Eliminate Project, a joint UNICEF/Kiwanis International project to end maternal-neonatal tetanus. The Kiwanis Club is very grateful to the Okfenokee Ministerial Fellowship and to the people who donated to the Kiwanis Eliminate Project in order to improve the health of mothers and children worldwide.

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**SPONSORSHIP** – I challenge all of our clubs to become a sponsor for this years’ Showcase. Sponsor levels vary from $50 and up. You can find the sponsor form located in the Art & Music Showcase Handbook, which can be found on the District Website under RESOURCES. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at patsy@lee.countyfamilyconnection.org or call me at (229) 886-2567.

**ART CHAIRS** – Please make sure you share with your local winners about the change this year at District. Judging will take place from 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm with the public viewing following from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. We will host an Artists’ Reception during that time. An invitation to the Artists’ Reception can be found on the last page of the Handbook. You can print and give to your local winners.

**ATTENTION LOCAL MUSIC CHAIRS**: The Music Showcase Dress Rehearsal will be scheduled by the distance each contestant lives from Leesburg, GA. Local Chairs and Contestants will be notified of their Dress Rehearsal Time no later than April 19, 2019. Remember, we can assist with securing a piano accompanist, should any contestant have such a need.

Good luck and see you on April 27, 2019 – back in Leesburg, GA!
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People In The News

Col. Curtis L. Jones

Col. Curtis L. Jones, a retired Army West Point Graduate who serves as a Superintendent of Schools for Macon/Bibb County has been recognized as the National Superintendent of the Year which we should all be very proud of. Prior to coming to Macon in his current position, Col. Jones served as Superintendent of Schools in Griffin-Spalding County for six years.

He joined their system following twenty years of service in the Army to head up the JROTC program. In addition to his undergraduate degree from West Point, Col. Jones holds a doctorate.

In Griffin he served in the local Kiwanis Club as well as Lt. Governor of Division. He transferred to the Macon Club, where he chairs the Community Service Committee.

Carrol County Casa

Carroll County CASA held their 18th Grandnight celebration on March 16th. Current Kiwanians, Thirumurti and Latha Narayan were given the 2019 Service award. This award is named as Sarner Service award to recognizing their contribution for starting Carroll County CASA to look after the welfare of foster care children. Four of our members serve as CASA volunteers.

Kids Need Kiwanis

Mr. Joel Grubbs speaks about the 12 for Life program

President James Wilson and Vice President Latha Narayan welcome Mr. Joel Grubbs from Southwire Company to speak to our club about their 12 for Life program, of which he is Principal and Site Supervisor.

Begun in 2008 by Southwire management when working with the local schools and realizing that 12 completed years of schooling can change your life, Southwire takes students at risk of dropping out and trains and employs them while they complete their education.

Community Service Projects

Easter Egg Hunt!!

The Kiwanis Club of Bowdon hosted a charter night for the new Key Club at Bowdon High School. The new club has 25 new members.

The Kiwanis Club of North Macon for the past 20 years has helped with the Easter Egg Hunt at Rosa Taylor Elementary School. This year we had 112 Kindergarteners searching for Eggs. A great time was had by all!

Pinewood Derby in Statesboro

The Kiwanis Club of Statesboro funded the hot dog/hamburger meal to the contestants and their families. The event was open to the Pack 75 Cub Scouts, their siblings and parents and the adult leaders.

L. to R: Jim Daughtry, Tim Goodman, Mars Daughtry, Brandon Powell, Jesse James Ishie, and Mary Raulerson.

Kiwanis
International

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

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A Good TIME TO PLANT

Well, it’s finally spring. (What was that groundhog thinking?) An it’s time to plant. Do you have the Farmer’s Almanac handy? Or does Good Friday come late enough this year that the risk of planting before that magic date is minimal? Good Friday can come anywhere between March 20 and April 23, so logically, depending on Good Friday to plant our gardens and crops means that weather and temperatures can vary widely. And we know it’s colder in the Blue Ridge than it is in the Piedmont and along the coast. So, how do we solve the dilemma? Not by postponing the decision – that’s for sure!

In order to have growth, we must plant. Using our best judgment and best available resources, we plant. And having made that investment, we cultivate, fertilize, water when needed (if it is a small garden), and eagerly expect to enjoy the fruits of our labors.

What are you planting this year, Kiwanians? As we break new ground and look to bring new ideas and projects to fruition, why are we doing what we do? Planting seeds of kindness, hope, peace, and service can yield tremendous results for the communities we serve from the mountains to the coast. These ideals are embodied in the Fourth Object of Kiwanis which says: To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, resourceful and service in our clubs and in our communities. It was indeed a good time to plant.

Phishing calls about anti-virus on credit card (Watt Thoughts)

The threat actors are using many means now to find ways to get peoples credit card numbers, access to accounts with things like passwords and identity theft. Sometimes thru data breaches (Georgia Tech just reported another large one), social engineering to hack networks, and using phishing calls thru old technology, i.e. your phone.

The latest one I have encountered is doing phishing thru a phone call. I recently received a call that either was recording and times for starting when answered or recorder kicked in, in my case it left a message on the recorder. The message said they were calling about a charge on my credit card for a renewal of an anti-virus program for $399 for a year. If I did not want this purchase to call them at 614-999-1243 and they would remove the charge.

Several red-flags immediately showed for me.

First, they said credit card, not what credit card. If they had charged this to my credit card then they should have told me it was Diners Club or American Express or whatever.

Second, they said it was for the annual renewal to my anti-virus program. They did not say what anti-virus program and if they had just put this charge on my card, then they would know what product they sold.

Third, they said $399 for the renewal of the anti-virus program. I know of no anti-virus program this expensive, there are several above $50 per year but not over $100. Also, I use the free version of Avast, so there is no fee, it is free. If you do not have an anti-virus program or want to switch then my current suggestions are the free versions of AVG and Avast which both work well. You can also buy for less than $10 a year and some more functionality, but I like the free. Many AV products have a free functional version. Malwarebytes free version requires you to do a manual scan and does not monitor, whereas rest do scans automatic and monitor usually. Some like McAfee (which I have not had good success with) and Norton require you to buy them.

Fourth, they never identified their name or the company or credit card company calling from. I included the real number above as they really wanted that number called so not spoofed and a search of it on the Internet shows it is a robo caller I am describing and you can listen to the message out there. Maybe when FCC sees this number in newspapers and my other publishing locations they will crack down. Maybe.

If I had called the number I can tell you what would have happened. They would have wanted my credit card number and CV code so they could credit the charge they would have said. In actuality they would have then charged my card for who knows what and how much. If you get this call, ignore it. They have not charged your card, but are trying to get your card number so they can. Watch out for phishers and pay attention to red flags. If in doubt call your bank and / or credit card company.
### MARCH SCOREBOARD

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**DIVISION 1**
- **Barbara Hill, Lt. Governor**
- Atlanta: 230
- Galleries-Northwest Atlanta: 18
- Northside Atlanta: 37
- **Division Totals**: 285

**DIVISION 2**
- **Waite Kong, Lt. Governor**
- Barnesville: 25
- Columbus: 22
- Golden K Columbus: 22
- Greater Columbus: 41
- Griffin: 117
- Harris County: 13
- LaGrange: 53
- Pike County: 31
- Spalding County: 18
- Thomaston: 30
- West Point: 11
- **Division Totals**: 464

**DIVISION 3**
- **Cathy Miller, Lt. Governor**
- Coweta County: 72
- Fayette County: 21
- Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta: 18
- Grantville: 15
- Metro-Fayette: 12
- Newman: 91
- Peachtree City: 33
- White Oak Golden K: 68
- **Division Totals**: 330

**DIVISION 4**
- **Rick Townsend, Lt. Governor**
- Brunswick: 44
- Jesup: 56
- Pooler: 21
- Saint Marys: 72
- Savannah: 26
- Skidaway: 116
- Waycross: 19
- **Division Totals**: 354

**DIVISION 5**
- **Ken Rodd, Lt. Governor**
- Albany: 26
- Albany Golden K: 18
- Americus: 73
- Bainbridge: 17
- Cairo: 47
- Cairo-Morningstar: 16
- Camilla: 13
- Dougherty County: 79
- Lee County: 15
- Thomasville: 73
- **Division Totals**: 377

**DIVISION 6**
- **Jeff Drake, Lt. Governor**
- Augusta: 210
- Columbia County: 11
- Louisburg: 11
- Thomson: 28
- Upton Augusta: 19
- Warrenton: 28
- Washington: 25
- **Division Totals**: 336

**DIVISION 7**
- **Darrel Gitz, Lt. Governor**
- Athens: 39
- Classic City: 15
- Commerce: 51
- Hartwell: 42
- Jefferson: 23
- Oconee County: 15
- **Division Totals**: 377

**DIVISION 8**
- **Frank Felker, Lt. Governor**
- Cumming: 23
- Dahl-Norcross: 16
- Gainsville: 138
- Johns Creek: 12
- Lawrenceville: 24
- North Gwinnett: 32
- South Hall County-Oakwood: 13
- Suwanee: 25
- **Division Totals**: 283

**DIVISION 9**
- **Kim Leslie, Lt. Governor**
- Crawford County: 17
- Forsyth-Monroe County: 41
- Fort Valley: 35
- Jones County: 21
- Macon: 48
- Macon County: 28
- Milledgeville: 30
- North Macon: 19
- Perry: 32
- Taylor County: 29
- **Division Totals**: 300

**DIVISION 10**
- **Angela Holloway, Lt. Governor**
- Blairsville: 16
- Blue Ridge: 54
- Clarke County: 11
- Cleveland: 16
- Cornelia: 35
- Dallonge/Lumpkin County: 30
- Dawson County: 13
- Gilmer County: 34
- Jasper/Pickens County: 17
- Rabun County: 18
- Toccoa: 15
- **Division Totals**: 259

**DIVISION 11**
- **Randy Selby, Lt. Governor**
- Cartersville: 19
- Dalton: 65
- Murray County: 19
- Ringgold: 16
- Rome: 22
- Salaca County: 3
- **Division Totals**: 144

**DIVISION 12**
- **Jerryl Rush, Lt. Governor**
- Bowdon: 21
- Carrollton: 104
- Cedartown: 27
- Douglas County: 24
- Fairfield Plantation: 31
- Heard County: 18
- Rockmart: 18
- Villa Rica-Temple: 15
- **Division Totals**: 296

**DIVISION 13**
- **Robert Craft, Lt. Governor**
- Adel: 19
- Cordele: 49
- Fitzgerald: 28
- Moultrie: 139
- Quitman: 21
- Sylvester: 38
- Tifton: 31
- Turner County: 21
- Valdosta: 31
- **Division Totals**: 377

**DIVISION 14**
- **Samantha Downton, Lt. Governor**
- Alpharetta-Milton: 19
- Doraville: 13
- Druid Hills: 21
- Dunwoody: 8
- Historic Roswell: 40
- Sandy Springs: 20
- **Division Totals**: 102

**DIVISION 15**
- **Tim McDaniel, Lt. Governor**
- Burke: 15
- Greater Cherokee: 30
- Greater South Cobb: 18
- Jonesboro: 17
- Kings Mountain: 70
- Marietta: 243
- Marietta Golden K: 102
- Metro Marietta: 23
- **Division Totals**: 578

**DIVISION 16**
- **Geraldine Batt, Lt. Governor**
- Central Dekalb: 22
- Clayton: 17
- Lithonia-Stonecrest: 35
- Metro Atlanta: 53
- Old Saddle: 4
- West End, Atlanta: 13
- **Division Totals**: 144

**DIVISION 17**
- **Tim Goodman, Lt. Governor**
- Butts County: 10
- Conyers: 16
- Covington: 63
- Easton: 22
- Dublin: 15
- Eastman-Dodge County: 12
- Golden K. of Statesboro: 15
- Jeff Davis County: 23
- **Division Totals**: 144

**DIVISION 18**
- **David Shofman, Lt. Governor**
- Butts County: 10
- Conyers: 16
- Covington: 63
- Easton: 22
- Dublin: 15
- Eastman-Dodge County: 12
- Golden K. of Statesboro: 15
- Jeff Davis County: 23
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**Beginning Memberships Certificates Issued per Kiwanis International**
- NC = New Club
- CS = Club Suspended
All this and training too

We have some wonderful people in Kiwanis. One of my favorite things is to ask people what project or service resonates with them and makes their life just a little more special. It’s amazing some of the answers I’ll hear. Every once in a while, someone will turn around and ask me what I find special. When someone is having their first visit to training, or come back after an extended absence, and they tell me how impressed they are with the training. Or if I get a chance to talk to a long-time attendee and they tell me about something that they learned that was going to be immediately useful. You see, if I help you help others, I figure that’s a good thing.

This was a year with some big lifts. We’ve always done CLE (Club Leadership Education), but this year we morphed that into GOB (Georgia Officer and Board) training. Some things don’t change quickly and this was a tougher change than many. We had so many people thankful and appreciative of the training and told us how much it made a difference. Next year we’ll be having just the 2 training sessions: convention and Mid-Year. We’ll continue to have classic “learn more about Kiwanis” classes, leadership classes, computer classes, and becoming a better/more knowledgeable types of classes too. I encourage everyone to see for themselves how good our training is and how much it can help you over the year.

I’m looking to seeing plenty of my old friends in Augusta as well as meeting a few new ones, if you see me, please come up and say Hi!

Mike Sullivan

100th Annual
GA. DISTRICT CONVENTION
August 16 - 18 2019
Augusta, GA

Night at the Races
Join us for a fun evening. Derby Style... All you need is your Good Luck Charm, your Cheering Voice, and to bring your Friends and Family. Kentucky Derby Hats and Attire encouraged.

Workshops
Wide variety of fun and educational workshops will be available on Friday and Saturday. GOB Training will also be available on Friday.

Voting – Business Session
Let’s get it over with: Ballot will be read aloud at the Business Session on Saturday morning for announcements, speeches, and to cast your votes on amendments and officer elections. Note: Only delegates are allowed to vote. There will be a viewing area reserved for guests.

Baby-Sitting
Inns of Kiwanians are invited to all events, but baby-sitting will also be available during meals throughout the weekend.

Awards and Recognition
Join us in honoring fellow Kiwanians who have done above and beyond. Awards and recognitions will be presented during both Saturday Luncheon and Dinner.

Silent Auction
Silent Auction will begin at 3:00 and end at 5:00 on Friday. Items donated from clubs all over the District range from home decor, wine, sports, travel, gift cards, handmade crafts, etc. All proceeds benefit The Eliminate Project.

Raffle
Purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win $5,000! Club that sold the winning ticket will also get $500. Drawing will be Saturday night.

Downtown Augusta
Downtown Augusta is the heart of downtown Augusta which offers lots to do for your whole family including shopping, restaurants, museums, scenic overviews, golf, dotto ride, etc. ....and more!
SCHEDULE

All events will be held at the Coronado Springs Resort, unless otherwise specified.

Tuesday, June 25 • Registration • 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26 • Registration • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Kiwanis showcase • 4-6 p.m.

Free welcome reception open to all attendees. Light snacks, cash bar and entertainment.

Poly’s Patio • 7-10 p.m., Ventanas Patio West • Cash bar and entertainment

Thursday, June 27 • Registration and Kiwanis showcase • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Complementary pastries and coffee will be served at 8 a.m.

Jim Collins • 10-11 a.m.

Author of “Good to Great, How the Mighty Fall” and co-author of both “Great by Choice” and “Built to Last,” will address Kiwanians.

Signature Project Contest Luncheon (ticketed event)
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Fiesta Ballroom • US$60

Discover what it takes to become one of the top 10 finalists and find out who won gold, silver and bronze awards in this year’s contest.

Opening Session • 2-4 p.m.

Keynote speaker Alex Sheen

Kiwanis Night at Disney’s Spirit of Aloha Dinner Show at Disney’s Polynesian Resort. (ticketed event) • (transportation provided) 4:45-8 p.m., Polynesian Village Resort • US$100

Meal includes choice of soft drinks, beer, wine and sangria. Transportation costs covered. All buses will depart from Coronado Springs at 4:45 p.m.

Poly’s Patio • 7-10 p.m., Ventanas Patio West • Cash bar and entertainment

Friday, June 28 • Registration and Kiwanis showcase • 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Complementary pastries and coffee will be served at 8 a.m.

Children’s Fund Luncheon (ticketed event) • 11:30a.m.-1p.m., Fiesta Ballroom • US$60

Includes a meal and a program celebrating the work made possible by generous Kiwanians.

Business Session • 2-4 p.m.

Kiwanis Night at Planet Hollywood (ticketed event) (includes transportation, food and drink at Planet Hollywood at Disney Springs) • 7-10 p.m., Planet Hollywood, Disney Springs • US$125

Includes transportation, a meal, beer, wine and a D.J. Buses will depart from both hotels beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will circle back to the hotels throughout the evening.

Poly’s Patio • 7-10 p.m., Ventanas Patio West • Cash bar and entertainment

Saturday, June 29 • Registration and Kiwanis showcase • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Complimentary pastries and coffee will be served at 8 a.m.

Kiwanis Family Luncheon (Ticketed event) • 11:30a.m.-1p.m., Fiesta Ballroom • US$60

Enjoy a meal and a program celebrating the Service Leadership Programs. Special guest speakers will include the Key Club and Circle K International Presidents.

Closing Session • 2-4 p.m.

Kiwanis Children’s Fund Honors Reception • 5-6:30 p.m., Fiesta Ballroom • US$75

Enjoy appetizers and a drink while honoring top donors to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund.

Kiwanis Gala: An Evening with Don Felder (ticketed event) • Dinner at 7:30 p.m., concert starts at 9 p.m. • 7:30-10:30 p.m., Coronado Ballroom • US$125

Dinner and show featuring Don Felder, former Eagles band guitarist. A cash bar will be available.

Combo: Purchase both the Friday night event at Planet Hollywood and the Saturday night Kiwanis Gala for the reduced price of • US$225.

Schedule subject to change.