Meet Darryl Gumz, Candidate for Vice Governor

My name is Darryl Gumz and I am honored to ask for your vote as a candidate for the office of Vice Governor of our Georgia District of Kiwanis. I have been married to Wanda Gumz for over 41 years and she shares my love of Kiwanis as a member of both the Winder and Jefferson clubs. We have two children and four grandchildren. Wanda and I serve together at Crossroads Church of Jackson County.

If elected.....
My goal is to help our clubs gain new energy and to revitalize their memberships. I want to ensure all of our clubs and members develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the value they bring to their communities as Kiwanians! I would like to increase communication to all members. There are many untapped opportunities that your clubs and their members can access through Kiwanis International, the Georgia District, and even your own Division. As a member of the District Board, my intent is to ensure that every club and every member become aware of these resources and learn how to use them in ways to strengthen our membership and service to our communities. Together, we can continue to improve our standing among Kiwanians around the world in ways that encourage them to learn from our great work and outstanding people. Kiwanis is also about having fun while making a difference in a world that keeps changing. With this in mind, I look forward to working with each of you in finding fun and creative ways to serve the needs of the children and communities that need us now more than ever. I hope you will share that passion with me.

My Kiwanis background.....
• Lieutenant Governor for Division 7 three times (twice Distinguished)
• District Chair and Site Coordinator for Key Leader
• Kiwanis Advisor for two Key Clubs

• Opened and charter member of 5 clubs
• Co-Chair for Existing Club Growth
• Established Bring Up Grades (BUG) program in several schools

A little about me....
I retired from the United States Air Force and also served as Chief Parole Officer in my area and as an International Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor before completely retiring. I received my BA in Community Services from Saint Martin’s College and my MS in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. I joined the Kiwanis Club of Winder in 1999 and have served in every position in the club multiple times.

I am asking for your vote, and I believe the combination of my work experience and my Kiwanis experience will help us all to work together for a better Kiwanis here in Georgia. Wanda and I look forward to serving you as we continue to grow the great Georgia District of Kiwanis. I appreciate your vote.
The Governor’s Message

Andy Pipkin
Governor Georgia Kiwanis District
dawgandkat94@gmail.com

Communities Need Kiwanis

As all of us have experienced, we are living in very unusual times. I hope that each one of you are safe and healthy. I also hope that your loved ones and friends are also safe and healthy. In spite of the circumstances it has given us the opportunity to reach out and help our communities. I have seen us help by making masks for our communities, to take dollars that you collect from your members for meals and feed different needy people in your community and to give in so many ways.

I want to thank you for continuing to stay in contact with your members by meeting in some form or just contacting them to make sure that they are okay. Kiwanians are very special people and want to serve their community.

My pen for this year is Communities need Kiwanis and during this time that pen has special meaning. Let’s make our communities proud that they have a Kiwanis Club that is there for them. Thanks for all you do.

Cathy Szymanski
Kiwanis Counselor to Georgia
cathy@szy.com

First, I hope this finds everyone safe and healthy during this stress full time. We have a new way of doing things with the COVID 19 pandemic, and as we open up business remember to practice the best practices for your health.

Kiwanis International Convention Cancelled

The Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana has been cancelled. They will have a called Council Meeting, consisting of the current District Governors, Kiwanis International Trustees, and Past Kiwanis International Presidents. At this meeting they will take care of the business of Kiwanis and elect the International Officers.

District Convention Cancelled

The District Convention in Savannah, Georgia has been cancelled by our District Board. Instead of having a Convention we will have a “called meeting of all persons having the status of Delegate-At-Large.” This will be made up of the current District Officers, District Board, Past Governors, and all Past Lt. Governors that are active.

They will conduct the business of the District on Saturday morning, August 22, 2020 in Savannah, Georgia.

Club Election Reports

Since many of our clubs are not meeting, please find a way to elect your club officers for the 2020-21 year. If you cannot do it in person, it may be done on a Zoom call, or by email. Please submit your officers electronically on the secretary’s dashboard as soon as possible.

New Member Fee Waived Temporarily

The Georgia District Board of Trustees voted to follow suit with Kiwanis International and waive the new member add fee. This will apply to new members of existing Kiwanis Clubs. The waiver will apply to anyone who joins from April 22, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

In closing, thank you for all you and your clubs are doing during this time to help your community!
The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on communities worldwide. More than ever, kids and communities need Kiwanis. To encourage existing Kiwanis clubs to continue to invite new members, the Kiwanis International Board approved a new member fee waiver to bolster membership and help Kiwanis clubs perform the service needed in the wake of this pandemic and beyond. The Board encourages districts and clubs to comply with this waiver due to the emergency conditions presented by the pandemic.

**APPROVED MOTION BY THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD**

That the Kiwanis International Board approves the waiver of the Kiwanis International new member fee for any new members who join existing Kiwanis clubs between April 22, 2020, and September 30, 2020. Further, due to the emergency conditions and resulting effects created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board recommends districts and clubs also waive their respective new member fees.

**NEW CLUB NOTE FROM THE APPROVED AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

This recommendation is not applicable to charter members of new Kiwanis clubs joining during the same time period. Such charter members will pay the appropriate charter member fee then receive a waiver of dues for the administrative year 2020-2021. This additional waiver is not applicable nor appropriate for such charter members.

**NEW CLUB CLARIFICATION**

Clubs organized on or before December 31, 2019, do not receive a dues waiver for the 2020-2021 administrative year. These clubs may submit additional members and be granted a new member fee waiver. Clubs organized* on or after January 1, 2020, must submit new member fees. These members receive a dues waiver for the 2020-2021 administrative year.

**DISTRICT AND CLUB NEW MEMBER FEES**

The Kiwanis International Board strongly requests districts and clubs to waive any new member fees. District Boards and Club Boards should meet to approve such waivers. Kiwanis International will not collect new member fees for districts during this period. If a district wishes to continue to collect a new member fee for members added through September 30, the district must invoice the club. Questions regarding member rosters for billing should be addressed to René Booker at rbooker@kiwanis.org.

**DUES VERSUS FEES AT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL**

In addition to a new member fee (the amount a member remits to initially join Kiwanis International), insurance and magazine subscription are fees assessed in subsequent years. Dues are not assessed to new members. Annual dues are billed on members after their initial new member period beginning October 1.

*Organization date: The date the club officially hosts its organizational meeting. That date is placed on the new club information sheet and determines the club's first day of business with Kiwanis International. This date holds even if club roster, dues, and bylaws have not been officially sent to Kiwanis International. Charter date: The date the club hosts a celebratory event to honor the club's formation in the community. The charter date is not officially recorded at Kiwanis International.

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**Membership Growth as of April 30th, 2020**

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**Swainsboro Kiwanis Club board and officers gathered to conduct the regular business of the club**

On Wednesday, May 13, 2020 the board and officers of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club gathered at the home of President Petite Garrett (and Treasurer Travis Garrett) to conduct the regular business of the club and explore options for resuming club gatherings as safety and law will allow.

The meeting was hosted by Mrs. Jane Durden and extreme precautions were put in place to ensure the safety of all who attended. Each table was spaced 10+ feet apart and a maximum of 2 people were at each 8' long table. Additionally, multiple hand washing and sanitizing stations were deployed.

The work of Kiwanis must go on as it is vital to fill the needs kids in our communities have during this trying time, and Swainsboro Kiwanis is setting a great example for us all!
Kiwanis International has changed how they are sending recognition for K-Kids Distinguished and Honor Clubs this year. Rather than sending a banner patch for the club’s banner, they will be emailing faculty advisors of qualifying clubs and providing a link to download an electronic badge to display on the school’s website and on social media. Here’s a link to the K-Kids Annual Achievement Report web page. Information about recognition is shared here. 

Link:  https://www.kiwianisksids.org/en/KKids/Leader/Contests/Annual_Achievement_Award.aspx

Dougherty County Annual Art Contest

Even though restrictions on large public gatherings due to the Covid-19 coronavirus outbreak prohibited the Kiwanis Club of Dougherty County from holding its annual elementary and middle and high school art receptions and displays, the club still managed to hold its 40th annual event recognizing local art students and schools in an abbreviated version.

Judging of entries was held at the Albany Area Arts Council building and first-, second-, and third-place and Best of Show winners for grades 6-12 were announced on the club’s Facebook page, along with an album of photos of winning artwork. The winners were also featured in a front-page article in the Albany Herald.

The two “Schools of Distinction”, honored for having the most winning entries in their grade categories, were Southwest Georgia Homeschool Association Middle School and Dougherty High School.

The club still hopes the disease outbreak will subside in time to hold its traditional Art Winners Luncheon in May.

Best of Show winners were: First place, Tre’mia Hawkins, 11th grade, Westover High School; Second place, Gethyn Wilson, 12th grade, Dougherty High School; Third place, Skylar Middleton, Dougherty High School.

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The Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County: Another great example of Kiwanis leading the way in a community

The Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County swung into action last week (April 20-24) after being alerted that residents of the counties two nursing homes were essential in lock down to help keep them safe from the threat of Covid-19. In an unprecedented effort to keep the residents safe, the administration of both facilities not only suspended outside visitors, but also suspended non-essential outside vendors. This includes the vendor that supplies snacks and drinks to the machines.

For most residents, this freedom to “shop” for snacks and drinks out of the machine is our equivalent to an outing to Wal-Mart. To take away one of the limited freedoms and joys in these resident’s life, just did not sit well with the local Kiwanians. After making some calls to source snacks and drinks, the members set to work preparing enough snack sacks for 83 residents at the Reidsville location and 124 at the Glennville location. The snack sacks were delivered on Friday, April 24 and distributed by the nursing home care team on Sunday, to the delight of the residents. To expand the impact of this program, members of Tattnall’s Kiwanis challenged other civic groups to do the same. The Chamber of Commerce plans to serve the residents this week.

Another great example of Kiwanis leading the way in a community and inspiring other civic groups to step up as well!

Kiwanis Club of Griffin received the Deed for their property

On Monday night, May 11th, Ralph Jones, Fair Manager and Johnnie McDaniel, Club Secretary, attended the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority meeting. At that time, Chairman Randy Peters presented the Kiwanis Club of Griffin with the warranty Deed for our property. We now officially own the property.

Hello Georgia Kiwanian!

My name is Leah Reiser and I am the 2020-2021 Georgia Circle K International District Governor. I am a rising senior at Georgia Southern University with a major in Elementary Education with a concentration in English as a Second Language. I am going on my eighth year in the Kiwanis family, four in Georgia Key Club and four in Georgia Circle K International. I have also previously been on the District Board for Georgia CKI twice, one term as the Secretary-Treasurer and most recently once as the Coastal Lieutenant Governor. I, as well as my entire board, are excited to be able to work with you all throughout the coming year. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at governor@georgiacircleck.org. Also, you can reach out to any of the district board or any of the Circle K clubs in your division. We would be happy to hear from you all and to interact with your clubs. You are all also welcome to attend any of our virtual meetings or service projects. During this time the Kiwanis family we have in Georgia is very important to us and we love to continue this relationship. Georgia Kiwanis has been a wonderful support system to Georgia CKI throughout the years and I thank-you all for that. I look forward to working alongside you all in the upcoming year!
Community Service Projects

KIWANIS Keep on, Keeping on

Normally on Thursday of every week the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K meets at the Tim Lee Senior Center off Sandy Plains Rd. in Marietta for their regular meeting. The 1st Thursday monthly meeting is somewhat special because Kiwanis Club members are reminded via the weekly News Letter and Club Calendar to bring in non-perishable (canned) food for donation to MUST MINISTRIES.

As the Kiwanians enter the meeting room, the donated food is deposited in a central location. At the conclusion of the meeting, the food is collected and taken to the MUST MINISTRIES warehouse in Marietta. The MUST MINISTRIES food donation project has been on-going for some time and Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K members gladly contribute!

However, that’s the way it worked in the pre-COVID-19 days. The Coronavirus has changed everything, and because of OVID-19, the Tim Lee Senior Center is now closed until further notice. The Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K no longer meets as a group at least until the first week in May. Yet despite those challenges, the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K “keeps on keeping on” as the MUST MINISTRY food donation project continues.

This announcement was posted in the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K newsletter that recently went out to members: “During this stressful time, it is more important than ever that we help to stock the shelves at Must Ministries. On Thursday, April 2nd from 9:00 am to 10:30 am, Mike Gerace will have his car parked at the East Cobb (Tim Lee) Senior Center for the purpose of picking up food for the needy. Please bring your donations to the Senior Center, drive under the portico, deposit your food on the ground and drive off. Mike will pick up the food and stow it. This accomplishes the social distancing and non-contact requirements of the CDC. At 10:30 he will transport the food to the Must Ministries warehouse.

At this time, it seems critical that we continue this program, so thank you for assuring that others can have nutritious, safe food during this time.”

So, rest assured MUST MINISTRIES (everyone else) in knowing that the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K will find a way to “Keep on ... Keeping on.”

Angela Hamlet purchased lunch for Post Office employees at the Dacula branch.

Angela Hamlet and Lawrenceville ministry’s executive director Tom Balog.

Historic Roswell

Since the pandemic several members have been involved in several efforts for help the community. Judy Allen raised money and sent creams and lotions to nurses and the medical professionals. Ron Jackson donated blood along with others. Thousands of dollars have been donated to the North Fulton Community Charities, which provided lunches for students and others in need.

Kiwani of Lawrenceville

Kiwani of Lawrenceville purchased 100 hot meals for lunch from Longhorn for the doctors and nurses at Northside Hospital Gwinnett on April 23. Steak potatoes and broccoli, strawberry grilled chicken salad.

Skidaway Island couple uses home time to grow Kiwanis flags fundraiser program

By Andria Segedy

American flags and programs that help children at risk are a combo in motion for Bill and Chris Aiken Sickels, members of the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway.

The Kiwanis flag program called Show Our Colors is open to residents of Skidaway Island, but right now participants are from the Landings and the Marshes' villas and cottages. Neighbors donate $50 to Kiwanis, and club members will place two American flags in the donors' yards or front of villa doors at The Marshes on each of four national holidays: Presidents’ Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans’ Day, according to Chris Aiken Sickels.

“We place them two days ahead and pick them up two days after,” she said. “Right now we have about 600 subscribers that live at The Landings or at The Marshes (the Senior Residence) on Skidaway.”

The Show Our Colors Flag Program raises over $27,000 per year, she said, adding that the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway’s goal is to help children in and around Savannah have better lives and grow into productive responsible citizens.

Money raised through the program is then distributed to a number of nonprofit groups that help children at risk. Those beneficiaries include America’s Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Backpack Buddies, Love Program (tutoring in the Savannah school system), Performance Initiatives, Savannah Early Childhood Education, Special Olympics, and Youth Challenge Academy, among others.

The couple took over the program two years ago from Keith and Joyce Glenn, who started it almost eight years ago. “We are always looking at ways of expanding this program. We decided to add the base to give Kiwanis recognition,” Chris Aiken Sickels said, and better support the flags.

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The Kiwanis Club of North Macon donated food and supplies to Daybreak

The Kiwanis Club of North Macon has donated food and supplies to Daybreak three times since the pandemic.

We are now encouraging members to add an item to their grocery list and bring it to the meeting each week.

**Specimen collection site opens at fairgrounds**

Effingham County resident tests positive for COVID-19; Bulloch schools to close through at least April 10

Local news media gather at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fairgrounds as Georgia and Bulloch County officials announce a COVID-19 specimen collection site on Wednesday, March 18. - photo by BY SCOTT BRYANT/Staff.

**Swainsboro Kiwanis Club Makes Donation to DEA**

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club recently made a donation to David Emanuel Academy to be used by their elementary science department. Ms. Dana Durden, who teaches first grade science, will be using the donation toward the purchase of a greenhouse project and a classroom set of books to complement the study.

Science education encourages an attitude of inquiry in the world around us; excites an interest in the nature and process of science; and explores the relationship of science to society, technology, mathematics, and other disciplines. Through this addition to DEA’s science curriculum, their students will gain a foundation of process skills, leading to organized reasoning, analytical thinking, and problem-solving abilities. Once again, Swainsboro Kiwanis shows its dedication to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

**Thank You**

Kiwanis Club President-elect Kevin Blosser hands out a lunch to first responder Sgt. Tony Brown of the Griffin Police Department on Wednesday outside of the Kiwanis Fairgrounds in Griffin. The Kiwanis Club was showing its appreciation by handing out free lunches to all first responders said President Butch Dixon.

**Flags Fundraiser Program from page 5**

The coronavirus has caused people to self-isolate and stay at home, so people cut back or stopped playing golf, tennis, shooting sporting clays, and attending meetings. They found this a perfect time to work on a project they love and that allows residents of Skidaway Island to show their patriotism while helping local children at risk, she said.

They analyzed the program from the ground up, changed the material of the flags, changed the advertising about the program, and upgraded the computer record-keeping to keep everyone’s records up-to-date and simplify the billing procedures.

**Flag base**

Then they looked at the presentation. To more closely identify with Kiwanis, a new base for the flags was designed and constructed by Bill Sickels and many Kiwanis volunteers, Chris Aiken Sickels said.

“The new base is the answer to all of the challenges we had with flag placement,” Bill Sickels said, noting the following changes:

- It is now impossible for the flags to touch the ground.
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### Activity Reports

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- **Current Membership from KI Membership Reports**: 150
- **Beginning Memberships Certified per Kiwanis International legend**: NC=New Club; CS=Club Suspended
- **Total Clubs as of Oct. 1, 2019**: 150
- **Total Reported Members 04/30/20**: 5,405
- **Total Reported Members at 10/1/19**: 5,313
- ** enumerators**: 150

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### Additional Information

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### Glossary

- **NC=New Club; CS=Club Suspended**
- **Total Clubs as of Oct. 1, 2019**: 150
This has been a hard time for Kiwanians due to the COVID-19 virus. Hopefully, everyone has been able to stay at home and participate in regular Kiwanis meetings with Zoom or other types of online communication. A lot of the Division Rallies have been cancelled and may or may not be rescheduled. Everyone should be aware that Kiwanis International Convention has been cancelled for this year.

All clubs are encouraged to have meetings online as much as possible and do what you can to assist local organizations by helping supply food, mask, gloves and other necessities to local hospitals and health organizations throughout the state.

A lot of clubs continue to work on great projects that assist our Key Clubs and other youth related organizations. The Foundation is always available to assist when the required paperwork is completed and submitted. You may be eligible for up to $5,000 depending on the club project. If you have questions about how to apply for assistance, contact a foundation board member.

Hopefully, everything will soon be back to normal and we will be able to have regular meetings and get together without worrying about the virus.

It is with great sadness that the final decision has been made to CANCEL the 2020 Georgia District of Kiwanis Art & Music Showcase. There was hope to be able to reschedule the event sometime within this Kiwanis year. However, with much discussion and shared information from our clubs around the state, Governor Andy Pipkin and I made this difficult decision to CANCEL the annual event. These are unprecedented times with so many unknowns before us. I hope that each of my Kiwanis brothers and sisters are remaining vigilant, taking care of yourself during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Blessings to you all!

Unfortunately, due to the COVID Pandemic, a lot of businesses and organizations have had to close their doors temporarily or even permanently. This has been a trying time for many of hearing children, it is crucial that they attend their weekly Auditory-Verbal Therapy sessions so their children can stay on track becoming independent listeners and speaking individuals. Unfortunately, due to the short window of time in child development, this is not something that we can push “pause” on and resume when things get back to normal. Since March, while the state has been on Shelter-In-Place and Social Distancing Restrictions, we have transitioned 100% of our clients to Teletherapy so they can continue to receive Auditory-Verbal Therapy remotely.

This was not an easy switch for the many lower income families who do not have equipment to be able to do Teletherapy but fortunately, due to generous supporters, we were able to loan out Teletherapy Kits complete with tablets and speakers to the families so they can continue to receive the therapy they need.

Because of your generous contributions to the “BUCK-N-EAR” Project, we are able to continue serving these families via Teletherapy so they don’t fall behind and miss out on the services they need. While we miss seeing our clients in person every day, we are grateful to be able to see their smiling faces filled with uncertainty and stress. For families with deaf and hard of hearing, there are many organizations that offer services to these families and the comfort of a mother’s touch and the assurance that you not just use the metrics, but understand the importance of giving. As Kiwanians, I believe we understand this saying very well. Our first two objects of our six objects seem to suggest that fact. With the advent of The Eliminate Project, our horizon has been expanded globally for the second time in our history, and we truly understand the importance of giving.

But, newborns and mothers are still dying in unacceptably large numbers from maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). Although we have gone from a baby dying from MNT, every 9 minutes to a baby dying every 15 minutes, 12 countries are still holding back on our help to eliminate this dreadful disease. The question still remains, “HAVE I DONE MY PART?”

To date, our efforts have been very fruitful. Kiwanis International has total paid gifts of $87,650,039. This is 80% of its fundraising goal of $110,000,000. It is commendable that thousands of Kiwanians in over 80 countries have joined to fight to save or protect millions of lives by pledging a gift to The Eliminate Project. Now we have to insure that we turn these commitments into funding. We still have time.

In the Georgia District, we made a pledge of $3,799,250 as our part, in support of Kiwanis International’s fundraising goal. As of 31 March 2020, we have cash and pledges of $2,294,064 toward fulfilling our goal. 84% of our clubs have participated in this effort. This means that 24 of our clubs have not contributed to The Project. We are asking that these clubs consider making a contribution. If you are an individual and have not made a personal contribution to The Eliminate Project, we are also asking that you consider making a contribution. You should make your contributions through your club, and you and your club both will receive credit for participating in The Project.

At the start of The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International’s goal of raising $110,000,000 was established, based on a proportion to our fundraising efforts would yield an amount that equated to $474.00 per member. During the life of The Eliminate Project, the Georgia District has received club donations ranging from $10.00 to $156,569 and individual donations ranging from $0.25 to $100,000. So, as you try to answer the question, “HAVE I DONE MY PART?”, I would ask that you not just use the metrics, above, to answer the question. I would suggest that you might want to think about a deadly disease that steals the lives of more than 30,000 innocent babies and significant number of women each year. Think about a painful and deadly disease that causes extreme sensitivity to light, to sound and contact, and prevents the comfort of a mother’s touch as her baby dies alone. So, the first piece to help you to answer the question may be to make a contribution to The Eliminate Project, at any level that makes you feel comfortable and good about yourself. By helping to protect the connection between mother and baby, you may answer that, “I HAVE DONE MY PART!”