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THE ELIMINATE PROJECT UPDATE

JOHN C. HOLLEY,

When we embarked upon The Eliminate Project, it was our goal to have 60 of our clubs to declare themselves Model or $100K clubs. Although this did not happen, we are pleased to report that on 27 January 2018 the Kiwanis Club of Forest Park became our 41st Model/$100K Club. In addition, 10 members of the club joined the Walter Zeller Fellowship. On behalf of the Kiwanis Children’s Fund and UNICEF, we congratulate the outstanding Kiwanians of this club and ask that they continue to give and inspire others to give.

As we have alluded to in other articles, there is still time for the Georgia District to go from “Good to Great.” The journey starts with a personal pledge, over the next three years. After making your personal pledge, challenge other members of your club to do likewise. Finally, have your club make a pledge. Know that your collective efforts will insure that the 15 countries that have not eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus can declare victory before or at the end of 2020. Babies are still dying from tetanus, but we can stop it. JOIN US WITH YOUR PLEDGE!

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THE OFFICIAL CALL

Official call and notice is hereby given that the 99th Annual Convention of the Georgia District at Kiwanis International will be held on August 17-19, 2018. The convention will take place at the Jekyll Island Convention Center in Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Any Proposed Amendments to the District Bylaws must be submitted to the District Secretary and received by him/her no later than 60 days prior to the District Convention. Therefore to be considered, all Bylaw Amendments must be in the hands of the District Secretary, P. O. Box 6618, Macon, Georgia 31208, by June 18, 2018.

Any club desiring to present a Resolution at the District Convention, must submit it to the District Resolutions Committee chaired by Dottie Gregg, 555 Youngs Mill Road, Kings- ton, Georgia 30217, not less than 60 days prior to the convention.
Rally season has started and as I am preparing this article, three rallies down and 15 to go. What a great history we have of the Governor visiting the Divisions and with that, the Governor gets the chance to meet members and make new friends. Hopefully as the other rallies take place, you will make your plans to attend this great Division event. Rallies are a place for all Kiwanians to involve themselves in getting to know members of the other clubs in their Division.

Our first quarter is already over and one month of the second quarter. We need to have membership recruitment plans active in all clubs at this time. We can’t wait until later in the Kiwanis year to start making plans – believe me, time gets away from us. Members must help their leadership team as we are all part of the Membership Committee.

We will have our Mid-Year Training Conference on March 3rd at Wesleyan in Macon. Please team up with your new members and bring them with you to this Conference. The road trip is always fun and a good way to get to know each other and build those lasting relationships.

Hopefully you are making plans to attend the International Convention in Las Vegas. Registration is now open on the Kiwanis International website. I will be staying at the Bally but you have the choice of the Bally or the Paris Hotel with the convention center between the two. Pat Tritt is working on plans for a District Dinner and those details will be out soon.

The District Convention registration is also open at this time on the District website. Make your plans for Jekyll Island - August 17-19. A low-country boil is planned for Friday night. The convention center is a beautiful facility and we have three hotels that have the choice of the Bally or the Paris Hotel with the convention center between the two. Pat Tritt is working on plans for a District Dinner and those details will be out soon.

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The Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County was the winner of my Inner Club challenge, beating the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro by two visits. On February 1, I presented my check for $75 to the Inner Club chair Gloria Williams and the other members who helped complete this mission. For those who haven’t read any of my previous articles or attended my class at the fall training conference, I challenged all of the Clubs in the Georgia District to complete an inner club visit with all of the Clubs in your division and one out of the division excluding training conferences, rallies and convention and report those visits directly to me. The first to complete this invitation would receive the money plus and inner club banner patch. This challenge was similar to the challenge I gave Division 17 two years ago when I was Lt. Gov. That time the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro was the winner by a couple of days. Swainsboro completed the task in less than 30 days.

The challenge is still out there for all of our other clubs to complete (minus the money) and receive a patch. Remember, it only takes two members to be an official visit for an inner club this year. My motto is “Grab A Member And Go!” So much can be gained by visiting other clubs and in our busy daily lives, clubs find it difficult to get the Kiwanis International required number of members to attend. This is an excellent way for your club to accomplish getting to other clubs and see what is working or not working for them and bring those ideas back to your club.

There will still be banner patches awarded to clubs with the highest total of visits but what fun is it to visit the same clubs over and over each year? It isn’t too late to “Grab A Member And Go” inner clubbing!

**Brooklet Kiwanis Interclub visits Swainsboro Kiwanis**

An Interclub from the Kiwanis Club of Brooklet traveled 52 miles to Swainsboro to attend our Swainsboro Kiwanis Club meeting, January 30, 2018. They are, from left to right, Past Lt. Governor Byron Mulligan, Jerome Jones, President Jim Clapham.

**Statesboro Kiwanis Interclub visits Swainsboro Kiwanis**

The Statesboro Kiwanis Club had a 3 of its members, Carl Sellers, Danny Folio, and J. D. Dunn, visit the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club as an interclub on Tuesday night, January 23, 2018. The are, from left to right, Carl Sellers, Danny Folio, President Jim Clapham, and J. D. Dunn.
The Kiwanis Club of Buford recently recognized some very special students in their community. The Kiwanis BUG (Bring Up Grades) program rewards academic improvement. As students raise or maintain their grades, they are rewarded in each following grading period to empower them to persevere.

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New K-Kids Chartered
Ruth Hill Elementary School
Sponsored by Coweta County

How do K-Kids choose high-impact service projects? The club members should work with the faculty and Kiwanis advisors to develop the service projects they do in their school and community. The IDEA Toolkit you received in your member box at the beginning of the year is a great resource to help you and your K-Kids Club develop meaningful projects.

The IDEA Toolkit involves 4 parts:
- Identify the Need
- Develop the Passion
- Execute the Project
- Advance the Impact

IDENTIFY THE NEED:
- Club members with the Kiwanis and faculty advisors discuss possible service projects that would benefit the school and/or community.
- Invite a community leader to come to a club meeting. The club members could ask them about service needs in the community.
- The principal or school counselor could discuss needs in the school.
- The club members with the help of the advisors discuss the pros and cons of each suggestion. The “Pick and Choose” activity on page 18-19 of the IDEA Toolkit could help with this discussion.
- Through this process the club members can decide which project they feel will have a high impact when completed.

Next month we will “Develop the Passion” for the high-impact service project they chose.

Kiwanis recognizes BUGS and Terrific Kids in local schools

Despite the event being a cold windy day, more than 80 students excitedly walked out to the front of the school to the Gwinnett Fire Department’s Station 14. Station 14 Captain Corey Kendrix led a presentation about fire safety and allowed students to tour a fire truck as well as practice safety tips such as stop, drop and roll.

“We’re very proud of your accomplishments and want you to continue to work hard at your education,” Kendrix said at the event.

The program has not only provided benefits to students, but allows them a chance to interact with people that serve in the community.

“This was their moment. They got the chance to touch and feel a fire truck and shake hands with firefighters,” Sanders said. “Who knows? There may be a few future firefighters in that group.”

BUGs next ceremony will take place in March, with students getting rewarded with a visit from a Kona Shaved Ice Truck.

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This month we are going to emphasize service, which is the most rewarding activity we do in Kiwanis. Through service projects people in the community can relate to what Kiwanis does for the children where they live. This is also good for the club members to be involved in helping children within their community. When you see the children’s excitement at Christmas and other special times of the year the Kiwanian has a terrific feeling for what they are doing for the children. Remember, people want to be around people that are doing good things for their community. This is a great tool to recruit new members to every club within the district. Being involved with service will change you forever, and you will love Kiwanis, want to share Kiwanis, and live Kiwanis.

Every club is working on their fund raiser and service projects for 2017-2018. Remember, to activate as many members in the service projects as you can. The service project should grow from year to year an incorporate more and more people to accommodate the growth. Do not be cautious and hold back anything that would be an improvement to your club’s service projects. If a service project has fulfilled the goals, which were originally started. You may want to start another service project more up to date with changing times.

The Signature Project’s were completed February 15, 2018 for this year, and the winner will be announced March 3, 2018 at the Mid-Year training conference. The winner will be sent to KI for the contest, which the winner will be announced at ICON.

I hope everyone had a terrific holiday season. Thanks to everyone who works very hard with their service projects.

Service Leadership Programs

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Key Leader is gearing up for our 2018 event in Covington. Our camp will be from 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 23rd until 11 a.m. Sunday March 25th at the Georgia FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington. This event is open to all students ages 14-18. How does Key Leader impact youth? It helps participants in developing important social and emotional skills, which allow them to understand self and develop meaningful connections with others. These skills enable young people to calm themselves when angry, initiate friendships, resolve relationship conflicts respectfully, and make ethical and safe choices. I look forward to seeing your students participating in this year’s event. There are some BIG changes you need to know about.

Registration will now be handled through the Georgia District of Kiwanis web site, HYPERLINK “http://www.gadistrictkiwanis.org/”www.gadistrictkiwanis.org under Events. There are two separate registration portals – one for students and one for adult volunteers. Within the student portal, students who have previously attended Key Leader will have the opportunity to sign up as a student facilitator. The total cost this year is $250 per student, $150 per Student Facilitator, and $115 per adult volunteer. Through the generosity of Clubs giving to the Georgia District Sponsored Projects, students will only pay $100, student facilitators will be free and adult volunteers will be free. With all of the brand new changes, the Kiwanis Children’s Fund will not be offering an additional $25 scholarship for SLP members this year.

During the registration process, students will not need to enter any coupon codes. The Georgia District scholarships will automatically be applied. Adult volunteers must use the promo code ADULT to receive the discount. Adult volunteers will then be contacted by us to finalize background check information. All adult volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and need to be registered by 2/15/18. If you are interested in being an adult volunteer, please contact Darryl using the contact info at the end of this article.

How else can you help? I’m glad you asked. We are always looking for donations of snacks and drinks to be shared with our students throughout the weekend. If you or your club is willing to support our camp this way, please let Darryl know. We can discuss the specific needs and logistics.

We are exploring options on our event t-shirt for this year. If you are (or know) a good t-shirt maker, please contact Darryl Gumz as soon as possible to help us determine our best options.
Community Service Projects

Metro Atlanta Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Metro Atlanta is doing its quarterly feeding at the Ronald McDonald House in Atlanta. The residents are looking forward to the delicious “home cooked” meal.

Bowling Party!!

The yearly bowling party for the youth of the Georgia Sheriff’s Youth Home in Hahira was held Sunday, December 17th at the Rockin’ Roll Bowlin’ center in Douglas. Thirty-four youth and adults from the home enjoyed the event which was sponsored by the Douglas Kiwanis Club. Members of the Citizens Christian Academy Key Club helped the Kiwanis Club members run the party and provided some of the desserts.

Free bowling and shoes were provided by Rockin’ Roll Bowlin’ while a meal and desserts were provided by the Kiwanis Club. Donations from Kiwanis Club members and the Citizens Christian Academy Key Club provided Christmas gift cards for all the youth.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and the youth and adults from the Youth greatly appreciated the event. Thanks to all those who helped and donated to the event. A special thanks to Sheriff Doyle Wooten for not only providing funds for the youth home but also assisting with the cost of the bowling party. Also a special thanks to the Rockin’ Roll Bowlin’ personnel who worked hard to make the event so successful.

Kiwanians, Families and Friends

A Chance to win a 7 day, 7 night stay at the Wyndham Grand Desert Resort Las Vegas, NV

24 Jun - 1 Jul 2018

Attend the International Kiwanis Convention and a few days early for more fun! For only $10 per raffle ticket, you have a chance to win this fabulous 1 bedroom, full kitchen, maximum 4 persons, week-long stay. There is a game room, fitness center, Jacuzzi/hot tub, laundry facilities, sauna and swimming pool on site. There is also a free shuttle from the Resort to Harrah’s Casino on the Strip. So all you have to do is let the Metro Atlanta Kiwanis Club know how many raffle tickets your club wants and we will provide them to first come, first served. Contact info is: Harriett Holley, hholley2@comcast.net or cell # 678-481-7462. The drawing will take place at the Mid-Winter Training in Macon but don’t wait until then to get your tickets. Good Luck!!

North Macon Kiwanis presents scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of North Macon presented two $500.00 scholarships to the two runner-ups of the Youth of the Year of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Georgia. The winner, Cameron Gooden, received a $2,000.00 scholarship.

Pictured above are runner-ups Ke-dar Little-Brooks, Nigel A. Willm ore, Jr., Jackie Joyner-Kersee, and winner Cameron Gooden.

Scout’s Conduct Scout Sunday Service

Reverend David Porter delivers the message.

Boy Scout Troop 75 and Cub Scout Pack 75 held their annual Scout Sunday service at the Vann Community House in Swainsboro on February 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The service opened up with Senior Patrol Leader Life Scout John White leading the Scout Processional and then leading everyone in the Pledge to the Flag of the United States. Scout Committee Chairman Dess Smith, III then introduced Scoutmaster Brian Rogers introduced the Boy Scouts and Webelos, Leader Jess Bush introduced the Cub Leaders and Cub Scouts. The morning prayer was said by Life Scout Dustin Rogers.

Special music was provided by Life Scout Andrew Hutcheson, who played two hymns on his trumpet and then Carley Marie Smith sang a beautifully while playing the guitar. Scoutmaster Jim Daughtry then introduced the Reverend David Porter who brought us the message.

Reverend Porter is a former member of Boy Scout Troop 75 and Cub Scout Pack 75. He obtained the highest rank in Boy Scout’s, the Eagle Scout Badge. The service had 50 in attendance and both Boy Scout Troop 75 and Cub Scout Pack 75 are sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro. Swainsboro Kiwanis has a long history with the Scout programs in Emanuel County, beginning in 1922.

Kiwanis - Serving the Children of Georgia and the World
**Kiwanis Children’s Fund**

This year The Kiwanis Children’s Fund will be concentrating on four major causes. These are areas that we hope your clubs also see as a major need for our children today.

- **HEALTHY CHILDREN**
- **EDUCATED CHILDREN**
- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**
- **PRIORITY NEEDS**

These four areas will help us shape our grants program, our communities, and several areas of The Children’s Fund TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER.

It is our responsibility to raise awareness of our clubs’ service projects and the impact they have for children worldwide. We need to help raise the funds needed to support more clubs service projects. These two must be closely tied together.

We partner with and provide funds to Kiwanis Clubs and Districts, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and students who are making the greatest impact.

**Our programs include:**
- District Grant Programs
- Club Grants
- THE Eliminate Program
- Disaster Programs
- Scholarships

When we talk about TODAY, we are talking about gifts through annual campaign to support many grant programs.

Gifts of Tomorrow through our Global Campaign to support the **ELIMINATE PROJECT**.

Making a gift through our Legacy Campaign is a gift of FOREVER. Planned gifts help strengthen our Endowment.

Many ways to raise these much-needed funds: Unrestricted giving from individuals, clubs, corporations, foundations, and many other entities during the administrative year.

Gifts are often contributions through:
- **Annual Gift Campaign**
- **Recognition Programs**…such as Hixon Fellowship, Tablet of Honor, Leadership Society
- **Personal appeals** to individuals, and clubs

The Kiwanis Children’s Fund asked that each club please DONATE $10.00 per member to the Annual Gift Campaign. This can help your club achieve Distinguished recognition.

Each club is encouraged to support the six Georgia District sponsored projects: Buck-n-Ear/ Auditory-Verbal Center, Tomorrow’s Leaders, Key Leader, Georgia District Foundation, Kiwanis International Foundation, and the Art and Music Showcase.

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For over 40 years, the Auditory-Verbal Center, a not-for-profit organization, has provided quality hearing healthcare to support and improve the lives of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Their highly trained specialists offer family-centered services, consultations and referrals through the Auditory-Verbal Program, and can assist you in selecting the best and most affordable hearing devices that fit your family’s personal needs through the Audiology & Hearing Aid Clinic.

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A Professor of Music Education at the University of Maryland recently completed a study of nearly 10,000 students engaged in the Arts on the topic of Arts Education and Positive Youth Development. A significant finding was that adolescent arts students frequently report to researchers that they highly value their artistic pursuits and that their arts study becomes an important context to help them navigate the challenges of adolescence (Adderley, Kennedy, & Berz, 2003; Barber, Stone, & Eccles, 2005a; Fredricks et al., 2002; Graham, 2003). As a fine arts advocate, these research findings support what I have always believed and personally experienced as an adolescent. So, when I was approached about being the Art & Music Showcase Chair this year, it was a no-brainer for me, personally. I am so pleased that my club, Kiwanis Club of Lee County, agreed to support my decision and to take the lead. And I certainly appreciate your Division 5 agreeing to continue to be the host for the event. I wish to extend an extra thank you to Ken Rodd. Ken has chaired the Showcase for the last 3 years, and has graciously walked beside me to guide me as the new chair and he has taken on the role of Chair of the Art Showcase.

I want to take a few minutes of your time to make sure you have all the information you need from us to prepare for the Georgia District Kiwanis 2018 Art & Music Showcase on April 28, 2018. The Art & Music Showcase Handbook can be found on our Georgia District website under resources. All the information you need will be included in that handbook. A very important date to remember – all participant forms and sponsor commitment forms are due no later than April 13, 2018. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you have – shirleyra@lee.k12.ga.us. Also, I would love to be able to attend as many local competitions as my schedule will allow, so please email me details about your local competitions. I look forward to working with you all this year. Many Blessings!

Debbie Brilling
GA District Vice Governor and Buck-n-Ear Chair
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**Kids Need Kiwanis**
Kiwanis Club of Moultrie presents Citizen of the Quarter Award

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie recently announced Mr. Jay Ussery as Citizen of the Quarter. Mr. Ussery has allowed the Kiwanis Club of Moultrie to use WMTM radio station for one of the club’s major fundraisers, Radio Day.

The club raises approximately $6,000 during this event each year where members collect pledges and donations from local businesses and read ads during designated airtime.

Jay has been with the station 18 years, thus helping to contribute and estimate $108,000 in funds for the club. Kiwanis provides 3 scholarships to local students each year, meaning Mr. Ussery and WMTM have helped provide 54 scholarships in those 18 years to our Colquitt County students.

The National Infantry Museum

Georgians have relatively easy access to one of the finest military museums in the world, according to retired United States Army Major Richard F. Wright.

“The National Infantry Museum in Columbus is one of the finest museums in the nation, is the number one free museum in the United States, and is the number three military museum worldwide,” Wright recently told members of the Kiwanis Club of Dalton.

The privately funded and operated museum adjacent to the army’s sprawling Fort Benning opened in 2009 at a cost of $100 million. Equipment on display is owned and maintained by the military. A full service restaurant on site enables visitors to spend the day at the impressive facility.

Those attending the civic club’s weekly meeting at the Dalton Convention Center were told that the museum’s displays include soil collected from eight battlefield and seven different wars beginning with the American Revolution. “Also included were the Civil War, World War I, Vietnam, the war on terrorism, and two from World War II,” said Wright.

The speaker explained that a display called “the last hundred yards” emphasizes the fact that after all else it is the infantry that fights the final distance of the battle.

The National Infantry Museum is now celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fort Benning, which opened as Camp Benning in October of 1918. It was originally established to provide basic training for military units participating in World War I. Named after Brigadier General Henry L. Benning, who served in the army of the Confederate States of America, the post covers over 182,000 acres of land in both Georgia and Alabama. The post currently supports more than 120,000 active-duty military, family members, reserve component soldiers, retirees, and civilian employees on a daily basis.

The speaker was introduced by his grandson, Dalton attorney and Kiwanian Brian Wright.

The Army’s armored division has been moved to Fort Benning from Fort Knox. As a result, Wright said an armored gallery has now been added to the adjacent museum.

An IMAX Theater at the museum shows high quality movies. A ¾ size replica of the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial offers visitors an opportunity to honor those who served. World War II era barracks remain as a place for visitors to see.

“Visitors are often treated to a variety of events at the nearby Fort Benning Parade Grounds,” said Wright. “Frequent military graduations, presentations from the talented United States Army Band, and more are part of the facility’s experience.”
## JANUARY SCOREBOARD

### DIVISION 1
- **Thad Ugha, Lt. Governor**
  - Atlanta: 225/230
  - Galleria-Northwest Atlanta: 19/20
  - Northside Atlanta: 38/39
  - **Division Totals**: 282/289

### DIVISION 2
- **Teresa Watson, Lt. Governor**
  - Barnesville: 26/26
  - Columbus: 83/84
  - Golden K, Columbus: 22/22
  - Greater Columbus: 41/41
  - **Division Totals**: 499/492

### DIVISION 3
- **Ray Armstrong, Lt. Governor**
  - Coweta County: 69/70
  - Fayette County: 24/25
  - Grantville: 17/15
  - Newton: 94/95
  - Peachtree City: 42/43
  - White Oak Golden K: 65/66
  - **Division Totals**: 324/327

### DIVISION 4
- **Deborah Pearce, Lt. Governor**
  - Brunswick: 47/50
  - Jesup: 33/41
  - Saint Marys: 69/73
  - Savannah: 22/24
  - Waycross: 19/20
  - **Division Totals**: 313/337

### DIVISION 5
- **Lacey Addison Pieczarka, Lt. Governor**
  - Albany: 24/26
  - Albany Golden K: 18/20
  - Americus: 74/74
  - Bainbridge: 18/18
  - Cairo: 46/46
  - Cairo-Morningstar: 16/16
  - Camilla: 9/9
  - Dougherty County: 78/78
  - Lee County: 12/16
  - Thomasville: 63/63
  - **Division Totals**: 358/366

### DIVISION 6
- **David Kelly, Lt. Governor**
  - Augusta: 219/218
  - Columbus County: 27/28
  - Louisville: 22/22
  - Thomson: 25/24
  - Uptown Augusta: 24/25
  - Warrenton: 17/17
  - Washington: 33/32
  - **Division Totals**: 367/366

### DIVISION 7
- **Amy Campbell, Lt. Governor**
  - Athens: 37/35
  - Classic City: 15/15
  - Commerce: 46/49
  - Hartwell: 46/44
  - Windermere: 17/17
  - **Division Totals**: 161/160

### DIVISION 8
- **Deric Governale, Lt. Governor**
  - Cumming: 26/26
  - Duluth-Norcross: 18/17
  - Gainsville: 150/150
  - Johns Creek: 14/16
  - Lawrenceville: 23/25
  - North Gwinnett: 44/44
  - South Hall County - Oakwood: 28/25
  - Suwanee: 26/26
  - **Division Totals**: 305/321

### DIVISION 9
- **David McLeighton, Lt. Governor**
  - Crawford County: 19/19
  - Forsyth - Monroe County: 42/44
  - Fort Valley: 37/37
  - Jones County: 22/23
  - Macon: 43/43
  - Macon County: 32/30
  - Milledgeville: 39/38
  - North Macon: 18/20
  - Perry: 30/30
  - Taylor County: 29/31
  - **Division Totals**: 311/315

### DIVISION 10
- **Ken Williams, Lt. Governor**
  - Blairsville: 19/20
  - Blue Ridge: 51/51
  - Clarkesville: 17/17
  - Cleveland: 16/16
  - Cornelia: 33/34
  - Dawson County: 17/15
  - Rabun County: 13/13
  - Toccoa: 16/16
  - **Division Totals**: 182/182

### DIVISION 11
- **Ennis Denham, Lt. Governor**
  - Calhoun: 14/14
  - Cartersville: 16/19
  - Dalton: 67/67
  - Murray County: 21/20
  - Ringgold: 19/20
  - Rome: 22/22
  - Salacoa Valley: 10/10
  - **Division Totals**: 169/173

### DIVISION 12
- **Bob Pinckney, Lt. Governor**
  - Carrollton: 106/108
  - Carrollton Golden K: 41/35
  - Cedartown: 32/32
  - Douglas County: 22/24
  - Fairfield Plantation: 31/32
  - Heard County: 22/22
  - Rome: 17/17
  - Villa Rica: 16/15
  - **Division Totals**: 287/282

### DIVISION 13
- **Brad Shealy, Lt. Governor**
  - Adel: 19/18
  - Cordele: 51/50
  - Fitzgerald: 28/28
  - Moultrie: 139/138
  - Quitman: 21/21
  - Sylvester: 36/41
  - Tifton: 27/28
  - Turner County: 24/24
  - Valdosta: 31/31
  - **Division Totals**: 376/379

### DIVISION 14
- **Stephe Koontz, Lt. Governor**
  - Doraville: 11/11
  - Druid Hills: 21/20
  - **Division Totals**: 357/363

### DIVISION 15
- **Monnie Cemtro, Lt. Governor**
  - East Cobb County: 12/11
  - Georgia Online: 24/24
  - Greater Cherokee: 26/27
  - Greater Kennesaw: 20/13
  - Greater South Cobb: 17/18
  - Jocqul City: 31/32
  - Kennworth Golden K: 28/28
  - Lost Mountain: 75/79
  - Marietta: 256/254
  - Marietta Golden K: 107/107
  - Metro Marietta: 23/23
  - Mountain View Professionals: 19/20
  - Paulding County: 16/17
  - Smyrna: 11/11
  - **Division Totals**: 665/664

### DIVISION 16
- **Jim Campbell, Lt. Governor**
  - Baxley: 36/40
  - Brooklet: 28/25
  - Columbus: 16/16
  - Douglas: 37/37
  - Eastman-Dodge County: 10/10
  - Golden K of Statesboro: 16/16
  - Metter: 35/34
  - Statesboro: 124/123
  - Swainsboro: 34/36
  - Tattnall County: 39/39
  - Vidalia: 138/139
  - **Division Totals**: 497/508

### DIVISION 17
- **Keithen Tucker, Lt. Governor**
  - Butts County: 10/10
  - Conyers: 17/18
  - Covington: 60/61
  - Eatonon: 23/25
  - Henry County: 42/46
  - Loganville: 16/16
  - Midland: 50/50
  - Monroe: 17/17
  - Monticello: 14/14
  - Social Circle: 16/16
  - **Division Totals**: 265/273

### DIVISION 18
- **Jim Campbell, Lt. Governor**
  - Atlanta: 23/23
  - Jonesboro: 20/20
  - Metro Atlanta: 51/54
  - Old Campbell: 4/4
  - Southlake: 5/5
  - West End, Atlanta: 24/27
  - **Division Totals**: 127/133

### District Totals
- **Georgia District Total**: 5585/5664
- **Total Clubs as of Oct. 1, 2017**: 145 Clubs
- **Beginning Memberships Certificates**
  - 145 Clubs as of Oct. 1, 2017
  - International
  - NC = New Club; CS = Club Suspended

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**District Totals**

- Total Reported Members at 10/1/18: 5,856
- Total Reported Members 1/31/18: 5,664
- Total Clubs as of 10/1/17: 145
- Total Clubs as of 1/31/18: 145
“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.”

The Georgia District is on social media. Follow us on Twitter @GAKiwanis and like our Georgia Kiwanis page on Facebook. Let’s share our stories!

Kiwanis and UNICEF Eliminating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus

Finish the Fight. Fulfill your Pledge!

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facebook.com/groups/GAKiwanisProjectsAndEvents

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

TAG US IN YOUR POSTS & PHOTOS: @GeorgiaKiwanis

GA KIWANIS HASHTAG: #GaKFan

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL HASHTAG: #KidsNeedKiwanis

NEW MEMBER CONVENTION DISCOUNT

First time new members to Kiwanis, who join between January 1, 2018 to June 1, 2018, will receive complimentary early bird registration to the Georgia District Convention!

If you register after the early bird period has ended, you will receive a $25 discount.

To take advantage of this discount, new members need to contact Alexia Lieber, GA District Executive Director, for personalized discount code.

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P: (478) 474-6169

August 17-19, 2018

Jekyll Island
Convention Center
5 Beachview Drive N.
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

More Information:
gadistrictkiwanis.org
The romantic American Poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, penned the following verses from his poem, “A Psalm of Life”.

“A Psalm of Life”

“Lives of great men all remind us—We can make our lives sublime,

And, departing, leave behind us—Footprints on the sands of time...”

As we embark upon the year 2018 our challenge is to reflect upon who we are as an organization, our internal resolve with thoughtful management of our resources and the fulfillment of our goals.

There are those who can recall some of the earlier pioneers and pathfinders who were Georgia Kiwanians. They are people who have made substantial contributions in moving the organization forward. These pathfinders were people of vision and purpose. In the forefront of their minds was the desire to serve the children of their communities through service initiatives. Their efforts resulted in some of the service awards our district now gives.

The word ‘departing’ in the poem speaks to the brevity of life. If we were aware of the brevity of our lives, we would surely apply our minds and therefore our bodies to worthwhile endeavors. It stands to reason that our body cannot go where the mind does not take it. If we are to leave our ‘footprints’ as landmarks that future generations can reference we cannot afford to sit on the fence of the uninvolved. It becomes imperative to be “a hero in the strife.” The vicissitudes of life are common to all people without regard to ethnicity, religion, philosophy or financial means. The strife of life demands our immediate involvement. Look no further than the mudslides in California or the 41 million people in the United States that are struggling with hunger, including 13 million children. We must care enough to become involved in preventing and/or alleviating the stresses that attack our global community.

I would like to thank Andy Pipkin for stepping forward and assuming the PLGA Chair position last year and wish him success as he continues to serve the District as our Vice Governor.

The members of the PLGA also continue to serve the District in many ways. The most obvious is the service as SGT-at-Arms during the Training Sessions and District Conventions. SGT-at-Arms provide direction to classes, in building new Kiwanian Clubs, in building the clubs in the Service Leadership Programs; and assisting in the revitalization of under-strength Clubs. The PLGA stands ready to assist in training and recruiting of new club members; and helping the District where needed. The PLGA serves as a critical component of a successful District.

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Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus

If we have the ability to eliminate this disease, do we have the right not to?
2018 DCON
Looking for people’s thoughts and ideas on taking our training up a notch.
When I get into a conversation about elevating our clubs, invariably I talk with people about training. Done right, training should be energizing and empowering. It should load the attendee with energy and enthusiasm that they can make an even bigger difference and give them the tools to do just that. We should offer things that will help us grow personally and/or professionally. We need to also offer classes for the new Kiwanian and classes that will inspire people to come back year after year.

Georgia does a great job with its training, but we want to take it up a notch. We want to add to the curriculum and we want to see members from more clubs. We have ideas and we’re looking for input. We’re not afraid of change.

- Ideas of workshops or type of training you’d like to see added?
- Names of people in your area that would be a good trainer
- Half day or full day?
- What about electronics? Are you interested in online slides or watching video presentations?

To summarize, if you haven’t come to a convention yet, we’d love to see you. If you’ve taken every course twice, we want to add something new for you. If you have ideas, reach out. Whether you are meeting new people or visiting with old friends. We want this to be a place where you meet people, have a great time, all while learning how to bring a little bit more energy and excitement back to your club.

Please pencil in District Convention (August 17-19) in your calendar today. We look forward to seeing you there!