Meet Your Newly Elected Officers for 2018-19

The House of Delegates elected the following District Officers for the 2018-19 Kiwanis year and they are (L - R): Juanita Edwards - Immediate Past Governor; Debbie Brilling - Governor; Andy Pipkin - Governor-Elect; George Elkins - Vice - Governor

Kiwanis and UNICEF Eliminating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus

If we have the ability to eliminate this disease, do we have the right not to?

THE ELIMINATE PROJECT UPDATE

Each day there is a hope that tomorrow will be the day when we can declare that the World is free of the dreadful disease called tetanus. Mothers and babies will no longer have to fear that death from a preventable disease is still lurking right around the corner.

Because of the generosity of Kiwanians all over the World and the partnership of Kiwanis International and UNICEF, this hope is coming even closer to becoming a reality.

Although Kiwanis International and UNICEF are so close to declaring a global victory for the second time, they cannot accomplish it without each of us fulfilling the pledges we have made and to motivate others to do the same. If you or your clubs have not done your fair share, there is still time for you to be a part of the celebration. We can celebrate the successes we have already achieved, but we still have much work to do before we can declare the victory.

Congratulations to the following clubs in the Georgia District for leading the fundraising efforts by pledging to be Model or 100K Clubs: Atlanta, Buckhead Atlanta, Columbus, North Columbus, Newman, Albany, Washington, Athens, Classic City, Winder, Alpharetta-Johns Creek, Cumming, Suwanee, North Gwinnett, North Macon, Clarkesville, Dawson County, Douglas County, FairField Plantation, Cordele, Doraville, Sandy Springs, East Cobb, Marietta, Kennworth, Greater Kennesaw, Greater South Cobb, ConVal City, Smyrna, Marietta Golden K, Airport Area, Decatur, Forest Park, Metro Atlanta, Old Campbell, Southlake, West End, Statesboro, Conyers, and Henry County. Thanks for being the pacesetters for our District.

I reported to you in my last article that at International Convention we had a MNTChallenge where Kiwanians raised over $175,000 in three days. That was all matched, dollar for dollar, by generous donors who have agreed to match up to $200,000. I am told that we are already seeing an influx of gift to finish off the match. If you have not participated in the challenge, you can still do so.

Finally, as of June 30, 2018, Kiwanis International has raised $81,881,672 (in cash) toward fulfilling the fundraising goal. This is 74% of the goal. The Georgia District has raised $2,155,345 (in cash and pledges) during the same period. The Service Leadership Programs in our District have contributed $122,716 (in cash). We need your help to raise $1,643,905. I know I can count on you. LET’S SHOW OUR “K” TOGETHER!

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The Governor’s Message
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What a great year we are having and I am so honored to serve this year as your Kiwanis Governor. My goal is to complete this year as a distinguished district. To do this, we must finish our year positive in membership or open 10 new clubs. As of today, we have completed 7 clubs and we have the other three sites being worked on by members of the Formula Team. We ended July at 5800 members for the District which is +215. We have to have all clubs staying focused on their recruitment and retention efforts. We cannot think it is too late to take positive actions to finish strong.

Author Dan Green in his Book “Finish Strong” writes: “Regardless of what came before or what has yet to come, what matters most right now is how I choose to respond to the challenge before me. Will I lie down or will I fight?” The choice is mine (and ours) and I choose to finish strong. There are some attributes that will get us to the finish line; COURAGE – Dale Carnegie said, “Most of us have far more courage than we ever dreamed we possessed.”

FAITH – Rich Devos said, “The only thing that stands between a person and what they want in life is the will to try it and the faith to believe it possible.”

BELIEF – Anatole France said, “To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe”. Believe in miracles and don’t stop believing.

My plan is to keep the faith, have the courage to continue to fight for the best finish and to believe in miracles and not give up. If you will keep the faith with me and if you will do all you can to help me, I am sure we will get there – we can finish our year “STRONG” and achieve our goal of positive membership.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you and the District as your Governor.

As the 2017-2018 Administrative year comes to an end, it has marked another great year for the Georgia District under the leadership of Governor Juanita Edwards and her Board, but our job is not finished.

Membership
Clubs will have until October 10th the delete any members for the 2017-18 year. Note all new members which come in after October 1st will go towards the 2018-19 membership totals. If you have not yet posted your Club Elections please do so at this time I am missing 54 reports.

Annual Dues Billing
All clubs will receive a notice on their Dashboard to update their rosters. Kiwanis International will bill each club by the club rosters with the membership totals they show on October 10th. KI will send a billing to each club. This billing will go to the club secretary. Please note that you may pay the Insurance portion of your Dues from your Service Account. All dues are payable to Kiwanis International and are due by November 30th.

Georgia Kiwanian
Just a reminder, when sending in pictures for the Georgia Kiwanian, all pictures must be sent as a jpg attachment to your email, with a caption naming the club and people in the picture.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2017-18 officers for their work last year and to welcome the new club officers. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

In Memoriam
Larna Adkins
Golden K of Statesboro
Ernest W. Bartlett, Jr.
Fort Valley
Bill R. Brooks
Jonquil City, Smyrna
Doris Clemens
Golden K of Statesboro
J. Milan Cook
Griffin
Douglas R. Gray
Peachtree City
Barbara Grinstead
Golden K of Statesboro
Randall L. Hattaway
Milledgeville
James M. Montgomery
Atlanta
Joseph O. Olson, Jr.
Statesboro
Mildred Parrish
Golden K of Statesboro
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Marietta

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We print 10 issues a year. The November-December Issue is combined and we do not print a January Issue. The issue we print in January is our February Issue. All items must be in the District Office by the First of the month. If you are planning a fund-raiser for your club, please send in your information three months prior to the event, so people can plan to attend your event.

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As this Kiwanis year comes to an end, it is not too late to recruit new members. Each of our Clubs should be constantly recruiting new members and it is every member’s responsibility to recruit.

If your Club hasn’t selected a membership chair and entered their name on the secretary-dash board I ask each Club to do so. Each Club should also form a new member recruitment plan and initiate that plan throughout each year. Also, set up a month to concentrate on a membership drive starting with a goal of how many new members your Club would like to gain and how you will go about achieving this goal.

Reward members who bring in the most new members or each member who has brought in a new member. Everyone loves to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Make sure that your Club is ready for new members by making sure that your meetings are exciting and meaningful, your Club follows the KI and Georgia District bylaws and policies and procedures and that your dues are low enough to cover expenses but not exclude the average citizen in your area.

Make sure that your meeting place is in a area where you can conduct your business without outside interference such as other patrons in a restaurant or the constant interruption of noise from other areas.

Remember that just under 75% of all members of Kiwanis joined because they were asked to join by an existing Club member. Make sure to ask speak if you would like to become a member of your Club. Each member should have a one minute speech ready for when that stranger or prospective new member asks; “what is Kiwanis and what does your Club do?”

Purchase a Kiwanis International bumper sticker and put it on your vehicle’s, your Kiwanis membership pins. Make sure that your Club has a publicity committee and that they put all of the Club’s news in newspapers, social media and possibly television stations in your area.

Have your Club print flyers so members can pass them out to prospective new members which will give short explanations about Kiwanis International and your Kiwanis Club. Be excited to be a Kiwanian and share with others what your Club has done for your community.

Be proud to be a member of the premiere civic organization in the world that is located in 80 countries and has eradicated iodine deficiency in the world and is now working to end neonatal tetanus also.

We also have a world recognized Student Leadership Programs (SLP’S) that are designed to teach our leaders of the future. If your Club would like a Georgia District Club Strengthening team member some speak to your Club, please contact me and we can schedule this. It would also be wonderful if each Lt. Governor schedule us to speak at one of your Division Council meetings so all of your Clubs can be reached at one sitting. This would save valuable District resources that can be used on those Clubs who need specific assistance.

If your Club has done its best to recruit in your area, possibly we could bring in a team to work side by side with your Club members to assist in your recruiting effort. Before this happens, your Club must demonstrate your commitment to make your Club ready for new members and will make it possible to retain those new members for a long time.

Once your Club gets new members, put them to work. Put them on a committee, take them interchubbing and let them know that you value their membership and friendship and their volunteer time as a new member.

My thanks to all of our Club’s who will show positive growth for this Kiwanis year and I challenge all of our Club to grow in the 2018-19 Kiwanis year.

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For this Kiwanis year I challenge all of our Clubs to work towards achieving a goal.

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Div. Club .......... Growth
1. Atlanta ..........+6
2. Northside Atlanta ..........+1
3. Golden K Columbus ..........+1
4. Harris County ..........+1
5. Thomaston ..........+1
6. Coweta County ..........+6
7. Newnan ..........+3
8. Brunswick ..........+5
10. Pooler (NC) ..........+20
11. Saint Marys ..........+46
12. Savannah ..........+44
13. Skidaway ..........+11
14. Waycross ..........+41
15. Albany ..........+2
17. Americus ..........+43
18. Bainbridge ..........+42
19. Camilla ..........+2
20. Lee County ..........+44
21. Thomasville ..........+48
22. Augusta ..........+33
23. Louisville ..........+41
24. Warrenton ..........+33
25. Athens ..........+44
26. Classic City ..........+28
27. Commerce ..........+54
28. Johns Creek (NC) ..........+19
29. Lawrenceville ..........+41
30. Suwanee ..........+13
31. Forsyth-Monroe County ..........+44
32. Macon ..........+44
33. North Macon ..........+42
34. Perry ..........+42
Kiwanis DoCo hears Young Gamechangers
by David Shivers

As Young Gamechangers prepared to reveal their findings and suggestions on August 10th, Kris Vaughn, executive director of Georgia Forward, and Jackie Teemer, Albany’s interim downtown manager and a member of the local Young Gamechangers team, spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Dougherty County recently about the Young Gamechangers. Young Gamechangers is a Georgia Forward statewide initiative that partners young professionals from local communities with others from Atlanta and around the state to study and make creative suggestions on how towns and cities can improve their quality of life and attract economic development.

According to Georgia Forward’s website, Young Gamechangers is a leadership action program that brings together 50 of Georgia’s brightest minds under the age of 40, to help solve persistent challenges in two Georgia communities per year. Each class works for six months to generate innovative ideas and suggestions for overcoming negative issues in a Georgia community, which present to the community at the conclusion of a program. Community leaders are encouraged to select from the ideas and work to bring them to reality. Each effort involves approximately one-third of its participants from the local community, one-third from the Atlanta metro area, and one-third from the state at large.

Matt Reed of Albany CEO and Georgia CEO online recognized the potential benefits of the program for Albany while he was participating in Young Gamechangers in Augusta, and helped to facilitate its advent here. The Gamechangers have worked around the state with communities as large as Augusta/Richmond County and as small as Milledgeville/Baldwin County. In the local region they have also worked with Americus and Sumter County.

According to Atlanta-based Georgia Forward’s website, it is a “is a non-partisan, non-profit organization working to strengthen communities, unite our State and create a talent pipeline within Georgia. We work as a catalyst to improve Georgia’s quality of life, cross-sector, statewide conversations and partnerships by engaging young leaders in business, political, academic, and civic leaders.”

Young Gamechangers Albany presented their findings and recommendations Friday, August 10, at Albany State University’s West Campus Theater.

Riner Speaks to The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

Payton is the son of Pam Baggett, a former student of justice certificate at Southwestern Tech before he graduated high school. He then completed the Ogeechee Tech Police Academy program before beginning his police officer career at age 19 with the Millen Police Department.

He later worked for the Emanuel County Sheriff’s Department before getting old enough to attend Georgia State Trooper Academy. Payton has always wanted to be a Trooper and he explained all he had to do to be accepted to the Trooper school.

He had to pass a polygraph test, psychological evaluation, a vision test, and a rigorous physical examination.

His training for Trooper was 32 weeks long and was designed to train Troopers to maintain high performance even fighting fatigue and dealing with stressful situations. Much like military boot camp, the training was all about respect and dedication to finish the program. Payton was very enthusiastic about being a Trooper and was more than willing to talk with anyone who wanted to be a Trooper.
Hey Georgia Kiwanians!

My name is Marisa Hoenig, and I am the 2018-2019 Georgia Circle K District Governor! I am a senior at Georgia Tech studying computer science, and this is my eighth year in the Kiwanis Family. I am so excited to work with you this year, and I was honored to attend your District Convention last month. Circle K is the world’s largest student-led collegiate service organization, and we are a part of the Kiwanis Family! We live to serve and love to serve, and we are happy to represent the Georgia District.

Georgia Circle K is 315 members strong with 15 clubs across the state. We have big plans this year: chartering new clubs, recruiting members, fundraising money, and serving our communities. We are incredibly thankful for Kiwanis support to help us charter and grow our clubs. Thank you so much to Greater Cherokee Kiwanis for chartering our newest club, Reinhardt University. We are excited to help them grow and make a difference throughout Waleska.

Mark your calendars for October 13: Circle K’s District Day of Service. We are partnering with Georgia Kiwanis for the Kiwanis One Day Event! There will be two events happening at the same time from 12-4 pm: trail maintenance and weeding at the Hardigree Wildlife Sanctuary in Athens and cleaning and organizing at the Georgia Sheriffs Boys Ranch in Hahira. The event is open to anyone in the Kiwanis Family, so come to whichever location you’re closest to! Sign up online at georgiacirclek.org/district-day-of-service or email me that you’re interested! I invite you to come hear more in our workshop at the District Convention on Jekyll Island. We will be sharing all of the information we have developed with you. We will also be asking you where to take the mini camps. We hope that this becomes a valuable resource for you and your Divisions/Clubs.

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I hope everyone’s summer is going great, and your service projects are in full swing. Remember service projects do not have to be enormous to have one. There are many clubs within our district that have 20 members or less, and provide many services in our small communities for our children. Not all clubs in our district can support a Signature Project, which takes money and workers. Remember all service projects are very important within our district.

This is also the time of the year to start making plans for your Signature Project for “2018-2019”. We had an outstanding year this past “2017-2018”. You can always find information on the web to help you understand the criteria to be in the contest.

Service is the key for continued growth in KIWANIS, and people want to be involved with people that help kids.

Have a great remaining summer.

Kiwanis Presentation to CASA

The Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Plantation presented a check for $1,000 in memory of Club Charter Member Russ Sarner to the Carroll County Court Appointed Special Advocacy (CASA). Russ and Mary Sarner were the founders of CASA in Carroll County.


The Kiwanis Club of Columbus


The Kiwanis Club of Columbus Back to School Fair

Last week was very busy with the Back to School Fair at Johnson Elementary. We gave away 100 sport packs filled with school supplies to eager elementary students. Thanks to all our volunteers for their participation in the Back to School event. The rain made it impossible to have the games outside, but we were still able to get the school supplies to the kids.

Early Bird Drawing for our 30-30 Raffle

Mike Windham was our August 1st 30-30 Rafflle Early Bird Winner! Mike won a $300 Gift Card to Academy Sports and Outdoors and he bought his ticket by way of the Sam Pride ticket sales line.

24th Annual Sweetwater Triathlon-Duathlon and 5K Run

The Kiwanis Club of Douglas County held their 24th Annual Sweetwater Triathlon-Duathlon and 5K Run on June 5, 2018 at Sweetwater State Park in Lithia Springs, GA. This year there were a total of 246 athletes who participated in one of the three events. All funds raised from this event go to help support local youth programs in Douglas County. Some of the programs supported are Special Olympics, Boy Scouts, A Gift of Love Back Pack Program, United Way, C.O.R.E. and others such as the sponsorship of our six Key Clubs and the scholarships given to graduating Key Clubbers each year.

Kiwanians Hold Cookout

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro, on July 17, 2018, prepared hot dogs for participants in the Fly Guy Book Bash, the second book bash party of Family Connections Summer Literacy Grant. The mini-grant was awarded by the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy.

The Georgia Kiwanian
Lainey Gaines; a True Kid-wanian!: Kiwanian with a Vision

By Deb Gerace

Lainey Gaines, newcomer to Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K, is a lady who knows how to transform a dream into action. As a retired school employee, she always worried about disadvantaged kids in the summer, without the school lunch, how would they get the proper nutrition; without the playground, where would they be able to get physical activity and socialization and without supervision, could they even get outdoors in their high-traffic transient areas?

A few years ago, Lainey stopped worrying and started wrangling. As a new Kiwanian, she knew that, as our president Jim Perry says, “You don’t get what you don’t ask for.” Lainey began her quest by asking the local school social worker and the elementary school counselors to recommend kids that might be a good fit for her dream. The summer camp she wanted to create would allow the children to have a fun, safe two weeks and be fed a good lunch.

Next, Lainey asked her church, The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation in East Cobb County, GA, if they would allow her to use some of the facilities to host her dream. The summer camp she wanted to create would allow the children to have a fun, safe two weeks and be fed a good lunch.

During the meeting, Corporal Robert Greene and Aimee Mendel acted as Jills of all trades, assisting in crafts, registration, cooking, serving and any other capacity, depending on needs generated by attendance on any given day.

When asked about attendance, Lainey explained, “That first year, we had about 14 kids, by the second, we had around 30 and this year, 75 registered, but we usually had around 35 show up. Attendance varies day to day, depending on parent’s ability to provide transportation, and of course, some of these families are transient and they may have already moved on.”

Desire these issues, several kids keep returning each year, keeping the staff on its toes to come up with new ideas. The camp is organized with the activities and crafts revolving around a theme for each day. On the final day of camp this year, the volunteers and staff pulled out all the stops by finagling a visit from the Chick-fil-A Cow, who played a little pick-up soccer with the kids, after which they all enjoyed lunch boxes which were partially donated by Chick Fil-A. This service-oriented company also donated 50 sandwiches the first week of camp. An additional lunch was supplied when a parishioner purchased 60 pizzas, so that each child could take home a whole pizza to extend the family dinner.

Lainey spoke of one child who admitted having gone without breakfast one morning and soon she learned that the family was simply running out of food… and they weren’t the only ones. “I tried to slip some extra food home with these kids as we went along. It is such an honor…to serve like that,” she said, her voice hesitant with emotion and sounding close to tears.

Lainey, Philip, Deb, Aimee and Margy are demonstrating Kiwanian ideals by actually practicing what they preach… helping children in more ways than this article could ever describe.

For more info about Open Hearts, contact Lainey at: 3184 Plains Way, Marietta, GA 30066. Email: laineygaines3@gmail.com.

Kids Corner

Safe Kids Columbus volunteer, CPD Officers honored at Columbus Kiwanis Club Leadership Awards.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus’ Foundation Community Leadership Awards honored individuals and organizations doing extraordinary work to address the Columbus area’s most pressing challenges concerning the safety of our youth. During the meeting, Corporal Robert Greene, Columbus Police Department and current President of the Safe Kids Columbus Advisory Council, along with several fellow officers were presented the 2018 Community Leadership Award. Corporal Greene and his fellow officers exemplify excellence as public safety officers for the Columbus Police Department as well as strong child safety advocates working

alongside the Safe Kids Columbus team.

Piedmont Columbus Regional has been the lead agency for Safe Kids Columbus since 2016 and is led by Executive Director Pam Fair.
The Foundation has updated year ends. We are looking at either building or improving our internal operations. We have given out well over $30,000 in support of Club Projects, Key Club, Circle K, Key Leader and the Art & Music Showcase Scholarships, and we still have the Matching Contribution to the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation to donate before the Kiwanis year ends.

The Foundation has updated its tri-board presentation that you saw at the District Convention and we have created a new brochure that tells you all about the foundation. We have also created a new brochure for the Heinz Award and we are working on updates to the Foundation By-laws to incorporate changes made to improve our internal operations. We are looking at either building a new website or making modifications to the information that you can now find on the District website to enable you to more easily to find information on the foundation and how to apply for a grant.

As we close out this Kiwanis year, let me say that it has been my honor to serve as President of the Foundation Board. All board members have been faithful in their work for the foundation and conscientious in making decisions when considering grant applications and expenditures from the foundations assets to support the District. When you see one of our board members, thank them for their service.

Remember, the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation is here to serve you. However, don’t forget we need you to support the foundation so that it can continue its good work. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and your donations to the foundation are tax deductible.

Michael A Smith
District Chair Human and Spiritual Values
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Prayer without faith is meaningless. Prayer without faith and belief in God is hopeless. Whether the prayer is personal or congregational, faith must be operative. It is faith in prayer that assures us that God will hear and respond to our request. It is apparent to me that the abandonment of a prayer life by so many is not due to the ineffectiveness of prayer but rather to the lack of discipline in prayer. Our society has grown so accustomed to ‘fast food’ preparation that we have come to expect that our customer service, food service, church service, and prayer service will also be quick and efficient. A life of prayer requires personal discipline of both the mind and body. Prayer is focused work.

The mental discipline of prayer requires focusing our concentration on the petition. Because prayer is a spiritual endeavor there are many competing and intruding thoughts that must be prevented from occupying the conscience level of the mind during intercession. Unless the mind becomes disciplined through focused practice, competing and intruding thoughts will distract and cause it to wander or drift to superficial thinking. It is not that prayer has been tried and found wanting; it has been untried and found difficult. In a ‘fast food society’ the art of prayer is not developed because of the desire for instant gratification. Prayer necessitates waiting upon God’s Spirit to give direction, advice, comfort, and answers to our petitions.

God initiated speech ions ago. Our prayers are - answering speech - given in reply to revealed truth. The Psalm writers in talking to God have covered the entire human behavior spectrum from obedience to disobedience, from joy to despair, from closeness to loneliness, from worship to idolatry, and from prophecy to fulfillment. We can learn from these Psalmists, it takes effort on our part to find the proper response to God who calls us into a close relationship. As a pastor, husband, father, and grandfather I go forward and upward in God through prayer; not one or two minute prayers, but prayer time that is set apart to communicate with God. Prayer can be for seconds ‘Lord, help!’ Prayer can also be for minutes as is often the situation in congregational worship.

In conclusion, the first five books of Scripture contains God’s primary speech to humanity. The five books of the Psalms are humanity’s answer to the eternal utterances of God.

From Lemons to “Eliminate!”

by Deb Gerace

“That must be some super-tasty lemonade for everyone to be giving all that money for it!”

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K (MGK) heard this over and over again from visitors at every meeting as they witnessed Club Sheriff, David Portillo trotting from member to member waving his Happy Dollars Basket. Soon the jovial guy - while proclaiming the joy of living and being a Kiwanian - finds his Happy Dollar Basket filled with bills ranging from singles to $20’s...many donated to what sounds to our guests like ‘lemonade,’ but in fact, Eliminate!

The Elimination of Maternal Neonatal Tetanus around the world was the goal of the project, launched by Kiwanian International in 2011 with a pledge to raise $110 million. KI teamed with UNICEF to provide a vaccine for women of childbearing age in 39 countries that were targeted as having the highest rate of childhood deaths due to this condition. In 2011, MGK joined the challenge and soon the Happy Dollars campaign helped save the lives of thousands by funding many times over the $1.80 necessary to inoculate a single woman and protect her and her unborn children for life.

In 2012, MGK upped the ante and committed to become a Model Club, raising $750 per each of its 93 (at the time) members, with a goal of $67,750. In 2017, thirty-one members gave regularly to the Happy Dollars basket, raising the total to $7,542.

Thanks to this effort and others like it, the Club reached the above-stated goal, achieving Model Club status and then surpassed it with the current total of $72,230.00. This averages out to $790.54 per member! In addition, member Tim McDaniel, Eliminate mover and shaker, stated that “Since all of our members have contributed at least $2.00, that also makes us a Hundred Per Cent Club.”

KI, meanwhile, created the Walter Zeller Fellowship Award for major donors who contribute $1,250 to the Eliminate Project. Amazingly, Marietta Golden K has received 21 Zeller Fellowships which may be the largest number for any club in the Georgia District for individual givers.

Lemonade? Nope, the word is Eliminate!...but this lemon of a disease is fast being eradicated from our world, having been reduced to a mere 18 countries as of 2017, thanks to the selflessness of Kiwanians everywhere.

Kiwanis and UNICEF
Eliminating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus

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Kiwanis - Serving the Children of Georgia and the World
Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.
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Photos by Donyale Leslie

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