As we approach the 2-year mark, before the end of our fulfillment phase of The Eliminate Project, the Georgia District still has much yet to be done. The $1.7 Million that the Delegate Body pledged during the 2015 District Convention still has not been covered by club or individual pledges. As of this writing, there is an uncovered pledge of $1,609,634. Clearly, we need your help!

Let me congratulate the 52 clubs that have made pledges to support The Project. Of the 52 clubs, 40 have pledged to be $100K/Model Clubs. 22 of the 52 clubs have fulfilled their pledges and are now Legacy Clubs. 22 of the 52 clubs have yet to be $100K/Model Clubs. 22 of the 52 clubs have fulfilled their pledges and are now Legacy Clubs.

The job ahead will require “all hands on deck.” Although 89% of our clubs have made a contribution at some level, we need each club to make a commitment; so we can see where we need to go from here. You see, some of the contributions are as small as $1.00, and 16 clubs have not made a contribution at all. The bottom line is that we need to readjust our original plan if we are going to fulfill our pledge.

The first step is your input, indicating your commitment. From there, we can develop a comprehensive fundraising plan to ensure we fulfill our pledge. If we were to use a “fair share” approach to accomplishing this task (with our current membership), this equates to $270.00 per member. Over two years, that is $135.00 per year, $11.25 per month, or $3.80 per day. Know that babies are still dying, and they are depending on us. This is our moment to show the greatness of the “Mighty Georgia District.” I know I can count on you.

Now for a quick update on where we are in The Campaign: (1) 14 countries still have maternal and neonatal tetanus. 10 of these countries are in Africa. Three are in the Middle East, and one is in Asia.

(2) Over two years, that is $135.00 per year, $11.25 per month, or $3.80 per day. Know that babies are still dying, and they are depending on us. This is our moment to show the greatness of the “Mighty Georgia District.”

(3) We have paid gifts totaling $82,866,263. That is 75% of Kiwanis International’s goal.

(4) Service Leadership Programs have wrapped up their participation in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and have until 31 December to send in the money to receive special banner patches.

(5) The Georgia District has cash and pledges totaling $2,190,616. Our Georgia SLP gifts are at $122,793. Of this, $96,283 was raised by the Key Clubs of the Georgia District.

Finally, health workers in Yemen have had difficulty reaching mothers because of the brutal civil war in that country, but MNT immunization campaigns began again last year. UNICEF continues its mission in Yemen as many areas in the country still face a major humanitarian crisis. Let us not become discouraged. WE HAVE DONE IT BEFORE. WE CAN DO IT AGAIN. KEEP MOVING FORWARD!

JOHN C. HOLLEY, DISTRICT COORDINATOR, THE ELIMINATE PROJECT, jholley40@comcast.net

Jay Willis, Javeese Smith, Will Ozier, Dr. Amber Smallwood, and Bob Graf.

Five Members of the Carrollton Kiwanis Club were inducted into the Walter Zeller Fellowship on Friday, September 28, 2018 at Sunset Hills Country Club.
I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday.

Membership should be our focus since more members means more kids are served and we can make a difference.

Always invite someone to join you for your service projects and together we can
• Assisting with tree lighting celebrations . . . invite someone to join you.
• Providing secret Santa shops . . . invite someone to join you.
• Selling Christmas trees . . . invite someone to join you.
• Reading a book or mentoring at a school . . . invite someone to join you.
• Helping with breakfast with Santa . . . invite someone to join you.
• Ringing the salvation bell . . . invite someone to join you.
Whether you are . . . . . .
want is to offer.

can enhance your experience by inviting someone to join you. Then follow up with
them on Monday and ask them to be your guest at a meeting to see more of what Kiwanis has to offer.

Membership should be our focus since more members means more kids are served and our communities will be stronger.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday.

If you have an event you would like to share, please send a picture and caption to alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com for the next publication.

Graduated Dues New Member for the Georgia District

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

The Christmas Season is approaching and provides many opportunities not only for tangible goods, but holiday cheer. It’s that time of the year when being a Kiwanian makes one proud to be associated with an organization that provides care and joy to those less fortunate. I would like to wish each of you a Safe Holiday Season.

Now, on the business side, wouldn’t it be a wonderful present to Governor Debbie Brilling and her Board, if we could have all reports filed on time by the 10th of each month. May we count on you? Let’s make 2018-19 the best reporting year ever. The Lt. Governors have already started – they are 95 percent in reporting. Lt. Governors stand ready to help with any problems. These dedicated Kiwanis leaders are giving unselfishly of their time, talent, and yes their money as they lead their respective divisions.

CLUB SECRETARIES, please clip and save the following:
10th of each month – Official Club Monthly Report.
March 9th – Mid-Year Conference – McDonough, Georgia
March 22nd – 24th - Ga. Kiwanis Student Leadership – Covington, Georgia
April 27th – District Talent and Art Showcase – Lee County High School Officer Election - Due June 1, 2019 – Please have these in on time.
June 25th – 29th – Kiwanis International Convention, Orlando, Florida
August 16th – 18th - District Convention, Augusta, Georgia.

Please note that the District Office will be closed December 24th – January 2nd.

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As we enter the new Kiwanis International new year I ask each and every club to rededicate themselves to gaining new members, keep your existing members and commit to following the bylaws and policy and procedures. Our committee has only been in existence since February 2018 and has been busy for these eight months reaching out to clubs that are under charter strength, declining in membership OR request our assistance to give them proven methods to recruit. I personally have visited or held Division Council meetings with 48 clubs and drove 5,484 miles. I thank Division 15 and Division 11 for having a council meeting just on membership. It has been a real learning curve for me. When you only deal with your own club or Division, you think that all 18 Division and clubs operate the same but that is far from realization. All of the clubs in the Georgia District do wonderful things for their community and are dedicated to having as many SLP’s as the club and support. Our clubs achieve this work with a variety of total member numbers. Under charter strength clubs do wonderful things with the small number of members. BUT, think of how much more your club could do with new energetic members with new ideas, new suggestions and new individuals to work your projects and fundraisers.

Where does a club start when thinking of getting more members? It is just like when you are expecting company at your house. Evaluate your club’s total footprint on the community. Where you meet, when and to whom do you invite your club. Make sure you have a membership chair, membership committee and a plan. Procedures to recruiting is to INVITE a prospective member to your meetings. ARE YOU INVITING????????? Seventy-four percent of new members join Kiwanis International because an existing Kiwanis member asked or invited them to join. ARE YOU ASKING?

Let us make this Kiwanis year the best ever in the Georgia District.

HAPPY KIWANIS NEW YEAR!

Byron Mullican
Chair for Existing Club Growth
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Interclubbing in Statesboro

Statesboro Kiwanis Inter-clubbers Danny Folio, Vince Galasso and Chris Caplinger. The 3-member Kiwanis Inter Club from Statesboro traveled the 37 miles to join our Club promoting fellowship among our members.

Through the fellowship gained by inter-club activities, members learn how other clubs function, get to know their neighboring Kiwanians, develop new ideas and a broader interest in how Kiwanis operates, find new ideas for use in their own club, and become better Kiwanians. Inter-clubbing creates fun and strong fellowship.

Kids Need Kiwanis

Georgia District Inter-club Chair Byron Mullican presents a check for $75 to Lt. Governor Darrell Gumz of Division 7 and member of the Winder Kiwanis Club who has already won the Interclub Challenge for this Kiwanis year 2018-19. The Winder Club completed this challenge in FOUR days! Darrell stated that the club will donate the money to Project Eliminate. Remember, complete the challenge and your club will earn a banner patch.

Membership Growth

HOLD THE PRESSES!

WE HAVE A WINNER! I have always thought that the clubs in Division 17 were eager to accept any challenge, low and behold do I get an email from Lt. Governor Darrell Gumz from Division 7 and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Winder stating that they have completed the Georgia District Interclub challenge for Kiwanis year 2018-19. FIVE clubs in four days! That beats the previous record of 29 days that it took the Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County three years ago when I made this challenge to Division 17. I will present the $75 reward to the club sometime soon. Thanks to Winder. BUT it isn’t too late for your club to earn an interclub patch this year. Simply visit all of the other clubs in your division and one out of your division excluding SLP’s, training conferences, rallies and conventions.

There are so many rewards that your club will gain by completing this challenge, learn new ideas, new fellow Kiwanians, even learn a little more about the fellow member who you will be traveling with. It also accomplishes one of the six objects of Kiwanis International and it will generally put a smile on your face. Well, it does me every time I visit another club and see friends and meet new friends.

IT ONLY TAKES TWO MEMBERS TO QUALIFY AS AN OFFICIAL INTERCLUB VISIT SO GRAB A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB AND GO INTERCLUBBING!
Kiwanis Club of Lee County KICKS OFF

The 2018-2019 K-Kids year got off to a great start on October 23 with their first meeting. K-Kids is a service club for students in elementary school. It’s led by elementary students and teaches the value of helping others by taking part in community service projects.

Kiwanis Division 5 Lt. Governor Ken Rodd led the officer inductions. Officers are President - Tamara Jackson; Vice President - Nia Johnson; Secretary - Kathy Kuck; and Treasurer - Michelle Proctor.

All members received their K-Kids Pins and Handbooks and all signed the K-Kids Pledge. Todd Fallin, President of the Kiwanis Club of Lee County spoke to the students about being a small business owner and his desire to give back to the community.

Upcoming events for the K-Kids include a Thanksgiving Can Food Drive and the Lee County Spirit of Christmas Parade. The next K-Kids meeting will take place on December 18 at Twin Oaks Elementary School.

Tiftarea Builders Club

The Tifton Kiwanis Club recently hosted a pizza party for the newly chartered Tiftarea Academy Builders Club. More than 70 students have signed up for this new club under faculty advisor and Kiwanian Tiffany Tanner.

2 New Circle K Clubs Chartered

First Academy
Sponsored by Douglas

LaGrange College
LaGrange

New Key Club Chartered
Lumpkin County High School
Sponsored by Dahlonega/Lumpkin County

K-Kids Trick or Treat

L. O. Kimberly K-Kids get busy with UNICEF Trick or Treat with the help of their Metro Atlanta Club Kiwanis Advisor (in photo) and their new Faculty Advisor Crystal Reed.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is a fundraiser that works with the Kiwanis family to help raise money towards eradicating neonatal-tetanus. This disease is caused when a nonsterile appliance is used to cut the umbilical cord connecting women to their children during labor. It only costs one dollar and eighty cents to acquire a vaccine. The infection is easily preventable but some places just cannot afford enough antidotes for everyone and that is why Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is so important.

The usual procedure would be to order the trademark orange Trick-or-Treat boxes, which are absolutely free of purchase, and have Key Clubbers go into their neighborhoods to see if people would like to donate. This year, however, clubs all across Georgia are thinking up unique and creative ways to make the event even more impactful and fun. For example, one club in division five ordered a hundred T or T boxes and asked if the teachers in their school would like to keep one in their classroom throughout the month of October.

They said that their teachers could give a brief to their students as to what the fundraiser is about. As an incentive, the students were informed that the person who raises the most money will receive a prize! Another school decided to throw a Halloween bash in which students had to pay $2 for entry. This year’s Halloween is going to be a memorable one! All it takes is a little awareness and some spooky spirit to join the fight and save lives.
It was a pleasure to see some of you in October at Circle K’s District Day of Service, which united over 60 Circle K’s. Key Clubbers, and Kiwanians from across Georgia! Georgia Circle K, the Kiwanis Family’s collegiate branch, is doing great so far with 15 colleges and universities completing over 1100 service hours since April, which is more than 33% of our goal.

In mid-November, Circle K’s from all over Georgia will gather for our Fall Membership Retreat in Covington to serve the community, make friends, and grow as leaders. This is a great opportunity for members from many different clubs to bond and share ideas for leading their clubs and serving. In February, we have our District Convention in Columbus where we elect new officers, participate in service projects and workshops, and fundraise for the WASH Project.

If you’d like to get involved with Circle K by sponsoring a club or participating in a project, contact me! Also, please reach out if you would like me to speak at your Kiwanis Club meeting any time before April 1.

Yours in Caring & Service, Marisa Hoenig.

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SLP Write-Up

October was National Alzheimer’s Awareness month. Did you know that there are nearly 50 million people worldwide, living with this silent disease? It’s silent because you can begin to show signs as early as 20 years PRIOR to being diagnosed. So not remembering where you placed your keys last; smiling, while staring at a family or friend while mentally panicking to remember their name before they are close enough to approach you—because you’ve drawn a blank—could be a small detection of Alzheimer’s.

If so, let’s REMEMBER to set SAVE THE DATE: Friday, March 22 thru Sunday, March 24, 2019. We will host our very first Georgia District Kiwanis Student Leadership Program, previously known as Key Leader Weekend. Spring 2019 will of course kick-off our annual Key Leader activity, which united over 60 Circle K’ers, Key Clubbers, and Kiwanians from across Georgia in support of the GA. District 3 Kiwanis Service Leadership Program. Spring 2019 will of course kick-off our annual Key Leader activity, which united over 60 Circle K’ers, Key Clubbers, and Kiwanians from across Georgia!

ATTENTION LOCAL ART CHAIRS:

ATTENTION LOCAL MUSIC CHAIRS:

We have made a change in the Art Showcase Schedule this year, and I believe it will make for a great day. Art Competition set-up will begin at 9:00 am and all artwork is due no later than 11:30 am. Judging will take place from 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm; with the Public Viewing and our first ever Artists’ Reception from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. We encourage all of our art contestants to attend the reception so that we Kiwanians can meet them face to face and tell them how proud we are of their accomplishments. An invitation to the Artists’ Reception can be found on the last page of the Handbook. You can print and give to your local winners.

ATTENTION LOCAL MUSIC CHAIRS:

The Music Showcase Dress Rehearsal will be scheduled by the distance each contestant lives from Leesburg, GA. Local Chairs and Contestants will be notified of their Dress Rehearsal time no later than April 19, 2019. Should any contestant require a local piano accompanist, those arrangements can be made, but must be made by the same deadline of April 12, 2019. The Georgia District Art & Music Showcase will not be responsible for any costs associated with hiring a local accompanist; however, we will be glad to connect contestants with local accompanists. The Music Showcase will remain at the same time of 3:00 pm; with the awards for both Art & Music following.

Good luck to you all as you embark on a new year for our Georgia District Kiwanian 2019 Art & Music Showcase.
Kiwanis Children’s Fund Grants

Fellow Kiwanians – many of your clubs are doing extraordinary things for your communities - you have many original projects going on that are greatly improving the lives of children. Your clubs are not only putting in many man-hours, but also many thousands of dollars of funding. I want you to consider filling out a request for a GRANT from your Kiwanis Children’s Fund. In the past I was fortunate to have served on the Grant Committee and I know that there are many clubs out there with projects that are tailor made to receive a grant.

The Kiwanis Children’s Fund has a certain amount of funding to help clubs, divisions, or districts with their mission to help kids. Please go to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund Web Site and go to Grant Applications and have a look to see if you can meet the guidelines. There is no set limit on dollar amount your club may apply for - but be reasonable in what funding it takes for your project to proceed. Do keep in mind that we receive grant requests that usually triple the amount of funding available.

What we look for are good, worthwhile projects that help children in the areas of education, health, and youth leadership. We look for projects that are Kiwanis Club initiated – projects that your boards voted on and that your club promotes with member involvement and funding from the club. We also look at the impact of the project and the sustainability of the project. We also have Disaster Relief Grants that can be disbursed immediately.

What we do not favor are projects that involve capital improvements such as land purchases, bricks and mortar, a lot of salary expenses, or grants for an organization that just uses a Kiwanis club as a pass through.

Please consider making a request for your projects that will fit the guidelines and remember that the funding for these projects come from your donations, generally the Annual Club Gift contributions and our Endowment funding. So, please make sure your clubs are contributing so that we will have more funding for grants and will not have to deny clubs with worthwhile projects due to lack of funds.

Many Georgia District clubs have received grants in the past, such as Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County for their week-long children’s camp. Please do not hesitate – go on-line and check out the Kiwanis Children’s Fund Club Grant Guidelines and start the process of achieving your dreams.

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING…………OPEN THE DOOR.

Hixson Fellowship 2018

Two members were honored by and inducted into the George F. Hixson Fellowship from the Carrollton Kiwanis Club on Friday, September 28, 2018.

Angie McDaniel, President of the Club 2017-2018, and Mitch Clifton, Concession Champion and Interclub Chair, are the two newest members of Carrollton’s Hixson Fellowship.

Attending members of Carrollton’s Hixson Fellowship; September 28, 2018.

Kids Need Kiwanis

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

Kiwanis Club of Baxley once again this school year have partnered with the Appling County Primary School. Six Kiwanis club members have volunteered their time and resources and committed to be a role model and Mentor to Six children at the Primary School. As a group ate lunch and cupcakes kicking off the start of the school. We have 30 Kiwanis club members: Amanda Zachary, Janine Hunter, Dana Roberson, Principal Cindy Stewart, Steve Mequiar, and Samantha Craven. (not shown, Warren Stewart)

Shown in the photo with Mentees are the following Kiwanis Club of Baxley members: Amanda Zachery, Janine Hunter, Dana Roberson, Principal Cindy Stewart, Steve Mequiar, and Samantha Craven. (not shown, Warren Stewart)

Kids Need Kiwanis

A truck load of food for the Villa Rica High School pantry donated by the Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Plantation. Pictured from left to right: Donna Tays; Bill Brumbelow; and Liz Purvis.

Kiwanis Club of North Macon.

Mari Evans of the Kiwanis Club of North Macon is shown carving a Pumpkin for one of the five kindergarten classes that the club sponsors.

Jonesboro Kiwanis Donates Flag

Jonesboro Kiwanis Club donates a flag to city of Jonesboro. Left to right: David Knowles, Jonesboro Kiwanis Club; Ricky Clark, City Manager of Jonesboro.

Metro Atlanta Kiwanis Challenged

Metro Atlanta Kiwanis Members were challenged to donate their pocket change weekly to help their SLPs in the fundraising efforts. Any member who did not bring change for the jar had to wear one of the hats in the middle of the photo. Needless to say, no one had to wear the funny hat. No sense of humor or dedicated to the cause? I choose to think the latter. Great Fun!

Community Service Projects

Kiwanis Club of Moultrie Hosts Annual Radio Day

The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie hosted the airwaves on Saturday, September 8th from 6 a.m. to 12 noon. Airspace was donated by Jay Ussery at Cruisin’ 94 WMTM for the annual fundraiser. A total of 66 businesses participated and purchased approximately 260 ads that were read during the course of the morning. There were 26 Kiwanians in that broadcast their best radio voice along with 7 Colquitt County High School Key Club members. The Kiwanis Club sends out a big thank you to all the businesses, individuals, and volunteers who supported the club this year.

Combined effort in storm relief by Rotary Club of Covington and Kiwanis Club of Covington

On October 16 a truck started out from Newton County towards South Georgia with supplies for hurricane Michael victims. This was one of many opportunities of support North Georgia showed our South Georgia cousins. Because we are all in this together - when one community hurts, we all feel the pain.

Even if you are in Rotary, yes, this is the combined efforts of Rotary Club of Covington and Kiwanis Club of Covington. We came together for good. But not without a little healthy competition. The wager? Whichever club collected the most would win. And loser had to participate in the other clubs Christmas service project. (So really there are no losers).

Here that means the Rotary Club of Covington will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

Kiwanis holds annual OctoberFest!

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro participated in the Fall Festival on their regular meeting night, Tuesday, October 16, 2018. With OctoberFest Chair Deana Patrick supervising, we had 23 Kiwanians, 5 Circle-K members and 3 guests that prepared and served the cotton candy, popcorn and fresh apples to hundreds of attendee’s. This OctoberFest event was originally planned, organized and began by kiwanian Chip and Jane Durdin in October 2000, and then in October 2012 our OctoberFest merged with the Swainsboro Fall festival. This year the Kiwanis Club made over 1,200 bags of cotton candy, 1,000 bags of popcorn and purchased 4 bushels of apples to distribute to the children of Emanuel County. Thanks to Chip and Jane for coming up with this idea to “Serve the Children of the World”, the Kiwanis Motto.

The Georgia Kiwanian
The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, October 9, 2018 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Cheryl Goodwin presiding, we had 16 members present and 3 guests, Brandon Powell, May Barrett, and Jessica Ishie. Chair Jim Clapham gave the sports report and Judge Jim Daughtry suspended court for the evening.

The program for the evening was hosted by Jim Daughtry. Jim introduced three scout leaders, Brandon Powell, May Barrett, and Jessica Ishie, from Cub Scout Pack 75. While Jessica is the Cubmaster for Pack 75, Brandon and May are leaders of the Bears and Tigers in the Pack.

The leaders discussed the Scout Popcorn sales, which began on October 5. This is the major fundraiser for all Cub Scouts this time of year. They had booths outside Pinetucky, Harvey’s, Wendy’s and the Farm Bureau to sell that good Scout Popcorn.

They talked participation in the Georgia-Carolina Council Spook-A-Ree on October 19 - 21 at Knox Scout Reservation and some of the community service activities they did last year. They assisted with the Fall Festival and the Library Festival. Pack 75 and Boy Scout Troop 75 are sponsored by the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro traveled to Soperton, Georgia on Saturday, September 29, 2018 to assist the Treutlen County 4-H with their annual fund raiser. Assisting Clubs and different organizations in timing Runs, is an on-going project of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club.

We have 3 hand held electronic timing devises, a large digital timing clock, finishing board, finishing lane’s and a cheer leading section. If you would like some assistance in timing your 5K or 10K runs, please contact our race timing Chair Tim Goodman at 478.4994.4741 or email him at timg6996@yahoo.com.

The elections are behind us, and we await new Constitutional Officers for the State and the beginning of the 116th Congress. We remain a very divided people, and much of that division is preventing us from being as effective as we should be as leaders in our community. It is easy to get drawn into an intense discussions about politics, programs, even what the best use of resources might be in our community. How does that prevent us from being effective leaders in our community? These become distractions and consume valuable time that could better be spent enhancing the quality of life of those in our community and helping the children of our community and the world. There is nothing wrong with healthy debate over firmly held positions; but when it interferes with our higher purposes, it’s time to revisit who we are and why.

The holidays are upon us with all that means: Families and friends gathering. Special services in our faith traditions. Good food. Just the right gift or card for special people in our lives. Maybe even a full in the arguments inherent to our society, while we shop and rush home with our treasures. In our community. It is easy to get drawn into an intense discussions about politics, programs, even what the best use of resources might be in our community. How does that prevent us from being effective leaders in our community? These become distractions and consume valuable time that could better be spent enhancing the quality of life of those in our community and helping the children of our community and the world. There is nothing wrong with healthy debate over firmly held positions; but when it interferes with our higher purposes, it’s time to revisit who we are and why.

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**District Totals**

- **Division Totals**: 148
- **Georgia District Total**: 5548
- **New Club Members**: 5594
- **Total Clubs as of Oct. 1, 2018**: 148
- **Current Members**: 148
- **District Projects**: 148
- **Donations to The Georgia Kiwanian**: 148
The partnership with US Army was announced at the Kiwanis 100th year International Convention in Indianapolis in 2015. Yours truly attended, and I was excited to hear the announcement from Stan Soderstrom…. You see, I have a long history with the U.S. Army, which I love nearly as much as Kiwanis!

Researching when I came home from the convention, I found that the U.S. Army had delegated the Kiwanis partnership to the US Army Recruiting Command (USAREC). This excited me further, since much of my Army time had been spent in recruiting assignments, including course design for the school every soldier attends before he begins recruiting duty. After a few months of not hearing anything further, I took things into my own hands: I contacted the 3 recruiting battalions that serve Georgia Kiwanis: Atlanta, Columbia, and Jacksonville.

We held a meeting at Fort Gordon for all 3 Battalion Commanders and their representatives. Since then I have been meeting with groups of 30 or 40 recruiters around the state periodically, informing them of Kiwanis and the connection with the community, and have been attempting to get the word out to our Kiwanis clubs of the opportunity before us.

So why don’t we have more recruiters in our Kiwanis clubs? Some of the recruiters do not yet know how to manage the red tape at their level. Most of our Kiwanis clubs also do not know the possibilities, or how to overcome the red tape and they are faced with in their bylaw policies.

Here are the basics: USAREC will pay the basic membership for one recruiter from each recruiting center to join a local Kiwanis club, (if that club sponsors a Key Club), but will not pay for the meal cost. Some Kiwanis club bylaw policies provide only for dues that include meals. A Catch-22!

So what’s the answer? It has to be resolved on a case-by-case basis…. Those clubs who wish to have Army recruiters as members can contact me directly - I will help the recruiter through his channels up to Battalion level, and assist the club to make a simple amendment to the club bylaws, creating a special class of membership for the Army recruiters.

Is it worth the trouble? Experience tells us YES! Kiwanis is for kids - Kiwanis wants to influence the community to better support kids. The USAREC mission is not just recruiting, but to be a positive influence in the communities they serve.

The partnership would give Recruiters access to local community leaders and high schools where Kiwanis has Key Clubs…. Kiwanis can gain access to high schools where the recruiters have connections and the Kiwanis does not yet have a Key Club.

What better way for both organizations to serve the community than to have local recruiters and Kiwanis clubs at their signature and other service projects? The Army, through the reserve and National Guard, can supply eye-catching, fun, and engaging activities for your community projects. Furthermore, the Army, both locally and at national level, will provide excellent programs for clubs. Let’s get it on! Joint activities can bring great credit to our clubs, our service members, and the communities that we live in. Call me! (Or have your people call me, LOL)

Rick Berry can be reached at 803-426-1333, Rick@RickBerryMail.com, twitter @rickberrysc.
Kids Need Kiwanis

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

If you have an event you would like to share, please send a picture and caption to alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com for the next publication.

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

The best service comes from knowledgeable members. So share what you know–become a certified trainer! To get started, contact your leadership coordinator.
2018 Mega Blitz and 2019 Mid-Year Training

2018 Mega Blitz:
At training we have numerous courses on membership building, each with their own slant on how to attract new members to your club. This December (Sun 2-Wed 6), we’ll have on-the-job training on how to walk in and build new membership as we create 6 new clubs. For those of you that remember your college years, there is a difference between class room training and on the job training. We’re not only hoping to build these new clubs, but also strengthen a club’s ability to recruit new members. For those of you that are really shy, we’ll also need some good support roles. Regardless of how you help, we hope these skills will be transferable back to your club.

2019 Mid-Year Training:
For those that attended District Convention (DC), we hope you enjoyed the classes. Whether you attended an old favorite or one of the newer classes, we hope you took away something that you found useful. We plan to continue with a “bring your own device” computer course, social media classes, as well as old favorites. At DC, we tried a “share your success” class on service projects, called “Projects too good not to share”. For Mid-year training, I’d like to do something similar for either “fundraising” ideas, or on “membership drive” ideas. If you would be willing to share what your club does for fundraising or membership recruitment please email me your contact information. As always, I believe we’ve got a good mix which has something for everybody, I still would love to hear people’s ideas and thoughts on what they’d like to see added.

Some of the classes that will be offered are . . . . . . plus a lot more . . . .
• Bring your own device to learn more about social media
• How to be an effective SLP administrator
• What ever senior needs to know about Social Security
• Leadership training by John Maxwell company
• How to make your club meetings fun
• Partnership and what are they about, how can they help
• Till death due us a part

Please pencil in Winter training (Saturday Mar. 9th) in your calendar today.