



AKTION CLUB SPECIAL OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES



Special Olympics Georgia hosted the Indoor Winter Games in Cobb County on the weekend of January 27-29. After being canceled the three previous years due to the pandemic, the annual gymnastics competition was back in full swing at the Cobb Gymnastics Center.

Victoria Turney, Georgia On-Line Kiwanian, put in a full morning of cheering on the athletes and assisting where needed. "Giving back to the athletes warms your heart and gets the day started off right," said Victoria who has been working with the Special Olympics Cobb County gymnastics team for more than seven years.

Kiwanians have a long history of volunteering for the Special Olympics gymnastics competition at the Winter Games and are directly responsible for the formation of the Chattooga AKTION Club in 2016. At the Games that year, Victoria asked Cobb County coach, Cindy Bickman, if she had ever heard of

AKTION Club. She hadn't, YET, but introduced Victoria to some of the athletes and parents.

"I didn't know that Victoria's mention of AKTION Club would lead to so many good things for our athletes," said Cindy. "Fortunately, we took what she shared seriously."

Soon afterward, the Chattooga AKTION Club was chartered and, to this day, the relationship continues with joint service projects benefitting the community and, of course, gymnastics competitions.

The Jonquil City Kiwanis Club, sponsor of the Chattooga AKTION Club, continues to support the competition by assisting with the physical set up and close down.

Again this year, an air of exhilaration spread through the stands and the gym floor. But no one was more excited than the athletes. Forty of them, all hoping to win gold, competed on the vault, uneven bars,

balance beam, and floor exercise.

AKTION Club member Darby Parker, for one, loves participating in Special Olympics with all her friends from the gym. "She trains so hard, gets a little nervous," said her mom, Manya, "but always has the best time of her life. This year was extra special. She rose to her best competition level, competing in all events. Her Gold All-Around medal made her feel so accomplished." And she was!

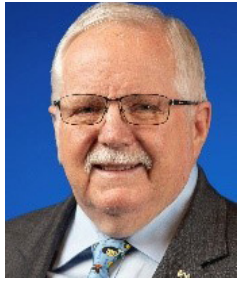
Susan Rudd, mother of Olympian and Club member Dasha Randolph, said, "The Special Olympics community has been a game changer for Dasha. She has found an outlet to express herself and fit in without having to worry about being laughed at or overlooked. Dasha absolutely loves competition time when she can showcase all of the skills that she CAN do!"

Dasha takes great pride in being part of a

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Well, Spring has sprung! I hope you have been doing better than me with your weather and pollen changes, It's been a rough season for me so far! Ahchoo! Now, let's have some FUN! We are now halfway into our Kiwanis year. How is your year going? How are you doing with your Distinguished Club status? How about your KI Pinnacle Club status? I have included both forms in the paper to remind you of the requirements.

Is your club growing? As of this writing, we are up 141 members as a District. Skidaway continues to lead the pack at plus 13. Brooklet and Statesboro are both plus 8, Augusta, Blue Ridge, Milledgeville, and Valdosta are plus 7. We have 58 clubs up by at least 1.

Many of you responded to our survey asking you about your gifts and talents. I appreciate each and every person who responded. You will get your assignments tomorrow, Just kidding. But we will use the information you sent to help meet the needs of our clubs in Georgia.

So far, this year, you have chartered 2 new Kiwanis clubs (with 2 more nearly completed), 4 new Key Clubs, 3 new Builders Clubs, and 3 new K-Kids clubs. I appreciate all your help in getting these new clubs and SLPs up and running. Please continue to support them with your presence. All of them need your support and encouragement.

I have been encouraged by spending time celebrating with some of our clubs for their significant anniversaries. Three

clubs, Toccoa, Macon County, and Sylvester, have celebrated their 100 year anniversaries. I have also celebrated with clubs who marked their 75, 25, and 5 year marks. Yes, 5 years. For a new club to make it to the 5 year point is huge. Many don't. So, celebrate your new clubs early and often. Visit them with an interclub. Help them with their next project.

April is a big month for us. Our Mid-Year Training Conference is April 15th and is going to be very important for clubs trying to grow and members wanting to learn. Registration is open now at www.georgiakiwanis.org under the events tab.

April 22nd is our District Art and Music Showcase in Gainesville. A number of clubs have already held their local shows and submitted their entries. Come see these talented students perform and view what they have created. Complete details are on our page www.georgiakiwanis.org under the events tab.

Wrapping up the month is our District Service Camping Trip at Fort Yargo (Winder). Campers will show up on Friday, 4/28. The service will be Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m.. We will have lunch at noon-ish and will be done by 3 p.m.. There will be a potluck that evening for those wishing to join. Please sign up at www.georgiakiwanis.org under the events tab so that we can plan lunch for everyone.

If you haven't already done so, please get registered for the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis June 22-24. We are going to have a BLAST there as we elect and install our very own Katrina Baranko as the new President of Kiwanis International. We will have a District Dinner with our friends from the Alabama District at Hell's Kitchen on Friday night, so you will want to join us for an evening of redemption with the Oak Ridge Boys Saturday night!

Thank you to the 68 clubs that have contributed to our District Projects. Your contributions are vital to the success of many programs and activities all around Georgia and the Kiwanis Children's Fund. If your club hasn't contributed yet, please consider doing that today. These are gifts that keep on giving, allowing your own club to benefit in many ways.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

Alexia Lieber
Executive Director of Georgia District of Kiwanis

CLUB ELECTION REPORTS ARE DUE JUNE 1ST

Please enter your club elections as quickly as possible, so that your club's officers may be listed in the District and International Directories. All clubs must use the Kiwanis One system when filing your club election report. Secretaries, when you log in, click on Secretary Dashboard and you will see the current club officers - click on the arrow to show the 2023-24 year and enter your new officers.

Our International Convention in Minneapolis is just around the corner. If your club is unable to provide a delegate, you may select a Past Lieutenant Governor or the Current Lieutenant Governor of your Division to represent your club if they are attending and not representing another club.

If a Past Lieutenant Governor agrees to represent your club it is the responsibility of the club to get the Delegate Certificate of Election form to the District Office for signature. An exciting time of fellowship, entertainment, and information is in store for all who attend the convention, plus we will be celebrating with Katrina Baranko as she is elected President of Kiwanis International for the 2023-24 year.

Incoming Lieutenant Governors will be trained April 28th - 30th by Governor-Elect Brent Leslie. Following their training they will begin making club contact visits. Work with them and do not forget to line-up your Lieutenant Governor to install your 2023-24 club officers.

Remember to do your on line Monthly reports by the 10th of each month, and if your club has any outstanding balance due Kiwanis International or the District please pay them as soon as possible, and remember all dues and new member fees go to Kiwanis International. **All Club Dues and New Member Adds must be paid for your Club Delegate to be seated in the House of Delegates. (Note any amount over \$149.00 must be paid.)**

Just a Note:

In sending in articles and pictures for the Georgia Kiwanian, all pictures and articles must be sent in electronically. Please attach the pictures as a .jpg to your email and send them to Samantha Downton at sdownton@avchears.org.




HELPING OTHERS IS AWESOME.



DUES BREAKDOWN PER MONTH

2022-23 Kiwanis Year

MONTH	KI DUES	DISTRICT DUES	TOTAL
October	\$82.00	\$30.00	\$112.00
November	\$75.17	\$27.50	\$102.67
December	\$68.33	\$25.00	\$ 93.33
January	\$61.50	\$22.50	\$ 84.00
February	\$54.67	\$20.00	\$ 74.67
March	\$47.83	\$17.50	\$ 65.33
April	\$41.00	\$15.00	\$ 56.00
May	\$34.17	\$12.50	\$ 46.67
June	\$27.33	\$10.00	\$ 37.33
July	\$20.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 28.00
August	\$13.67	\$ 5.00	\$ 18.67
September	\$ 6.83	\$ 2.50	\$ 9.33

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Callaway
Villa Rica-Temple

Charles N. Riley
Past District Governor 1977-78

Garrett E. Edmunds
Thomson

James W. Smart
Skidaway

Harvel V. Estes
Thomaston

Virginia L. Smith
Swainsboro

Geri Harris
Metro Atlanta

Tommy L. Vannoy
Blue Ridge

Scott L. Helmreich
Skidaway

Vance Voinche
Cedartown

Darryle Kouns
Skidaway

ALWAYS *Loved*, FOREVER *Missed*, NEVER *Forgotten*

CLUB STRENGTHENING

CR Phillips

Club Strengthening Chair
Kiwanis Club of Newnan

When it comes to Club Strengthening the MOST IMPORTANT THING IS...

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS!

About 18 months ago, one of the senior members in my home club came up to me and said, "You know CR, if you don't come to EVERY MEETING you won't know what going on in our club! We need a newsletter!"

I felt like I'd been GOB SMACKED! What a BRILLIANT SUGGESTION and WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?"

Well, sometimes it's hard to see something when you're standing right on top of it!

So, four of us got together, one member came up with a convenient design that could easily have information loaded into different sections and when printed could be used as a meeting program. Another member has decent computer skills so he took on the responsibility of filling in those sections with useful up to date information thus putting our newsletter/meeting program together.

As incoming secretary I'd built a list of all members e-mail addresses under one title so I took on the responsibility of sending out the newsletter, and, lastly, but most importantly, another member, took on the task of getting our newsletter/meeting program printed and distributed it to every table at our weekly luncheon meetings. Problem Solved! And NOW we've got something we can really be proud of.

But all newsletters don't have to be this complicated to be effective. If just one member - like the Club Secretary - can put out a list of current and upcoming events to all members every time there's a scheduled meeting this can be a BIG BOOST to CLUB MORAL!

BY MAKING YOUR CLUB'S ACTIVITIES KNOWN TO ALL MEMBERS IT SHOWS THEM WHAT YOUR CLUB IT DOING IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

I'll be happy to send our next newsletter out to anyone wishing to see what I've been talking about.

C.R. Phillips
Club Strengthening Chair
Georgia Kiwanis
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CLUBS WITH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH
1	Atlanta	+1
1	Galleria-NW, Atlanta	+1
1	Northside Atlanta	+2
2	Columbus	+5
2	Greater Columbus	+1
2	Harris County	+3
2	Thomaston	+2
3	Coweta County	+1
3	Fayetteville/Greater Atl	+1
3	Grantville	+1
3	Newnan	+3
3	White Oak Golden K	+4
4	Jesup	+4
4	Pooler-West Chatham	+6
4	Skidaway	+13
4	Waycross	+1
5	Americus	+2
5	Blakely-Early County	+24
5	Cairo-Morningstar	+5
5	Good Life City	+15
5	Mitchell-Baker	+3
6	Augusta	+7
6	Uptown Augusta	+6
7	Athens	+1
7	Hartwell	+4
7	Oconee	+3
7	Winder	+1
9	Jones County	+1
9	Macon County	+1
9	Milledgeville	+7
9	Warner Robins	+1
10	Blue Ridge	+7
10	Gilmer County	+3
10	Rabun County	+1
10	Toccoa	+1
11	Cartersville	+2
11	Ringgold	+3
11	Rome	+2
12	Bowdon	+2
12	Carrollton Golden K	+1
12	Douglas County,	
	Douglasville	+1
12	Fairfield-Villa Rica	+3
12	Haralson	+2
12	Paulding	+3
12	Villa Rica-Temple	+4
13	Sylvester	+1
13	Valdosta	+7
15	Georgia Online	+1
15	Greater Cherokee	+2
15	Greater South Cobb	+2
15	Jonquil City, Smyrna	+3
15	Lost Mountain	+5
16	Jonesboro	+5
17	Brooklet	+8
17	Effingham	+3
17	Statesboro	+8
18	Conyers	+6
18	Covington	+5
18	Henry County	+4

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING SCHEDULE - CLUB

OPENING AND CLUB COACHING

APRIL - CLUB COACHING

Tue 4/4/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/82812651544>

Meeting ID: 828 1265 1544

Passcode: 845029

MAY - CLUB OPENING

Tue 5/2/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/89295481637>

Meeting ID: 892 9548 1637

Passcode: 854693

JUNE - CLUB COACHING

Tue 6/6/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/84893503385>

Meeting ID: 848 9350 3385

Passcode: 032229

JULY - CLUB OPENING

Tue 7/11/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/82612809874>

Meeting ID: 826 1280 9874

Passcode: 739055

AUGUST - CLUB COACHING

Tue 8/1/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/88203905733>

Meeting ID: 882 0390 5733

Passcode: 608746

SEPTEMBER - CLUB OPENING

Tue 9/5/2023 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/89069730526>

Meeting ID: 890 6973 0526

Passcode: 191708

INTERCLUB TIPS

Tim Goodman

Interclub Chairman

Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

What is an inter-club? Inter-clubbing involves arranging visits between clubs in the same town, division, and district, as well as inter-district get-togethers. You can also take advantage of all current division/district opportunities to do interclubs (Governor's Rallies, division council meetings, face-to-face and virtual trainings, conventions, charter nights, special celebrations, etc.).

Inter-clubbing is a means of building the Kiwanis community and a way to form friendship ties with other Kiwanis clubs. It should also include the goal of meaningful interaction and information sharing. To be successful at inter-clubbing (1) get an Interclub Chair and/or form an Interclub Committee (Most significant of all), (2) when you want to do an interclub, be sure to contact the Interclub Chair, the Club President, or the Club Secretary of the club you are planning to visit, (3) be sure you tell your Club Secretary so they can report it on the monthly report, (4) use special occasions and events like charter nights for new clubs, club anniversary celebrations for established clubs, and special activities for some clubs are excellent times to do inter-clubs (be sure you have or get invitations to attend), (5) don't forget your SLP's and attend their meetings and service/fundraising events, and (6) pay attention to scheduled events in the division/district and take advantage of all opportunities to do interclubs (Governor's Rallies, division council meetings, face-to-face and virtual trainings, conventions, charter nights, special celebrations, etc.).

I have been a Kiwanian since October 1, 2000 and really was not aware at that time of the many great things other Kiwanis clubs do. I also assumed that all Kiwanis clubs were about the same (please no jokes about a bunch of grandfathers who enjoyed eating together one time a week) and operated the same way. When I became Lt. Governor in 2005 and began to do the required visits to the clubs in my division, do division council meetings, attend the Governor's rally, and attend district trainings and conventions I learned what a great organization Kiwanis is. I learned to appreciate the diversity of the membership, the breath of service, and the multitude of events. The March 2023 report shows that we are at approximately the same place at this point in 2023 as we were in 2022. Perhaps because of the change in the inter-club requirements requiring two members to participate, it is expected that twice as many Kiwanians have been involved in inter-clubs this year. This year the inter-clubbers are focusing more on their home division and their SLP's. Interesting!



MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

MEMBERSHIP

Byron Mullican

Immediate Past Governor
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

Is your club continually inviting prospective members to your meetings or service projects? Are you following the "2For2" membership growth plan that all of Kiwanis International is working on this year? Is your members leaving your club? What can your club do to retain new members?

Glad you asked! We have a 5 point plan program to assist your club in retaining existing members. A common sense program that has been proven time after time to keep members in your club. The Georgia District membership team has proven year after year that we can recruit members for new clubs and has been successful in assisting existing clubs keep current members if they follow the plan. It begins with having a membership chair listed on the Secretary Dashboard and the club have a membership plan and to execute that plan throughout each year. Why? Because the Kiwanis International membership committee will send you valuable information on effective methods in keeping your existing members. Additionally, membership retention is a weekly/monthly commitment that has a HUGE payoff at the end of each Kiwanis year. One of the best

procedures your Board of Director's can do is to continually keep track of members to insure everyone is current in dues, contact those who are behind and give them a deadline to pay or be dropped. Don't wait until August-September to bill, bill monthly or at most quarterly.

Step 1- Evaluate Your Club.

Review every aspect of your club to determine if you are viable or need some changes. Keep your membership active. Get new members Kiwanis orientated and let them know all your club does for your community and beyond. Younger members would rather serve their community than attend a meeting.

Step 2- Club Atmosphere.

Are your meeting friendly, inviting, interesting and fun? Do you have a greeter at the door? Do you invite representatives from your SLP's to your meeting? Happy Bucks, Brag and Complain time? (Costs a dollar). Speakers informative and relevant to community needs?

Step 3- Active members.

Are you recognizing those who go above and beyond? Appreciation to members by awarding gift cards, certificates or Kiwanis awards? Do you ask committee chairs if they want to continue each year or assume they will? Keep the membership of upcoming service

projects or fundraisers to explain their part in making them successful?

Non-Active Members.

Contact members who miss meetings to let them know they were missed and that you care. See if they need any assistance to your meetings. Send cards, email or call them. Let them know the club is having a fundraiser or service project and invite them to assist. Welcome them back when they return.

New Members.

Make sure that their sponsor is there with them for the first year to explain what is going on, interpret the alphabet names (CLE, SLP, ICON, DCON ect.) because they likely do not have a clue. Have a member orientation to let them see the B IG picture of Kiwanis International. Put new members on a committee and keep them active. Ask what non-profits in your community that they care about and let them know how your club can assist them.

Each year, all Districts lose members by the hundreds. Retaining current members as well as recruiting new members should be a priority in every club.

PLEASE plan to attend the Mid-Year Training Conference on April 15 and come to my class on Membership Retention. Byron Mullican, Immediate Past Governor

MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Join us in congratulating these clubs that are celebrating big anniversaries! We are honored to have them as a part of our Georgia Kiwanis family. Each club has been active in the community and is truly making a difference. Thank you for all you do!



**Kiwanis Club of
South Hall County**
Division 8
April 22, 1993



**Kiwanis Club of
Lawrenceville**
Division 8
May 4, 1923



**Kiwanis Club of
Turner County**
Division 13
May 11, 1993

KIWANIS DISTRICT AND CLUB RECOGNITION PROGRAM

2022-23

DISTINGUISHED DISTRICTS

The district must be in good standing with Kiwanis International as defined by Procedure 204
– DISTRICT STATUS as of September 30, 2023.

GROWTH (Must accomplish one of two)

- **Net gain in membership** over the previous Kiwanis administrative year, as certified by October 10, 2023.
- **Achievement of the new club opening goal**, as set by agreement of the president and governor (as president-elect and governor-elect). A district may achieve new club opening credit for a Kiwanis club in another nation under any program approved as such by the Kiwanis International Board.

SERVICE AND EDUCATION (Must accomplish three of five)

- **Minimum required increase in overall giving to the Kiwanis Children's Fund** over the previous Kiwanis administrative year from all district sources (as determined by the Children's Fund).
- **Total of at least three (3) new K-Kids clubs chartered** within the district during the administrative year.
- **Submission of a club signature project** in the Kiwanis International annual Signature Project Contest.
- **Increase in Club Leadership Education (CLE) participation** over the previous administrative year.
- **Achievement of 90% compliance in mandatory background checks** among all required leaders.

PINNACLE DISTRICTS

GROWTH (Must accomplish all)

- **Meet the above requirements** to become a Distinguished District.
- **Achieve a net gain in active Kiwanis clubs** over the previous Kiwanis administrative year (as certified by October 10, 2023).
- **Charter a total of five (5) new K-Kids clubs** over the previous Kiwanis administrative year.

PINNACLE CLUBS

GROWTH (Must accomplish two of three)

- **Minimum of 10% net increase in membership** over the prior year's membership, as certified by October 10, 2023.
- **Sponsorship of a new Kiwanis club** during the year.
- **Participation in the Two For Two program all 12 months of the year**, as reported in the club's official monthly reports.

SERVICE (Must accomplish two of three)

- **Minimum required increase in overall giving to the Kiwanis Children's Fund** (as determined by the Children's Fund).
- **Participation in the Kiwanis Signature Project Contest** during the administrative year.
- **Increase in the number of specific or overall Service Leadership Programs clubs** in good standing during the previous administrative year.



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GEORGIA DISTRICT

2022-2023 Distinguished Club:

Membership Growth

Finished with a net increase of one at the end of the year	2
Helped open or sponsor a new Kiwanis Club	2
Participated in Two For Two each month	2

Subtotal 0-6 _____

Leadership Education

Club President completed CLE	1
Club President completed CLE by Sep 30, 2022	2
Club Secretary completed CLE	1
Club Secretary completed CLE by Sep 30, 2022	2
Club Treasurer completed CLE	1
Club Treasurer completed CLE by Sep 30, 2022	2

Subtotal 0-9 _____

Conference Attendance

Club Represented at Division Rally	1
Club represented at Fall Training	1
Club represented at Mid-year training	1
Club represented at International Convention	1
Club represented at District Convention	1
Club represented at each Division Council meeting	1

Subtotal 0-6 _____

Interclub

Club completed at least 7 interclubs within Division	1
Club completed interclub with at least one club out of Division	1

Subtotal 0-2 _____

Local Community Service

Club hosted projects or programs to benefit local youth	2
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Subtotal 0-2 _____

Service Leadership Programs

Club sponsored an SLP	1
Club opened a new Circle K	1
Club opened a new Key Club	1
Club opened a new Builders Club	1
Club opened a new K-Kids club	1
Club opened a new Aktion Club	1
Club began BUG or Terrific Kids program at a new school	1

Subtotal 0-7 _____

Global Community

Club contributed to Kiwanis Children’s Fund	1
Club contributed suggested amount to Kiwanis Children’s Fund	2

Subtotal 0-3 _____

Georgia District Projects and Raffles

Club contributed to each of the Georgia District Projects	1-6
Club contributed suggested amount to each of the Georgia District Projects	2-12
Club sold all initial tickets to the Georgia Raffle	2

Subtotal 0-20 _____

Monthly Reports

Club submitted all monthly reports	1
Club submitted all monthly reports NLT the 10 th of the next month	2
Club submitted election report NLT June 1, 2023	2

Subtotal 0-5 _____

Total 0-60 _____

Distinguished Club awards

Gold	43-60
Silver	38-42
Bronze	32-37

**Submit completed form no later than October 31, 2023 to: your Lt Governor,
Governor Darryl Gumz, gumzes@gmail.com
Executive Director Alexia Lieber, alexia@kiwanis.mgacoxmail.com**

Club

Division

President

Secretary

Distinguished Lieutenant Governor:

Membership Growth

Achieved net growth in membership within Division	1
Submitted all reports on time	1
Visited every club in your Division at least three times each	1
Assist in the opening of a new Kiwanis club within your Division	1
Assist in the opening of a new Kiwanis club outside your Division	1
	Total 0-5 _____

Distinguished Lt Governor Award

Earn at least 3 points

_____	_____	_____
Name	Division	Date

Send to Governor Darryl Gumz, gumzes@gmail.com no later than October 31, 2023

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	Wally Yazbak	Atlanta	201	202	7 of 7
		Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	18	19	7 of 7
		Northside Atlanta	32	34	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			251	255	
2	Craig Rockenstein	Barnesville	26	26	
		Columbus	46	51	7 of 7
		Golden K, Columbus	11	11	
		Greater Columbus	33	34	
		Griffin	107	104	7 of 7
		Harris County	18	21	7 of 7
		LaGrange	49	44	7 of 7
		Manchester	14	14	7 of 7
		North Columbus	8	8	
		Pike County	23	23	
Thomaston	36	38			
West Point	5	5	7 of 7		
DIVISION TOTALS:			376	379	
3	Murray Parks	Coweta County	72	73	7 of 7
		Fayette County	17	17	
		Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	7	8	
		Grantville	13	14	7 of 7
		Metro-Fayette	10	10	
		Newnan	95	98	
Peachtree City	22	20			
White Oak Golden K	57	61	7 of 7		
DIVISION TOTALS:			293	301	
4	Michael Klavon	Brunswick	49	47	7 of 7
		Jesup	30	34	
		Liberty County	33	33	
		Pooler-West Chatham	4	10	
		Richmond Hill	15	10	
		Saint Marys	63	61	7 of 7
		Savannah	17	17	
Skidaway	133	146	7 of 7		
Waycross	4	5			
DIVISION TOTALS:			348	363	
5	Lisa Williams	Albany/Dougherty County	73	72	7 of 7
		Americus	71	73	7 of 7
		Blakely-Early County		24	
		Cairo	48	47	
		Cairo-Morningstar	14	19	
		Good Life City		15	
		LeeDo	19	19	
Mitchell-Baker	12	15			
Thomasville	70	69			
DIVISION TOTALS:			307	353	
6	Rick Berry	Augusta	139	146	
		Louisville	24	24	
		Thomson	22	20	
		Uptown Augusta	15	21	
		Warrenton	18	18	
		Washington	10	10	
DIVISION TOTALS:			228	239	
7	Greg Simpson	Athens	22	23	
		Classic City	18	18	7 of 7
		Commerce	34	31	
		Hartwell	35	39	7 of 7
		Jefferson	11	11	7 of 7
		Oconee	15	18	
		West Jackson	4	4	7 of 7
Winder	15	16	7 of 7		
DIVISION TOTALS:			154	160	
8	Mike Sullivan	Cumming	20	19	7 of 7
		Duluth-Norcross	24	23	
		Gainesville	120	119	7 of 7
		Lawrenceville	12	10	7 of 7
		North Gwinnett	41	39	
		South Hall County-Oakwood	12	8	
		Suwanee	20	20	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			249	238	
9	Jim David	Cochran-Bleckley County	17	0	
		Crawford County	22	22	7 of 7
		Forsyth - Monroe County	58	58	7 of 7
		Fort Valley	26	26	
		Jones County	27	28	7 of 7
		Macon	35	35	7 of 7
		Macon County	25	26	
		Milledgeville	23	30	7 of 7
		North Macon	18	18	7 of 7
		Perry	35	35	
Taylor County	19	19			
Warner Robins	9	10	7 of 7		
DIVISION TOTALS:			314	307	

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Bill Echelberger	Blairsville	17	17	
		Blue Ridge	56	63	7 of 7
		Cleveland	30	30	
		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	11	11	
		Dawson County	9	9	7 of 7
		Gilmer County	13	16	7 of 7
		Habersham County	39	38	
		Jasper/Pickens County	10	10	
		Rabun County	14	15	
Toccoa	17	18			
DIVISION TOTALS:			216	227	
11	Jeri Purdy	Cartersville	13	15	7 of 7
		Dalton	45	45	7 of 7
		Murray County	14	14	
		Ringgold	15	18	
		Rome	20	22	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			107	114	
12	Latha Narayan	Bowdon	25	27	7 of 7
		Carrollton	87	85	7 of 7
		Carrollton Golden K	24	25	6 of 7
		Cedartown	32	32	
		Douglas County	17	18	7 of 7
		Fairfield - Villa Rica	24	27	7 of 7
		Haralson	12	14	
		Paulding	22	25	
		Rockmart	15	15	7 of 7
		Villa Rica - Temple	15	19	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			273	287	
13	Ben Baker	Adel	11	11	
		Cordele	47	47	
		Fitzgerald	22	22	
		Moultrie	141	141	7 of 7
		Quitman-Brooks County	10	0	
		Sylvester	40	41	
		Tifton	19	19	
		Turner County	17	17	
Valdosta	15	22			
DIVISION TOTALS:			322	320	
14	Jean Adams	Alpharetta-Milton	8	8	
		Brookhaven-Chamblee	13	11	7 of 7
		Doraville-Tucker	15	15	7 of 7
		Druid Hills	8	8	
		Historic Roswell	33	33	7 of 7
DIVISION TOTALS:			77	75	
15	Debbie McCracken	Georgia Online	22	23	7 of 7
		Greater Cherokee	34	36	7 of 7
		Greater South Cobb	20	22	7 of 7
		Jonquil City	30	33	7 of 7
		Lost Mountain	59	64	7 of 7
		Marietta	175	170	7 of 7
		Marietta Golden K	67	67	7 of 7
Metro Marietta	22	21	7 of 7		
DIVISION TOTALS:			429	436	
16	Sara Sellers	Forest Park	14	14	7 of 7
		Jonesboro	15	20	7 of 7
		Lithonia-Stonecrest	10	10	
		Metro Atlanta	48	48	7 of 7
		Stone Mountain	5	3	
DIVISION TOTALS:			92	95	
17	Beth Upchurch	Baxley	33	33	
		Brooklet	51	59	
		Douglas	24	23	
		Dublin	4	4	
		Effingham	18	21	
		Jeff Davis County	4	4	7 of 7
		Metter	22	22	
		Statesboro	128	136	
		Swainsboro	38	36	7 of 7
		Tattnall County	29	28	
Vidalia	95	95			
DIVISION TOTALS:			446	461	
18	Paige Alexander	Conyers	17	23	7 of 7
		Covington	43	48	7 of 7
		Eatonton	15	15	
		Henry County	46	50	7 of 7
		Madison	41	40	7 of 7
		Monroe	17	17	7 of 7
Social Circle	21	21	7 of 7		
DIVISION TOTALS:			200	214	
GEORGIA DISTRICT GRAND TOTALS:			4682	4824	

DISTRICT TOTALS:	
Total Reported Members on 10/01/22	4,682
Total Reported Members on 3/31/23	4,824
Total Clubs as of 10/01/22	142
Total Clubs as of 3/31/23	142

LEGEND:
NC New Club
CS Club Suspended
M Merged



CONTINUED: Aktion Club Special Oplympic Winter Games

team and the comradery that goes along with that. "Knowing that she is surrounded by coaches who hold her responsible and accountable for what she is capable of and push her ever-so-gently beyond her comfort zone has given her so many growth opportunities," Said Susan. "The Special Olympics events and family have really helped Dasha continue reaching goals and milestones physically and emotionally that we honestly never knew she was capable of! She has proven to all of us on more than one occasion that she's rather unstoppable!"

"I love working with my Special Olympics friends," said Dasha. "We are like a family. Our coaches require us to practice as hard as we can so that we can be our very best. We all love to win medals when we compete, but we all know that it is really just about doing our personal best."

Dasha admitted, though, that she does get very nervous at every competition "Because of my disability, I'm used to falling quite a bit," she said. "My friends even call me The Gravity Checker! But, I never ever like falling when I'm competing. It's the one thing I'm always nervous about! But, even when I do fall, my Special Olympics family is always there to cheer me on because they know that gravity is working as it should be, and I've done the best I can!"

Ron Davis, the Kiwanis advisor for AKTION Club, claimed he was as proud as any parent at the Games.

"These young women warm my heart and inspire me at every level. They are winners at the Games and in life."

Victoria concluded the day by emceeing the awards ceremony with her usual enthusiasm. The Jonquil City Kiwanis Club helped present the awards. Debbie McCracken, the Division 15 Lt. Governor, and a huge Special Olympics supporter, also assisted with awarding medals to the winners.

Family and friends of the Olympiads from throughout the state witnessed the athletes receive 34 gold medals, 25 silver, 15 bronze, and two fourth-place recognitions, all presented in Olympic style.

Darby and Dasha cannot wait for the next games. And neither can the rest of us. Congrats, AKTION Club athletes!





HONORING KEY CLUB PRESIDENT WITH MEL HAYDEN AWARD

Harris County Key Club President, Casi Curry, was honored with the Mel Hayden Student Leadership Award at the Division 2 Governor's Rally.

Casi sets high standards for herself and her club to the benefit of the Harris County community. Well deserved, Casi!! Congratulations!



SUPPORTING YOUR SLP CLUBS

Darryl Gumz

2022-23 Governor of GA District
Kiwanis Club of Winder, Jefferson, West Jackson, Georgia Online

So, how do you support your SLPs? What should you be doing? I have shamelessly stolen this from Past International President Paul Palazzolo. These are the things that a Kiwanis should be doing with each of their sponsored Service Leadership Programs. My comments are italicized.

1. Appoint a Kiwanian or a committee of Kiwanians to be SLP advisors (be sure they have approved Kiwanis Background Checks). *This should be obvious, but not every club has done this. Although only one will be reflected on the Secretary Dashboard, you can have more than one.*

2. Attend SLP club meetings and events. *You may not be able to attend all of their meetings and events, but they should be able to recognize you when you do show up.*

3. Maintain an expense line item in your service account to support your SLP. *Your SLPs need your financial support. Are you helping them with fees to attend training and conventions?*

4. Meet with the school principal or facility manager at least once each year. *Do it at the beginning of the school year. Get to know who these people are so you can maintain leadership and support for your clubs.*

5. Ensure all dues and fees are paid. *Kiwanis Clubs pay the fees for their K-Kids and Builder's Clubs, but you also need to monitor the fees for your Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs, and Aktion Clubs.*

6. Make sure SLP club officers receive proper training. *GA Key Club conducts training at their Georgia Leadership Training Conference (GLTC) each year, GA Circle K conducts training at their Club Officer Leadership Training (COLT) each year, Other training resources:*

For K-Kids and Builder's Club officers, see <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2022/03/KK-BC-Adv-Guide-2020.pdf>

For Key Club officers, see: www.keyclub.org/resources/officer-training-presentations

For Circle K Officers, see: www.circlek.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2020/08/Club-Leadership-Education-Guide.pdf

For Aktion Club officers, see: www.aktionclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/12/GIAK_319_164-Aktion-Club-Advisor-Guide-2020.pdf

7. Schedule an annual meeting with Kiwanis and SLP Club Leadership. *A great opportunity to*

plan out your years to include each other.

8. Host or participate in joint activities. *Work together to support each other's fundraisers and service projects. Go do something fun together (miniature golf, bowling, a picnic).*

9. Invite SLP club members to attend Kiwanis meetings. *Having SLP members come to your meetings helps them to understand you as a club and as individuals.*

10. Ensure SLP members get training opportunities beyond the club level. *Wouldn't it be great to see some of your SLP members become District or International officers?*

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VALENTINES DAY CARDS WITH AKTION CLUB

Members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Fairfield and Carrollton hosted the monthly Aktion Club meeting in Carrollton. Aktion Club members made Valentines Cards, participated in a book reading, and enjoyed snacks.

The Fairfield Club and the Carrollton Club co-sponsor the Aktion Club. Each club alternates in planning and leading monthly programs.



UPDATES?

If you have a committee update, club event, or service project photos, etc. to share, please send an article or caption with a picture to Georgia Kiwanian Editor:
Samantha Downton sdownton@avchears.org

KIWANIS CLUB OF LEEDO HOSTS K-KIDS LEADERSHIP DAY



The Kiwanis Club of LeeDo is the host club for the Twin Oaks Elementary School K-Kids Club, which is a Kiwanis International program that provides an opportunity for elementary age members to develop initiative and leadership skills through service.

On March 16, 18 TOES K-Kids participated in an all-day leadership session at Chehaw Park.

The K-Kids were divided into three groups, The Garden Gnomes, The Peach Cobblers, and The Iguanas. Starting with a Zoo Scavenger Hunt, the students worked their way through the zoo, with their K-Kids sponsor and chaperones, to complete the scavenger hunt. The students then convened a pop-up club meeting where they focused on the topic positive affirmations and self-care. The K-Kids discussed a spring fundraiser and planned for the 2023-2024 school year. Next on the agenda was a trivia competition.

Following lunch, the K-Kids moved

to the Chehaw playground, where team games commenced. Teams competed in a hula-hoop pass and then a double elimination dodge ball tournament. Even the adults got to participate in both activities. The K-Kids beat the adults in the timed hula-hoop contest, but the 9 adults rallied back and won their dodge ball game against the 18 students.

At the end of the day, there was a tie for first place between the Iguanas and the Peach Cobblers, with the Garden Gnomes only one point behind in 3rd place. Overall, it was a wonderful day to be a K-Kid!

A special thank you to K-Kids sponsors Eric Hyslop, Maggie Lewis, and Patsy Shirley for coordinating the event. A big thanks to our wonderful adult chaperones! And of course, thanks also to the Kiwanis Club of LeeDo and Twin Oaks Elementary School for continuing to support K-Kids.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kiwanis members stage more than 150,000 service projects, devote more than six million hours of service and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families and projects.

Key Club members pitch in 12 million hours of service each year, and CKI members add another 500,000 hours.

Aktion Club members donate another 92,000 hours of service every year to communities.

Add it all up and that's more than 19 million hours of service every year!

Study after study shows that volunteering with an organization like Kiwanis does more than make people feel good. Volunteering enhances social networks, improves mental health and contributes to higher levels of happiness, self-esteem, self-worth and life satisfaction.

Volunteers develop life skills and leadership abilities that can lead to employment opportunities.

LAGRANGE COLLEGE CIRCLE K IN ACTION

These past few weeks have been rather busy for our Circle K team!

Our Hot Take table in late february went towards the Brick by Brick project! LaGrange College's campus decided that a Hotdog is a sandwich and Pine-apple does belong on pizza!

We had lots of fun making dog toys recycled from old tshirts to donate!

Our annual Pancake Breakfast was on March 4th and had great success!

Lastly we just participated in the Organization Fair sponsored by SGA! We showed students looking to join organizations what Circle K does and how to join!!

We have been busy and can't wait to finish the semester strong!



GET
YOUR
HAPPY
ON.



SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

EASTER BASKETS

Build it and they will come! The Circle K Club at LaGrange College built Easter baskets for the children at West Georgia STAR in LaGrange. The student organization is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of LaGrange.



Do GOOD.
FEEL GOOD.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: A JOINT SERVICE PROJECT

Kiwanis Club of St Marys and Camden County High School Key Club held an adopt-a-highway. Nine Kiwanis Members and Seven Key Club members braved the chilly Saturday temperatures to clean up interchange at Hwy 40 and St Marys Road. Lots of interesting items found including a safe, hair peace and lots and lots of beer bottles.

Also attached is a picture of Bert, the Kiwanis mascot, welcoming the Reenactors at Cumberland Island Welcome Center. Reenactors included Scottish Highlander soldiers from late 1700's and a soldier from the war of 1812. Watch for more upcoming National Park Service events at the waterfront.

KIDS NEED PEOPLE TO LOOK
OUT FOR THEM #KidsNeedKiwanis



SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

KIWANIS WEBSITE HOSTING CHANGES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2023

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Portalbuzz previously had integration with Kiwanis Connect, Kiwanis' club management system, but as of February 2023, the data connection will be severed, meaning Portalbuzz club management features will no longer exist.

Your website will NOT disappear and you will continue to have access to all website functionality that it current has but your Club will need to decide how they would like to continue hosting their website. Clubs have the choice to stay with Portalbuzz or switch to Kiwanis Connect WordPress or switch to a different platform.

FAQs

WHAT IS PORTALBUZZ?

Portalbuzz is a third-party system that Kiwanis Clubs are free to use to manage their websites. This is an additional paid service, not one required for club management purposes.

WHAT IS KIWANIS CONNECT?

All club officers should be using <https://members.kiwanis.org/> to access the club management features (adding/deleting members, updating rosters, secretary reports, updating bylaws, background checks, updating Service Leadership Program advisor information, etc.)

WHAT WILL PORTALBUZZ LOOK LIKE AFTER CONNECTION WITH KIWANIS CONNECT IS SEVERED?

You will continue to have access to all website functionality that it current has. After February 2023, you will need to manually enter your members' information in Kiwanis Connect if you wish to use the features that utilize this information.

WHAT NOW?

Your club can either choose to stay with Portalbuzz and continue paying their fee as long as it is available to clubs and this will be separate from Kiwanis International's system.

OR

Clubs can pay a smaller fee for website management and switch to Kiwanis' new WordPress website

hosting where Kiwanis creates a free website for you, your members customize it, and you pay for only the domain.

OR

Clubs can switch to a different website hosting system separate from Kiwanis International such as Weebly (the Georgia District uses this platform for the District's website), GoDaddy, Wix, Bluehost, HostGator, etc. Fees vary and it would be up to the Club's choice.

HOW DO I TRANSFER CONTENT?

If you have a well-established website with a lot of pages and hesitate to switch, you can ask Portalbuzz to provide your club's site assets, which you can then import onto another system.

You will need to manually transfer content yourself or you can hire a web designer to do this for you.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE NEW KIWANIS WORDPRESS WEBSITE?

"Free Kiwanis Websites and Google Tools to Replace Portalbuzz" workshop hosted by the New England & Bermuda District of Kiwanis: <https://youtu.be/12tvemb91sg>



SCAN ME

Tutorials and WordPress Website Training Videos: <https://wiki.site.kiwanis.org/>



SCAN ME

HOW DO WE START A WORDPRESS WEBSITE?

Have your club's webmaster or someone from your club complete this form to sign up for a WordPress website for your club: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IVEeTcE-5J0imcaJuTXADDzsgqfHPEzNN-uULdLfsH2aVUNks1OVYySUJTTE-FLSzyzOTIzSjA0QVdFTCQIQCN0P-Wcu>



SCAN ME



TODAY A READER. TOMORROW A LEADER. - MARGARET FULLER

NEED A GUEST SPEAKER? CALL US!

Debbie Brillling

Buck-n-Ear Project Chair
Kiwanis Club of Doraville-Tucker, and Brookhaven/Chamblee

The Buck-n-Ear Project was founded in 1984 benefiting the Auditory-Verbal Center and is considered a Priority One Signature Project for the Georgia District of Kiwanis.

For 45 years, the Auditory-Verbal Center, a non-profit organization, has provided a family-centered and holistic approach to supporting and improving the lives of the deaf or hard of hearing.

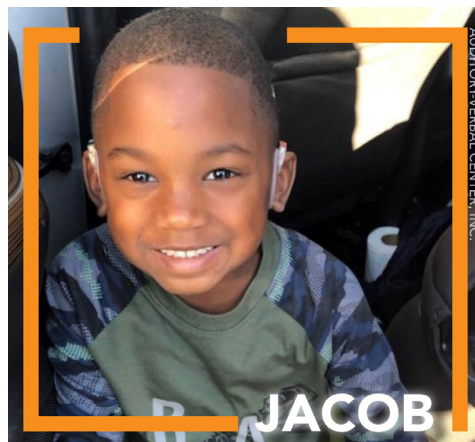
All of their Auditory-Verbal Therapists are Speech-Language Pathologists who specialize exclusively in teaching children with hearing loss to listen and speak. They are trained to develop the listening pathways in a child's brain, laying the foundation for a lifetime of listening and speaking WITHOUT the need for sign language or lip reading. They also provide

intervention directly in Spanish with a bilingual therapist!

All donations from the Buck-n-Ear program go towards the scholarship program to help pay for Auditory-Verbal Therapy sessions for families who are uninsured or underinsured.

The Auditory-Verbal Center has their main office in Atlanta with a satellite office in Macon. They also have teletherapy which allows clients to receive therapy virtually.

We'd love to share with your club who we are and how your contribution makes a difference! Please reach out if you'd like us to be a guest speaker at one of your meetings. Debbie Brillling at dbrilling@avchears.org



Jacob is a gregarious 5 year old boy, who has been listening with two cochlear implants for over 4 years. He loves hanging out with his brothers, playing Sonic, and doing science experiments. His memory is as good as any elephant's, and he can tell amazing stories.

TAKING A DIFFERENT LOOK AT THINGS

Edward Searcy

Human and Spiritual Values Chair
Kiwanis Club of Thomaston

There is an expression that can be dated back as far as the 1500s that says, "You can't see the forest for the trees". The expression puts us in position to realize that there is a bigger view beyond the small things that we see before us. When the pressures of life's circumstances come before us, we may experience what is known as, "Tunnel Vision." Literally, tunnel vision does not only affect our vision, but figuratively tunnel vision has a direct affect on our vision because it affects our thinking, which engenders the label, "Tunnel Vision Thinking."

Today, the youths of our communities are dealing with so many different pressures. Pressures of acceptance, bullying, drugs, sexuality, depression, anxiety, and so many more concerns that impact their

everyday lives. We as Kiwanians must be advocates for our youth; and doing so, we must see beyond the "trees." We must realize that we need future Educators, Healthcare Workers (Mental and Physical), Law Makers and Enforcers, Hospitality Workers, Spiritual Advisors - just to name a few. If all we see are the stumbling blocks our youths are facing, we, too are stuck in, "Tunnel Vision Thinking." It is imperative that we recognize that our youths are not mature enough to solve their own circumstances of life. Therefore, we must be willing to hear their cries, wipe their tears, show compassion, and help them learn how to have VISION and not just SIGHT. Being a youth advocate, we must be examples to the youths of our communities and encourage them to gain the sight to effectively problem solve

and work their way through life's unforeseen struggles. In doing so, we are both showing and empowering them that there is something greater in their lives - they just do not see it yet. I challenge us show our youths of our communities when things look dim, REFOCUS. When the tendency to focus on a single goal or point of view presents itself to you, take a step back and REFOCUS. Narrowly focusing on a single goal causes us to miss a lot. REFOCUS. If we are to be advocates, let us not give up on our young people, but let us give a helping hand to encourage them to, "REFOCUS and Take a Different Look at Things".

Proverbs 16:3 NASB: Commit your works to the Lord, And your plans will be established.



ADVENTURE BAGS

Providing Security and Comfort to a child in crisis.



Adventure Bags, Inc was formed in 2011 and has delivered over 42,000 bags to Georgia's Children



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Our Why

Every day across the nation, children are displaced for one reason or another; a fire in the home, a legal situation, a horrible accident, or worse. Georgia's children face these situations far too often leaving all that is familiar behind them.

Agencies across the state are faced with the difficult task of not only protecting but also comforting, children in these situations. However, they are armed with nothing to help these children feel at ease at possibly the very worst moment in their lives.

Our goal is for each affected child experiencing such events to be given an **ADVENTURE BAG**. We do this by partnering with various agencies such as the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS), domestic violence shelters, fire departments, law enforcement agencies, homeless shelters, and other organizations that serve Georgia's most vulnerable children.

What is In An Adventure Bag?



- Blanket
 - Stuffed Animals
 - Book
 - Coloring Book/Crayons/ Colored Pencils
 - Journal
 - 4 Smaller Toys
 - Brush/Comb
 - Shampoo/Conditioner/Soap/ 3 in 1
 - Washcloth/Puff
 - Tooth Paste/Tooth Brush
 - Teether
 - Baby Bottle/Water Bottle
 - Diaper Pack
 - Bib & Pacifier
 - Baby Wipes
 - Deodorant
 - Feminine Hygiene Products
 - Small Flashlight
 - Bookbag/Diaper Bags
- Each Adventure Bag's contents differ depending on the age and gender of the recipient. To see a listing of each grouping please visit our website.



- ### Age Groups
- Infant
 - 2-4
 - 5-7
 - 8-11
 - 12-15
 - 16-18

I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT WE RECENTLY HAD A TODDLER PLACED WITH US AND THE BEAR HE RECEIVED IN ONE OF YOUR BAGS HAS BEEN A GREAT COMFORT TO HIM. HE HAD NO TOYS OF HIS OWN BUT HE IMMEDIATELY HUGGED AND LOVED ON HIS BEAR. NOW WE KEEP IT WITH HIM WHENEVER WE CAN AND HE RUBS ITS SOFT EARS TO FALL ASLEEP. IT IS A SIMPLE BIT OF SECURITY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME FOR HIM. THE OTHER ITEMS IN THE BAG WERE ALSO VERY HELPFUL FOR ADJUSTING THOSE FIRST FEW NIGHTS.

FOSTER PARENT

Agencies We Serve

- DFCS Agencies
- Homeless Shelters
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Law Enforcement & Fire Departments
- CASA Programs
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Youth Mental Health Crisis Facilities
- CSEC Support Agencies
- School Systems

We currently serve 95% of the counties within Georgia.

John Holley

Georgia District Kiwanis
Children's Fund Chair
Kiwanis Club of Metro Atlanta

With the Administrative Year in Kiwanis almost half over, I am hoping that clubs in the Georgia District have already made their Annual Gifts to the Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF). If you have not, I am asking that you consider making this a priority as we move into the last half of the year.

Understand that the Kiwanis Children's Fund is your organization and that your gifts impact Kiwanians around the World. Yes, your gifts are also taking care of children in need all over the Globe. These are children you may never meet, but the name of Kiwanis will be etched in the hearts and minds of children worldwide because of your generosity. **Let's show the Kiwanis World that the Georgia District can lead the way.**

As one of Governor Darryl's goals for the year, he has asked that each club make a contribution to the Kiwanis Children's Fund that equates to, as a minimum, \$5.00 per member. As of February 2023, 49 Georgia clubs have contributed \$12,469 to KCF. Also, the Kiwanis Children's Fund President has challenged each District to increase its club giving by 10% from the previous year. This means that the Georgia District's Challenge is for the clubs to contribute \$34,303 in order to meet the challenge. To date, a total of \$610,557 has been contributed to KCF. Of this amount, \$290,376 came from clubs, and \$297,662 came from individual giving. We have met the President's Challenges in the past. **LET'S KEEP OUR RECORD INTACT!**

From time to time, I get questions about the Kiwanis Children's Fund Club Grant Program. It is important to note that, since 1940, KCF has helped Kiwanians extend their impact - in their hometowns and around the world. One of the ways we make it happen is by the Club Grant Program. The Club Grant program does more than fill a funding gap. It is also a

collaboration. The guide to the club grants can be found by going online to the Kiwanis Children's Fund website. To be eligible, a project must support activities addressing at least one of the following Children's Fund cause areas:

health and nutrition, education and literacy youth leadership development. Know that all clubs are eligible to request a grant. To date, 11 grants have been awarded to club. These grants totaled \$95,167. The grants ranged from \$1,400 to \$50,000. **If you need to fill a funding gap, get a partner, and request a grant.**

Finally, I want to commend Governor Darryl for the words in his pin, "Filling Unmet Needs 4 Kids." Indeed, these words speak to the mission of **the Kiwanis Children's Fund**, which talks about developing resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanis into programs that serve the children of the world. Since this organization belongs to all Kiwanians, lets us be true Ambassadors and tell our story, give to support our mission, and ask others to give.

As always, as your District Chair, I am your resource for all matters relating to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. **USE ME!** My contact information is jholley40@comcast.net or by phone at (678) 481-7572.

LET US BE THE EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS!



WINNERS

Becky Anderson

Service Chair Signature Project
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County

Georgia District Kiwanis has showed up and showed out with their Signature Projects!!! We were thrilled to have 17 entries this year!

It is awesome to read all of the wonderful projects that each of the clubs that submitted are doing. The most amazing part is the number of children that our clubs are serving because of Georgia District Kiwanis!

To say that our committee had a difficult time choosing a winner in each tier is an understatement. We wanted to award each and every club with the ultimate gold medal but of course that could not be done. With that being said, we are proud to announce that the winning clubs for this year's signature project goes to....

**Tier 1
Kiwanis Club of Metro Marietta
with their Star Student Award
Banquet**

**Tier 2
Kiwanis Club of Moultrie with
their Spring Fling Pancake
Breakfast**

Both of these clubs have done an outstanding job of enhancing the Kiwanis image while serving children and raising funds to serve children in their communities. Congratulations to both clubs!!

It's never too early to begin thinking about your Signature Project for this year. We will be looking to see what your club is doing to enhance the Kiwanis image and how you are serving the children in your community.

KEY LEADER UPDATES

Mike Sullivan

District Key Leader Chair
Kiwanis Club of North Gwinnett

Key Leader is a leadership retreat for 14-18 year olds, designed to educate teens on what servant based leadership is, get some personal experience what leadership is about, and bring home some new found confidence. Best of all, Key Leader is FUN.

Key Leader has been moved and is now set up for Fall (9/22-9/24/2023). We had some challenges with our first attempt and I'm hoping we get better response this next go around. Before I talk about the challenges, I do want to give a shout out that a number of clubs setup scholarships and were working hard to make things happen. I am also happy to announce that a number of the registrations that were made for this spring were moved to this fall. That being said, we've updated the deadlines. Not only do I need students, I need adult volunteers as well: roughly 4 men and 6 women volunteers. Registration for the fall will open by April 15, 2023.

Adult Volunteers (Age 21 and above) - I need volunteers to sign up before the 6 weeks mark (8/11/2023). I will need these volunteers from 3:00 Friday 9/22 to 12:00 Sunday 9/24.

- Adult Volunteers must have a Kiwanis background check (they do NOT have to be Kiwanians)
- Adult Volunteers must have taken the 6 Praesidium Academy courses
- Be ready for a great weekend

Students: (by Aug 25) - Early Bird (\$10 discount)

- \$90 Regular student
- \$65 Key club student
- \$40 Peer Leader (invitation only)

Students: (Aug 26-Sept 8)

- \$100 Regular student
- \$75 Key club student
- \$50 Peer Leader (invitation only)

We have to need to be within 30-60 youth for the program to work.

For more information.

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GEORGIA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS ART AND MUSIC SHOWCASE

David Simmons

Art & Music Showcase Chair
Kiwanis Club of Gainesville

For over 40 years the Georgia District of Kiwanis Art and Music Showcase has provided students with the opportunity to demonstrate their talents in a competitive atmosphere with students from across the state. The students have received certificates, trophies, awards, and scholarships in recognition of their talent and efforts.

In order to qualify for the District competition, the student(s) must be the winner of and be sponsored by a Kiwanis Club within Georgia that has conducted a local showcase during the same Kiwanis year and meet the qualifications for the local and District competitions.

In 2022, the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation provided a total of \$15,000 in Educational Scholarships - \$7,500 in the Art Contest and \$7,500 in the Music Contest. The first-place award in each contest received an educational scholarship in the amount of \$3,500.

The 2023 Georgia Kiwanis Art & Music Showcase will be held April 22, 2023 at beautiful Riverside Preparatory Academy in Gainesville, GA. This annual event is open to the public and includes

an art contest and music contest featuring students from across the state of Georgia.

The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville is this year's host and is planning a wonderful event that they encourage fellow Kiwanians to attend. The performing arts competition will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will feature up to 25 student singers and instrumentalists competing for college scholarship awards. Visual art contestants' work will also be on display for viewing and winners of the scholarship will be announced at the conclusion of the event.



Dan Bennett

International Convention Chair
Kiwanis Club of Tattnall County



The Georgia District of Kiwanis is excitedly preparing for the upcoming 2023 International Convention, which will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from June 21st to June 24th. The convention will offer Kiwanians a chance to celebrate and support one of their own, as Georgia's own Katrina Baranko is installed as Kiwanis International President. In addition to this, attendees will have the opportunity to attend educational classes, network with fellow Kiwanians, and learn more about the business of Kiwanis International.

Minneapolis, the location of the convention, is a vibrant and dynamic city that offers a wealth of cultural, shopping, and natural attractions. The Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis Institute of Art, and the Mill Town Museum are just some of the many cultural attractions that can be found in the city. The famous Mall of America, which boasts over 520 stores, 50 restaurants, a full theme park, water park, and a 1.2-million-gallon aquarium, is just a short 10-mile drive from downtown Minneapolis. Nature enthusiasts will also enjoy visiting the Chain of Lakes Regional Park and Minnehaha Regional Park, both of which offer a welcome escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The Georgia District delegation has secured a block of rooms at the HILTON MINNEAPOLIS, offering special rates of \$190 plus tax per night. Educational classes will be held on Thursday and Friday,

covering a range of topics, including service leadership programs, diversity, equity and inclusion, and the basics of earning a grant.

Friday's classes will focus on empowering 21st century teens, membership recruitment in a virtual world, and the power of signature projects, among other topics. Saturday's activities will include attending the 2023 Kiwanis Annual Meeting, where delegates from around the world will elect the organization's next leaders and vote on changes to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. Later that evening, attendees can enjoy a performance by The Oak Ridge Boys, an award-winning country band with a distinctive and recognizable sound.

On Friday night, June 23rd, Governor Darryl has chosen Hell's Kitchen for the District Dinner, which will be attended by members of the Alabama District. The dinner will take place in the Minnesota Room and promises to be a memorable event.

Registration for the convention is open and can be completed online at <https://schedule.kiwanisone.org/KI2023> or by scanning the QR code provided. Make plans now to attend this exciting event and support one of our own as she takes on her new role as Kiwanis International President. Don't forget to stop by the "On to Minneapolis" booth at the training sessions to get your official travel guide. We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!



www.midwestliving.com/travel/minnesota/14-top-things-to-do-the-twin-cities/



<https://planneratheart.com/things-to-do-in-minneapolis-guide/>

MID-YEAR TRAINING

David Simmons

Vice-Governor and Training Chair
Kiwanis Club of Cordele

You are invited to join the Georgia District of Kiwanis at the annual Mid-Year Training Conference for a day of fun and educational workshops, fellowship, service, and networking! This is a great source for you and your club to gain the tools you need to succeed, learn about new programs, and further serve your community.

April 15, 2023
8:00-2:40 PM

Henry County Performing Arts Center

37 Lemon Street
McDonough, GA 30253

Tickets are \$40 each and includes lunch.

Register Online by April 7th:
<https://www.georgiakiwanis.com/mid-year-training.html>

Registration 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM		
Opening Session 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM		
SESSION 1 10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	SESSION 2 11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	SESSION 3 1:40 PM – 2:40 PM
International Leadership Committee <i>Dewey Smith</i>	Kiwanis 101 <i>Dewey Smith</i>	Past Governors Meeting <i>Mick Maguire</i>
Key Leader <i>Mike Sullivan</i>	Membership Retention <i>Byron Mullican</i>	Membership Retention <i>Byron Mullican</i>
President Elects “Connecting to Kiwanis” <i>David Simmons</i>	Club Secretary <i>Alexia Lieber and David Simmons</i>	Club Secretary <i>David Simmons</i>
KEY Club <i>Heather Brindle</i>	Sharing Your Story <i>Katrina Baranko</i>	Circle K <i>Virginia Braswell</i>
Preparing your club for potential members <i>Rhonda Vrell</i>	ACE tools <i>Rhonda Vrell</i>	Re-engaging Membership After the Great Reshuffling <i>Rhonda Vrell</i>
“Buck-n-Ear Project”: Auditory-Verbal Center <i>Debbie Brilling</i>	Youth Protection <i>Bob Pinckney</i>	Club Fundraising <i>Bobby Gillham and Jeff Heeder</i>
Interclub and Club Awards <i>Tim Goodman</i>	Lt. Governor Elects <i>Brent Leslie</i>	Georgia District Foundation Meeting <i>Charlie Jarrell</i>
Signature Projects <i>Alicia Horkan and Rose Wing</i>	Two for Two <i>Darryl Gumz</i>	Past Lt. Governors Meeting <i>Debbie Brilling</i>

DISTRICT SERVICE CAMPING TRIP

Barry Gardner

Service Camping Trip Chair
Fairfield-Villa Rica



The 2023 District Service Project/ Camping Trip is scheduled for April 28th to April 30th at Fort Yargo State Park in Winder, GA.

We will be doing a service project on the Saturday morning at 9:30 AM and ending around 3:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. The project they have for us this year is "different". Instead of building, we

are going to assist them in tearing down an old gazebo so they can expand the native plant garden. They will supply power tools, and a crew to haul everything away. Some local volunteers may also join us.

Come for the day or make it a weekend! Everyone is also welcome to join in on the Pot Luck Supper in the campground at 5:30 PM.

Fort Yargo State Park is located between Atlanta and Athens. This popular park features a 1792 log fort built by settlers for protection against Creek and Cherokee Indians. Today, visitors come to Fort Yargo for its wide variety of outdoor recreation and scenery. Overnight guests can choose from fully equipped cottages or cozy campsites. For a more unique experience, visitors can reserve lakeside "glamping" yurts.

Your whole family is invited... kids too!

WEEKEND:
April 28 - 30, 2023

DAY OF SERVICE:
April 29, 2023

CAMPGROUND:
Fort Yargo State Park
210 South Broad Street
Winder, GA 30680

SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER AND FOR FOOD:
<https://tinyurl.com/2p89zpfh>

KEY LEADER[®]



WEEKEND LEADERSHIP RETREAT FOR STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023

Check-In Friday @ 4 PM, Check-Out Sunday @ 11:30 AM

GEORGIA FFA CAMPGROUND

720 FFA FHA Camp Road, Covington, GA 30014

TICKETS: \$100

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Sign up by AUGUST 25TH and get a \$10 discount

KEY CLUB STUDENTS: Receive an additional \$25 discount

FOR STUDENTS - 14-18 YEARS OLD



Through a weekend of team-building activities, group discussions, and personal reflection, we'll help take your leadership skills to the next level. You'll discover your values, how you relate to others, and how you can collaborate, lead, and problem-solve to achieve more for yourself, your schools, and your communities. By the end of the retreat, you'll know more about these six principles:

PRINCIPLE #1: Service Leadership

Achieving your best by helping those with need

PRINCIPLE #2: Personal Integrity

What do you do when nobody is looking? What are your personal values? Teens examine these concepts during the program.

PRINCIPLE #3: Personal Growth

Key Leader develops the mind, body and spirit by improving listening skills, exploring personal communication styles and examining risk and when it's appropriate.

PRINCIPLE #4: Respect

Attendees learn to respect themselves, others and their surroundings and work to develop a culture of respect in their schools.

PRINCIPLE #5: Building Community

Key Leader teaches teens to build positive relationships and to reflect on both the challenges their communities face and the actions they can take to make a difference.

PRINCIPLE #6: Pursuit of Excellence

Students learn to expect and achieve their best, to set goals as a success strategy and the importance of leading a life of purpose.



TROUP COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

The Kiwanis Club of LaGrange Georgia invited the Troup County Teacher of the Year finalists to share what being a TOTY means to them! These educators are so amazing and inspiring to their students and the community they serve. These teachers were all named Teachers of the Year in their respective schools. Pictured is Jerome Alford, LaGrange Kiwanis Club President. Teachers (L-R) are Laura Lee Pike, Troup County Career Center, Dr.Zelda Kitt, The Hope Academy Debbie Cox, Gardner Newman Middle School, and Layna Kemp, Long Cane Elementary.



DR. SEUSS BOOKS FOR SECOND GRADERS

The Kiwanis Club of Carrollton provided Dr Seuss books for every second grader in Carrollton and Carroll County schools on March 3rd. This is a group from Central Elementary



STAR STUDENT AWARDS

Kiwanis Club of St Marys named Keira Mapel as Star Student for 2023.

Keira named Ms Susan McMurry as Star Teacher for 2023. This was the 3rd time that Ms McMurry has been named Star Teacher.

Picture: Linda Williams, Program Coordinator; Ms McMurry, Star Teacher, Ms Mapel, Star Student and Dale Laws, Kiwanis President Elect



HARRIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS FOOTBALL

Coach Tommy Watson, Head Coach of the Harris County High School Tigers football team enthusiastically presented a program emphasizing the preparation, physical, and mental aspects of football and athletics, but also the full scope of life and a future for these young men outside of sports. The team is in great hands and leadership under Coach Watson. We appreciate his testimony, commitment, and desire for the best for these student-athletes. Great job, Coach!

Pictured with Coach Watson is Christie Webb, Program Chair, and Emily Byrd, Club President.



OUR IMPACT

KIWANIS CLUB GIVES 150 BOOKS AND BLANKETS TO LOCAL SCHOOL

CHILDREN

ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN "REAL FACTS NEWS" by Roger Ann Davis

The Kiwanis Club of Macon County provided 150 books and blankets to children in local schools in celebration of the club's 100th anniversary.

Originally the club had decided to give 100 books and 100 blankets, but learning that there were more children, the club decided to give enough for every child. President Valery Davis said, "We will not leave a single child out. We will cover them all."

The blankets are to keep them warm as they sleep at home; the books are intended to stimulate their minds and bring them joy.

Recently the books were delivered to the Oglethorpe Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten classes, the Fort Valley State University Head Start at Oglethorpe Elementary and the Fort Valley State University Head Start program in Marshallville at the historic Lamson-Richardson School.

"Providing books and blankets for the children is all about who we are as an organization. Our miss is to 'improve the world one child and one community at a time,'" President Valery Davis said.

"It was a pleasure to help the children with their education when they go home. It focused on work in reading and writing and math that they could do at home. We need to be doing something in the school system because that's what our organization is all about. The children," she said.

The books and blankets were delivered by President Davis and Kiwanis member Roger Ann Davis, who said "the day was delightful because the children were so eager to get the books."



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By Beth Neely, beth@newnan.com

The Georgia District of Kiwanis International met on Saturday, Jan. 28, in Newnan for its annual Governor's Rally and to present several awards to outstanding members.

Georgia District 3 Lt. Gov. Murray Parks was the emcee. He awarded eight Leadership Medallions to Kiwanians in the 3rd District. The Governor's Leadership Medallion is a special recognition for Kiwanians within the Georgia District who have exemplified outstanding leadership skills by strengthening their club, division and/or the district furthering the mission of Kiwanis International.

Honorees included Veronica Dowell, Grantville Kiwanis; Mike Teal, Metro-Fayette Kiwanis; Byron Williams, Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta Kiwanis; Mike Junda, White Oak Golden K Kiwanis; Tom Marone, Fayette County Kiwanis; Tina Marsh and Jane Duenckel of Coweta County Kiwanis; an Terry Schroeder, White Oak Golden K Kiwanis Club.

Coweta Kiwanis Past President Lucy Hayden presented the Hayden Student Leadership Medallions to 16 recipients.

The Hayden Student Leadership Award was created in 2016 in honor of Dr. Mel Hayden, who was a member of the White Oak Golden K Kiwanis Club and a Georgia Kiwanis leader for 20 years. Nominees for this award must show outstanding service leadership through the Kiwanis-sponsored club in which they are a member, such as K-Kids in elementary school, Builder's Clubs in middle school, Key Clubs in high school and Circle K Clubs in college. It is open to all Georgia District Student Leadership Club members.

Service Leadership criteria are demonstrated by having a "Heart to Serve," where they show compassion for others, recognize needs in the school and community; a "Call to Lead," where they show a

willingness to volunteer, take leadership positions, and help solve problems; the "Courage to Engage," where they show eagerness to engage with others and build interpersonal relationship skills, communicate with others by being a good listener, and help other club members develop workable solutions to problems or with projects.

Photos by Beth Neely

KIDS: Back row, left to right: Davina Nguyen, Rose Seo Verim, Henry Wilgus, Elizabeth Frederick, Hayleigh Smith, Jette Simmons and Georgia Kiwanis District Gov. Daryl Gumz. Front row, left to right: Caleb McKoy,

Graham Mullis, Paris Thornton, Jade Simmons, Sophie Jo Spradlin, Madison Rae Harris, Carolina Pace, Charlie Neely and Parker Reagan. Not pictured is Larron Rainey.

ADULTS: Back row, left to right: Georgia Kiwanis District Governor Daryl Gumz, Veronica Dowell, Grantville Kiwanis; Mike Teal, Metro-Fayette Kiwanis; Byron Williams, Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta Kiwanis; Mike Junda, White Oak Golden K Kiwanis; Tom Marone, Fayette County Kiwanis.

Front row, left to right: Tina Marsh and Jane Duenckel of Coweta County Kiwanis; Terry Schroeder, White Oak Golden K Kiwanis Club.



ALL TOGETHER NOW

Staff of City of St Marys attended a weekly meeting to accept a \$500.00 Donation.

This year's motto for the Library is All Together Now and they are living up to that with vegetable garden, interactive programs and traditional book readings with guest readers. Pictured Laurel Sphar, Librarian; Tara Ball, Events Coordinator and Steve Wise, Kiwanis Club President.



LAGRANGE KIWANIS ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We are so thankful for the community support each year! Special thanks to the West Georgia Homeschool Association and LaGrange College Circle K for sending lots of volunteers to help and IHOP for donating so many supplies! We also want to thank the Georgia-Alabama Antique Car Club for bringing their beautiful classic cars for all the patrons to enjoy!

And also thanks to the Jungle Bus from the Troup County School System and Brett Whaley with Twisted Tales Balloons for adding fun for our younger guests!

It was a great day in our community!



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OUR IMPACT



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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! This is also a place you can share service project ideas and get inspired.

TAG US!

#KidsNeedKiwanis
#GeorgiaKiwanis
#GaKFam

GEORGIA DISTRICT DIRECTORY



The Georgia District Directory can be downloaded from our website at www.GeorgiaKiwanis.com. It includes updated contact information for the Georgia District Officers, Lt. Governors, and Committee Chairs. Also includes information for each Georgia Kiwanis Club with meeting times and location and officer contact information.

SHOW YOUR KIWANIS BRAND

"Kids Need Kiwanis" is Kiwanis International's brand campaign. The goal of the campaign is to make it clear that Kiwanis serves children and that we have fun together. On the Kiwanis International website, there are lots of templates and materials you can use to help with your club's marking and branding. www.kiwanis.org/brand



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