

Georgia Kiwanian

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NOMINEES FOR DISTRICT VICE-GOVERNOR

If you or if you know someone who is interested or wants to eventually be Governor of the Georgia District, the process is as outlined below.

Each district officer shall be an active member in a club of the district.

The Governor, Governor-elect, and Vice-Governor shall each have completed a full term as a Lieutenant Governor in the District and a full term as a District Committee Chair of the District. The Governor, Governor-elect, Vice-Governor, and District Executive Director shall have and maintain a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

Each district officer has the duty and responsibility to:

- a. Promote the Objects of Kiwanis International.
- b. Promote the interests of the clubs within the district.
- c. Perform such duties and responsibilities as are currently prescribed or as may be amended in the bylaws, policies, or procedures of Kiwanis International or of the district or as may be assigned by the District Board.
- d. Actively promote implementation of growth efforts of the district in conjunction with Kiwanis International's strategic growth plan.
- e. Actively promote and support programs of emphasis by Kiwanis International, such as the service leadership programs (where applicable) and the global campaign for children.
- f. Attend all meetings required by the district.
- g. Whenever possible, all district officers are encouraged to attend the Kiwanis International Convention.

THE DISTRICT BYLAWS FOR THE GEORGIA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 STATES:

- b. All qualified candidates for Vice-Governor, Governor-elect and Governor must submit written notice of candidacy to the District Executive Director no later than the beginning of the first convention session.
- c. Qualified candidates for Governor, Governor-elect, and Vice-Governor shall:
 - Submit a signed agreement to Kiwanis International to fulfill the duties of office.
 - Submit a signed District Statement of Commitment to the district.
 - Have a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International and submit a signed document to the district certifying it.
 - Submit a letter of nomination from the candidate's club.

Don't delay. Please get your letter of recommendation in soon. It will be a process that will require, in all probability your club having voted to endorse one or more candidates from your club, filing that with the Executive Director's office in Macon, having it screened and approved by the District Screening and Nomination Committee, and then finally the delegates will elect the 2024-25 Vice-Governor at the Georgia District Convention, August 23-25, 2024 in Norcross, Georgia. The elected Vice-Governor will afterwards automatically step up each year to Governor-Elect and Governor.

REWARD KIDS FOR BRINGING UP GRADES

End of the school year is fast approaching! This is a great chance to recognize students for their hard work.



Bring Up Grades, or BUG, is a program that recognizes elementary students who raise their grades or maintain good grades from one grading period to the next. We believe all students should be recognized for their hard work, not just the 'A' students.

Students are motivated to excel because they set their own goals – and they participate in peer mentoring, which involves their classmates in their success. When they reach their goals, the entire class celebrates.

Reach out to your local schools and start a BUGs program! kiwaniskids.org/bring-up-grades

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Well, it has been an amazing first quarter of the Kiwanis year. Thank you to all the clubs and Kiwanians who have made me, and my family feel so welcome during all the division rallies. The first five were amazing and I look forward to enjoying all the rest. I also was able to join our International President **Katrina** at the state capital while she received an invitation resolution from the state assembly.

Midwinter Training is fast approaching. The date is March the 16th and it will take place at Middle GA State University. It is conveniently located just off I-475 in Macon. It is easy to navigate and all our classes plus the general session will be in one building. Our training chair **Jeanette Lafond** has worked hard to create a robust training schedule with subjects great for the new and old Kiwanis members. Some highlights include a repeat offering from Bryce Kinder remotely teaching classes on how to take advantage of the new free club website and Cyber security. We also have a course on club marketing. In addition to some of our traditional topics we are having a class on a new pilot program we are launching this year called Emerging Leaders. You will want to check it out. We will also announce those clubs that earned Distinguished status for this past administrative year. You can register right now for Midwinter at www.georgiakiwanis.com and the cost is \$45.00. This includes your registration and lunch.

On January 31, we will be organizing the first new Kiwanis club of the year in Dooly County. My personal thanks to our Gov-Elect David Simmons and District Membership Chair Dewey Smith for all their hard work in getting this club off the ground. Our next big club event will be at the end of April. The district will be working to rebuild the Bainbridge Kiwanis club and look at building a new club in Donaldsonville. If you know anyone who lives in these two areas and think they would make great Kiwanians, please forward their contact information to **Dewey Smith**.

Both Georgia Key Club and Georgia Circle K will be gearing up full tilt for their respective conventions. As Kiwanis sponsors of either group, it is our responsibility to ensure these students attend these important events. Please do all you can to encourage their attendance. Remember Key Clubbers and Circle K members may not know your Kiwanians club has set aside funds to assist in their attendance. Reach out to them and let them know if your club has budgeted support for them.

Registration for the International Convention is open. The first 1000 Kiwanians who register will get a free ticket to the Colorado Rockies baseball game. I have been told the fireworks display at the ballpark is one of the best in the state of Colorado. Remember your club deserves to have your voice represented during the business

session. We also want a great crowd to support our own **Katrina Baranko** during her convention as International President. The cost for the convention full package is \$399.00. If you wish to serve as a delegate, you can register for the reduced price of \$199.00. Georgia Kiwanis will be in the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the convention center. Use the room reservation link found on the Kiwanis International convention web page to ensure you get the best rate. Book your room early because once the room block gets released, they will be snatched up quickly. Our convention rate is quite competitive compared to the going rate.

Thank you for all you do for Georgia Kiwanis and your continued support for the district projects and my Governor's project Adventure bags. May you continue to be a F.O.R.C.E for Kiwanis.



UPDATES FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXIA LIEBER

Alexia Lieber

Executive Director of Georgia
District of Kiwanis

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

Our Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th and it will be in person at Middle Georgia State University in Macon, Georgia. Registration is online now.

DISTINGUISHED

Those who earned The Governor's Cup Award worked long and hard to maintain that can-do attitude in their clubs. Now, their successors have a solid base upon which to work. The 2022-23 banner patches will be given to the Lt. Governors at their Board Meeting on March 15th.

HAVE YOU PUT THE FOLLOWING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR?

1. Division Rally - Contact your Lt. Governor if you do not have the date.
2. February 15th - tax deadline for filing IRS 990 Form
3. February 23rd - 25th - Circle K District Convention, The Holiday Inn Express Atlanta Galleria-Ballpark Area, Smyrna, GA
4. March 8th - 10th - Key Club SLC, Stone Mountain, GA
5. March 16th - Mid-Year Training Conference, Macon, GA
6. April 27th - District Art and Music Showcase - Macon, GA
7. Club Election - This report is due June 1st. Must be done online.
8. July 3rd - 6th - International Convention - Denver, CO
9. August 23rd- 25th- Georgia District Convention - Norcross Hilton, Norcross, GA

JUST A REMINDER:

1. Send International any membership changes promptly.
2. Submit your Monthly Reports by the 10th of each month online.
3. If your club has pictures of your current events taking place; please send these with a caption to Samantha Downton at sdownton@avchears.org for the Online Georgia Kiwanian. Pictures and articles must be sent in electronically.

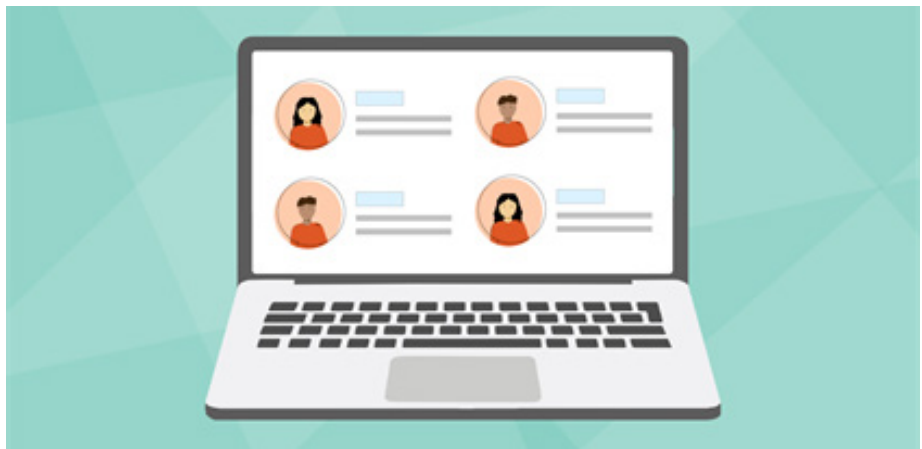


DUES BREAKDOWN PER MONTH

2023-24 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

2023-24 DISTRICT DIRECTORY



You can download a copy of the 2023-24 District Directory online our website!

Georgia District Directory includes 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.

Download here:

www.georgiakiwanis.com/ga-district-directory

Arwood Begor
Columbus

John J. Cross
Atlanta

James Ebb Daughtry
Swainsboro

John Davis
Blue Ridge

Raymond E. Davis
Louisville

Michael J. Dyar
Hartwell

Charles H. Higgins, III
Skidaway

Marion F. Maner
Albany-Dougherty County

Dorothy McEachin
North Macon

Charles B. Seymour
Marietta Golden K

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

WHAT DOES KIWANIS MEAN IN YOUR COMMUNITY

CR Phillips
Club Strengthening Chair
Kiwanis Club of Newnan

Much is being said these days about club membership numbers and rightfully so, as our numbers, with a few interesting exceptions keep going down.

So what is it about those clubs that can not only get their numbers up but keep their numbers up?

I've investigated all over our District and the reasons are the same for those clubs with 16 members as it is for clubs with 70 or 100 members.

And the answer is... Someone or 'Someones' have a Spark to Serve. They Get It! They've drunk the Cool-Aid! They have a Pasion to make their club reach-out to as many Children as possible! And they realize that- depending upon the size of their Community - more members means more hands to either have more projects OR be able to raise more money through Special Fund Raisers so as to be able to assist other charities directly involved with a specific focus.

Then, where are all these new members going to be found?

You may have heard of a Club Boost and while effect, it takes a good deal of planning, and has a lot of moving parts.

Well, what's this Two-for-Two

program all about? Is this effort any good?

You Damn Straight It Is! And it's really simple to use. Here's what you do:

- Contact you Lt. Governor and tell her or him you're interested and need some explanation and/or training.
- You'll need to put together a list - it can be two or twenty - of likely candidates for membership, people, like you, who reside right there in your community and know what some of the real needs are.
- Then you make an appointment and go talk to them... It's ALMOST that simple!
- Now, here's the hook that will really pull them in to: What Is Their Passion? Is it reading to toddlers down at the library? Or how about Middle School students doing a Can-a-Thon, of High School students organized into a trip to the state capitol to meet the Governor?
- The Very Best Time you can provide them with is a Demonstration of a Service project! 'Cause Ya Gotta Give 'Em Something To Do!

In the end, Your Club HAS to have an Effective REASON to Exist in Your Community and You Must Be Able to Show Prospective Members Is."

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Club Strengthening Chair
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NEW CLUBS COMING SOON

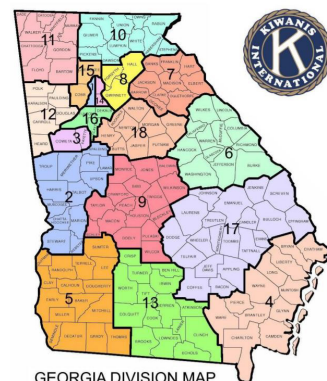
Be on the look out! The New Club Opening team has new club opening projects in the works...

Dooly County

Bainbridge (club rebuild)

Donaldsonville

If you have any leads on people who would be interested in joining these clubs, please share with the New Club Opening Chair.



STEPS TO ENGAGE AND RETAIN MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB

Byron Mullican

Immediate Past Governor
KI North America Membership
Committee
Kiwanis Club of Statesboro

Take these steps to ensure every member is engaged, enthused and eager to participate in your club.

EVALUATE YOUR CLUB

1. Evaluate your meeting site, programs and participation of members.
2. Keep your membership current on dues and fees. Don't wait until September to bill for the following year. Collect dues monthly/quarterly and let those behind know that they need to catch up.
3. Does your club have service projects and fundraisers often enough to keep your members engaged? Younger members join to serve their communities.
4. Do your club officers and board members complete Club Leadership Training yearly and attend district and KI training?

CLUB ATMOSPHERE

1. Are your meetings fun, engaging and friendly? Do you have a greeter at the door to make everyone welcome?
2. Are your programs interesting, educational and relevant?

3. Do you have "Happy Bucks," "Sheriff's Report" or "Brag or Complain" time?
4. Are your meetings always positive and encouraging?
5. Do you invite Student Leadership Program (SLP) leaders and members to attend meetings and provide updates?

ACTIVE MEMBERS

1. Are you recognizing and showing appreciation to members? Do you give gift cards, certificates or recognition?
2. Do you assume that just because they chaired an event in previous years that they will do it again or do you ask them each time that event occurs? Always ask, don't assume?
3. Do you inform the members of upcoming events so they can make plans to volunteer?

NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

1. Contact members who miss meetings to let them know they have been missed and offer to help them attend the next meeting.
2. Send a card, email or call them if you know they are ill.
3. Let them know you are having an event and invite them to attend and participate.
4. Welcome them back when they return.

NEW MEMBERS

1. Have the sponsor mentor them until they feel comfortable with how your club operates. The sponsor should let the new member know expectations for projects and fundraisers.
2. Have a new member orientation that explains what Kiwanis International is and how your club fits into the big picture. Let them know your club's activities and how they can participate.
3. Quickly assign new members to a committee to get them involved in activities so they can become comfortable with the club and members. Ask what committee they would do well in serving.
4. Ask the new member about their passions for community service and if they know any community needs that the club could address.

Districts lose members every year. Retaining current members and recruiting new members should be a priority for every member of your club. All of us know the "movers and shakers" in our lives who would be a great fit for your club. We need to commit to retain current members and to utilize Two For Two in recruiting efforts.

INTERCLUB UPDATES

Tim Goodman

Interclub Chairman
Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro

Interclubs are visits to other Kiwanis Club meetings or events, visits to SLP meetings or events, and attendance at Kiwanis training conferences and Kiwanis conventions. Interclub visits are fun and informative and can lead to enduring friendships. They also give you an opportunity to see what other clubs are doing, allowing you to adopt those activities that can benefit your club. It also assists clubs in learning how to conduct business the "Kiwanis Way." I noticed in the most recent Interclub Summary Report that 43 clubs have already begun their in-

terclub activity with 157 visits. We are 28% behind last year at this time in interclub visits. That means we need to do some catching up. Our **aspirational** goal is 100 clubs to do Interclubs. Last year we had 80 clubs to do interclubs. You know those clubs who do a very good job of interclubbing are presented with a special patch, the Interclub Challenge Patch, for their club banner. Last year 33 clubs received the Interclub Challenge patch. The criteria for completing the 2023-2024 Interclub Challenge for a banner patch is as follows:

1. **Two members** from a Club count as an "official" interclub visit.
2. Clubs **will** receive a banner patch IF they complete the Interclub Chal-

lenge. A Club must make a minimum of eight interclub visits. **SLPs, Training Conferences, and Conventions do not count for the Interclub Challenge, but do count as interclubs.**

3. Patches will also be given to the top 10 Clubs who have the most visits and to the top 10 Clubs who have the highest miles travelled at the end of the Kiwanis year (Sep 30, 2024).

4. Remember to report all interclubs on your monthly reports and to me to assure you have credit for completing the challenge. You must notify me in addition to entering the visits on the Secretary Dashboard. When you finish the challenge, email me (goodman@ega.edu) and let me know. It will simplify my job.



12-STEPS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB

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Kiwanis Club of Statesboro

Want to increase your membership?
Here are 12 steps to excite mem-
bers, impress your prospects and
enhance everyone's Kiwanis expe-
rience.

1. MAKE YOUR PURPOSE

KNOWN. Create a vision with your club and mention it in every meeting, newsletter, news release, fundraising ticket and advertisement.

2. REMIND THEM OFTEN. At every meeting ask; "Who have you invited to come to Kiwanis this week?" Remind every member to look for prospective members and invite someone to come to your meetings. Yes, at every meeting, talk about growing your club!

3. GIVE THEM A REASON. Host a contest; Why? It gives everyone an excuse to ask others to come and to join Kiwanis. If you get your club excited and they just ask people to join, you will grow.

4. PROMOTE FRIENDLINESS.

Compile an accurate membership list of names, addresses, phone numbers, cell phone numbers, email addresses and distribute copies to every member. Follow that up by emailing them a copy. Keep the list updated and redistribute copies at least every three months. This is a must -- the club members must be able to communicate

with each other before the club will grow.

5. SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE.

Communicate often and in many formats. At least monthly, publish a club newsletter and mail or email a copy to each member. Have additional copies at meetings for guests and prospective members. Send weekly emails to remind members of programs, special projects, fundraisers and include past club visitors.

6. PLAN YOUR PROGRAM.

Have a set agenda every meeting. This is a huge component of the member experience. Your members will more readily invite prospective members when they know there is a good program planned. Programs should be planned at least two months in advance. Don't just meet and talk over fundraisers.

7. STAY YOUNG.

Invite kids to be a part of your program. Remember, we are an organization dedicated to helping youth so keep young people as the focus of your program agenda.

8. DON'T FORGET THE FUN.

Every two months or so host a "fun" program to which members invite their friends and family.

9. SHOW THEM YOU CARE.

Send a "we miss you" card or note to members who have missed meetings, even if you know that they were away on vacation. Especially send one if you know someone is sick. If a member goes to the hospital, take a

collection and send flowers. No matter why they've been absent, send a note telling them they are important and are missed.

10. EXTEND A WARM WELCOME.

Greet new visitors at the first of the meeting and introduce them to the club. In the three weeks following the prospective members' visit, send them a follow-up letter or postcard, even if they don't come back immediately.

11. MAKE IT PERSONAL. Send a letter of invitation to every prospective member who has been invited to join. Each month compose a prospect list of names and addresses and share this list with current members, asking them to contact those on the list. A personal invitation to come and join can be very effective.

12. SHOW APPRECIATION. Send thank-you notes for every donation, no matter how small. Include a picture of your fundraiser or project that they were a part of, particularly any news coverage; it is easy and impressive to the community and prospective members. **BRAG ON YOUR TEAM EVERY CHANCE YOU GET**

NOTE: Check your club meeting room. You club will only grow to 70% of the capacity of your room, PERIOD. Do you need to move to a bigger room or maybe even a different place? Also, is your room bright and cheery? If not, offer to paint it and clean it up.

CLUBS WITH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024

DIV.	CLUB	GROWTH
1	Atlanta	+6
2	Barnesville	+5
2	Greater Columbus	+2
2	Griffin	+1
2	Harris County	+1
2	LaGrange	+1
3	Fayette County	+2
3	Newnan	+1
3	Peachtree City	+2
3	White Oak Golden K	+3
4	Brunswick	+1
4	Pooler-West Chatham	+1
4	Saint Marys	+4
4	Savannah	+2
4	Skidaway	+23
5	Mitchell-Baker	+1
6	Augusta	+1
7	Athens	+4
8	Gainesville	+1
8	North Gwinnett	+1
9	Forsyth-Monroe Cty	+1
9	Jones County	+1
9	North Macon	+1
9	Perry	+2
10	Blue Ridge	+1
11	Dalton	+4
11	Murray County	+1
12	Carrollton Golden K	+1
12	Cedartown	+3
12	Douglas County	+4
12	Rockmart	+1
13	Cordele	+3
13	Sylvester	+1
13	Tifton	+3
14	Doraville-Tucker	+1
14	Historic Roswell	+1
15	Georgia Online	+2
15	Greater South Cobb	+1
15	Marietta Golden K	+1
15	North Cherokee	+5
16	Jonesboro	+1
16	Metro Atlanta	+3
17	Brooklet	+1
17	Vidalia	+3
18	Conyers	+1
18	Eatonton	+2
18	Henry County	+3
18	Madison	+2
18	Social Circle	+1



MEMBERSHIP

2 MEMBERS INVITE 2 PROSPECTS. EVERY MONTH.

For the best Kiwanis clubs, membership growth is not a one-time campaign or event. It's a continuous club operation. And every member should play a part. But how do you make it *fun* for them — and manageable for the club?

Two For Two helps you do both.

After all, new members are made by current members. They join because of face-to-face interaction: A Kiwanian shared their story, explained the club's service and fellowship and offered an invitation.

Two For Two provides a way to organize your efforts:

Identify two members to reach out to two prospects for each of the next several months.

This way, members will work in pairs. After all, teams are more successful. They support each other and reach more people more rapidly. And you never know who a prospective member will relate to better. It's a great way to work — from strategizing to honing how they explain the club, its impact and the benefits of fellowship

The members reach out to the prospects.

Use a couple of simple steps: Connect by thanking the prospects for the impact they've made (through service, donations or other activities). Then ask for a date and time to discuss the club, explain the dues structure and answer questions.

The members invite the prospects to a meeting or service project.

After the invitation, they should follow up! A reminder call before the meeting or event. A handwritten thank you, with details specific to the prospect. Inclusion in the club's newsletter distribution. A message with responses to questions the members couldn't answer face to face.

What if you add a new member each month?

More hands and more money for service. More administrative dollars. More awareness in your community.

Remind members why recruiting matters.

For members, the message is simple: The larger the club, the more it can do. More members mean more connections, skill sets and ideas. Tasks become easier — and possibilities expand.

Focus on impact.

Potential members need to know what you do, how you do it, why the community needs them and where they can immediately fit in the process.

2023-24 GEORGIA DISTRICT SPONSORED PROJECTS

MEMBERSHIP

We encourage all Georgia Kiwanis Clubs to make monetary contributions to these Georgia District Sponsored projects because combining our resources and maximizing results, we can truly make a difference. Below is the summary for each of the projects.

DUE: March 1, 2024

If your club cannot contribute recommended amount, please contribute at some level for each project.

**Download form online our website:
www.georgiakiwanis.com/district-sponsored-projects**



AUDITORY-VERBAL CENTER: "BUCK-N-EAR"

Georgia District project since 1984. The Auditory-Verbal Center (AVC), a nonprofit organization 501(c)(3), provides a family-centered and holistic approach to supporting and improving the lives of the deaf and hard of hearing. AVC provides Auditory-Verbal Therapy which teaches children with all degrees of hearing loss how to listen and speak WITHOUT the use of sign language or lip reading. AVC has locations in Atlanta and Macon, and for those families who can't make the drive, they offer Teletherapy. All funds raised through this "Buck-n-Ear" program helps pay for Auditory-Verbal Therapy sessions for families who are underinsured or can't afford the services. Making a life impact change in the life of a child.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$4.00 per Kiwanis Club member

PROJECT CHAIR: Debbie Brillong



GEORGIA DISTRICT ART & MUSIC SHOWCASE

For over 30 years, the Georgia District of Kiwanis Art & 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 must be a winner of a local showcase and sponsored by a Kiwanis Club within Georgia during the same Kiwanis year, and also meet the qualifications for the local and District competitions. In 2017, the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation provided a total of \$15,000 in Educational Scholarships (\$7,500 for the Art Contest and \$7,500 for the Music Contest). The first-place winner in each contest received an educational scholarship of \$3,500 each.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$1.00 per Kiwanis Member

PROJECT CHAIR: John Savis



FERST READERS

Ferst Readers mission is "strengthening communities by providing quality books and literacy resources for children and their families to use at home during the earliest stages of development." Ferst Readers wants every child to have the best start in life - and nothing helps a baby's brain develop more than exposure to rich language and loving interactions. The key is having books in the home and being read to - right from birth. Our vision is "to create better learners,

brighter futures, and stronger communities by giving every child under five access to quality books in their homes." Children in the Ferst Readers literacy program receive a bookstore-quality, age-specific book and resources mailed to them at home every month until their fifth birthday. It's this access to print that helps create a language-rich environment in the home.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$1.00 per Kiwanis Member

PROJECT CHAIR: There is no Chair, contact Ferst Readers



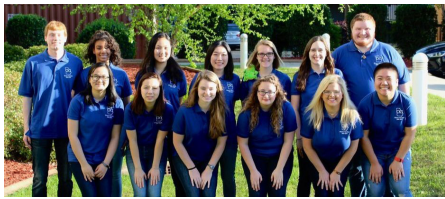
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GEORGIA DISTRICT FOUNDATION

GEORGIA DISTRICT KIWANIS FOUNDATION, INC.

As a non-profit foundation, this corporation allows Georgia Kiwanis to work together to fund efforts that might be beyond the financial ability of individual Kiwanians and individual Kiwanis clubs. While most gifts and contributions to Kiwanis Clubs and the Georgia District of Kiwanis are not tax deductible, gifts to the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3), are. Because of the support from individual Georgia Kiwanians and their local Kiwanis Clubs, the Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation has funded many worthwhile efforts that aid the youth of the State of Georgia, such as: scholarships to students who are members of Georgia Circle K or Georgia Key Club (matched by the Kiwanis International Foundation), scholarships to student winners

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TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Tomorrow's Leaders helps pay for the District Board for both Key Club and Circle K for travel and registration to conferences and conventions. Tomorrow's Leaders also offers scholarships to Kiwanis Youth members in Georgia. This is

an exciting and important way your club can participate in helping develop Tomorrow's Leaders.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$5.00 per Kiwanis Club member

PROJECT CHAIR: There is no Chair, Contact Alexia Lieber



Kiwanis
CHILDREN'S FUND

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FUND

At the Kiwanis Children's Fund, our mission is to develop resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of the world. So, the work of the Children's Fund helps Kiwanians change kids' lives—often in ways that would otherwise remain beyond the resources of clubs and districts. In fact, our vision is to extend your Kiwanis impact. We strive to make sure your gift helps children in many places and many ways. And we succeed by holding fast to a set of core values:

Stewardship, Transparency, Responsiveness, Legacy, Integrity, and Trust. With combined funds from all clubs and individual Kiwanians worldwide, the Kiwanis Children's Fund conducts national and international projects on behalf of Kiwanians worldwide. Such projects include: Assisting in the Eliminate Campaign, providing high quality medical equipment worldwide, providing assistance to the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute to help fund research in determining the cause of leukemia, provide financial assistance to Key Club and Circle K, provide assistance for the Kiwanis World Service Medal, provide assistance for the "Kiwanis In Action" video, and much more.

MONETARY ASK: We encourage clubs to donate \$5.00 per Kiwanis Club member

PROJECT CHAIR: John Holley

NOTE: 15% of contributions to the Children's Fund comes back to Georgia District for Youth Projects.

PROGRAM	RECOMMENDATION	CLUB CONTRIBUTION
Auditory-Verbal Center's "Buck-n-Ear"	\$4.00 per member	
Georgia District Art & Music Showcase	\$1.00 per member	
Ferst Readers	\$1.00 per member	
Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.	\$8.00 per member	
Tomorrow's Leaders	\$5.00 per member	
Kiwanis International Children's Fund	\$5.00 per member	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$24.00 per member	

NOTE: A % of contributions to the Children's Fund comes back to Georgia District for Youth Projects.

100% of contributions to the District Foundation comes back to the clubs for service.

If you cannot contribute recommended amount, please contribute at some level for each project.

JANUARY SCOREBOARD

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
1	David Moore	Atlanta	197	203	6 of 6
		Galleria-Northwest Atlanta	14	14	6 of 6
		Northside Atlanta	33	33	
DIVISION TOTALS:			244	250	
2	Wayne Johnson	Barnesville	19	24	
		Columbus	44	44	6 of 6
		Greater Columbus	25	27	6 of 6
		Griffin	94	95	6 of 6
		Harris County	14	15	6 of 6
		LaGrange	41	42	6 of 6
		Manchester	10	10	
		North Columbus	8	8	
		Pike County	18	18	
		Thomaston	40	39	
West Point	4	4	6 of 6		
DIVISION TOTALS:			317	326	
3	Roger Bryant	Coweta County	77	77	6 of 6
		Fayette County	19	21	
		Fayetteville/Greater Atlanta	8	8	
		Grantville	14	13	6 of 6
		Newnan	104	105	
		Peachtree City	17	19	
White Oak Golden K	61	64	6 of 6		
DIVISION TOTALS:			300	307	
4	Layton Gilroy	Brunswick	48	49	
		Jesup	31	31	
		Liberty County	30	30	
		Pooler-West Chatham	13	14	
		Richmond Hill	16	16	
		Saint Marys	59	63	6 of 6
		Savannah	15	17	6 of 6
Skidaway	119	142	6 of 6		
Waycross	5	5			
DIVISION TOTALS:			336	367	
5	Bill McDaniel	Albany/Dougherty County	76	76	6 of 6
		Americus	72	72	6 of 6
		Blakely-Early County	24	24	
		Cairo	49	49	
		Cairo-Morningstar	19	18	
Mitchell-Baker	13	14	6 of 6		
Thomasville	60	60	6 of 6		
DIVISION TOTALS:			313	313	
6	Mark Woelzlein	Augusta	125	126	
		Louisville	24	15	
		Thomson	21	19	
		Uptown Augusta	20	16	
		Warrenton	18	18	
Washington	10	9	6 of 6		
DIVISION TOTALS:			218	203	
7	Brianna Blevins	Athens	20	24	
		Classic City	17	17	6 of 6
		Commerce	26	25	
		Hartwell	37	35	6 of 6
		Jefferson	12	11	
		Oconee	14	14	
		West Jackson	3	3	
Winder	16	16			
DIVISION TOTALS:			145	145	
8	Allen Jernigan	Cumming	19	18	
		Duluth-Norcross	15	14	
		Gainesville	116	117	6 of 6
		Lawrenceville	12	12	
		North Gwinnett	33	34	
		South Hall County-Oakwood	10	10	
		Southeast Gwinnett	15	15	
Suwanee	19	18			
DIVISION TOTALS:			239	238	
9	Durrett Childs	Crawford County	18	18	6 of 6
		Forsyth - Monroe County	46	47	
		Fort Valley	25	25	
		Jones County	26	27	6 of 6
		Macon	34	34	
		Macon County	31	30	
		Milledgeville	28	28	6 of 6
		North Macon	14	15	6 of 6
		Perry	37	39	
		Taylor County	19	19	
Warner Robins	11	11			
DIVISION TOTALS:			289	293	

Division	Lt. Governor	Club	Beginning Members	Current Members	Donations to District Projects
10	Bill Echelberger	Blairsville	11	11	
		Blue Ridge	55	56	
		Cleveland	31	31	
		Dahlonega/Lumpkin County	5	5	
		Dawson County	10	10	6 of 6
		Gilmer County	17	16	6 of 6
		Habersham County	33	31	
		Rabun County	14	14	
Toccoa	16	16			
DIVISION TOTALS:			192	190	
11	James Braswell	Calhoun-Gordon County	16	16	
		Cartersville	10	10	
		Dalton	44	48	
		Murray County	12	13	
		Ringgold	16	16	
Rome	23	19			
DIVISION TOTALS:			121	122	
12	Neil E. Weathington	Bowdon	27	22	
		Carrollton	85	85	6 of 6
		Carrollton Golden K	23	24	
		Cedartown	35	38	
		Douglas County	10	14	
		Fairfield - Villa Rica	23	22	
		Paulding	16	13	
		Rockmart	14	15	
		Villa Rica - Temple	19	19	
		DIVISION TOTALS:			252
13	Alicia Horkan	Adel	6	6	
		Cordele	43	46	
		Fitzgerald	19	19	
		Moultrie	118	109	
		Sylvester	36	37	
		Tifton	17	20	6 of 6
		Turner County	23	22	
Valdosta	20	20			
DIVISION TOTALS:			282	279	
14	Cathrine Storey	Alpharetta-Milton	3	3	
		Brookhaven-Chamblee	7	6	6 of 6
		Doraville-Tucker	9	10	6 of 6
		Druid Hills	10	10	6 of 6
		Historic Roswell	31	32	6 of 6
DIVISION TOTALS:			60	61	
15	Debbie McCracken	Georgia Online	23	25	6 of 6
		Greater Cherokee	31	23	6 of 6
		Greater South Cobb	23	24	6 of 6
		Jonquil City	32	32	6 of 6
		Lost Mountain	61	60	6 of 6
		Marietta	165	162	6 of 6
		Marietta Golden K	59	60	6 of 6
		Metro Marietta	21	21	
		North Cherokee	20	25	
DIVISION TOTALS:			435	432	
16	David Moore	Forest Park	13	13	
		Jonesboro	19	20	6 of 6
		Lithonia-Stonecrest	10	10	
		Metro Atlanta	46	49	
DIVISION TOTALS:			88	92	
17	Trish Tootle	Baxley	34	32	
		Brooklet	56	57	
		Douglas	20	20	
		Effingham	21	20	
		Metter	20	17	
		Statesboro	139	138	
		Swainsboro	29	29	
		Tattnall County	21	19	
		Vidalia	110	113	
		DIVISION TOTALS:			450
18	Tom Greenfield	Conyers	22	23	6 of 6
		Covington	47	44	
		Eatonton	14	16	
		Henry County	45	48	
		Madison	37	39	6 of 6
		Monroe	18	17	
Social Circle	20	21	6 of 6		
DIVISION TOTALS:			203	208	
GEORGIA DISTRICT GRAND TOTALS:			4484	4523	

DISTRICT TOTALS:	
Total Reported Members on 10/01/23	4,484
Total Reported Members on 02/01/24	4,523
Total Clubs as of 10/01/23	136
Total Clubs as of 02/01/24	136

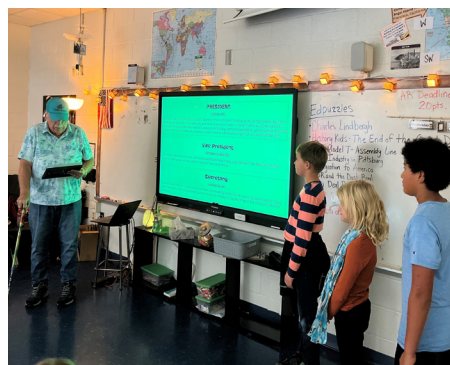
LEGEND:	
NC	New Club
PR	Pending Revoke
CS	Club Suspended
M	Merged



K-KIDS INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Kiwanis Club of Fairfield conducted an Officer Induction Ceremony for the 2023-2024 officers of the K Kids Club at Ithaca Elementary School in Villa Rica. Fairfield Club SLP Chair Robert Abdich conducted the Ceremony and presented Certificates to the newly inducted Officers.

- Connor Hill, President
- Annabelle deVries, Vice President
- Jordan Owen, Secretary



POWERS FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TERRIFIC KIDS AWARDS

Twenty four Powers Ferry Elementary School students were presented with a "TERRIFIC KIDS" certificate on February 1st, 2024. Terrific Kids, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in showing "RESPECT" during the month of January.

Jim Perry, Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K explained, "Terrific Kids is a character-building program that recognises students for modifying their behavior. The program encourages kids to become the best version of themselves. Kids determine what being terrific means to them, then develop their own goals and use peer mentoring to hold themselves accountable for the

actions they take each week. When a participant achieves a goal, he or she is recognized for being a Terrific Kid"

Elayna Wilson, Principal of Powers Ferry ES and Aimee Pieree of the Powers Ferry ES staff presided over the presentation. A brief party followed the ceremony whereby students that received a certificate received a scrumptious "good bag" filled with delicious snacks.

The presentation was held at 8 am so as not to interfere with students "rest of the day" activities. A great way to start the school day ... a "Terrific Kids" certificate and morning snack. Congratulations to all of the Powers Ferry Elementary School "TERRIFIC KIDS"



L to R: Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K members Jim Perry and Rosie Teague; Elayna Wilson, Principal of Powers Ferry Elementary School; Kiwanis Club of Marietta Golden K members Paul Smith, KCMGK President and member John Kone

Edward Searcy

Human and Spiritual Values Chair
Kiwanis Club of Thomaston



I am so amazed at how God comes into each of our lives, and I literally mean in each of our lives here in the United States of America. In 1955 a law was passed by a joint resolution of the 84th Congress (Pub. L. 84-140) and approved by President Dwight D. Eisenhower requiring that all American currency would hold "In God We Trust" on it. On July 30, 1956, President Eisenhower signed that the phrase, "In God We Trust" become the national motto of the United States after passing the 84th Congress.

Have you ever thought about it, no matter if you are Christian, Atheist, Muslim, Jew, Jehovah's Witness, or

any other faith-based member, we encounter God in our daily walk of life if we utilize American currency? That's right, in all reality whether we work on a job, have a career, receive Retirement Benefits, stand on a street corner begging, or even commit crimes seeking money, we are seeking God even if we do not realize it or do not respect God while we are seeking him. Isaiah 65:1 (NASB) tells us, I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, "Here am I, here am I, To a nation which did not call my name. This is so amazing that even though we have a Selective Government that denoted that the United States economic and political prosperity of the nation be put in God's hands, then can turn around and take prayer out of schools. Well, we can be thankful to know that God is still in schools. When our children pay for lunch, buy an ice cream, buy snacks, participates in fundraisers, and so much more that requires currency to come into the schools, we bring God back into the school even though they are not aware they are seeking him.

We are in times where the United States of America have so many cultural and social differences that it has seemingly become the Divided States of America. There is a Silver Lining however, we must understand that we all need money to live. We pay bills, buy necessities of life, and even buy unnecessary things of life, the thing that makes us united again is, the seeking of God unknowingly when we seek the supposedly, "all mighty dollar". Yes, in the United States, we all connect with God if you use American Currency but, Psalm 9:10 (NASB) tells us: And those who know your name will put their trust in you, For You, O Lord, Have not forsaken those who seek you. We must know God for ourselves and put our trust in him, not in American currency. Philippians 4:19 (NASB) And my God who supply all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. It is not the dollar bill supplying our needs, the dollar bill just connects us to God even if we do not even realize it.

Remember, "In God We Trust", the motto that keeps America unified!

"BUCK-N-EAR" PROJECT GIVES SOUND & VOICE

Debbie Brillig

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!



MIA

Mia is a 2 year old girl who was born profoundly deaf in both ears. She started at AVC when she was just 9 months old and received bilateral cochlear implants at 10 months of age and then she hit the ground running! Mia adores her older brother, who helps her learn all of the important things about dinosaurs and scuba divers. She is a semi-professional dog trainer, keeping her two large dogs wrapped around her little finger at all times. Mia loves the word "look!" and to tell you all about the interesting things she's doing in her pretend kitchen.

Please reach out if you'd like us to be a guest speaker at one of your meetings. Debbie Brillig at dbrilling@avchears.org

CORPORATE ALLIANCES, SPONSORSHIPS, AND PARTNERSHIPS

Dr. Debbie McCracken

Partnerships
Kiwanis Club of Marietta

Does your Kiwanis Club have an ASAP? Are there critical children's needs in your community that your club would like to address **as soon as possible**, yet your club finds itself bound by not having the physical manpower to execute the project. Or are you bound by having limited financial resources to move forward with your vision?

Consider forming **alliances, sponsorships, and partnerships** with businesses, other civic groups, scouting groups, or non-profits who share your mission and vision for improving children's lives. Did you know that Kiwanis International offers a well-developed toolkit on how to seek corporate sponsorships which could possibly provide financial support for programs your club is trying to implement (<https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/sponsorship-toolkit.pdf>)

Corporate sponsorships don't always translate to the company writing an annual check to your club. The business sponsorship/partnership may provide in-kind services such as legal services, accounting services, printing services, tech-support services, website services, and it may also provide volunteers from the company who have a specific skill set (such as geo-surveying services for major flag projects or marketing ideas). In return, the company logos are advertised on your Kiwanis Club website, event banners, or programs.

Not all alliances or partnerships will result in monetary gain for your club. Many alliances or partnerships will provide service opportunities for your club members. Every Christmas season the Salvation Army relies upon the many volunteers from Kiwanis Clubs, and other civic organizations. Kiwanis

clubs provide the working hands to ring bells, sort food in food banks, deliver meals on wheels, place wreaths on graves in national cemeteries, greet soldiers returning home at airports, stuff pack-backs for families coming out of homelessness, read to children in schools, and the list is endless.

Kiwanis International has numerous established partners which align with the mission of improving children's lives. Presently listed partners are Boys and Girls Club of America, March of Dimes, UNICEF, Little Free Libraries, Scholastic, Reading is Fundamental, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Nickelodeon, Kids Gardening, Hilton Hotels, Landscapes Structures, and Colonial Flag Foundation (<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/members-partners/>)

Considering a playground project in your community? Reach out to Landscape Structures for possible grants, engage city and county government, parks recreation directors, along with other civic groups and businesses who could possibly jointly fund and support your project.

Be sure to check out the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Corporate Sponsors - Kiwanis Club of Skidaway (<https://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com/sponsors/>) to see the success they've had with establishing corporate alliances, sponsorships, and partnerships.

What project is on your Club's dream **ASAP** list? Don't hesitate to reach out to form strategic corporate **Alliances, Sponsorships, and Partnerships** to support your vision!

HONOR A MEMBER WITH THE HENRY C. HEINZ AWARD

Kim Maxwell

President of Georgia District
Kiwanis Foundation
Kiwanis Club of Henry County

Henry C Heinz was one of the first Kiwanians in Georgia and was involved in Kiwanis International in the formative years of our organization. He served three years as Treasure and Vice President before becoming President of Kiwanis International in 1927-28 (first International Officer from the GA District). Heinz was also part of the formation of the Kiwanis International Foundation, serving as the Foundation's first president in 1941, a position he held until his murder in 1943.

The first Key Club was formed during Heinz's year as International President in Sacramento, CA. Further strengthening Kiwanis's support of youth, thus laying the groundwork for what we have today. He brought both is leadership qualities and vibrant personality to Kiwanis. He had strong determination to always look out for the best interest in Kiwanis. Although intensely interested in all aspects of Kiwanis service, his personal goal was to help children with limited opportunities achieve their potential.

The Award was created in 2002 to honor those individuals who have exhibited outstanding dedication and commitment to helping children. This is a wonderful time of year to celebrate a member or honor the memory of a member. By doing so, you are celebrating the achievements and showing gratitude to a fellow Kiwanian. The recipient is honored with the Henry C. Heinz Award medallion, a lapel pin and a certificate acknowledging achievement. Who would you like to honor?

A donation of \$500 from an individual, Kiwanis club, Division or any other group of Kiwanians is made payable to the Georgia Kiwanis District Foundation.

MID-YEAR TRAINING: MARCH 16TH

Jeanette Lafond

Incoming Training Chair
Kiwanis Club of Brooklet



You are invited to join the GA 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.

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 16, 2024

- 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM - Registration
- 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM - Opening Session
- 10:10 AM - 11:00 AM - First Session
- 11:10 AM - 12:00 PM - Second Session
- 12:10 PM - 1:00 PM - Third Session
- 1:05 PM - 2:00 PM - Lunch

LOCATION:

Middle Georgia State University
100 University Parkway
Macon, GA 31206

TICKETS:

Tickets are \$45 each and includes lunch

Register by Friday, March 8, 2024
Registrations received after March 8th will NOT receive a meal ticket.

REGISTER HERE: www.georgiakiwanis.com/mid-year-training

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR WORKSHOPS

DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT / CAMPING TRIP

Barry Gardner

District Service Project Chair
Kiwanis Club of Fairfield-Villa Rica

Your fellow Georgia Kiwanians, all experienced, painters, assemblers, demolitionist, and all round workers are looking for a project to demonstrate their skills.

If your Club or Community had a project this Spring or Fall (we don't work well in hot weather) Please let me or Debbie Brillling know. We just need a camp ground nearby.

Our work days are on Saturday with Lunch and a "Burgers and Brats" pot luck supper included.

Please plan on joining us for a day of Service, Fellowship and Fun!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 MID-YEAR TRAINING SYNOPSIS

Harnessing the Power of the Club Websites Platform

Elevate your Kiwanis club's digital presence with "Harnessing the Power of the Club Websites Platform." This session introduces Kiwanians to a free, feature-rich platform designed to enhance community outreach, recruitment, and fundraising. Learn how to sign up, navigate its myriad features, and benefit from an intuitive experience. The session provides examples of effective platform usage, too.

Youth Protection

Why should we care? What should we do? What should we NOT do? Let's have a conversation about protecting our most valuable resource-our young people. Talk about training, background checks, chaperone responsibilities, and all sorts of fun stuff!

Circle K

Are you interested in learning about the World's Largest Collegiate Service organization? Do you want to help make an impact in your community through a college campus? Come see what all the buzz is about with Georgia Circle K.

Member Retention

Learn how to evaluate your club and procedures to help retain your club members as you work to add new members.

Club Secretary

Question and Answer session with an experienced Club Secretary for club secretaries.

Emerging Leaders

This is a program available to all 9th through 12th grade students in the State of Georgia. This program focuses on training students in a number of areas related to serving and leadership. This program also focuses on those students who could emerge as a leader in their school and community. Come join us in this session to learn more about the program, how you can participate, and how you can encourage and support students from your area to attend the retreat.

Keep Your Club Safe in Cyberspace

Join the "Keep Your Club Safe in Cyberspace" session to learn about combating cyber threats. Understand emotional hijacking, recognize phishing, smishing, vishing, and scams, and learn to identify red flags in suspicious communications. Gain insights on effective response strategies and tools to safeguard your club and personal information in the digital world. Protect yourself and your club online.

District Projects

So what are the District Projects and the Buck-n-Ear program? Come find out how the Buck-n-ear program is helping children all over Georgia and has been a District Project since 1984. It has also been recognized as the District Signature Project by 2 International Presidents. We will also talk about the other District projects and how your support makes a difference.

Key Club

Come learn about how to strengthen your existing Key Clubs and how to grow the K-family by sponsoring a Key Club in your community. Come hear from our current Key Club Governor about the exciting goals and activities that the Georgia District Key Club has planned this year.

Club Strengthening

What problems, concerns, and issues are you experiencing at your club? You'll be led in a group discussion of what these issues are and how they may be remedied.

FUNdraising

Learn about successful fundraising ideas from club leaders.

Marketing 101: Digital Presence

Detailed instructions on creating and managing accounts on key social platforms like Facebook and Instagram. Emphasis will be on how to create engaging content, build relationships, and increase visibility.

K-Kids/Builders Club

Learn about K-Kids and Builders Club

Awards and Recognition

If you don't know about the interclub and other special awards, now is the time to find out! Interclubs and the 2023-2024 interclub criteria to receive an interclub banner patch will be discussed along with other common Kiwanis club and Kiwanis member individual awards like Distinguished Club and the Governor's Cup, Distinguished Kiwanian, Outstanding Kiwanian, the Governor's Leadership Medallion, the Legion of Honor, and the Ruby K will be discussed.

Club Opening

Step by step process in opening a new club.... site selection, setting appointments, literature handouts, interview with passion, ask for the membership, KI/GA District documentation, organizational meeting with details for leadership in the new club, What you must know before you say the words, "we need a new club here". The process is more than words, it's a commitment of time and talent to succeed.

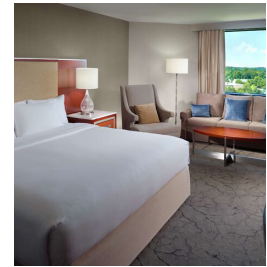
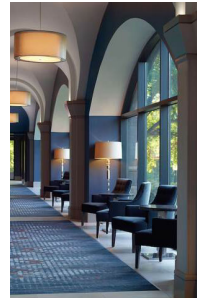
Governor's Q&A

Sit down and discuss problems facing your club, asking questions about best practices, and how your club can increase membership!

PEACHY KEEN REASONS FOR YOU TO ATTEND THE 2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION!

Dia Stokes Kelly

District Convention Chair
Kiwanis Club of Alpharetta-Milton



Q. Where does fruit go the fourth week in August?

A. To the peach!

Q. Where do Georgia Kiwanians go the fourth week in August?

A. To Peachtree Corners for the Kiwanis Convention!

I know it's a little punny, but if you haven't heard, the 2024 Georgia District Convention will be held August 23-25 in beautiful Peachtree Corners in Gwinnett County. This hidden gem is nestled between Dunwoody and Duluth on the north side of Atlanta near I-285 and I-85.

Whether you're savoring mouthwatering Southern cuisine and delicious locally-crafted brews at one of the local restaurants or exploring the rich history of the area, there's something here for everyone.

If you love to shop, The Forum Peachtree Corners is home to more than 60 shops (and restaurants) including Belk, Barnes & Noble, Pottery Barn, and more. Connected to The Forum by a pedestrian bridge, Peachtree Corners Town Center is a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly area where you can shop at a number of unique stores, dine at delicious restaurants, and enjoy live entertainment.

If you're a nature enthusiast, you can immerse yourself in the beauty of the outdoors at the nearby Holcomb Bridge and Jones Bridge parks which offer picturesque views of the Chattahoochee River. Be sure to visit Historic Norcross for any (or all) of the four self-guided walking tours to learn more about their trees, parks, art, and history.

If you're a Kiwanian in search of connecting with like-minded serving leaders, then you will want to visit the Hilton Atlanta Northeast for the Georgia District Convention where we will celebrate the successes of the past year, conduct the business of the District, and fellowship with old and new friends alike.

So whether you're a food enthusiast in search of delicious cuisine, a shopper looking for your next great find, or a Kiwanian seeking a peach of a District Convention, Peachtree Corners has something to offer you. On August 23-25, 2024, come and discover the peach-perfect magic of Peachtree Corners for yourself. Stay tuned for more information in the next edition of the Georgia Kiwanian!

UPCOMING EVENTS



DENVER, HERE WE COME!

Jonathan Brilling

International Convention Chair
Kiwanis Club of Doraville-Tucker

Embark on an extraordinary journey at the **2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado**. Discover the pathways to expanding your club's membership and magnifying its influence on your community. Delve into innovative fundraising concepts. Learn how to transform service projects in ways you never thought possible. Receive hands-on guidance in becoming a skilled Kiwanis leader.

And the best part? The chance to connect with fellow Kiwanians and swap fresh ideas. You'll leave inspired to make a difference.

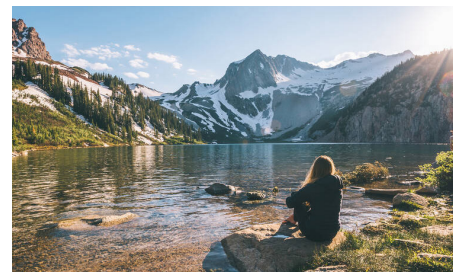
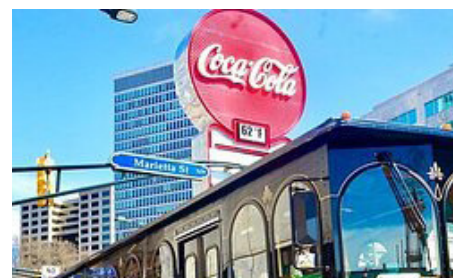
So, grab your gear and join us for the most exciting and educational Kiwanis event of the year. You don't want to miss out on this adventure of a lifetime! See you in Denver!

HOTEL:

The Georgia District will be staying at the **Hyatt Regency**. Next to the Colorado Convention Center, this high-rise hotel offers ultra-modern rooms with views of downtown Denver, the Colorado State Capitol or the Rocky Mountains. \$174 plus tax per night.

GA DISTRICT DINNER OUTING:

We will be having a Georgia District outing at the **Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery** on Friday, July 5th at 6:00 PM! We will be in the Mile High Pool Bar and we will have a buffet dinner with grilled sirloin, grilled chicken, vegetarian pasta, house salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fried pickles, and brownies! Includes tea, coffee, and sodas but there is also a cash bar available if you want something a little stronger. This will be a fun evening in a new city and we hope you will join us! Purchase your ticket online at the link below.



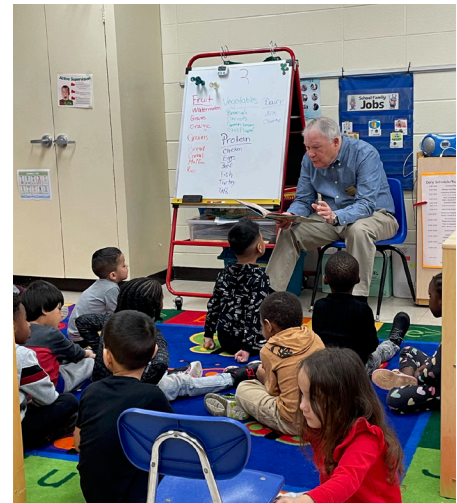
The first 1,000 people to register for the full convention package will receive a free ticket to the July 4 Colorado Rockies Major League Baseball game at Coors Field. (One ticket per registration. Note: Transportation to or from the game will not be provided.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER ONLINE:

www.georgiakiwanis.com/international-convention

READ ACROSS GA DAY

Members from the **Kiwanis Club of Marietta** and the **Marietta Golden K** participated in the 2024 Read Across Georgia Day in



REBECCA'S CAFE

Kiwanis Club of Statesboro are proud to assist with providing meals for the less fortunate and hungry in their community. They are scheduled to assist on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. They are currently preparing over 300 bag lunches (including 600+ sandwiches!) for the recipients. For the January event, they had 14 Kiwanians on hand. Their next Rebecca's Café assignment is Wednesday, February 28, 2024. They expect to prepare well over 300 bag lunches, which will include 600+ sandwiches plus fruit, snacks, and dessert.



OUR IMPACT



Kiwanis
CLUB OF ALBANY - DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Annual
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

*supporting education scholarships
for high school seniors in
Dougherty, Lee and Terrell Counties.*

**LUNCH
AT 11:30 AM**

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
MARCH 11, 2024.**

**1ST-3RD PLACE
PRIZES
HANDICAPPED**

**SHOTGUN
START AT 12:30 PM.**

**HOLE-IN-ONE,
CLOSE UPS
ON PAR 3'S**

**1ST PLACE
LOWEST TEAM SCORE
NOT HANDICAPPED**

HOLE SPONSORSHIP | \$200
\$300.00 WITH A TEAM ENTRY

2 PERSON TEAM | \$150 (\$75 PER PLAYER)

CHECKS, CASH OR VENMO TO:
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MONDAY | MARCH 18
RIVERPOINTE GOLF CLUB



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facebook.com/groups/**GAKiwanisProjectsAndEvents**

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