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A Season for Service

As the 2018 year draws to a close, the Kiwanis Club of Aiken has been busy reaching out to community members.

Like so many other groups in town, our club members rang the bell for the Salvation Army. At our usual location, Kroger's on Whiskey Road, members braved inclement weather for the third year in a row on December 14th from 10am to 8pm. Fortunately, this year proved much warmer than last year and we are fortunate that Kroger's has a nice shielded location for us!

Thanks to members Bob Barnett, Lenore Lewis, Kathryn Fowler, Muriel Gouffray, Cheryl Tyson, Eleanor Togneri, Felicia Pontoo, John Palmer, Larry Robinson, Dana Hall, Ed Girardeau, Michael McNeill, Shane Bagby, Bradley Lewis, Bill Tyler and President Mary Driscoll. Kudos to Bob and Lenore for jumping into some shifts at the last

minute. Some good commentary on the Kiwanis Santa Aprons... we're taking input on what other accoutrements we can add for next year to make this great day of service even more fun!

Thanks to the generous shoppers at Kroger... we needed to use the paint stick frequently to stuff all the money back down into the red kettle!



The bells were ringing at Kroger's on Friday, December 14th



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PAINTING PROJECT CONTINUES AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

On Saturday, December 15th, the season of service continued with members donning their very best painting togs and gathering at 9am at the Boys & Girls club on Whiskey Road for part to of priming before paint. President Mary Driscoll was there with a Box of Joe and extremely festive donuts from *Dunkin'*. Members and Board Members John Palmer, Bob Barnett, Bill Tyler, Mary Driscoll, Brad Lewis, Harvey Krape, Lenore Lewis and Kurt Mueller cleaned, taped, primed and managed to get paint on themselves despite their best efforts. We hope Harvey didn't have too much trouble getting the paint off the back of his head; Lenore is happy to report the paint splotch on her nose came off easily... not so much for

Brad's paint-splattered glasses. All in all, an amazing amount of work was done in a relatively short period of time. Our secret ingredient may have been young Drake Mueller, who engaged in the "Miagi Method" of painting... wax on/wax off... but with paint. It's debatable how well the method worked but Drake had a great time on his first Kiwanis service project!



(l to r) from back: John Palmer, Brad Lewis; Bob Barnett; Harvey Krape, Lenore Lewis, Megan & Kurt Mueller (holding son Gage); Mary Driscoll with Drake Mueller; Bill Tyler (dodging paint brush).

Club makes a heartfelt donation to MHAAC's Operation Santa

Thanks to our outstanding fundraising efforts (2017's inaugural Aiken's Bacon & Brews), our club was able to do more than usual and a check for \$250 was donated by the Club to the Operation Santa program at the Mental Health Alliance of Aiken County.

On Thursday, December 20th at our annual Holiday Luncheon, Executive Director Lisa Tindal will be speaking to the club on Thursday, December 20th about what the MHAAC means to our community and specifically about how Operation Santa benefits children in our area.

This tremendous effort begins in August each year and serves close to 250 individuals in our

community who are in need of support due to a diagnosed mental illness. Operation Santa, held annually, provides for this population by meeting emotional as well as physical needs... Christmas gifts. Since many of those struggling include families with children, the club's participation in contributing funds for gifts for the younger members is an important way to quietly reach those who may so easily be forgotten.

This wonderful annual event includes delivery of the gift bags containing items specifically for each family. The event itself exists thanks to the help of sponsors and volunteers from many organizations throughout Aiken. The celebration includes singing and a traditional holiday meal. It's a special way to help celebrate the Season.



Club hears presentation of CAMP CORRAL

Our speaker at the December 13th meeting was Eric Esterline. He is Director of Operations for Jax, LLC, a Golden Corral franchise group that operates 14 units in the Carolinas and one in PA. Eric spoke to the club about Golden Corral's "Camp Corral", which provides free summer camp for 8-15 year old children of wounded, ill, injured or fallen military service members.

The vision behind Camp Corral is one where kids are free to be kids, far away from the day-to-day challenges they face as military children coping with change and loss. Over 80 percent of Camp Corral campers

come from veteran families, where resources are even more limited and 91 percent of campers have a parent that is wounded, injured, ill or fallen. Camp Corral's mission is "strengthening military families, one child at a time." Clearly this is a mission that Kiwanians can relate to.

Eric shared with us that the mission is such a good fit, the HR manager for his group in Charlotte has joined Uptown Charlotte Kiwanis.

The DAV (Disabled American Veterans) works closely with Camp Corral and that includes Aiken's DAV.

Camp Corral is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation and relies on donations to fund its camp program and operational costs. For more information, please visit www.campcorral.org



SAVE THESE DATES! **UPCOMING EVENTS:** **Where?**

Kiwanis Club of Aiken

PO BOX 991
Aiken, SC 29802

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

Happy Birthday to our December Members:

John Palmer/ December 7
John Heffley/ December 20
Terry Wimberley/December

Happy Club Anniversary to:

Kay Jones/ December 7
Dorean Price/December 7
Dana Hall/ December 13
Cheryl Fogle/ December17



Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, January 10th

11:30am

**Cumberland Village Clubhouse
Conference Room**

Members Welcome!



JANUARY 16TH (Wednesday)	USC Aiken Basketball "Kiwanis Night" vs. FLAGLER Mens: 7:30pm Womens: 5:30pm	USC Aiken Convocation Center 471 University Parkway Aiken, SC 29801
February 8-10, 2019 Registration is now open!	Kiwanis Carolinas District MID-YEAR CONFERENCE	Marriott Resort & Spa, Hilton Head, SC Contact Club Secretary Lenore Lewis ASAP for more info.
March 16, 2019	2nd Annual Aiken's Bacon & Brews	Newberry Street Festival Center, Aiken, SC Co Chairs: Shane Bagby & Harvey Krape
March 30, 2019 (tentative date)	Club Coaching Day—one day classes for Members and Board Members	Midlands Technical College, Columbia, SC
June 27 - 30, 2019,	Kiwanis International Convention	Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida
August 23-25, 2019	Kiwanis Carolinas District Convention	Greenville, SC

CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2018-19

PRESIDENT	Mary Driscoll
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