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AMERICUS

August 9, 2025

2024-25 Officers

Herschel Smith, *President*

Wesley Larkin, *President-Elect*

Sylvia Roland, *Secretary*

Jason Williams, *Treasurer*

Chet Crowley,
Immediate Past President

The Kiwanis Key

Kiwanis Club of Americus

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Georgia District Theme: Kids Need Kiwanis

Board of Directors:

Tim Bell (2025)

Brannon Parks (2025)

Rucker Smith (2025)

Mark Ennes (2026)

David Ewing (2026)

Rusty Warner (2026)

International President

Lee Kuan Yong

Georgia District Governor

David Simmons

Division 5 Lieutenant Governor

Sylvia McDaniel

SIX OBJECTIVES OF KIWANIS

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life.

To encourage daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships

To promote high social, business, and professional standards

To develop by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

To provide enduring friendships and altruistic services for better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining high ideals which will increase righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

President Herschel Smith's Goals for 2024-25

- Be a distinguished club using both Georgia Kiwanis and Kiwanis International criteria
- Support at least 1 Key Club
- Have a net growth of +1 for the year
- Have sponsors of new members mentor the newcomer for a year
- Host more social events, thus encouraging members to get

Upcoming Events

August 12— Interclub visit to Dooly County (Vienna)

August 16— Troop 21 canoe trip

September 5 -Senior Member Day

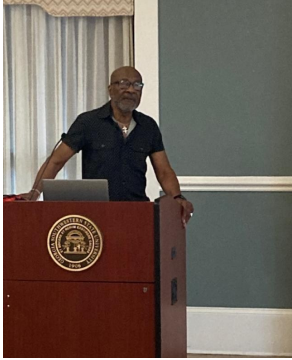
September 26— Kiwanis Club Golf Championship and Fall Social

October 3— Change of Command and Installation

Motto: Serving the Children of the World

The Americus Kiwanis Club was chartered on April 6, 1920. We meet at 1:00 PM on Fridays in the faculty dining room at Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW).

Highlights from the Weekly Meeting

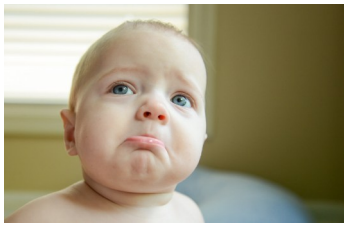


Program on July 25, 2025

Sam Mahone Chair, Americus-Sumter County Movement Remembered Committee (ASCMRC, Inc) spoke on Black History in Sumter County and the old black hospital.



Program on August 1, 2025



Sorry—No Pictures
Taken

Jerry Harmon with the Americus Sumter Emergency Evacuation Destination (ASEED) program spoke on ASEED (Americus Sumter Emergency Evacuation

Program on August 8, 2025



LaSandra Patterson, Elections Supervisor joined with Dr. Shirley Latimore, Board member spoke on their role in the elec-

Sorry—No Picture



Meet Our Newest Member

Gia Wagner was inducted on August 8, 2025. She is with the National Park Service.

Weekly Card Game Results

Mark Ennis' ticket was pulled, but he failed to draw the Ace of Spades!



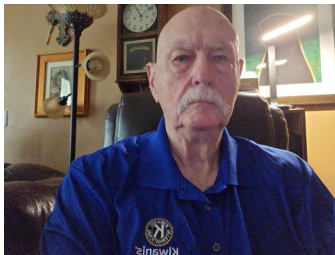
News from The Convention

The Georgia District Convention was held this past weekend in Dahlonega Georgia. Our Lt. Governor (pictured below) completed her service year and handed off the Lt. Governor's job to Faye Copeland. Our delegates for the convention (pictured with Sylvia below) are Jess Sinclair, Cindy Gillespie and President Elect Wesley Larkin.



Sylvia has served us well as president, secretary and Lt. Governor (Division 5). Sylvia has moved to Arkansas to be close to family. Thanks Sylvia you will be missed.

News from The Board



Chet Crowley, Immediate Past President, was elected to fill the role of Club Secretary for the remainder of this service year. Chet will also serve as club secretary for the next service year.

Changes to the Card Game



New Members

Four new members were voted in:

- ♦ Gary Fryre
- ♦ Bobby Handcock-Harris
- ♦ Gia Wagner (inducted August 8)
- ♦ Amanda Reeves Young

The rules for the card game have been modified for simplicity and are:

50% goes toward the "Jack Pot". The jackpot goes to the member who pulls the Ace of Spades

25% goes toward seed money for the next jackpot

25% goes to the Hixon fund

A free ticket will be given to any member who brings a perspective member and/or wears their name tag (pinned or embroidered).



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Standing Committees, Sub-Committees and Membership
Current as of May 16, 2025
Administrative Year 2024-25

Community Service

Brannon Parks, Liaison

Spelling Bee

Herschel Smith, Chair
Tim Bell
Becky Gillespie
Cindy Gillespie
Blake Hill
George Peagler
James Sizemore
Rucker Smith

Reading

Jody Wade, Chair
Tammy Pettyjohn Jones
Bill Krenson
Charlene Pennymon
Fred Richmond
Carlyle Walton
Jason Williams
Alwen Yeung

Boy Scouts

John Edgemon, Chair
Wade Barr
Bill Krenson
Herschel Smith
George Torbert
Josh Windus

Key Club

Alwen Yeung, Furlow
John Shealy, Southland

Scholarship

Stephen Snyder, Chair
Mark Grimes
Rusty Warner
Lewis Webb
Jason Williams

Pet Parade

Charlene Pennymon, Chair
Frank Ceresoli
Meda Krenson
Alwen Yeung
James Sizemore
Rucker Smith

School Liaison

Furlow—Jason Williams
and Alwen Yeung
Southland—John Shealy
Sumter—Sylvia McDaniel
Schley—Brannon Parks
and Blake Hill

Membership

Mark Ennes and David Ewing, Co-Liaisons

Senior Member

David Ewing, Chair
Bill Bennett
Bill Sheppard

Membership Retention

David Ewing, Chair
Bill Bennett

New Member Recruitment

Mark Ennes, Chair
Linda Hagins
Tommy Hagins
Tammy Pettyjohn Jones
Rucker Smith

Leadership

Rucker Smith, Liaison

Officer Slate

Lewis Webb, Chair
Bill Bowen
Stephen Snyder
Dennis Stalvey

Fundraising

Rusty Warner, Liaison

Arbor Day Tree Sale

Mark Simmons, Chair
Mark Pace, Co-Chair
Mike Fletcher
Chadwick Gugg
Charlene Pennymon
Ethan Wolfe

Golf Tournament

Wesley Larkin, Chair
Jamie Cromer
John Edgemon
Blake Hill
Carlyle Walton
Wes Wheeler

Club Operations

Tim Bell, Liaison

Meeting Set-Up

Sam Peavy, Chair
Wade Barr
Kevin Kwashnak
Scott Leemis
George Saratsiotis
Dennis Stalvey

Music

Bill Sheppard, Chair
David Ewing
Charlene Pennymon
Carlyle Walton
Alwen Yeung

Programs

Wesley Larkin, Chair
All members

Communication

Chet Crowley, Chair
Rob Collins
Anne Isbell
Sylvia McDaniel
Sue Sangster

Public Relations

Chet Crowley, Chair
Cindy Gillespie
Judy Parkinson
Stephen Snyder
Dennis Stalvey
Rusty Warner
Josh Windus
Patty Ferry

Social

Cathy Mueller, Chair
Frank Ceresoli
Becky Gillespie
Cindy Gillespie
Tammy Pettyjohn Jones
James Sizemore
Carlyle Walton
Charles Christmas

Inter Club

Bill Krenson, Chair
Tim Bell

Chaplains

Wade Barr
Dennis Stalvey
Jess Sinclair

Financial Review

Committee

Bill Sheppard (2022-25)
Lewis Webb (2023-26)
Becky Gillespie (2024-27)

If you prefer to serve on another committee, you may contact President Herschel Smith at (407) 704-9623 or by email at herschelsmith3@gmail.com