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AMERICUS

December 12, 2025

2024-25 Officers

Wesley Larkin, President
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The Kiwanis Key Kiwanis Club of Americus

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**Georgia District Theme: Kids Need
Kiwanis**

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2026

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2027

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SIX OBJECTIVES OF KIWANIS

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

To encourage the 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 goodwill.

President Wesley Larkin's Goals for 2025/2026

- Create and establish an Under 40 Satellite of 12 members or more.
- Grow our club to 106 members.
- Raise \$10,000 through sponsorships.
- Add at least one service project.

Kiwanis Programs 2025-2026

NAME	DATE	SYNOPSIS of PROGRAM/NAME of PRESENTER
Rusty Warner	Dec 19	Americus Fresh
NO MEETING	Dec 26	NO MEETING MERRY CHRISTMAS
NO MEETING	Jan 2	NO MEETING HAPPY NEW YEAR
Carlyle Walton	Jan 9	Phoebe Sumter Update
Gia Wagner	Jan 16	Ranger/Historian Teri Surber: "Prisoner of War or Traitor-Loyalists, Patriots and the British"
Jody Wade	Jan 23	Judy Wade: Remembrance of Luther Story, His Life, Sacrifice, Recovery, Hero
Chet Crowley	Jan 30	New Member Orientation; Your Kiwanis Profile and How to Edit; Website Updates

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

December 12, 2025



Our own Patty Ferry is a yoga instructor who owns her own yoga business. Patty talked about how to stay healthy and highlighted how yoga, diet, and exercise can reduce stress.

Reading Program News

Jody Wade, Chair

12-12-25 - six Kiwanians read at Sumter County Primary
12-19-25 – No readers needed, Jody has a volunteer group coming.



Weekly Card Game Results

Tim Bell was the big winner by selecting the Ace of Spades



Spelling Bee News



Schley County Middle High School held its annual School Spelling Bee on December 5, 2025, an event proudly sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Americus. Twenty-one students from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade stepped onto the stage to compete, demonstrating preparation, confidence, and exceptional composure.

The competition opened with a short practice round, giving students an opportunity to settle nerves and become familiar with the format. Afterward, the official bee began, with each participant spelling words from the Scripps National Spelling Bee list. Students were permitted to request definitions, parts of speech, and sentences as needed, contributing to an atmosphere of academic focus and professionalism.

Sixth Grade:

Dalana Wilson, Josh Pursell, Charlie Calhoun, Colton Brown, Bowen Morgan, Jase Foster, Kamden Hughes

Seventh Grade:

Jordan Griff, Olivia Wintersmith, Elizabeth Khun, Srihid Banerjee, Kevin Harbuck, Rome Gable, Levi Jackson

Eighth Grade:

Levi Renfro, Olivia Cox, Daniel Jordan, Maddox Speegle

Southland Academy Spelling Bee Participants:

3rd Grade

Lawson Bennett
Duncan McNeill

4th Grade

Lane Oliver
Coleman Childers

5th Grade

Scarlett Morgan
Maverick Wiggins

6th Grade

Autumn Owens
Bo Short

7th Grade

Aalia Patel
Shep Pryor

8th Grade

Drew Reeves
Benjamin Webb

Programs 2025/26—Dennis Stalvey

Below are the program dates that many of you have selected. If you have not selected a date, you may select from the six remaining dates. Please contact me if you have questions.

2025

Dec 19 Rusty Warner

Dec 26 NO MEETING

2026

Jan 2	NO MEETING
Jan 9	Carlyle Walton
Jan 16	Gia Wagner
Jan 23	Jody Wade
Jan 30	Chet Crowley
Feb 6	Mark Pace
Feb 13	Cindy Gillespie
Feb 20	Frank Ceresoli
Feb 27	Carlyle Walton
Mar 6	Bill Sheppard
Mar 13	Rucker Smith
Mar 20	Sue Sangster
Mar 27	Tim Bell
Apr 3	Holy Week Good Friday
Apr 10	Chadwick Gugg
Apr 17	Patty Ferry
Apr 24	George Saratsiotis
May 1	Tammye Pettyjohn Jones
May 8	Bobby Harris Hancock
May 15	Ethan Wolfe
May 22	Jason Williams
May 29	Bill Krenson
June 5	Lettie Watford
June 12	Meda Krenson
June 19	James Sizemore
June 26	Charlene Pennyman
July 3	NO MEETING
July 10	Ron Scott
July 17 -----	
July 24	Becky Gillespie
July 31 -----	
Aug 7 -----	
Aug 14 -----	
Aug 21	Alwen Yeung
Aug 28	Cathy Mueller
Sept 4	Judy Parkinson
Sept 11	Mandy Reeves Young
Sept 18	Brandon Parks
Sept 25 -----	

From the Club Secretary

For our New Members: We want you to be active and participate in club activities, and we realize Kiwanis is new to you. There are several resources available to you to help you become a Kiwanian. Our website <https://k00228.site.kiwanis.org/for-our-members> contains a directory of members, a new member orientation video, bylaws, and local instructions. The directory is password-protected (AMKI00228). Another great resource is your sponsor or one of the club officers.

For All Our Members: Kiwanis has a new member system called Engage, which now allows members to update their profiles. To log into your profile, go to <http://engage.kiwanis.org/>. And enter the email address you used when you became a member. You will need to create a new password by selecting "Forgot Password". As always, the club secretary can update your profile if requested.

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