



Kiwaniis AMERICUS

March 6, 2026

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The Kiwanis Key Kiwanis Club of Americus

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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

Synopsis by Date and Person Responsible

NAME	DATE	SYNOPSIS of PROGRAM/NAME of PRESENTER
Rucker Smith	Mar 13	Presenter: Scott Carver – County Administrator, Sumter County Board of Commissioners.
Sue Sangster	Mar 20	Presenter: Mandy Butler - Building Readers, Strengthening Community: A Call to Action for Our Children.
Tim Bell	Mar 27	Presenter Andy Robinson – Motivational, Inspired, and Tenacious
Herschel Smith	Apr 3	Candidacy Forum for Superior Court Judge – Three Candidates: Wesley Beamon, Patrick Eidson, Lisa Jones
Golf Tournament	Apr 10	NO MEETING – GOLF TOURNAMENT ALL HANDS ON DECK HELP!
Patty Ferry	Apr 17	Heart of Sumter – Presenter: Bethany Greely
George Saratsiotis	Apr 24	Presenter: GSW President Michelle Johnston

To Members With Upcoming Programs: below are a couple of ideas for a program:

If you do not currently have a program lined up and are looking for a Kiwanis Program please see Dr. Stalvey. We have been contacted by someone who would like to share information to our Kiwanians about AVPRIDE, a community-based organization focused on advocacy, prevention, and strengthening support systems for individuals and families. I can give you the person's contact information.

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

March 6, 2026

Ty Kinslow and Chelsea Cromer from Magnolia Manor shared the “Ministry of Magnolia Manor”.

The meeting provided an update on Magnolia Manor’s services, operational recovery, and fundraising efforts, framed by community announcements and invitations to engage with local programs. After opening remarks recognizing youth leadership and volunteers, a school board member invited attendees to tour the Sumter High ag livestock cannery, and organizers announced a Southern Gospel concert and an upcoming program with County Administrator Scott Carver.

Presenters Ty Kinslow and Chelsea Cromer gave an overview of Magnolia Manor’s eight South Georgia campuses and full continuum of senior care, reviewed COVID-era impacts on staffing and census, and reported recent operational recovery, including current employee counts, payroll activity, and the organization’s economic contributions to the community. Chelsea described the League of the Good Samaritan, noting that it paid more than \$300,000 in assistance last year to residents who outlive their savings and continues to actively fundraise. Fundraising plans highlighted recurring signature events — a quail hunt at Southern Woods Plantation, a golf event at Houston Lakes, and the “Evening with Magnolia” at the Lee Council House on April 30 — with live and silent auctions, a garden dinner, and auctioneering support identified as primary revenue mechanisms; grants and partnerships were cited as important for capital improvements and keeping resident costs down. Presenters also addressed community perceptions, emphasizing efforts to position Magnolia Manor as a social recovery community where residents regain health, adhere to medications, and find companionship. They also shared resident stories to illustrate improved quality of life.



Chelsea Cromer



Ty Kinslow

Reading Program News

Jody Wade, Chair

- 3-05-26 – Southland Academy
- 3-13-26 – No Reading



The following Members had Happy Bucks:

- Bill Bowen
- Carolyn Hamilton
- Mark Simmons
- Dennis Stalvey



Anne Isabel
Mark Pace
Meda Krenson

Weekly Card Game Results

Bill Sheppard’s ticket was pulled, but she did not draw the Ace of Spades. The pot still grows:

- \$305.50 - Pot**
- \$200.15 - Seed
- \$1351.29 - Hixon



Tammye Jones – 2 Years
Mark Grimes – 26 Years

Save the Dates



2026 KIWANIS GOLF CLASSIC

WHEN: APRIL 10, 2026

WHERE: GRIFFIN BELL GOLF COURSE

Registration Fee: \$300 per 3 member team

Hole Sponsorship: \$100

Registration Starts: 12:00pm

Shotgun Start: 1:00pm

2 Mulligans & drawing entry: \$10 per player

(\$15,000) TOP PRIZE*

*For hole in one on designated hole

To sign up, call:
(478) 320-5963

Deadline: April 3, 2026 at 5pm

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AMERICUS KIWANIS CLUB



Meeting Location Change

We will NOT be meeting at GSW on the following dates:

- June 5th
- June 26th
- July 17th

Location will be announced at a later date.



Committee Assignments 2025/26 (updated 2/6/26)

Community Service Cindy Gillespie	Membership Mark Ennes, David Ewing	Fundraising Rusty Warner	Leadership Carlyle Walton	Club Operations Sam Peavy
<p align="center">Spelling Bee</p> <p>Herschel Smith, Chair Tim Bell Becky Gillespie Cindy Gillespie Blake Hill George Peagler James Sizemore Rucker Smith</p>	<p align="center">New Member (Recruitment)</p> <p>Patty Ferry, Chair Tim Bell Mark Ennes Rusty Warner Charlene Pennymon</p>	<p align="center">Sponsorships</p> <p>Jerry Sanders, Chair Frank Ceresoli John Edgenmon Cindy Gillespie Carolyn Hamilton Mark Simmons</p> <p>Stephen Snyder Gia Wagner Carlyle Walton Wes Wheeler</p>	<p align="center">Nominations (Slate of Officers)</p> <p>Lewis Webb, Chair Bill Bowen S Stephen Snyder Dennis Stalvey</p>	<p align="center">Meeting Setup</p> <p>Sam Peavy, Chair Wade Barr Carolyn Hamilton Kevin Kwashnak Sam Peavy</p>
<p align="center">Reading</p> <p>Jody Wade, Chair Patty Ferry Carolyn Hamilton Jackie Holmes Tammye Pettyjohn Jones Bill Kreson</p> <p>Charlene Pennymon Carlyle Walton Alwen Yeung Chuchu Wu</p>	<p align="center">Retention</p> <p>David Ewing, Chair Ron Scott Chet Crowley Jason Williams</p>	<p align="center">Tree Sales</p> <p>Mark Simmons/Mark Pace, Chair Mike Fletcher Chadwick Gugg Charlene Pennymon Ethan Wolfe</p>	<p align="center">Elections</p> <p>Jody Wade, Chair</p>	<p align="center">Music</p> <p>Bill Sheppard, Chair David Ewing Sam Peavy Charlene Pennymon Carlyle Walton Alwen Yeung</p>
<p align="center">Boy Scouts</p> <p>John Edgemon, Chair Wade Barr Bill Kreson Herschel Smith Josh Windus</p>	<p align="center">Senior Member</p> <p>David Ewing, Chair Bill Bowen S Bill Sheppard All Senior Members</p>	<p align="center">Golf Tournament</p> <p>Ethan Wolfe, Chair Jamie Cromer John Edgemon Blake Hill Carlyle Walton Wes Wheeler</p>	<p align="center">Chaplains</p> <p>Wade Barr Jerry Sanders Jess Sinclair Dennis Stalvey</p>	<p align="center">Communication/ Public Relations</p> <p>Chet Crowley, Chair Sue Sangster Josh Windus</p>
<p align="center">Key Club (SLP)</p> <p>Alwen Yeung – Furlow John Shealy – Southland</p> <p align="center">School Liaisons</p> <p>Furlow -Jason Williams/Alwen Yeung Southland – John Shealy Sumter County – Jerry Sanders Schley County – Blake Hill/Brannon Parks</p>	<p align="center">New Member (Orientation)</p> <p>Chet Crowley, Chair Patty Ferry Tammye Pettyjohn Jones Sue Sangster Beth Siren Mandy Young Chuchu Wu</p>			<p align="center">Social</p> <p>Cathy Mueller, Chair Frank Ceresoli Charles Christmas Becky Gillespie Cindy Gillespie Tammye Pettyjohn Jones James Sizemore Carlyle Walton Gia Wagner</p>
<p align="center">Pet Parade</p> <p>Charlene Pennymon, Chair Frank Ceresoli Meda Kreson Alwen Yeung James Sizemore Rucker Smith</p>	<p align="center">Under 40 Member</p> <p>Wesley Larkin, Chair Josh Windus Jerry Sanders</p>			<p align="center">Interclub</p> <p>Bill Kreson, Chair Tim Bell Bobby Hancock Harris</p>
<p align="center">Scholarship</p> <p>Stephen Snyder, Chair Rusty Warner Lewis Webb Jason Williams</p>			<p align="center">Financial Review</p> <p>Lewis Webb (2023-26) Becky Gillespie (2024-2027) Bill Kreson (2026-2029)</p>	
<p align="center">Arts and Music Showcase</p> <p>Cindy Gillespie, Chair Patty Ferry Becky Gillespie Sam Peavy Jerry Sanders ChuChu Wu Alwen Yeung</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>If you see a committee you would prefer to be on rather than the one assigned to you, don't hesitate to get in touch with either President Wesley Larkin or Secretary Chet Crowley.</p> </div>			

Programs 2025/26—Dennis Stalvey

Below are the program dates that many of you have selected. If you have not selected a date, you can choose from the remaining six dates. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

2026

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	Tammy 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.

The Kiwanis Key

The Kiwanis Key is published weekly after our club meeting and is sent via email to all active members listed in the Americus club roster. You can also find a current copy on our website. The publisher is seeking assistance. If you have creative skills and would like to help with the publication of the Key, please reach out to Chet Crowley at 229-942-7355 through text, call, or email at ccrowley1947@live.com.

Member Retention

This week's meeting saw a drop in attendance; however, several members have been absent for some time. Please reach out to any members you've noticed missing and encourage them to re-engage with the club. We have numerous exciting initiatives underway that benefit the children in our community.

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Club Secretary Chet Crowley is the editor of the Kiwanis Key. Please text Chet at (229) 942-7355 or email at ccrowley1947@live.com with pictures and other submissions.