Kiwanis AMERICUS

May 30, 2026

2024-25 Officers

Wesley Larkin, President
Dennis Stalvey, President-Elect
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The Kiwanis Key
Kiwanis Club of Americus

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2026
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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.

Upcoming Programs

Kiwanis Programs 2025-2026
Synopsis by Date and Person Responsible

NAME	DATE	SYNOPSIS of PROGRAM/NAME of PRESENTER
James Sizemore (Quality Inn)	June 5	Presenter: Kylie Sizemore
Meda Krenson	June 12	
Lettie Watford	June 19	Presenter: Lettie Watford – Life of Julia Coleman, Teacher, Principal at Plains School System
Charlene Pennymon (Quality Inn)	June 26	Presenter: Tim Estes
NO MEETING	July 3	NO MEETING INDEPENDENCE WEEK HOLIDAY
Ron Scott	July 10	Presenter: David Ewing
Gary Freyre (Quality Inn)	July 17	
Becky Gillespie	July 24	
	July 31	

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 Week
May 22, 2026



Katie Minich

Presenter Katie Minich on Georgia state financial aid, federal aid basics, and a K–12 education choice scholarship. Katie explained program rules, eligibility, renewal requirements, payment differences, and residency exceptions for the HOPE Scholarship, the Zell Miller Scholarship, and the Grants/Dream Scholarship.



Henry Teaford



Herschel Smith (10 years)



The following Members had Happy Bucks:

Mark Ennes
Sam Peavy



Weekly Card Game Results

Ron Scott's ticket was pulled, but he failed to draw the Ace of Spades. The pot continues to grow

Meeting Location Change

Weekly meetings will be held at the Quality Inn at 1205 S. MLK on the following dates:

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



Summer Soiree
May 30, 2026

Host – Mary and Mark Ennes







Many thanks to
Mark and Mary
Ennes for hosting
a great social.











Committee Assignments 2025/26 (updated 4/10/26)

Community Service Cindy Gillespie	**Membership** Mark Ennes, David Ewing	**Fundraising** Rusty Warner	**Leadership** Carlyle Walton	**Club Operations** Sam Peavy
Spelling Bee **Herschel Smith, Chair** Tim Bell Becky Gillespie Cindy Gillespie Blake Hill George Peagler James Sizemore Rucker Smith	**New Member** *(Recruitment)* **Patty Ferry, Chair** Tim Bell Mark Ennes Rusty Warner Charlene Pennymon	**Sponsorships** **Jerry Sanders, Chair** Frank Ceresoli John Edgenmon Cindy Gillespie Carolyn Hamilton Mark Simmons Stephen Snyder Gia Wagner Carlyle Walton Wes Wheeler	**Nominations** *(Slate of Officers)* **Chet Crowley, Chair** Blake Hill (PP 2022) Kevin Kwashnak (PP 2023) Rucker Smith (PP 2020) Herschel Smith (PP 2025) Dennis Stalvey (PE) Lewis Webb (PP 2011)	**Meeting Setup** **Sam Peavy, Chair** Wade Barr Carolyn Hamilton Kevin Kwashnak Sam Peavy
Reading **Jody Wade, Chair** Patty Ferry Carolyn Hamilton Jackie Holmes Tammye Pettyjohn Jones Bill Kreson Charlene Pennymon Carlyle Walton Alwen Yeung Chuchu Wu	**Retention** **David Ewing, Chair** Ron Scott Chet Crowley Jason Williams	**Tree Sales** **Mark Simmons/Mark Pace, Chair** Mike Fletcher Chadwick Gugg Charlene Pennymon Ethan Wolfe	**Elections** **Jody Wade, Chair**	**Music** **Bill Sheppard, Chair** David Ewing Sam Peavy Charlene Pennymon Carlyle Walton Alwen Yeung
Boy Scouts **John Edgemon, Chair** Wade Barr Bill Krenson Herschel Smith Josh Windus	**Senior Member** **David Ewing, Chair** Bill Bowen S Bill Sheppard All Senior Members	**Golf Tournament** **Ethan Wolfe, Chair** Jamie Cromer John Edgemon Blake Hill Carlyle Walton Wes Wheeler	**Chaplains** Wade Barr Jerry Sanders Dennis Stalvey	**Communication/ Public Relations** **Chet Crowley, Chair** Sue Sangster Josh Windus
Key Club (SLP) Alwen Yeung – Furlow John Shealy – Southland **School Liaisons** Furlow -Jason Williams/Alwen Yeung Southland – John Shealy Sumter County – Jerry Sanders Schley County – Blake Hill/Brannon Parks	**New Member** *(Orientation)* **Chet Crowley, Chair** Patty Ferry Tammye Pettyjohn Jones Sue Sangster Beth Siren Mandy Young Chuchu Wu			**Social** **Cathy Mueller, Chair** Frank Ceresoli Charles Christmas Becky Gillespie Cindy Gillespie Tammye Pettyjohn Jones James Sizemore Carlyle Walton Gia Wagner
Pet Parade **Charlene Pennymon, Chair** Frank Ceresoli Meda Krenson Alwen Yeung James Sizemore Rucker Smith	**Under 40 Member** **Wesley Larkin, Chair** Josh Windus Jerry Sanders			**Interclub** **Bill Krenson, Chair** Tim Bell Bobby Hancock Harris
Scholarship **Stephen Snyder, Chair** Rusty Warner Lewis Webb Jason Williams				**Financial Review** Lewis Webb (2023-26) Becky Gillespie (2024-2027) Bill Krenson (2026-2029)
Arts and Music Showcase **Cindy Gillespie, Chair** Patty Ferry Becky Gillespie Sam Peavy Jerry Sanders ChuChu Wu Alwen Yeung	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.			

Programs 2025/26—Dennis Stalvey

List of Friday Kiwanis Programs June 5, 2026, to September 25, 2026. This is the list of people who have signed up to be responsible for a program through the remainder of this Kiwanis year, which ends September 25, 2026. There are five (5) dates not filled and are available for a program. Make sure you have given Dr. Dennis Stalvey, President-Elect, the synopsis of your program and the presenter's name so we can promote this to the club members. The Kiwanis Key will have the names of presenters and synopses of programs.

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2026 ----------

June 5	**Quality Inn** – James Sizemore
June 12	Meda Krenson
June 19	Lettie Watford
June 26	**Quality Inn** - Charlene Pennymon
July 3 ---------	NO MEETING - JULY 4th Week
July 10	Ron Scott
July 17	**Quality Inn** - Gary Freyre
July 24	Becky Gillespie
July 31 --------	
Aug 7 ---------	
Aug 14 --------	
Aug 21	Alwen Yeung
Aug 28	Cathy Mueller
Sept 4	Judy Parkinson
Sept 11	25th Anniversary of 9/11 Remembrance (Dennis Stalvey)
Sept 18 --------	
Sept 25 --------	

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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). **Also, a copy of the directory will be provided to each member via email when updates occur.** 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 emailed 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 by text, call, or email at ccrowley1947@live.com.

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.