



Kiwanis Kannon

website @ www.greensborokiwanis.org.



The Kiwanis Club of Greensboro

The Kiwanis Club of Greensboro meets at noon each Thursday at the Marriott Hotel, 304 N. Greene St. Greensboro, NC
President: Preston Allen Past President: Randy Underwood President-elect: Mo McCord
Vice-president: Glenda Burkett Secretary/Treasurer: Liz Reinecke

Summer 2017

Kiwanis scholarship for 2017 goes to Dudley senior

Tristian Thomas, a graduating senior at Dudley High School, has been selected as the Club's 2017 recipient of our 4-year, \$1,500 per year college scholarship. The award recognizes her outstanding academic performance, her leadership roles in her school's extracurricular activities, and strong involvement in community service projects. The selection panel was tremendously impressed by all of the eight finalists interviewed — all gifted, motivated and focused young men and women.

Miss Thomas, who ranked 17th in her class of 287 at Dudley High, attended Early College Academy at GTCC and earned college credits while completing her last semester at Dudley. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Government Association, and is proficient in Spanish and Latin. Miss Thomas was also captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad. In her spare time, she volunteered at Moses Cone Hospital and became a Certified Nursing Assistant. Tristian will attend UNC-Charlotte in the fall, as she begins her quest to be a pediatrician.



Tristian Thomas, 2017 Scholarship Winner

President's Message Summer Edition



It may still be Spring on the calendar, but this does not mean it is feeling like Spring outside, with the very warm weather we have experienced of late. However, my lawn has certainly enjoyed the wonderful Spring rains and is as green and lush as ever. It's sort of like our Kiwanis Club; we enjoy the warmth of fellowship as we thrive to hear the lush programs every week. Some of our programs are humorous, some are heartwarming stories of life, some are educational, while yet others are updates to what is happening in Greensboro. I take this moment to give a big THANK YOU to our members who have

enlisted the wonderful and interesting speakers who have provided us with such great programs. Your efforts are truly a cornerstone of our club and help our ability to recruit new members. As your President, I have enjoyed being able to share a few moments during each lunch talking with our speakers. It has been an immense pleasure.

Continued on page 2

President's Message, cont.

The “dog days of Summer” are almost upon us. As usual, our weekly lunch programs will continue throughout the Summer, and there will also be opportunities to socialize at our 5th Thursday event on June 29th. This event will be held at the new Union Square Campus on East Gate City Boulevard in the downtown area. This new school of nursing is a joint collaboration between Cone Health, GTCC, A&T, and UNCG, and our club will have the opportunity to tour the facility and hear about this new addition to our city first-hand.

Our Kiwanis club’s Nature Play Yard, which opened last Fall in the Ole Asheboro neighborhood on Gate City Boulevard, is scheduled to be highlighted by the Kiwanis International Magazine during the second week of June. The City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation is coordinating with the Public Affairs department of Kiwanis International to take pictures and do a story. As details are finalized, you will be informed through our Kiwanis Weekly Happenings so all who wish can come and participate in this big event. (If anybody has access to kids they can bring, that would be great for the pictures for the magazine).

On August 17th and 18th we have our cadre of Kiwanians who enjoy marshalling at Hole #6 for the Wyndham Championship at Sedgefield Country Club. You will see some amazing golf and golfers up close and personal. If you have not experienced this please join us. We then finish off August with our final 5th Thursday for this year on August 31st. Stay tuned for more information on this as we get closer to the date.

Your job is to enjoy the summer, visit family, go on vacation, cool off in the mountains AND bring a friend to a Kiwanis lunch on Thursday for a great program, and/or a 5th Thursday event and /or to the Wyndham Championship as a Marshall. So much to do, so many potential new members. Everyone have a great summer!

Preston Allen, President
Kiwanis Club of Greensboro

50/50 Winner for May

David Belk (on left, pictured with Preston Allen) was the lucky winner in May.



Summer Birthdays

JUNE

2 Allison Fuqua
4 Ross Cox
6 Daniel Fonke
10 McDewey Sigmon
20 Richmond Bernhardt
20 Robert Gretton
29 Wayne Ford

JULY

2 Marikay Abuzuaiter
3 Erwin Fuller
3 Mandy Ward
7 Bill Roach
10 Bob Nolan
11 Liz Reinecke
11 Bob Sevier
12 Adam Fischer
14 James Baker
20 Glenda Burkett
25 Nancy Calkins

AUGUST

7 William Britt
7 Arnold Schiffman
9 Abigail Peoples
10 Art MacCord
13 John MacRae
17 Ted Barnett
20 Tom Taylor
21 Harlon Costner
24 David Kinne
26 Allan Kirkman
30 Gary Fulk

Our June Programs



June 1, 2017

Kory Swanson is President/Chief Executive Officer and Jon L. Pritchett is Senior Vice President of the John Locke Foundation

Making North Carolina first in freedom through limited government, personal responsibility, and free enterprise

Introduction: George House
Invocation: Barry Smith
Guests: Scott Harkey
Courtesy: Kenton Kreager
House: Curtis Laughlin, Tom McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy

Uzzell
Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker
50/50: Dixon Johnson, Robert Gretton

Kory Swanson is an experienced think-tank executive with over 30 years in the public policy arena, half of which has been in leading positions with the John Locke Foundation, where he has become a central figure in the growth and influence of the organization. Jon Pritchett joined JLF in 2016, as SVP. Prior to joining he held several very senior corporate positions spanning over 28 years.

June 8, 2017

Kevin. J. Baker Executive Director of the Piedmont Triad Aviation Authority

Status of the improvements to PTI airport

Introduction: George House
Invocation: Miriam Bradley
Guests: Alan Atwell
Courtesy: Wayne Ford
House: Bill Britt, Woody Deyton, Allison Fuqua, Dave Kinne

Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Ben Coston
50/50: Monica Vaughan, Rick Didson

Kevin J. Baker serves as Executive Director of Piedmont Triad Airport Authority. Mr. Baker served as Deputy Director of the Piedmont Triad International Airport since 2008. He also served as Vice President and Office Manager for Greensboro, North Carolina of Michael Baker Jr., Inc. Mr. Baker is a Professional Engineer.

June 15, 2017

H. Walker Sanders President of the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro

Status of the Steven Tanger Performing Arts Center

Introduction: George House
Invocation: Bill Black
Guests: Doug Swanson
Courtesy: Bill Crawford
House: Clyde Taylor, Max Sharpe, Alan Atwell, Bill Roach
Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Marikay Abuzuaiter
50/50: John Clark, Greg Williams

Walker Sanders, as President of CFGG, promotes its mission of philanthropy, building and maintaining endowment funds, and serving as a trustworthy partner in addressing emerging community needs. Mr. Sanders is actively working on many community initiatives including the STCPA in downtown Greensboro, which has recently broken ground. He serves on many local boards and economic development agencies, and also works with local schools, universities, non-profits, etc. Prior to joining CFGG, Mr. Sanders served on similar foundations in S.C. and N.C.

June 22, 2017

Glenn Dobrogosz Chief Executive Officer of the Greensboro Natural Science Center

Status of phase III development of the Greensboro Science Center

Introduction: George House
Invocation: Bill Crawford
Guests: Marikay Abuzuaiter
Courtesy: Glenda Burkett
House: Walt Sowinski, Robert Bell, Miriam Bradley, Jim Armstrong
Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Tom Smith
50/50: Bob Nolan, Rick Dodson

Glenn Dobrogosz is CEO of the amazing new GNCS on Lawndale Drive. Mr. Dobrogosz and his staff have completely re-conceptualized the 60-year-old science museum, and re-developed it through a 3-phase plan. In the first phase a brand new "Sciquarium" was built, bringing to our city its sea creatures and sci-pods for inter-active learning. This proved so popular that a building extension was opened this year. The zoo park was also extensively re-designed and stocked with new animals, and even humans were added by erecting the "Sky Wild" experience. The second phase is the complete renovation of the old Science Museum, much of which has been done, and right now the dinosaur area is under re-construction and will open soon. In today's talk, Mr. Dobrogosz will outline phase three, "Sanctuary Station."

**June 29, 2017
Fifth Thursday Event**

Details on page 6.



Membership Moment

Highlights of some new members

by John Bayersdorfer, Membership Chair

First, meet **Suci Sorensen**, a native of Denmark, born in the town of Billum.



She and her husband came to the USA in 1966 from Kenya, Africa where he worked for a Danish multi product international trading company. They settled in northern NJ and he commuted into New York City. In 1973, they discovered and moved to Greensboro while he established businesses related to the furniture industry. As a transplanted family, their son and daughter enjoyed growing up in Greensboro; their daughter and Liz Reinecke's daughter were friends at Grimsley High School. Travelling is an important part of Suci's life as she has been to Hawaii, Australia (4x), and goes to Denmark annually to visit friends and family. But her favorite trips are to see her grandchildren in Maryland and Colorado. As she says; "If I knew that grandchildren were so delightful, I would have had them first!"

What does Suci do in her spare time? She gardens in her large yard, enjoys walks, attends Triad Stage, and goes horseback riding. It was a conversation with Glenda Burkett that brought Suci to a Thursday meeting. She had a desire to improve the lives of children, meet some new folks, and thoroughly enjoyed the speaker. Sound familiar? Thank you, Glenda, for inviting Suci to be one of our newer members.

If you want to meet someone who has successfully combined an early interest in faith ministry with a law career, and a quest for fairness and equity for all, then have a chat with **Jennifer Noble**. Be prepared for a sincere erudite discussion flavored with genuine passion!



Jennifer grew up in the Midwest but since her dad was in the military, the family moved frequently including time in France. She graduated from The College of William and Mary and Northwestern University School of Law and eventually relocated from Chicago to Greensboro about 13 years ago where she found a great place to raise her family of two girls and a son.

Originally Jennifer joined us while working as an executive director of a non-profit. She rejoins us this year as an attorney who focuses on estate planning with Connors Morgan LLC whose offices are in the revitalized Revolution Mill. Her community involvement includes Grace Community Church, Young Life, and as a volunteer for the Guilford Education Alliance.

Currently, Jennifer is being trained as a trainer by the Greensboro based Racial Equity Institute; an organization devoted to advocating for adults and children, resolving structural racism/ implicit bias issues, and addressing racial inequities. It is obvious why Jennifer rejoined Kiwanis as she believes in our purpose and appreciates the opportunity to learn from our diverse speakers.

Jennifer is blessed with a "noble calling" and Kiwanis is one path on that journey that matches her desire to advocate for children, families, and community.

Welcome back, Jennifer!

Membership Moment, cont.

Avery Long has already been involved with Kiwanis for a very long time! He was only six years old when his Kiwanis dad arranged for him and his Kiwanis mom to pose for the Nov/Dec 1996 issue of the Kiwanis Magazine!

He learned early that reaching out and helping others is an important aspect of a fulfilling life. He was the second youngest person in the USA at that time to attain Eagle Scout status and has stayed active with the troops in this district; his Boy Scout and Kiwanis mentor is Barry Smith. Avery attended Furman University and Guilford College where he studied sociology and business and graduated from GTCC with an Emergency Medical Certification. Medicine became his career choice after spending time in the banking world and the justice system.

Currently, Avery works at Greensboro Medical Associates as an infusion therapist/administrator handling their biological and chemotherapy programs. On weekends, he also “rides the truck” as a qualified EMT first responder. In the little spare time off, you will find Avery hiking in the mountains, attending upper end production car races (similar to Le Mans) or just chilling out with his Doberman puppy. If you would like to learn about the future of infusion therapies for an assortment of diseases, ask him about it; quite a fascinating discussion.

Now say hello to **Adam Kensky**, a native of Suburban Park, Maryland, where he grew up playing golf for his high school team and competed in regional tournaments.



Adam wisely chose UNC Chapel Hill, graduated after five years and moved to Philadelphia; however, he missed the friendly folks and culture of the South and moved to

Greensboro in 2004. It was a great move because he met his wife, Aimee here and they now have a 2-year-old son, James, “the little man”!

In addition to caring for James, Aimee works at the Children’s Home Society, a special organization meeting the foster care and adoption needs of children and families. Once in Greensboro, Adam and a partner founded Triad Investments, a company that buys, rehabs, and sells some commercial but mostly residential properties. They have a solid core network of investors and deal in properties in Alamance, Forsyth, Guilford, and Randolph counties. At any given time, they will have 15-20 properties in various stages.

Since he is 39, travels constantly, and must respond to business opportunities promptly, Adam joined Kiwanis under the Young Member Status which gives him flexibility of cost and attendance. So, how did he find out about Kiwanis; well, he went to vote at this last election and Bill Walke was there handing out voter guide information and they started to chat. You know the rest of the story, persistent Bill knows a good prospect when he sees ‘em.

And here is our newest member — **Brittany Vaughan**, catering manager at the Greensboro Marriott, being greeted by Preston Allen. Welcome, Brittany!



SUMMER PROGRAMS

The list of lunchtime speakers has not been finalized prior to publication, and some of the support team information is still open, but the following information is provided to assist with your summer calendars.

JULY

July 6, 2017

Invocation: Erwin Fuller

Guests: David Kinne

Courtesy:

House: Curtis Laughlin, Tom McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy Uzzell

Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker
50/50:

July 13, 2017

Invocation: Ben Coston

Guests: Bob Hood

Courtesy:

House: Curtis Laughlin, Tom McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy Uzzell

Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker
50/50:

July 20, 2017

Invocation: David Belk

Guests: Vance Barron

Courtesy:

House: Curtis Laughlin, Tom McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy Uzzell

Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker
50/50:

July 27, 2017

Invocation: Brenda Fox

Guests: Tom Taylor

Courtesy:

House: Curtis Laughlin, Tom McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy Uzzell

Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker
50/50:

August

August 3, 2017

Invocation: Mo McCord

Guests:

Courtesy:

House: Curtis Laughlin, Tom McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy Uzzell

Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker
50/50:

August 10, 2017

Invocation: Sally Millikin

Guests:

Courtesy:

House: Curtis Laughlin, Tom McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy Uzzell

Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker
50/50:

August 17, 2017

Invocation: Bill Shaw

Guests:

Courtesy:

House: Curtis Laughlin, Tom McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy Uzzell

Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker
50/50:

August 24, 2017

Invocation: John Forbis

Guests:

Courtesy:

House: Curtis Laughlin, Tom McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy Uzzell

Reception: Kenton Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker
50/50:

August 31, 2017

No lunchtime meeting

5th Thursday social event to be advised

June 29, 2017

5th Thursday event at Union Square

Location: Arlington St. and East Gate City Boulevard

Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, tour of the facility, socializing and fun

Free for Kiwanis members, \$15 for guests

Sign up by e-mailing:

scauthen@greensborosymphony.org

Union Square Campus is a partnership between Cone Health, Guilford Technical Community College, North Carolina A&T State University, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The state of the art healthcare facility houses practicing nurses as well as local students, enabling them to enhance their skills in Union Square's simulation center, ultimately filling much-needed jobs and improving the overall delivery of health care in clinical setting.



*Kiwanis Club of
Greensboro*

Editors: Robert and
Linda Gretton

Note from the Editors:

Your Kannon editors will be traveling this summer, so this issue of the Kiwanis Kannon covers June, July and August. The next issue of the Kannon will be sent on September 1st. Have a great summer and see you in the fall!
— Linda and Robert Gretton