

Safe Kids Savannah

Monthly meeting, April 14, 2009

Attendance:

Janice Bentley, Memorial Trauma Services
Cathy Cribbs, ENA
Jane Garrison, CCHD
Penny Maggioni, R.O.C.K.
Theresa Palmer, CC Aquatic Center
Johnnye Rogers, CCR & R

Jimmy Brown, City of Tybee Island
Linda Denhardt, ENA
Alison Gramza, CCHD
Karen Martin, United Community Bank
Lanie Peterson
Eve Seibert, Savannah Bicycle Campaign

Mark Keller, Savannah Fire
Susan King, Babies R Us
Raymond Sikes, Air National Guard

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chairman Joey Wright was on vacation. Alison Gramza welcomed members. Safe Kids Savannah is glad to welcome Mark Keller, PIO with Savannah Fire; Susan King, field marketing for Babies R Us; and Ray Sikes, who is developing a traffic safety program at the Air National Guard.
2. **Did You Know?:** Susan King with Babies R Us discussed her field marketing efforts with Babies R Us in Charleston. She is now also responsible for the new store in Savannah. A free seminar is planned for the Savannah store on April 28 at 6:30 PM. Safe Kids USA and Babies R Us have developed a DVD and booklet called 'Baby Talk' that will be distributed during the seminar. Susan is also bilingual. The Charleston store holds monthly car seat checks the first Tuesday of each month. Susan looks forward to building a strong partnership with Safe Kids Savannah. (susan.king@toysrus.com)
2. **Old Business**
 - **Safe Kids Week will be celebrated April 26-May 3.** The national theme is "Raising Safe Kids, One Stage at A Time". Several events are planned during that week.
 - **Art Contest:** Kristi Emerson is coordinating an art contest through Backus Children's Hospital for children 5-7 years old. The winner's art will be printed on paper placemats that will be distributed through Carey Hilliards Restaurant. Entry deadline is April 30. Winners will be recognized at our annual awards luncheon.
 - **Mom's Forum:** EOA event for pregnant women on April 22 from 9AM until noon.
 - **May Street YMCA Kid's Day:** Donna Williams is coordinating this family event on Saturday, April 25.
 - **GA Army National Guard:** Month of the military child family event also on Saturday, April 25 at the Armory on Eisenhower Drive.
 - **Annual Awards Luncheon:** The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 12 from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM. This will be held at Southside Fire Department Station 3 in the community room, located at 2009 Grove Point Road in Georgetown. Invitations will be mailed next week.
3. **New Business**
 - **Safe Kids Savannah Annual Planning Day:** This is scheduled for June 9, 2009 to be held at Tybee Beach. Final details will be provided at the luncheon in May. This is the 3rd year of our three-year plan. The day will be used to evaluate our progress and set a calendar for 2010.
4. **Reports**
 - **Coordinator's report** Alison Gramza 912 353-3148, amgramza@dhr.state.ga.us
 - **Events in the past month:** Bike Rodeo workshop, Amerigroup Baby Safe Shower at Babies R Us, Backus Children's Hospital's 'Teddy Bear Hospital', Chatham County 'Covering the Uninsured' health fair, Cuyler-Brownsville 'Springfest', Congressman John Barrow's Health Fair, car seat check event at Hunter Army Airfield's children center, presentation to Rotary Club.
 - **Membership** Donna Williams (220-7571, dwilli@amerigroupcorp.com)
 - Alison reminded members to sign-in at the beginning of the meeting to be eligible for door prizes.
 - **Resource Development** (Alison Gramza reporting for) Thandi Thurman-Beck (345-4483, tthurma@amerigroupcorp.com)
 - **'Dress down' day** (during Safe Kids Week) has been coordinated through the public schools department of Health and PE, thanks to Mike Stubbs. Children may pay to 'dress down' on a school designated day as a fund-raiser for Safe Kids Savannah.
 - **Public relations** Janice Bentley (350-8861, bentljal@memorialhealth.com)
 - **TV spots on WJCL:** Casey Jones, anchor at WJCL, is working on a weekly spot providing information on child health and safety to be sponsored by Safe Kids Savannah. Planning is under-way for this great public awareness opportunity. The Chatham County Health Department will be sponsoring this effort.
 - **Advocacy** vacant
 - See www.legis.state.ga.us for current legislation and contact information of legislators.

- **Fire** Mark Keller (912-210-3393, mark_keller@savannahga.gov)
 - Mark has taken Matthew Stanley's position as Public Information Officer with Savannah Fire and Emergencies. He was previously the PIO for Savannah Police Department and has been involved in local media and marketing. He also is a Realtor. Contact Mark to schedule the Fire Safety House and Fire Trucks for events.
- **Occupant safety** Linda Denhardt (748-4374, nannyrn@aol.com)
 - Car seat check event was held at Hunter Army Airfield at the child care center. Spring break affected the attendance so that only 8 seats were checked, but will continue our relationship with the center.
 - Group discussed the new American Academy of Pediatrics statement that children should be in car seats rear facing until age 2. See www.aap.org for more information and a print out.
 - Group discussed surveys at schools related to traffic safety. These have been held in the past at Pooler elementary. This is a program that can be further discussed at the June planning meeting.
 - **CPS 'Family' Reunion:** June 5 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM at DeKalb Board of Health in Atlanta. Contact Alison if you would like to participate. This is an opportunity to obtain CEU's for CPSTechs.
 - **Britax Child Safety Inc** will be holding tours of their factory on June 10. Contact Alison for more information.
- **PACE** Jane Love (651-1443, lovej@thempc.org)
 - Alison Gramza reported for Jane Love.
 - GA Governor's Office of Highway Safety has offered the Pedestrian grant for renewal for the 5th year.
 - **GHSA national conference:** The Governor's Highway Safety Association is holding their annual conference in Savannah, Aug 30-September 2. We have been asked to coordinate a 3 hour session on pedestrian safety to include a walking tour. A planning committee will be meeting next week.
- **Water Safety** Jennifer White (912 657-2280, jennifer.white@starfishaquatics.com)
 - Theresa Palmer reported for Jennifer.
 - May is Water Safety month and a water safety 'event' is planned for each week.
 - Chatham County Aquatic Center will hold 'Make A Splash' water safety event on May 16 for children ages 6-12. The flyer will be placed on our web site at www.safekidssavannah.org. Theresa asked for volunteers for a 'parent fair' to display water safety materials. She also would like donations for goody bags for the children. Plans are being made for 96 children. In addition she could use volunteers to lead children from one water safety station to another during the actual event. Contact Theresa at 652-6796. See flyer attached with minutes.
 - The Aquatic Center is working with Savannah State on an educational component to be used in schools that could include swim lessons at the Center.
 - Kids Don't Float lifejacket loaner boards: Jimmy Brown with City of Tybee will discuss installing one of these at the life guard station on Tybee Beach. The recent drowning of a 14 year old was a sad topic of discussion. Planning for the fishing tournament is underway to raise funds for the loaner boards, as well as for the Fire Safety House.
- **Bike Safety** Eve Seibert (912-547-6613)
 - Eve thanked Alison and Jane for conducting the workshop on planning and conducting bike rodeos.
 - Eve is a representative of the Savannah Bicycle Campaign and will be coordinating community education for bike safety.
 - **Tour de Kids** is a bike safety program being held on Saturday, May 2 in Daffin Park. This is also a fund raiser for Interfaith Hospitality Center to help homeless families. Flyer has been placed on our site under 'events'. The Safe Kids Savannah trailer will be used for the event.
 - **Savannah Wheelie** event will be held as part of Earth Day on Saturday, April 18.
- **Member Announcements**
 - **T-shirts for MS:** Cathy Cribbs is selling shirts for \$15 as a fund raiser for MS. (912 745-7484)
 - **March of Dimes:** Alison Gramza is selling suckers in honor of Dana Huffman's twins. (912 353-3148)
 - **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month:** Pennie discuss the Blue Ribbon Campaign and the 10th annual Pennies for Prevention efforts. For more information call her at 912 356-8404.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Annual Awards Luncheon

Community Room

Southside Fire Department

Station 3

2009 Grove Point Road in Georgetown

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