

THE Bulletin



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CLUB OF COLUMBUS

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world – one child and one community at a time.

“Moving forward, pushing to the edge.”

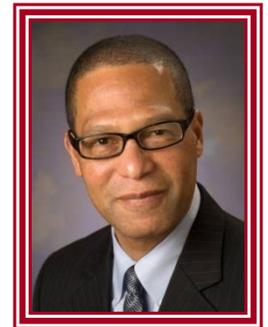
Noon to 1 p.m. luncheon meeting at The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

March 13, 2017



DWIGHT E. SMITH

Founder, President and CEO
Sophisticated Systems, Inc.



Dwight Smith is the founder, president and chief executive officer of Sophisticated Systems, Inc. Sophisticated Systems offers a customizable suite of technology solutions that fit the needs of its clients including IT projects, managed services, cloud services, technology deployment, network monitoring and security, hardware and software procurement and professional services.

Sophisticated Systems has been recognized multiple times for its dedication to uplifting the Central Ohio community as both a Corporate Caring and Pillar Award honoree and has been recognized as one of the fastest growing companies, both locally and nationally, by Columbus Business First, FORTUNE and INC. magazines.

Dwight was recognized for his leadership multiple times in 2016 with his designation to the Smart Business Smart 50 list, and as both a C-Suite and Columbus Chamber of Commerce Small Business Leadership Award honoree. He has more than 30 years' experience in the IT industry. He was marketing manager with International Business Machines from 1979 to 1987; Cullinet Software, Incorporated from 1987 to 1988; branch manager with Software Alternatives, Incorporated from 1988 to 1990; and founded Sophisticated Systems, Inc. in 1990.

Mr. Smith is very active in the Columbus community. In 1998, he established a non-profit foundation, TBTG (Thanks Be to God), to provide assistance to children in the community and around the world and established the non-profit, 'My Special

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### *Today's Meeting*

#### **Greeters:**

**Ellwood Lewis** - Retired

**Merri Bame** – Communication Coach

#### **Invocation:**

**Paul Bohlman** – HealthCare Credit Union System

#### **Committee Meetings:**

Homeless (1 p.m.)

#### **Menu Options:**

**Hot:** Iceberg salad, pork schnitzel with gravy.

**Cold:** Turkey Caesar wrap, with fruit.

### *A Glance at this week*

#### **Birthdays:**

03/13 – Dan Lacey

03/14 – Charlotte Collister



**Monday, 03/13** – Interclub dinner meeting with London Kiwanis Club at Red Brick Tavern.

**Thursday, 03/16** – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Seton Square Retirement Center St. Patrick's Day dinner.

**Saturday, 03/18** – 8 a.m. to noon – Hilliard Kiwanis annual pancake breakfast plus cookie walk and a plant sale.

## Next Manna Café date set ...

Once each quarter, Kiwanis Club of Columbus underwrites the food cost for Manna Café's weekly Wednesday dinner, where they feed upward of 200 adults in need. In addition, we provide a major portion of the manpower needed to prepare and serve the meal.

Our next opportunity is set for Wednesday, March 29. We will again need about 10-12 volunteers divided between two shifts, 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.



No prior experience is needed and you are welcome to bring guests and potential members. Manna Café is located behind Broad Street United Methodist Church, at the intersection of Broad Street and Washington Avenue. Parking is available in the lot just to the east, off Washington Street. Please contact Jim Shively at [jshivel279@earthlink.net](mailto:jshivel279@earthlink.net) if you would like to volunteer.

*If you change the way you look at things,  
the things you look at change.*

## Joint Service Project set ...

A joint service day project between Kiwanis Club of Columbus and the Columbus Young Professionals (CYP), has been set for Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon.

We will be doing a variety of hands-on tasks at the J. Ashburn Center (Boys and Girls Club of Columbus), such as painting, interior cleaning, exterior yard work, etc. This is the new home of the Boys & Girls Club, which relocated from its Gift Street location in Franklinton to the more centrally located Hilltop. The facility is the site for our long-time Reading Buddies program, coordinated by Kiwanian **Perry Fisher**.

After clean-up, rumor has it that volunteers will move to a site for some 'in-depth discussions' and recap of the morning's activities over adult beverages and snacks!

This will also be a perfect opportunity to share the Kiwanis story with CYP members and to invite them to an upcoming meeting or 'Get to Know Kiwanis' session. Additional information and sign-up instructions will be forthcoming.

*Artificial intelligence is no match  
for natural stupidity.*

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Word' in 2015 with the hopes of teaching children the importance and value of words. His presentation today will focus on that program.

Dwight is on the board of directors for CTL Engineering, Inc.; State Auto Mutual Insurance Company; Choice Legal (Tampa, FL.); Rev1 Ventures; Columbus Regional Airport Authority; Nationwide Children's Hospital; Junior Achievement of Central Ohio (Chair); and The Columbus Foundation. He has also been a guest lecturer at The Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University.

Mr. Smith received a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and an MBA in finance from The Ohio State University. He resides in New Albany, with his wife.

*When driving in reverse,
it's important to have a backup plan.*

2017 Columbus Arts Festival ...

The 2017 Columbus Arts Festival is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 9, 10 and 11, along the Scioto River in downtown Columbus.



The past few years, Kiwanis Club of Columbus has worked several of the beverage booths during the event. This year, due to the great job we have done in the past, we have been asked to take on a new, 12-tap beer tent that will be located on the west side of the river, near a new entertainment stage. We will be in the same booth all three days. It promises to be a very profitable location for our Club, which will earn a percentage of everything we sell. Funds from this effort will go toward running the Club and offsetting the need for a dues increase.

While Kiwanis will be taking the lead on this booth, we can invite family members, friends, co-workers and others to work with us. All those who work **MUST** be trained in advance, however. Training sessions will be held in April and May (dates have not yet been set, but there will be a number of evening and Saturday dates available, so that everyone can attend one that is convenient to them). If you attended training in 2016, you do **NOT** need to attend this year, as the training is valid for two years.

Please mark your calendar and plan to work one or more shifts during this year's event. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer.

Have you extended an invitation to join Kiwanis to someone you know?

International Convention set ...

The 2017 Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Paris, France and is open to all Kiwanis members from around the world. Our Club will be represented by President-elect Chad Endsley.

In addition to electing international trustees and officers, this annual event is filled with educational break-out sessions and exhibits designed to showcase Kiwanis activities around the world.

International conventions sites are selected well in advance to allow for the necessary promotion and planning. Here are the sites chosen for upcoming convention:

- 2018 – Las Vegas
- 2019 – Walt Disney World, Orlando
- 2020 – Indianapolis
- 2021 – Salt Lake City

My doctor told me I really need to start watching my drinking, so I'm off to find a bar with a mirror!

Trustees and committee chairs to meet ...

The March Trustee and committee chair meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus is set for Tuesday evening, March 14. The meeting will be held in the offices of Merrill Lynch, located at 65 East State Street, Suite 2600 and will be hosted by Kiwanian **Bill Calvert**.



Following the meeting, we will adjourn to Condado – a taco restaurant with a full bar, located around the corner at 132 South High Street. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and dinner.

These monthly meetings are open to all members of the Club. This is where official Club business is conducted and your participation in the discussions is welcome. The more input, ideas and perspectives we have, the better the Trustees are able to make balanced and informed decisions.

If there is an item, idea, concern or issue you would like to have placed on the agenda for discussion by the board for consideration, please let Club President **Jack D'Aurora** (jdaurora@behallaw.com) know in advance.

Please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** (pbohlman@aol.com) know by Monday, March 13, if you will be attending the meeting and joining us for fellowship and dinner.

Dairy Queen free cone day ...

Over the past 32 years, Dairy Queen has raised more than \$120 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. This year, on March 20, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Dairy Queen locations across the nation will celebrate Children's Hospitals Week and the first day of spring with their annual **Free Cone Day** to announce to the community that they are once again open for spring.



Customers who visit a participating Dairy Queen location will receive a free small soft serve cone just for coming in. Some locations will use the opportunity to raise critical funds for their local children's hospital by giving the cone in exchange for a donation or by adding toppings or dipping the cone for a contribution.

Thanks Dairy Queen for making miracles every day.

The rain was pouring down, and there standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub, was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick with a piece of string dangling in the water.

A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?" "Fishing," replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent said, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

In the warmth of the pub, as they sip their whiskeys, the gentleman cannot resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the eighth" said the old man.

Don't forget your Giant Eagle gift card ...

Not all of our members shop at Giant Eagle, but for those who do, please consider pre-purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards from Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**.

The cards are like cash and come in different denominations. Paul maintains a supply of \$100 gift cards, but can special-order smaller denominations that can be used as birthday gifts, employee recognitions or thank you's. Special-orders take 3-4 business days to secure, so please allow for lead time.

Each gift card purchased generates a 5 percent commission for Kiwanis Club of Columbus. These funds are used to help offset the costs of running the Club. What's more, using gift cards for your shopping earns Giant Eagle Fuel Perks just like any other payment form.

Club and members recognized at Mid-Year Education Day ...

At the annual Ohio District Kiwanis Mid-Year Education Day held Saturday, March 4, Kiwanis Club of Columbus walked away with a number of honors:

1- We were recognized as a 2015-16 Distinguished Club. This recognition included the honors of distinguished president for **Jeff Rayis** and distinguished secretary for **Paul Bohlman**.

2- Our Club was recognized for being a significant part of the First Family AmTryke project.

3- **Kathleen Roberts, Paul Bohlman** and **Scott Lindsey** were recognized as Kiwanis International Distinguished Members.

4- **Jay Schoedinger** was recognized by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (ODKF) for his support of the Ambassador Program at the Patron level.

5- **David Gallit** was inducted into the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Hall of Fame.

6 – **Scott Lindsey** was recognized by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation for his support of the Kiwanis Children's Fund and he was also recognized for his support of the Ambassador Program at the Alan Penn Award level.

7- **Scott Lindsey** was also recognized by the Ohio District as the Outstanding Lt. Governor for his service to Division 10-W during the 2015-16 administrative year. He was also recognized as a Distinguished Lt. Governor.

While recognition is not the driving force behind the significant efforts of those listed above, it is indeed nice to receive such honors and the appreciation from one's peers.

*I'm great at multi-tasking--I can waste time,
be unproductive and procrastinate all at once.*

*Promote your company, organization,
cause or event, here.*

Business card ads can be purchased
individually or in groups of 6.

Contact Paul Bohlman for additional
details and rates.

*Dr. Frankenstein entered a bodybuilding competition and
discovered he had seriously misunderstood the objective.*

*My wife and I were happy for 20 years;
then we met.*

Next meeting

(March 20, 2017)

Program:

Kevin Werner – Ohioans to Stop Executions

Greeters:

Fil Line - ROI Realty Services

Neil Distelhorst – Retired, Deloitte

Invocation:

Joyce Waters – Johnson Investment Counsel

Committee Meetings: Public Relations (1 p.m.)

Menu Options:

Hot: House salad, turkey meatloaf with char
tomato chutney.

Cold: Chicken salad on Croissant with fruit

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