

THE Bulletin



Kiwaniis
CLUB OF COLUMBUS

Kiwaniis 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 20, 2017

KEVIN WERNER **Ohioans to Stop Executions**



Kevin Werner is the executive director of Ohioans to Stop Executions and the OTSE Action Fund, 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, respectively, whose missions are to end the use of the death penalty in Ohio.

He spent his entire career working for mission-driven organizations advocating for policy changes in the areas of housing and homelessness, the environment, worker's rights and now, capital punishment. Kevin's passion for leading a social justice-oriented career began when he served as a Jesuit volunteer in Detroit in 2000. There, he worked with landlords and tenants trying to resolve disputes at the United Community Housing Coalition. Since then he has worked on environmental issues in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Austin, Texas, with Clean Water Action, a national non-profit education and advocacy organization.

Kevin came to Ohio in 2006 to lead Working America's Cincinnati office. Working America is the community affiliate of the AFL-CIO. Kevin began working for Ohioans to Stop Executions in 2007.

Kevin is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Kevin and his wife reside in Columbus with their two children.

Today's Meeting

Greeter:

Neil Distelhorst – Retired, Deloitte

Invocation:

Joyce Waters – Johnson Investment Counsel

Check Presentation: Center for Healthy Families

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.

A Glance at this week

Birthdays:

03/21 – **Perry Fisher**

03/22 – **Jim Bechtel**

03/25 – **Jerry Durham**



Tuesday, 03/21 – National Agriculture Day.

Wednesday, 3/22/1894 - The first playoff game for the Stanley Cup began.

Thursday, 03/23 – National Puppy Day.

Saturday, 03/25/1584 - Sir Walter Raleigh was granted a patent to colonize Virginia.

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 a 'Get to Know Kiwanis' session. Additional information and sign-up instructions will be forthcoming.

*I ate a box of thin mints and I didn't get any thinner.
I don't think they work.*

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 if you would like to volunteer.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

The 'Greatest Generation' loses another ...

Donald T. Boyd, 89 of Pickerington, Ohio, a servant of God and a follower of Jesus, passed away Friday, March 10, 2017 at Mt. Carmel East Hospital.

Don was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps. veteran, where he received the World War II Victory Medal and U.S. Army of Occupation of Japan Medal. He was always proud to say that he was a social worker, where he worked at Children's Hospital, Lutheran Social Services (Former Executive Director), various nursing homes, AOPHA and National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Don also taught social work at Capital University. He was a charter member and a past elder of Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church in Pickerington, a charter member of NASW, and a member of Pickerington Senior Citizens, American Legion Post 283 and Kiwanis Clubs in both Columbus and Pickerington. Don was recognized with various awards from organizations such as NASW (Lifetime Achievement); Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging; Senior Hall of Fame; Kiwanis Club of Columbus Achievement Award; Sertoma 'Service to Mankind' Award; and the Pickerington Public Library Award.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Norma J. Boyd and two daughters, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be given to The Ohio State University, College of Social Work, 1947 College Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

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!

Hilltop Interclub set ...

Join us on Thursday, March 30, as we visit the Hilltop Kiwanis Club for one of their weekly luncheon meetings.

The program that day will be Lieutenant Scott Hyland of the Columbus Crime Analysis Unit. The Hilltop Club meets at Crossroads United Methodist, located at 1100 South Hague Avenue at 11:45 a.m. Please let interclub chair Dave Weibel (dbweibel@hotmail.com) know you plan to attend.

*I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today,
but I couldn't find it.*

Columbus Kiwanis 5K ...

Our 6th Annual Columbus Kiwanis 5K Race to Reduce Infant Mortality is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 6, at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park, located at 400 W. Whittier Street. The race is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m.

Individuals and teams can register at www.columbuscharity5k.org.

Runners and walkers will receive a "tech" T-shirt as part of their entry fee.

Entrants who wish to walk the course are encouraged to do so. Registration fees increase as the race date gets closer, so why not sign up today?



The 2017 Columbus Kiwanis 5K Race to Reduce Infant Mortality helps increase awareness of prenatal care issues and raise funds to support organizations and programs directed at reducing infant mortality. Central Ohio has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country and we want to help correct that.

How can you help? Well, there are a number of ways including the following:

1- Sign up to run, walk or stroll in the event and encourage your family members, co-workers and neighbors to join you. If you sign up as a team, the fees are slightly lower. We all know runners (and walkers) ... please mention our race to them.

2- Be a sponsor or make a donation. Sponsorship levels vary, each level receives commensurate benefits. Donations are always welcome and will help us meet our overall fundraising goal for this event.

3- Volunteer at the event. We will need a number of people to help with the set-up, registration, water stop and course management. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jerry Durham at jdurham@continental-realestate.com.

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. We need workers to fill a total of 80 shifts slots, with each shift being approximately 3 hours long. All those who work MUST be trained in advance.

Training dates have been set and you can sign up on line by going to the following link. Please sign up for only one date and make note of it, as you will not receive a confirmation. We are waiting for notification as to the location of the training.

<http://doodle.com/poll/kk9ywuxskni6vvnq>

If you attended training in 2016, you do NOT need to attend this year, as the training is valid for two years. However, those serving as a shift "lead" must go through training this year regardless of whether you were trained last year.

Once you have signed up for training, or if you were trained last year, you can sign up for one or more of the shifts, on one or more of the days, at this site:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11FQV-mapthWDBkn_Mf5IF9rZGI5ofvQHxF6zoFxCYVM/edit#gid=0

We encourage you to sign up early so that you have more dates and times to choose from. If a date or shift is already filled and that is the only one you can attend, feel free to contact people sign up for that date or shift to see if they may be able to switch with you.

*I was going to give him a nasty look,
but he already had one.*

Kiwanis ... Share it!

For our Club to continue to flourish, we need to be continually cultivating and inviting caring people to join our ranks.

Sometimes, it can be difficult to get people to slow down long enough to listen and to really understand what Kiwanis is all about. That is why the Membership Committee will be host a special **“Get to Know Kiwanis”** session on Monday, April 3.



Now is the time to start planning to invite one or more guests. That gives them plenty of time to clear their calendars and make plans to attend. The session will begin at 11:15 a.m., in the main ballroom at the ACC, and will last approximately 30 minutes. Following the session, we hope your guest will join us for lunch and our normal Monday meeting. Be sure to make the necessary luncheon reservations. Our speaker that day will be Pastor Nancy Day-Achauer of the Westside Business Association.

*No matter how much you push the envelope,
it'll still be stationery.*

If I had a hammer ...

The mission of the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio is to provide furniture to stabilize living situations for central Ohio families and individuals struggling with poverty and other severe life challenges. The Furniture Bank is a unique and collaborative non-profit organization that connects individuals, businesses, social service agencies and churches to people struggling with poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, unemployment and other severe life crises. They collect and build 60,000 pieces of furniture and then work with more than 50 fifty social service agencies and other non-profits to distribute furniture to 3,700 families - more than 10,000 people each year.



Last month, Kiwanis Trustees approved a \$5,000 grant to be used for the Furniture Bank's 'Beds for Kids' program that serves more than 5,000 children per year. The money is being used to purchase 50 new mattresses.

On Saturday, April 8, we will be gathering at the Furniture Bank to build furniture that will be used in their programs. While this may initially sound like a skilled labor need, you will be glad to know that NO woodworking or furniture building experience is necessary. The Furniture Bank will provide the training, tools and materials – all you need to bring is a smile and a willingness to work.

To sign up as a volunteer, just click on the this link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_N4chn7irf_0CGJQ1YtQANFNrIhFV2sn9Z0SZLkZhY/edit#gid=0

Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

Next meeting

(March 27, 2017)

Program:

Amy Eldridge – Kaleidoscope Youth Center

Greeters:

Bob Wiseman - Burkholder Flint Associates
Tom Christman – The Ohio Exterminating Company

Invocation:

Alice Foeller – SiteInSight

Committee Meetings: There are no committee meetings scheduled for today.

Menu Options:

Hot: Wedge salad, pan-seared salmon with red pepper beurre-blanc.

Cold: BLT on sourdough with pasta salad.

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