

THE Bulletin



Kiwanis[®]

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

October 3, 2016



JACK D'AURORA

Incoming President, Kiwaniis Club of Columbus



Being president of our Club is a humbling experience. I hope I meet your expectations. Let me explain what I see for us during the 2016-17 administrative year.

Our challenge is to keep current with the changes taking place about us. Companies are less interested in paying membership dues; our membership numbers have declined annually for at least a decade; and younger professionals appear less attracted in the idea of membership. At the same time, the needs of our community have not diminished. The question is, how do we respond? How do we stay relevant and vital?

The answer is, we need to make changes - not big changes - but changes, nonetheless. Change, however, involves risk because it means stepping outside our comfort zone, which is scary. But without change, we lessen our chance for growth.

Let's make a purposeful effort to grow the Club, not just in numbers, but in terms of diversity. Let's commit to a more diverse membership that better reflects our city. Diversity brings new thoughts and approaches, all of which makes our Club more attractive and vital.

Let's develop a more collaborative process in the grant-making process. Let's think big in what we do. Instead of making a series of small grants, perhaps we should consider making just three or four large grants. After careful consideration, we might conclude that a series of smaller grants better serve our community, but let's at least give ourselves the opportunity to

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### *Today's Meeting*

#### **Greeters:**

**Neil Distelhorst** – Retired, Deloitte/Touche  
**David Brainin** – David J. Brainin LLC

#### **Invocation:**

**Scott Doellinger** – Star Consultants, Inc.

**Program Notes:** Swearing in Club officers and Trustees -  
Lt. Governor, James Milner

**Committee Meetings:** None scheduled

#### **Menu Options:**

**Hot:** Wedge salad, pan-seared sirloin with demi-glace.  
**Cold:** Chicken salad wrap, with coleslaw.

### *A Glance at this week*

#### **Birthdays:**

10/3 – **Catherine (Kitty) Wertz**



**Tuesday, 10/4/2006** - Wikileaks was launched by Julian Assange.

**Wednesday, 10/5/1921** – The baseball World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time.

**Friday, 10/7/1868** - Cornell University held its opening day ceremonies; initial student enrollment is 412, the highest at any American university to that date.

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think big.

I want to see our Club grow, think big and move forward and adjust to the changes about us. I want to see us push to the edge. On Monday's meeting, I'll talk in detail about what I mean and give you the opportunity to ask questions.

*I hate how after every argument,
I always think of something better
I could have said.*

Regatta thank you note ...

*Mr. Jerry Durham
Regatta Chair
Kiwanis Club of Columbus*

Dear Jerry,

Cheers to another successful Kiwanis Charity Regatta! Thanks to your continued generosity, Columbus Metropolitan Library will ensure more central Ohio children receive a summer's-worth of educational and entertaining programming in 2017. Filling this critical 3-month gap allows students to maintain their reading skills during the summer when they are far away from the traditional classroom.

The fact is, reading matters. It matters to the individual success of each child in our community and it matters to the success of the community as a whole.

Thank you for helping ensure the children we serve develop – and keep – critical literacy skills. Kiwanis Club of Columbus has proven to be a leading champion of our city's youngest residents.

*Sincerely,
Patrick Losinski
CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Library*

***My boss said I intimidate my co-workers,
so I stared at him until he apologized.***

Kiwanis 101 ...

Kiwanis International is a global organization located in 80 countries. There are currently 48 Districts. Some districts may include multiple states or even countries!

Ohio is a "stand-alone" District, with more than 200 clubs. Districts are divided into smaller demographic areas called divisions each containing 5-15 clubs. Our district is governed by a district board composed of an elected Governor, Governor-Elect, Past Governor, Treasurer and Lt. Governors. The District Secretary is an appointed position. Kiwanis Club of Columbus is in Division 10-W of the Ohio District.

Membership: A top priority ...

It has often been said that membership is the 'lifeblood' of an organization. Without new members, an organization dwindles and eventually dies. New members bring enthusiasm, fresh ideas and, most importantly, additional time and talent to tackle the many projects our Club undertakes each year.

Our goal is to bring in 43 new members during the 2016-17 administrative year that begins this week, October 1. That is no small task, but one which our Club has met before and can certainly do again.

To get the year started right, we will be hosting a potential member orientation on Monday, October 3. It will begin at 11:15 a.m. and last approximately 30 minutes. The session will provide an overview of the Club and discuss some of the many benefits of joining. If you have friends, co-workers or business associates you think may be interested in learning more about Kiwanis, please invite them to attend this special session and then plan to have them as your guest for lunch that day.

Orientation meetings such as this will be held throughout the year so that there are plenty of opportunities to bring guests. The Membership Committee has already set the following dates for these sessions throughout the year. In addition to October 3, sessions will be held on:

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| <i>December 5, 2016</i> | <i>February 6, 2017</i> |
| <i>April 3, 2017</i> | <i>June 5, 2017</i> |
| <i>August 7, 2017</i> | <i>October 2, 2017</i> |

Of course, you can bring guests at any time throughout the year and to any Club meeting, community service project, social event, etc. These dates are designed to assist you and to provide you with a reason to invite people.

The Membership Committee has structured itself to approach 8 separate target audiences by establishing sub-committees charged with developing an aggressive plan to attract new members from their respective areas. The target areas and sub-committee chairs are as follows:

- Major corporations/businesses – **Joyce Waters**
- Downtown residents – **Dave Weibel**
- ACC members – **Wes Strickling**
- Columbus Young Professionals – **JP LaFramboise**
- Grant recipients – **Bob Wiseman**
- Speakers – **Kathleen Roberts**
- Former members – **Paul Bohlman**
- Monday guests – **Scott Lindsey**

While there may be some overlap in these areas, the sub-committees will work together by tracking and actively communicating progress among themselves. If you would like to assist in a particular area, please contact the appropriate chair.

Fifteen interesting financial facts ...

- 1- 69 percent of people do not balance their checkbooks – It's amazing that only 18 percent have over-drafted their account in the past year.
- 2- 24.3 percent of American families have no savings whatsoever. And approximately 7.7 percent of American households function without a bank account.
- 3- The average American household debt is \$117,951. This is more than 2.5 times the average household income.
- 4- The average credit card debt is \$2,650.
- 5- 19 percent of people have used mobile phone banking in the last year; 56 percent have paid a bill through online banking in the last month.
- 6- Baby boomers are the 'best-saving' generation; surprisingly, it's not the older generation.
- 7- Almost 50 percent of Americans wouldn't be able to cover unexpected expenses of \$500. Almost 25 percent would not be able to cover even \$100. And only 17 percent say they have a 3-month emergency fund saved.
- 8- More than 2 percent of adults aged 50 to 64 aren't saving anything for retirement.
- 9- The average cost to raise a child to adulthood: \$245,340.
- 10- The average wedding costs \$28,082; the average honeymoon: \$3,700.
- 11- One percent of kids received a "gift" from the Tooth Fairy for a lost tooth (*Average of \$4.36 per tooth in 2014*).
- 12- For new car purchases, 43 percent finance; 21 percent lease; 36 percent purchase the vehicle outright.
- 13- In 2015, the average income of someone with a bachelor's degree was DOUBLE that of a high school drop-out. That same bachelor's degree earned only 62 percent of someone with a professional degree.
- 14- The average number of times a person visits an ATM per month: 7.4
- 15- The national average FICO credit score is 691.

~~~ by Eric Gagliano

*I wonder why we are so obsessed with trying to find intelligent life on other planets, when we can't even find intelligent life here?*

## Kiwanis recognized ...

Kaleidoscope Youth Center has recognized Kiwanis Club of Columbus as their 'Distinguished Donor for 2016.'

President and Mrs. **Jeff Rayis**, Centennial Chair **Kathleen Roberts** and centennial grants coordinator **Susan Black** attended the 2016 Community Pillars Garden Party on behalf of the Club, to receive the recognition.

## President's party details are set ...

Each year, we wrap up the previous administrative year by holding a President's Party to recognize the outgoing administration and to celebrate the many accomplishments throughout the year.

This year's event is scheduled for Friday evening, November 4, and it will again be held at the beautifully remodeled Scioto Country Club. Invitations will soon be mailed, to your home address.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m., and the entertainment and recognitions will commence immediately following dinner. Entertainment will be led by past president **Dan McCormick** and the "Not So Prime-Time Players."

The President's Party is always a fun evening and a great opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow Kiwanis members and their spouses/significant others.

*Dear Lord, all I ask is for a chance to prove that winning the lottery won't make me a bad person!*

## Club committees re-forming ...

As we begin the start of the new administrative year on October 1, committee chairs are in the process of recruiting and restructuring their committees to best meet the needs of the committee and the Club during the upcoming year.

If you served on a committee during the 2015-16 administrative year and would like to continue, that's great. If you are new to the Club or would like to serve on a different committee to gain more exposure and experience, please let us know. New ideas, new enthusiasm and different perspectives all add to the betterment of our efforts in serving our community and running our Club.

With the wide variety of committees in our Club, there is something for everyone – whether it be administrative, fundraising, community service, social or philanthropic in nature. A complete list of committees, current chair-people and committee members can be found on our website, along with a description of each committee's purpose.

**Wife:** "I love you."

**Husband:** "I love you, too."

**Wife:** "Prove it. Scream it to the world."

**Husband:** whispers in her ear "I love you."

**Wife:** "Why did you whisper it to me?"

**Husband:** "Because you are my world."

## Clintonville Pancake breakfast ...

On Saturday, October 15, the Clintonville Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast at the Clintonville Women's Club located at 3951 North High Street. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m., and run through noon. It is open to the public, so feel free to bring family and friends. Funds raised through this event will help fund community service projects like NCIL Baseball, Clintonville Resource Center, Nationwide Children's Hospital and many more.



*If you think someone is staring at you:*

1. *Start yawning.*
2. *If they start yawning, they were staring at you.*

## Trustee meeting ...

The first Trustee and Committee chair meeting of the new administrative year will be held on Tuesday evening, October 11, at Cristo Rey High School located at 400 E. Town Street. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

These meetings are where the official business of the Club is conducted: approving new member applications; approving grant requests; setting goals; discussing issues; etc. Committees provide updates on their plans and activities, and discussion is held regarding upcoming projects. Meetings are open to all members of the Club and all members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the discussions.

For this meeting, we will be ordering in box lunches at a cost of approximately \$10-\$15 person and we will need to know in advance (by Friday, October 7) if you will be attending and if you wish to eat.

*A good laugh and a long sleep are  
the two best cures for anything.*

## Giant Eagle cards ...

If you shop at Giant Eagle, every dollar you spend could provide \$.05 for Kiwanis Club of Columbus. Purchase a \$100 gift card through Kiwanis, and the Club earns \$5, while you receive the full purchasing power of the \$100 and earn fuel perks as well.



Gift cards are a great way to shop and can be purchased from Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**. A supply of \$100 gift cards are kept in inventory, but smaller and larger denominations can be special-ordered.

*I'll bet jellyfish are sad  
there are no peanut butter fish.*

## Next meeting

(October 17, 2016)

### Program:

**Chip M. Spinning** – Franklin County Children's Services

### Greeters:

**Ellwood Lewis** - Retired

**David Brainin** – David J. Brainin LLC

### Invocation:

To be determined

**Committee Meetings:** None scheduled

### Menu Options:

**Hot:** House salad, butternut squash ravioli with brown butter cream

**Cold:** Roast beef and cheddar sandwich with potato salad

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