

# 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

**November 7, 2016**



## **JANET E. JACKSON** **President and CEO** **United Way of Central Ohio**



Janet E. Jackson is president and CEO of United Way of Central Ohio, one of the largest United Way organizations in the country. Under her leadership, United Way is mobilizing the central Ohio community to reduce poverty.

Prior to coming to United Way, Janet served six years as Columbus City Attorney and nearly 10 years as a judge on the Franklin County Municipal Court. She holds a B.A. degree from Wittenberg University and a J.D. degree from The National Law Center at George Washington University. Her son Harrison Sewell, age 26, also graduated from Wittenberg University and lives in Columbus.

Her honors and awards include: Allies of Equality Award from Equality Ohio; Woman of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Columbus; the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award from the Columbus Education Association; 2013 Professional Woman of the Year by the Women of Color Foundation and Woman of the Year by the Niagara Foundation. She was inducted into the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame in 2001. Janet also received the 2015 Mortar Board Alumni Achievement Award and an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Capital University Law School. She was named Outstanding Head of Diversity in the Columbus Business First Diversity in Business Awards and won the Champions of Diversity Legend Award.

Janet currently serves on the Family Services Planning Committee, an advisory board for the Franklin County Department of

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### *Today’s Meeting*

**Greeters:**

**Dan Lacey** - Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Company

**Neil Distelhorst** – Retired, Deloitte & Touche

**Invocation:**

**Alice Foeller** – Site-in-Sight

**Committee Meetings:** Golf

**Menu Options:**

**Hot:** House salad, beef stir fry with soy steamed rice

**Cold:** BLT on sourdough, with pasta salad

### *A Glance at this week*

**Birthdays:**

11/10 – **Leslie Huntington**

11/12 – **Jonathan Moody**

11/13 – **Hayley Southworth**



**Wednesday, 11/9/1620** - Pilgrims, aboard the Mayflower, sight land at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

**Thursday, 11/10/1775** – The United States Marine Corps was founded at Tun Tavern by Samuel Nicholas.

## Hilliard Kiwanis to hold community fundraiser...

Plan to come hungry and go home totally satisfied from a good meal and a great time.

On Saturday, November 12, Kiwanis Club of Hilliard will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. The event will run from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Hilliard Senior Center located at 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive in Hilliard.



The menu will include spaghetti (with Rod's secret sauce), meatball, salad, dessert and beverage for an admission price of \$8 per adult, \$7 per senior and \$4 for children ages 4-12. Children 3 and under are free. Why not bring the entire family along with a few friends?

The silent auction will include a wide variety of donated items from retailers around the community. If you bring a non-perishable food item for the Hilliard Food Pantry, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Kroger Gift Card.

Members of Kiwanis Club of Columbus who attend will receive an attendance credit. Should we have four or more of our members attend, we will also earn an "Interclub" credit. Reservations are NOT needed, however, you must self-report your attendance to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** in order to receive the proper attendance credit.

*They say it is better to be poor and healthy than rich and miserable, but how about a compromise like moderately rich and just moody?*

## Hilltop Kiwanis 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Newspaper Sale & Auction ...

On Thursday, December 1, Hilltop Kiwanis will conduct its 70<sup>th</sup> annual newspaper sale and auction. The event will be held at Crossroads United Methodist Church, located at 1100 S. Hague Avenue. The event will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude at 1 p.m. A free lunch will be included.

This is a great opportunity to support a sister Kiwanis club, earn an attendance credit, have some fun, do some networking and help our Club earn an interclub credit.

*I don't want to brag or make anyone jealous, but I can still fit in to the socks I wore in high school.*

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Job and Family Services. She is a board member of The Center for Family Safety and Healing and a member of the Task Force to Prevent Family Homelessness. She is also a member of the board of Installed Building Products (a publicly traded company), and the board of Wittenberg University. Janet is active in committees that help to guide the United Way movement on the national and international level. She is a convener of Thrive, a Collective Impact initiative that is creating a poverty reduction road map for Franklin County, and she is also a member of the International Women's Forum, IWF Ohio and of Women Corporate Directors. Janet is a member of the Strategic Advisory Council of the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, and of the Divided Communities Steering Group.

Janet was a member of the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force and the Task Force to Examine Improvements to the Ohio Grand Jury System. She was a member of the Columbus Education Commission and worked on education issues facing the near east side of Columbus as co-chair of the PACT education sub-committee. She was also vice chair of the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Board.

*I am terrified of elevators and I will be taking steps to avoid them.*

## Giant Eagle and fall projects ...

As we enter the fall, there are countless numbers of projects that need to be completed around every house and yard. Or perhaps you have conquered those, and you are now starting to turn your attention to inside projects. Regardless, you can help support Kiwanis with every household project by purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards.

With your Giant Eagle gift card, you can purchase retail gift cards for Lowe's or Home Depot, where you likely will go to buy your lawn fertilizer, paint, new appliances, tools or other needed materials.

Or perhaps it's just shopping for clothes and other household goods. If so, retail gift cards to Macy's, Kohl's, Bath & Body Works, Sears, Marshall's and other such stores may be just the ticket.

When you purchase your Giant Eagle gift card at Kiwanis, our Club earns 5 percent of the price you pay for the card. The full value of that card can then be used to purchase groceries, gasoline or any other retail gift card at your local Giant Eagle store. Your purchases also count toward fuel perks, so you can save money at the same time you are helping the Club earn money!

## Attendance ... why does it matter?

Often times we hear members say, “I just don’t have time,” “I can’t get away from work,” “I have another commitment at that time,” etc., etc. Are these truly reasons why a person doesn’t attend Kiwanis meetings, events and activities, or are they just excuses?

It is hard to say. We all live busy lives and there are many demands on our limited time. I recall one time trying to get several people to make a commitment to an event I was trying to organize. I could never get a definite answer – “Ask me later; I don’t know right now; let me think about it; I’ll have to check my calendar.” This went on for quite some time, and the event I wanted to put together never materialized because I could not find a time that was good for everyone.

Then one day I realized that the people I was asking simply had different priorities ... what I wanted them to do was not high on their priority list. They either had the time or would make the time if it was something they wanted to do.

To test my theory, I asked several of them if they wanted to play golf -- my treat -- on a particular day. They each said yes. Wow, all of a sudden they had time in their busy schedules! They didn’t even hesitate, check their calendars or otherwise think about whether or not they had a conflict. Playing golf was a priority, and they would figure out later how to rearrange their schedules.

So, is Kiwanis a priority for you? Do you have Monday meetings, committee meetings, fund raisers, social events and community service projects on your calendar? Do you tell people you can’t do something with them because you have a Kiwanis commitment? Do you maneuver your work schedule so you can attend something specific, such as a monthly Trustee meeting or an off-site committee meeting?

Many members do, and that is one reason why our Club is so successful. Others have less time to give and must be more selective in the activities they support. That’s okay. Being a large Club, we have the luxury of absorbing the ups and downs of individual schedules. We all go through busy cycles and we all have last-minute conflicts that arise from time to time.

Many service clubs have attendance requirements that allow for a small number of absences. If a member exceeds that number, they are no longer in “good standing” and may be asked to resign. Such clubs only want those who are going to be active and who can be counted on.

We want the same type of members, but we also recognize that lifestyles, job requirements, health and any number of

issues can, from time to time, prevent a person from attending Kiwanis activities.

Our Club recognizes those with “Perfect Attendance,” and we define perfect attendance as having 48 attendance credits during the administrative year, one for each Monday we meet (52 weeks minus four Monday holidays). We give attendance credits for attending a Monday meeting; participating in a committee meeting; helping with a service project; attending a Trustee meeting; attending a Kiwanis social event or fundraiser; serving as a greeter or providing the weekly invocation; participating in an inter-club, etc. In short, we are very generous in encouraging our people to be involved and in earning perfect attendance.

So why is attendance so important? It is what makes the Club work: it’s about people; it’s about teamwork and networking; it’s about having fun; it’s about giving back to the community; it’s about supporting a worthy cause; it’s about fellowship; it’s about enjoying a good meal while hearing an interesting speaker, and much more.

We want all members to participate to the best of their ability, to engage themselves in the part(s) of the Club they find most interesting, most fulfilling or perhaps most challenging. We want our Club to feel like family, i.e., a place to go to relax with friends; a place to share common experiences; a place to grow through leadership and organizational development; and a place to network and seek advice. All this happens through attendance ... just being there, showing up and being available.

If for some reason your attendance these past few months has been lacking, why not make it a point to check out the **Activity Calendar** on our website, and use it as a source for penciling in the meetings, events and activities you want to be present for? Then, make it a priority, so that ‘excuses’ are never a factor.

***Mark your calendar and plan to attend our joint meeting with Rotary Club of Columbus on Monday, November 14. We will meet at the Boat House at Confluence Park.***

### Did you know ...

- A group of apes is called a shrewdness.
- A group of bats is called a colony.
- A group of ferrets is called a business.
- A group of porcupines is called a prickle.
- A group of tigers is called a streak.
- A group of eagles is called a convocation.
- A group of storks is called a mustering.
- A group of trout is called a hover.
- A group of grasshoppers is called a cloud.

## Year-end giving ...

During the fourth quarter of each calendar year, we tend to evaluate our charitable giving so that we can take full advantage of the tax deductions. We hope your plans include Kiwanis at one or more levels – International, State or local.

There are many ways to give, and working with your financial planner or accountant is always recommended. But here is a quick overview of Kiwanis and ‘where the money goes’ when you give at the various levels.

1- **Kiwanis International Foundation** – This Foundation is designed to support world-wide Kiwanis initiatives. The current focus is on the ELIMINATE Project – a joint effort with UNICEF to raise \$110 million and to deliver sufficient vaccinations in various third-world countries in order to completely eliminate maternal and neo-natal tetanus (MNT).

This disease claims the lives of 60,000 new born babies and 30,000 women each year. Yet three simple vaccinations costing a total of \$1.80 can save a woman, her unborn child and her future children for up to 10 years.

The Kiwanis International Foundation provides donor recognition for contributions at the \$1,000 (**Hixson Fellow**) and \$1,250 (**Zeller Fellow**) levels. Of course, all donations are welcome regardless of size, and pledges can be made for multiple years. More information on ‘how to donate’ can be found at [www.kiwanis.org/foundation/](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation/).

2- **Ohio District Foundation** – This Foundation supports the efforts and requests of the more than 230 Kiwanis Clubs in the Ohio District. Clubs can apply for grants to help fund one-time special projects, such as our Club did several years ago with Shaken Baby Syndrome bibs. Since 2003, a particular focus has been on Pediatric Trauma Prevention and Education projects.

If you would like to support the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, you can become a member of the **Ambassador Program** through continuing donations, with recognitions starting with the minimum gift of \$50. The **Past International Presidents Award** is given for \$500 donations, and **Williams, Schneider** and **Sellers Awards** are given for \$1,000 donations. These awards can be given to recognize club members, leaders or supporters. Participating in the Golf Outing, Walk the Magic Mile and Kroger Community Rewards are other ways to support the Foundation.

3- **Columbus Kiwanis Foundation** – Our local Foundation focuses on raising funds to support our annual scholarship and community grant programs. Each year, under the careful scrutiny of our committee system and Trustees, our Club presents about \$80,000 to various community organizations to support a wide variety of activities. The **1916 Society** recognizes those who have a cumulative gift totals of \$1,000, with additional recognition at the \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000 levels.

*Why does a chicken coop have two doors?  
If it had four doors it would be a chicken sedan.*

### Next meeting

(November 14, 2016)

**Joint meeting with Rotary Club of Columbus  
Boat House at Confluence Park**

**Speaker: Dr. Deborah Countiss Lindsay** -  
Executive Minister First Community Church -  
on Christian/Muslim relations

#### Meal Options:

1 - **Buffet luncheon:** \$18.50 per person

2 - **No-meal option:** \$6.50 per person

Reservations can be made utilizing our normal on-line reservation system, beginning November 8. Reservations must be in by 10 a.m. on Friday, November 11.

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