



“Lead with Service”

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

~~ GRETCHEN EVANS ~~

Author, Leading from the Front



A native of Abilene, Texas, Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Gretchen G. Evans entered the United States Army in September 1979.

Shortly after completing Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Intelligence Analysis School at Fort Huachuca, Arizona she reported to Heidelberg, Germany, where she was assigned as an intelligence analyst for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Army Europe. She was a lead analyst in the Peacetime Aerial Reconnaissance Program, responsible for directing aerial reconnaissance for multiple platforms, to include the SR-71 aircraft.

CSM Evans was selected to attend the Counterintelligence Agent Program at Fort Huachuca, and then was assigned to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, where she studied German and Italian. Following her graduation from language school, she was assigned to the 66th Military Intelligence (MI) Group's, Field Office in Vicenza, Italy. She was directly involved in the pursuit of and subsequent release of Brigadier General James L. Dozier -- from his kidnappers, the Italian Red Brigades.

CSM Evans was then selected to become part of a 'black operations' unit; she attended basic and advance airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. There were numerous other training requirements, to include the Bill Streets Driving School; sniper training; demolition training; and covert operations training before CSM Evans began her black operations career. During that time, she deployed with the 82nd Airborne Division on many occasions.

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**Today's Meeting**

**Greeters:**

**Members of the Past Presidents Fraternity  
of Kiwanis Club of Columbus**

**Invocation:**

**Tim Barhorst** – Business Partners, Inc.

**Committee Meetings:** International Relations

**Annual Meeting:** Club Elections

**Menu Options:**

**Hot:** Wedge salad, slow-roasted turkey with gravy.

**Cold:** Club sandwich, with chips.

**A Glance at this week**

**Birthdays**

05/14 – Caitlyn Johnson

05/16 – Geoffrey Kunkler



**Tuesday, 05/15** – 6:30 p.m. - Arts Festival Beverage Training.

**Wednesday, 05/16** – Interclub – 6:30 p.m. – University Kiwanis fundraiser at City Barbecue.

**Saturday, 05/19** – All day - Dragon Boat Races – Genoa Park. Come out and cheer on our team.

## Lanton Lee named District Secretary ...

The Ohio District of Kiwanis International Board is pleased to announce the hiring of Lanton Lee as our next District Secretary/Executive Director. Lanton's employment will begin July 2, and he will replace Dave Whiteman who retires effective September 30, after years' service to the Ohio District of Kiwanis International.



Lanton will serve the District on a full-time basis, and his duties will include responsibility for all the administrative duties of running our District as well as focusing on membership growth by working with our Clubs, Divisions and membership committees to strengthen and grow Kiwanis throughout Ohio.

He has been a member of the Kiwanis family for more than 30 years, having served as Ohio Circle K Governor while at The Ohio State University. Lanton's entire adult career has involved serving others, with approximately 15 years of university employment before joining the Kiwanis International staff in 2002, where he served in a number of roles, most recently as an Area Director and Regional Development Strategist.

An avid Ohio State University alumnus and fan, Lanton resides in Hilliard with his wife, Lori, and two children, all members of the Kiwanis family.

*I put my grandmother on speed dial.  
I call that 'instagram.'*

## 2018 Dragon Boat Races need you ...

Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be competing in this year's Dragon Boat Races scheduled for Sunday, May 20. The event is part of the annual Intercultural Celebration on the west bank of the Scioto River, at 181 South Washington Street. Each boat requires 22 participants and two alternates, and we will be aided by several new American immigrants working with our International Relations committee.

This is an all-day family event, with lots of entertainment and activities for everyone. Racers will need to arrive by 8 a.m., and they will participate in three heats, with each heat lasting about 2 minutes. The key to success is not strength or speed, but following the established cadence. There is a mandatory practice session scheduled for 9 a.m., on May 19. More details and a sign-up sheet are on our Activity Calendar.

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After her years in black operations, CSM Evans then reentered the "Green Army" with an assignment as the Operations NCO, 519<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, at Fort Hood, Texas. She oversaw all training for the counterintelligence agents and interrogators of that battalion.

CSM Evans assisted in putting troops in civilian airports immediately after the attacks of 9/11. Upon return from her first tour in Afghanistan, she was detailed for a short time with the Arkansas National Guard, being selected by then-Governor Mike Huckabee to head up his drug interdiction program to help rid Arkansas of methamphetamine labs. During this time, she also served as personal security officer for Governor Huckabee and was the Command Sergeant Major of the 212<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion.

From 2003 until her retirement, CSM Evans deployed several times to the Middle East, with her final assignment as the Command Sergeant Major for the Commander, Combined Forces Command, Afghanistan. She was responsible for the security and personnel on all bases and forward operating bases in Afghanistan. She earned numerous medals and awards to include the Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation Medal and Global War on Terrorism ribbons, along with six Meritorious Service Medals and numerous other awards.

This summer, CSM Evans published her first book, *Leading from the Front* a collection of stories about her military service with her soldiers.

CSM Evans continues to serve veterans as a community advocate for **No Barriers** in Asheville, North Carolina. She is also a board member of several organizations, The Guide Dog Foundation, America's VetDogs, and CombatPTSD.org among them.

She currently resides in with her Navy veteran husband; Aura, her hearing service dog; and Rough Rider, the family pet.

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

## Summer gift-giving season is here ...

Graduations, weddings, birthdays and more, the summer brings many opportunities, and often challenges to find the right gift. Many times, it is easiest to give gift card so that the recipient can buy something they really want.

You can use a Giant Eagle gift card to purchase a retail gift card to a variety of retail and entertainment locations that can suit the needs of the recipient.

## Beverage training dates set for Columbus Arts Festival ...

Kiwanis Club of Columbus will again be staffing one of the beverage booths at the 2018 Columbus Arts Festival scheduled for the weekend of June 8, 9 and 10. This is a labor-intensive project that benefits all of our Club members, because the money earned goes to our general Club operating budget, thus helping us avoid a dues increase. We really need all members to help out by working one or more of the 3-hour shifts.



A major caveat to volunteering is the requirement to attend a training course in advance. Training is good for two years, so if you attended training in 2017, you do not need to attend this year. The few remaining training dates are:

Tuesday, May 15 – 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 19 – 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 23 – 6:30 p.m.

All training dates -- and a link to the sign-up sheet -- can be found on the Activity Calendar of our Club website. In addition, you can locate the volunteer sign-up sheet for the Arts Festival shifts on the Activity Calendar, as well. Members are encouraged to invite their spouses and friends to help out. Just remember, everyone who works *must* go through the training. Our Club will receive a 10 percent commission on everything we sell.

*Arguing with a woman is like reading the software agreement. In the end, you ignore everything and click "I agree."*

## Check the accuracy ...

As we put the finishing touches in place to print a new membership directory, we are relying on each individual member to verify the accuracy of the information we have on record.

To check your profile information, just go to the 'Members Only' section of our website and click on 'Search Member Directory.' Then, click on the link that says "View my Directory Entry," review the information and make any necessary changes by clicking on "Edit my Directory Entry."

If you have any questions, or need help, please don't hesitate to let us know. Also, if your photo is missing, or you would like to use a more current photo, please touch base with President-elect **Jim Shively**.

## Hoedown on Hoover ...

Get ready for a fun night of food, fellowship, libation, fun and more at the 'Hoedown on Hoover.' This exciting evening of fun is open to all Kiwanis members, their families and friends, and will include a wine pull, signature raffle, beer bottle ring toss, croquet for spirits, live- and silent-auction items, a wall of chance, boat rides, musical entertainment and more.

**You're Invited to a  
HOEDOWN!**

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. You won't want to miss this fun evening (6 p.m. to 10 p.m.) on Friday, June 29, at the City Club of Columbus on Hoover Reservoir (7705 Cabbage Road in Westerville).



The Auction committee is in the throes of finalizing all of the activities and associated costs, but ticket prices have been set at \$55 per person or \$100 a couple. We hope you will feel comfortable inviting friends and business associates to come along with you for this fun evening.

*They should put more money in the ATMs. I'm getting really irritated. This is the tenth ATM I've been to in the last week that's had "insufficient funds."*

## Northern Kiwanis pancake breakfast ...

What better way to kick off Memorial Day than an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast and supporting a good cause?

Kiwanis Club of Northern Columbus will conduct its annual pancake breakfast to raise funds to support their community activities, including scholarships, Worthington & Clintonville food pantries, Leadership Worthington, Easter egg hunt, youth baseball and softball, and Music in the Park.

The event will be held at the Griswold Center located at 777 High Street in Worthington. The cost is \$6 per adult, \$3 for children ages 5 to 11, and is free for children under 4. So bring the entire family and let's help support our fellow Kiwanians.



If you attend, please self-report your attendance to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**, for the appropriate attendance credit.

## Kiwanis Charity 5K and 1-mile stroll ...

Our annual Kiwanis Charity 5K and 1-mile stroll is set for Saturday morning, July 28, at the beautiful and historic Green Lawn Cemetery.

The Kiwanis Charity 5K and 1 mile stroll will be the **FIRST** event of its type to be conducted in the historical setting of Green Lawn Cemetery. Organized as a nonprofit association in 1848, the cemetery represents a vast treasure for area historians and bird watchers, and a sanctuary for those seeking a peaceful interlude. Decades ago, families packed picnic baskets and brought blankets on Sunday afternoons to visit and remember their ancestors. It is truly a unique setting, and a hidden treasure within Columbus.

Speaking of history, here are a few interesting facts:

1- Five Ohio governors are buried in Green Lawn: William Dennison Jr (1860-62); James Edwin Campbell (1890-1892); George Kilbon Nash (1900-04); John William Bricker 1939-1945; and James Allen Rhodes (1963-71 and 1975-83).

2- The legend of The Ohio State University is that when legislation was written in the Ohio General Assembly to create a state-supported university in Columbus, the bill was hand-written. In the approved version, the word "the" in front of Ohio State University was inadvertently capitalized. Hence it is called **The Ohio State University**. But why is that mentioned here, when reading about Green Lawn Cemetery, you ask? Three OSU Presidents are buried at Green Lawn: the third (Edward Orton), the fifth (William Oxley Thompson) and the sixth (George W. Rightmire).

3- **Harry Preston Wolfe** was the patriarch of a well-known central Ohio family who operated a shoe company. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, he and his brother Robert began publishing *The Columbus Dispatch*. Wolfe family members are buried in Section 85, alongside The Pond.

Those who run and walk during our Kiwanis Charity 5K will have the opportunity to learn many more facts about this historic park. As a member of our Club, here's what you can be doing:

1- If you are a runner, or walker, sign up to participate. Registrations are now open, and there is an early-bird discount through June 2. You can register on line at our dedicated website [www.Columbuscharity5k.org](http://www.Columbuscharity5k.org).

2- Get some additional discounts if you register a team. Talk to your friends, co-workers and family and enter the race under a team name, to receive an additional discount on the entry fee.

3- Spread the word to those you know are runners and walkers – family members, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

*Hey kids, here's the real Tide Pod Challenge:  
Put it in the washer and do some laundry.*

### Next meeting

(May 21, 2018)

#### Program:

**Dr. Duane Nellis** – President, Ohio University

#### Greeters:

**Lisa Jolley** – The Columbus Foundation

**Neil Distelhorst** – Retired, Deloitte

#### Invocation:

**Lauren Lee** – ROI Realty Services

**Committee Meetings:** New member; Young Children Priority One

#### Menu Options:

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

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

## Kiwanis Club of Columbus

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#### CLUB OFFICERS

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|---------------|------------------|
| Chad Endsley  | President        |
| Jack D'Aurora | Past President   |
| Jim Shively   | President-Elect  |
| Joyce Waters  | Vice President   |
| Dan Lacey     | Treasurer        |
| Paul Bohlman  | Secretary/Editor |

#### CLUB TRUSTEES

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|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>2018</b>     | <b>2019</b>  |
| Jim Shively     | Joyce Waters |
| Brian Seitz     | Dan Lacey    |
| Chuck Frobose   | Anahi Ortiz  |
| Caitlyn Johnson | Bob Barnes   |
| Wes Strickling  | Lynn Coons   |

## Columbus Kiwanis Foundation

P.O. Box 20334, Columbus, OH 43220-0334

#### FOUNDATION OFFICERS

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|---------------|----------------|
| Mark Swepston | President      |
| Ted Coons     | Vice President |
| Jim Bechtel   | Treasurer      |
| Paul Bohlman  | Secretary      |

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| Joyce Waters  | Kathleen Roberts |
| Dan McCormick | David Timmons    |

# Committee Chairs

For the 2017-18 Administrative Year

| Committee                          | Chair                     | Meeting schedule                                                         |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Administrative</b>              |                           |                                                                          |
| Executive Committee                | Chad Endsley              | 8 a.m. – 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of month – First Watch on S. High        |
| Trustees/Committee Chairs          | Chad Endsley              | 5:30 p.m. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month – location varies           |
| Finance & Budget                   | Dan Lacey                 | as needed                                                                |
| Nominating & Recognition           | Jack D’Aurora             | March & April as needed                                                  |
| Past President Advisor             | Scott Lindsey             | ongoing                                                                  |
| <b>Club</b>                        |                           |                                                                          |
| Boast/Good Cheer                   | Fil Line                  | via e-mail - ongoing                                                     |
| Club Historian                     | Ron Cook                  | ongoing                                                                  |
| Golf                               | T. Christman/M. Becker    | will begin meeting in the spring                                         |
| Interclub                          | Ted Coons                 | 1 p.m. – 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of month – at ACC                        |
| Laws & Regulations                 | Bob Eberhart              | as needed                                                                |
| Program                            | Jim Skidmore              | Noon – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month at OSU Golf Clubhouse          |
| Social                             | C. Collister / C. Johnson | as needed to plan individual events                                      |
| Spiritual Aims/Invocation          | Merri Bame                | ongoing e-mail / as a group in January                                   |
| <b>Fundraising</b>                 |                           |                                                                          |
| Club Fundraising                   | Joyce Waters              |                                                                          |
| Auction                            | Brian Seitz               |                                                                          |
| Columbus Charity 5K                | Bob Barnes                | via phone –5/15; 6/12; 6/26; 7/3, 7/19, 7/17; 7/24                       |
| Columbus Charity Regatta           | Wes Strickling            |                                                                          |
| OSU Ticket Raffle                  | Paul Bohlman              | Raffle tickets have been distributed and sales are in process.           |
| <b>Growth/Development</b>          |                           |                                                                          |
| Attendance & Retention             | Bill Calvert              | ongoing as needed                                                        |
| Membership                         | K. Gintz/ A. Thibaut      | 11:30 a.m. – 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month – at ACC                    |
| New Member (orientation)           | Scott Lindsey             | 11:30 a.m. - 5/14, 6/13, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3 - ACC                             |
| <b>Marketing/Public Relations</b>  |                           |                                                                          |
| Newsletter Editor                  | Paul Bohlman              | weekly - electronically                                                  |
| Marketing                          | Bob Wiseman               | 1 p.m. – 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month at ACC                          |
| Public Relations                   | Bill Kiefaber             | in conjunction with Marketing committee                                  |
| Social Media                       | C. Johnson/S. Lindsey     | ongoing                                                                  |
| Webmaster                          | Alice Foeller             | ongoing                                                                  |
| <b>Service Leadership Programs</b> |                           |                                                                          |
| SLPs – Circle K                    | Susan Black               | weekly                                                                   |
| SLPs – Key Club                    | Vacant                    |                                                                          |
| SLPs – Builder’s/Torch Club        | Hilary Blakemore          | 5:30 p.m. – Wednesdays at B&G Club                                       |
| <b>Funding Committee</b>           |                           |                                                                          |
| Charity Start-up Competition       | Wes Strickling            |                                                                          |
| Grant Review                       | B. Kiefaber/ C. Poel      |                                                                          |
| Scholarship                        | Shawn Ballinger           | 1 p.m. – 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month - at ACC                        |
| <b>Community Service</b>           |                           |                                                                          |
| Agriculture & Environment          | Scott Doellinger          |                                                                          |
| Behavioral Health & Wellness       | Stephen Wilson            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday at ACC                                            |
| Career Guidance                    | vacant                    |                                                                          |
| Homeless                           | Lynn Coons                |                                                                          |
| International Relations            | Mark Poeppelman           | 11:30 a.m. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday – at ACC                             |
| Kiwanis One Day                    | Kathleen Roberts          | 2017 program completed                                                   |
| Music & Arts                       | Jim Skidmore              | 11:30 a.m. - 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday at ACC                               |
| Senior Citizens                    | Kathleen Roberts          | 7:30 a.m. – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of month – at Giant Eagle Grandview |
| Young Children Priority One        | K. Keller/ C. Johnson     | 11:15 a.m. – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday at ACC                               |
| Youth Opp./Citizenship             | Kristin Gintz             |                                                                          |