



“Lead with Service”

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



~~ CHAD ENDSLEY ~~

President, Kiwanis Club of Columbus

A year ago, I challenged our members to “Lead with Service” as we added another page to our Club’s rich history. I am proud to say we have met that challenge and lived up to our mission statement this year. Each of you can take pride in your own individual contributions to our success as we celebrate our collective impact on Central Ohio. Wear your Kiwanis pin proudly - it is the sign that you belong to Columbus’ premiere service club!

Our mission statement is three-fold, and appropriately it leads with service—“to perform local community service with an emphasis on youth.” We are on track to finish the year with more than 1,000 volunteer hours of hands-on service. We did this in a variety of ways—from furniture builds at Central Ohio Furniture Bank, ringing the bells for Salvation Army, walking with Autism Speaks and interacting with our Capital University Circle K for Kiwanis One Day and their TOTSOME project. We organized one-day service projects like Shred-It Day and were an important volunteer component for Bethlehem on Broad and Manna Café. The full measure of our impact may never be known, but we hope to shape future lives of high schoolers through the College Fair and the E-Challenge. We put our emphasis on youth, deepening our partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus through projects and continuing our “Reading Buddies” program for the tenth year. We supported those fighting the scourge of infant mortality by celebrating along with the kids and parents for “First Birthday” celebrations. Even with this partial list of our service projects, you can see that we fulfilled our service mission beautifully. For those hands-on volunteers who were recognized with white ribbons on their name badges, thank you for giving of your valuable time to put our mission into action.

Many chairs and committee members made this service possible, but I would like to single out Hearts and Hands Chair and

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Today’s Meeting

Greeters:

Jim Skidmore - Retired
Bill Calvert – Merrill Lynch

Invocation:

Perry Fisher - Retired

Committee Meetings: Interclub

Menu Options:

Hot: Grilled chicken with red pepper coulis.
Cold: Turkey Caesar wrap, with a bowl of fruit.

A Glance at this week

Birthdays

09/28 – **Tom Christman**



Wednesday, 09/26 – 4 p.m. – Manna Café – Broad Street
United Methodist Church – 501 East Broad Street.

Thursday, 09/27 – 4 p.m. – Reading Buddies at J.
Ashburn Center – 85 Clarendon Avenue.

Sunday, 09/30 – 3 p.m. – ‘Ladies only’ wine and cheese
party – 2085 Elgin Road, Upper Arlington.

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Club Trustee **Lynn Coons**. Her passion for hands-on service is evident, and she inspires others to join her in our important mission. International Committee Chair **Mark Poeppelman** created a brand-new and innovative volunteer with a refugee program. **Kathleen Roberts** gave generously of her time and talents and in addition to chairing the Senior Committee she organized our Kiwanis One Day project with **Susan Black** and the Capital University Circle K Club. **Kim Welty** also deserves to be singled out, volunteering at hands-on service projects all year and regularly bringing her friends along for the fun.

The second prong of our mission addresses the social and networking aspects of our Club - “to provide professional and social networking through community service projects and events.” This is a meaningful part of club membership, as our busy professionals have created a friendly, service-minded atmosphere in which they can get to know each other better and widen their own personal and business networks. As modest Columbus Midwesterners, we are somehow programmed to look out for others first. However, we recognize that our own business success builds the foundation which allows for our service to others. From our celebratory President’s Party to purely social gatherings at Juniper and bowling at the ACC, our Club continues to offer opportunities to interact with fellow Club members. Thanks also go to co-chairs **Caitlyn Nestleroth Johnson** and **Char Collister** and our Social Committee who kept us entertained and connected throughout the year.

Finally, our mission provides for personal enrichment—“to provide personal growth and enrichment through leadership opportunities and weekly speakers who present relevant topics.” Our hard-working Program Committee, under chair **Jim Skidmore**, provided outstanding programs each week this year. Our speakers included university presidents such as Ohio State’s Michael Drake, Ohio University’s Duane Nellis and Capital University’s Elizabeth Paul; to CEOs such as Battelle’s Lou Von Thae, COSI’s Frederic Bertley and Franklin Park Conservatory’s Bruce Harkey; and from elected officials such as Ohio Supreme Court Justice Judith French and Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted; to our many other community leaders and engaging speakers. The list is second to none for civic organizations such as ours, and we benefit greatly from our speakers’ insights.

This year, in an effort to try something new, we embarked on several new adventures. Although it won’t take place until March, our Club is partnering with Philathropitch to host a competition for area non-profits to pitch their charities, with the winner being able to scale up. Our Club’s leadership in this high-energy event will further enhance our visibility in the community. Chair **Wes Strickling** and a strong team continue to work on this exciting new venture. After years of work and sustained leadership by **Jack D’Aurora** and **David Kandel**, the “Coolest Dog in Columbus” contest was launched and more than doubled our initial goal, raising more than \$50,000 for our foundation. Not only did the fundraising exceed our wildest imagination, most of the money was raised from sources outside of the Club, raising our profile online and in the community as a result. The same is true for the Buckeye Ticket Raffle. Under **Paul Bohlman**’s leadership, year three of this fundraiser helped our Club and many other Kiwanis clubs and organizations raise more than \$85,000 for their charities. Auction chair **Brian Seitz** helped transform our auction into a causal and fun party, raising funds and giving us a chance to meet the Coolest Dog winners and others. Chair **Wes Strickling** also changed the Regatta format, making it an after work “happy hour-style” event. Change was in store for the 5K as well, as chair **Bob Barnes** and his team sparked additional interest in our race by running through Green Lawn Cemetery.

Our Club put \$125,000 back into the community this year—a record, save for our centennial year and the special centennial grants that were awarded. Grant Review Committee chair **Bill Kiefaber** displayed exemplary leadership and enthusiasm in leading the grant review process, and Scholarship Committee chair **Shawn Ballinger** brought new ideas to our scholarship program by awarding the scholarships at school assemblies where hundreds and students, parents and administrators in attendance can witness the impact our Club is making.

As none of us are charter members of our century-old Club, membership remains the lifeblood of our future service. Chairs **Alison Thibaut** and **Kristin Gintz** led a team that inducted 27 new members into our Club. **Bob Wiseman** not only oversaw marketing, but held bi-monthly “Get to Know Kiwanis” informational sessions that helped turn our guests into new members. **Merri Bame** brought more spirit and enthusiasm to the Spiritual Aims Committee than we have seen in some time. Another new idea was implemented by **Scott Lindsey**, who chaired the New Members Committee, a year-long orientation and education session about our Club and Kiwanis. Our Club remains as a unique mix of professionals, younger and more seasoned, across a wide array of industries, ideas and experiences.

There are so many people that deserve recognition for this successful year. My fellow officers, including treasurer **Dan Lacey**, gave me great support through the Executive Committee. Your Trustees and Committee Chairs led thoughtful

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discussions at our Trustee meetings. And the entire membership contributed through our many service projects, by attending our Monday meetings, and by offering financial support. My Past President Advisor, **Scott Lindsey** graciously counseled and assisted me in more ways than most club members will ever know, and for that guidance no words can adequately express my appreciation. President-Elect **Jim Shively** has been invaluable, from providing professional content for our social media with his pictures, to being one of our most active service volunteers. I am excited to see what our next Kiwanis year brings under his leadership.

Finally, I want to thank my wife, **Katy**, and my children, in supporting my efforts leading the club this year. Often, she was left to do some extra work to care for our children while I attended "one more Kiwanis meeting." With our move to a new home and our already busy personal and work schedules, this has been a very rewarding year, but one that required some extra organization. When I think about the incredible effort our Club has put forth this past year, I am reminded of the fifth Permanent Object of Kiwanis International—"To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities." I believe we have lived up to that aspirational goal this year, leaving our community better, making friends along the way, and having truly led with service.

*I dig, you dig, we gig, he digs, she digs, they dig ...  
It's not a beautiful poem, but it is very deep.*

### Prepping and serving at Manna Café ...

Once each quarter, Kiwanis Club of Columbus, through a grant from our Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, purchases, prepares and serves food to those in need attending the weekly Manna Café. Hosted by Broad Street United Methodist Church, Manna Café serves approximately 175 adults each week.

Our next opportunity to volunteer is on Wednesday, September 26. As members of Kiwanis, you can get involved prepping the food the day before, helping to cook the food, setting up, serving or closing down.



To sign up for one or more of the shifts or activities, simply go to the Activity Calendar on our website, click on September 26 and then click on the sign-up sheet. More details can be located there, or by contacting Lynn Coons, chair of the Hearts and Hands Committee at [Lynn.coons@gmail.com](mailto:Lynn.coons@gmail.com).

### Attention, ladies ...

The social committee has arranged a special afternoon of wine and cheese for the women of our Club, and the female spouses of our members. It will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 30, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and will be hosted by past president Char Collister in her home located at 2085 Elgin Road in Upper Arlington.



President-elect Jim Shively will be the host bartender, making sure each wine pour is to your satisfaction.

To sign up for the event, please go to our Club website and sign up from the event listed on September 30. The cost is \$10 per person. This is purely a social event, so come prepared to relax and enjoy each other's company.

*Have some fun with your life.  
Call in sick to places you don't even work.*

### Reading Buddies needs you ...

With the start of a new school year, comes the start of our Reading Buddies program.

Reading Buddies meet for one hour, beginning at 4 p.m., on the second and fourth Thursday of each month while school is in session. Helping students develop and sharpen their reading skills is a critical element of their educational success. Many students fail to retain their reading skills over the summer unless they are involved in an organized program like the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Summer Reading Club. The result is a special need at the start of the school year to bring children back up to speed.



We are looking for a number of Kiwanis members and friends to help staff the Reading Buddies program. It is not difficult work, but it is very important and very rewarding. We meet at the J. Ashburn Center Boys & Girls Club, located at 85 Clarendon Avenue. There is ample parking behind the building.

To sign up to volunteer, click on the sign-up sheet found on the Activity Calendar on either the second or fourth Thursday of each month. You can volunteer as many times as you would like, or perhaps just try it once and see how it goes. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Jennifer Armstrong at [armstrongjenniferk@yahoo.com](mailto:armstrongjenniferk@yahoo.com).

*Just when you think you can make ends meet,  
someone moves the ends.*

## 2018 Good Neighbors Picnic ...

The Hearts and Hands Committee is working with Good Neighbors of Columbus to help support their annual picnic for the benefit of our city's homeless community.

Each year, this annual event hosts hundreds of Central Ohio individuals and families without permanent housing. Volunteers give selflessly of their time and talents to create a successful "family picnic" in honor of those less-fortunate folks.



This year's event is scheduled for this Saturday, September 22, and will be at a new and exciting location – Wolfe Park, located at 105 Park Drive (off of Broad Street, one block east of the Franklin Park Conservatory).

Once again, Kiwanis Club of Columbus, through the generous efforts of president-elect Jim Shively, will be providing individual and family photographs for those attending the event. For many, this is the first time they will have a decent photo of themselves or their family that they can keep or share.

We will need volunteers to help staff our photo booth, run the printers and distribute the finished photos. You can sign up from the Activity Calendar on our website at [www.columbuskiwanis.org](http://www.columbuskiwanis.org). This is a great opportunity for spouses and teenage children to also lend a helping hand.

*There should be a little wine truck that drives around the neighborhood in the evening, playing light, refreshing music. And we would hear it and run out with our money and stand on the pavement waiting for it. Like an ice cream truck, you know, but with wine.*

## 39th Annual Kiwanis College Fair ...

Wow, 39 years ago Kiwanis members had a great idea – invite colleges to set up a table to promote their college or university, then bring high school students to them to learn what they have to offer.

That formula still works today, and on Tuesday, October 9, we will conduct our 39th Annual Kiwanis College Fair. It will be held at COSI, with two sessions – a 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. session where high schools bus their students in, and an evening session (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.) that is more conducive for parents and guardians to accompany their college-bound students. We will need volunteers to help distribute information to students as they arrive, and for crowd control. You can sign up for one or more shifts from the Activity Calendar on our website.

## Have you renewed your membership? ...

Thank you to those members who have already renewed their Kiwanis membership for the upcoming 2018-19 administrative year that will begin on October 1. Dues payments must be received NO LATER than September 30 to avoid being dropped from the roster and to avoid paying a \$25 reinstatement fee. Please take a moment, if you have not already done so, to take care of this important item.

A portion of your annual membership dues goes to Kiwanis International to pay your International dues, District dues, magazine subscription and your portion of our liability insurance. The balance is what is used to run our Club.

Membership in Kiwanis Club of Columbus has many advantages, and your level of involvement



will determine the benefits you receive. In addition to having access to a constant stream of quality speakers at our Monday meetings, there are opportunities for business and social networking, as well as developing skills in leadership; organization; time management; fund-raising; public speaking; negotiating; communication and more. And of course, there are numerous opportunities to 'pay forward' through service to the community, with hands-on projects and volunteer efforts that impact hundreds of people. We will never know the full impact of our efforts, but you will enjoy the good feelings you receive from knowing you have helped.

So, please pay your dues promptly. Again this year, you can pay your dues via credit card, with a small service fee. We also have the ability to set up a payment schedule, should that need exist. Please contact Secretary **Paul Bohlman** to make those arrangements.

*Mt. Everest? Pffft. I made it to the top of my laundry pile, which was way taller and far more risky.*

## Giant Eagle gift cards ...

If you are shopping at Giant Eagle and not using Giant Eagle gift cards, you are missing a tremendous opportunity to support our Kiwanis Club. By pre-purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards from Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**, you not only get the full purchasing power of the gift card, but you also earn fuel perks as you normally would and generate a 5 percent commission for the Club. Paul maintains a supply of \$100 gift cards, but additional denominations can be special-ordered with a few days notice.

## Celebrating our successes ...

Each November we celebrate the successes of our outgoing Club President and the success of their administrative year with a fabulous dinner party that is open to all Kiwanis members and their significant others. This year is no different and we again have much to celebrate.



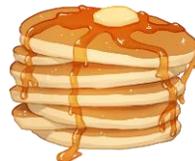
So, mark your calendars for Friday evening, November 2. The event will be held at Scioto Country Club and will feature past president Dan McCormick and his "Not so prime-time players." It is always a fun evening of celebration, fellowship and laughter, and this year will be no different.

More details and a formal invitation will be forthcoming in several weeks, but now is the time to mark your calendar so that you can avoid any conflicts.

*Driving by myself is so tiring because I have to be the lead singer, back up singer, dancers (I do my own choreography), hype man, etc.*

## Pancake breakfast season ...

During the fall, many Kiwanis clubs conduct a pancake breakfast to launch their fundraising for the year. These events are community based and it is a great way to get their name out while they raise money for their philanthropic endeavors. Supporting them by attending has some interesting benefits:



- 1- You get a great breakfast at a reasonable price;
- 2- You help support a great local organization;
- 3- You earn an attendance credit;
- 4- If we have four or more from our Club attend a specific pancake breakfast, our Club earns an interclub credit.
- 5- You can expand your networking opportunities by meeting Kiwanis members from another club.
- 6- We build a working relationship with another club that can only lead to more success in the future.

The first pancake breakfast we are aware of this fall is the semi-annual Rick Nin Pancake Breakfast conducted by the University Kiwanis Club. It is scheduled for Sunday morning, October 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It will be held at Tuttle Park, located at 240 W. Oakland Avenue.

*My mirror and my camera have two completely different ideas of what I look like.*

*If we're ever in a situation where I am the "voice of reason," then we are in a very, very bad situation.*

## Next meeting

(October 1, 2018)

### Program:

**Jim Shively** – Incoming president of Kiwanis Club of Columbus

### Greeters:

**Kathleen Roberts** - Sweetbriar Group LLC  
**Lisa Jolley** – The Columbus Foundation

### Invocation:

**Susan Black** – Allene Professional Fundraising

**Committee Meetings:** None scheduled

### Menu Options:

**Hot:** Smoked pork loin with a peach compote.  
**Cold:** Chicken salad wrap, with coleslaw.

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