



**“Serving the future”**

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

**~~ CHRISTOPHER WYCHE ~~**

**AT&T External Affairs Director  
for west central Ohio**



Christopher Wyche is AT&T Ohio’s director of external affairs for the west central part of the state, which includes Franklin and 18 additional counties. He works on the company’s local, state and federal government relations. He also works closely with community and business leaders, elected officials and others at AT&T to continue to bring advanced communications technologies to consumers and businesses. He is the "face" of AT&T in the central Ohio area, and is responsible for ensuring that local communities are aware of AT&T’s key initiatives and for building relationships with local stakeholders. Additionally, Mr. Wyche helps to manage AT&T's corporate philanthropy efforts for the central Ohio area.

Prior to joining AT&T, Christopher served as development manager for City Year Columbus, a local education-focused non-profit that is dedicated to helping students and schools succeed. A Boston native, he also gained valuable experience serving as the corporate relations manager for the United Way of New England. While working for the United Way, he was responsible for developing regional fundraising campaigns for large multi-state corporations headquartered in the Boston area.

Mr. Wyche is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics management, and a minor in psychology. He believes that a quality education is the key to future success.

*Today's Meeting*

**Greeters:**

**Lisa Jolley** - The Columbus Foundation  
**Greg Daugherty** - Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP

**Invocation:**

**Kathleen Roberts** - Sweetbriar Group LLC

**Committee Meetings:** Interclub

**Menu Options:**

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

*Coming up this week*

**Birthdays**

11/26 – **D’Andra Andrews**



**Tuesday, 11/27/1924** - In New York City, the first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade was held.

**Wednesday, 11/28** – 4 p.m. - Manna Café - 501 East Broad Street, in Columbus.

**Friday, 11/30/1982** – Michael Jackson’s sixth solo studio album, *Thriller*, was released worldwide. It would become the best-selling record album in history.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time  
for 1/100th of a second.

### Social event planned ...

Please plan to join us for a free private tour of the Franklin Park Conservatory on Wednesday evening, December 19. We will begin at 6 p.m. and our private tour guide will be Conservatory CEO Bruce Harkey.

If you have never been to the Franklin Park Conservatory, you are in for a treat. Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens (1777 East Broad Street) is a premier horticultural and educational institution showcasing exotic plant collections, special exhibitions, and a signature collection of work by glass artist, Dale Chihuly. Set within the 88 acres of Franklin Park, the Conservatory houses more than 400 species of plants from a variety of global climate zones and features a Victorian Palm House with more than 40 species of palms. The surrounding botanical gardens and floral displays offer interest for all seasons.

Following the tour, those interested may join us for drinks and dinner at a location yet to be determined. If you are interested in attending, please sign up using the Activity Calendar on our website, or contact Past President Char Collister at [collister@columbus.rr.com](mailto:collister@columbus.rr.com).

*If money doesn't grow on trees,  
why do banks have branches?*

### Leveraging your Giant Eagle gift card purchase ...

Giant Eagle gift cards can be readily used to purchase retail gift cards for a wide variety of merchants. For example, if you know you will be doing a large amount of holiday shopping on Amazon, why not purchase Giant Eagle gift cards to purchase Amazon gift cards? Then you can use the Amazon gift cards to purchase virtually anything you need.

Giant Eagle offers retail gift cards to hundreds of retailers, so regardless of where you are shopping, you can leverage your Giant Eagle gift card purchase by using it to purchase one or more retail gift cards. The gift cards can then be used to do your shopping, or simply to present as a gift.

Remember, each Giant Eagle gift card you purchase generates a 5 percent rebate for our Club. Plus, when you use a Giant Eagle gift card, you earn Fuel Perks, just as if you were paying with cash or a credit card. A supply of \$100 Giant Eagle gift cards are kept in inventory, but other denominations - \$10, \$25, \$50, etc., can be special-ordered.

### Time to ring the bells ...

Some 127 years ago, a Salvation Army captain in San Francisco resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner to the area's poor by setting up conspicuous pots to collect donations from passersby. That initial endeavor has evolved into one of the most recognizable traditions of the holiday season – the Red Kettle Bell-Ringing Campaign, which is the Army's largest fund-raising effort.



For the past 43 years, it has been an annual tradition in our Club for members to ring bells for the Salvation Army at Christmastime.

This season, we will again be ringing at the Kroger store on Sycamore Street in the Brewery District and at Nationwide Arena before a Blue Jackets game.

The link on our Activity Calendar will take you to a sign-up form where you can type your name, e-mail address and cell phone number next to the shift(s) you want. You will receive a confirming e-mail in advance of your shift, with specific details about this year's bell-ringing program.

Of course, this effort is not limited to Club members. Please feel free to reach out to family members, friends and co-workers whom you feel would be interested in participating in this annual community project.

If you have any questions, please contact **Bob Wiseman** at [wiseman@burkholderflint.com](mailto:wiseman@burkholderflint.com).

**Early holiday tip for parents:**  
*Wrap empty boxes and put them under the tree.  
Each time your child acts up,  
throw one on the boxes into the fireplace.*

### Save the date ...

Most of us are not yet thinking about placing dates on our nice new 2019 calendar, but hey, you have to start somewhere. So here is the information you will need for your first entry:

*Thursday, May 2, 2019  
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Top Golf at Polaris  
2019 Kiwanis Charity Auction*

This year's Auction Committee, co-chaired by **Alison Thibaut** and **Kristin Gintz**, is putting together an exciting evening. Whether you are a golfer or not, this will be an evening you won't soon forget. More details will be forthcoming, but for now, mark your calendar, plan to come and plan to bring some friends.

## 2018-19 Distinguished Club criteria set ...

Each year, Kiwanis Club of Columbus strives to attain the status of "Distinguished Club," as defined by the Governor of the Ohio Kiwanis District. Criteria changes from year to year, and some years they are more challenging than others.

Here are the 2018-19 Distinguished Club Criteria established by Governor Faith Levine:

- Have a net membership increase of 10 percent.
- Sponsor a new club or have Club member designated as club coach.
- Sponsor a student to Key Leader.
- Maintain an up-to-date presence on social media.
- Participate in the First Family Project.
- Participation in Ohio District Kiwanis and/or Kiwanis Children's Fund Program.
- Have at least one club member attend the Mid-Year Education Day and District Convention.

Let's make President Jim Shively's administrative year a **distinguished** one!

*Cats have more than 100 vocal sounds.  
Dogs only have about 10.*

## Manna Café program continues ...

At the October Trustee meeting, support of the Manna Café for the 2018-19 administrative year was approved and a \$2,000 grant was appropriated to purchase the food for each of the quarterly events. These are fantastic, hands-on events in which Kiwanis members and friends help prepare and serve a hot dinner to more than 150 adults in need.



The next Manna Café is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28. You can sign up to volunteer using the hotlink on the November 28 page of the Activity Calendar.

*If you think nobody cares whether you're alive,  
try missing a couple of payments.*

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

Congratulations to Shawn Ballinger and Budros, Ruhlin & Roe, Inc., for receiving *Columbus CEO Magazine's* Best of Business award in the category of 'Private wealth management company.'

## Ohio State men's basketball ...

Division 10-W is again sponsoring a night of Buckeye men's basketball. Please join us on Tuesday evening, December 18, when the Bucks host Youngstown State. Tip off is at 7 pm. The Buckeyes season is off to a good start, and hopefully they will continue to improve and continue to win.



This is a great opportunity to kick off the holiday season with friends and fellowship!

By attending, you will receive an attendance credit, **and** if we have four or more of our Club members attend, we will receive an interclub credit.

Tickets are \$35 per person (includes service fee) and can be directly ordered via the order form found on our website (See the December 18 date on the Activity Calendar). Checks should be made out to "Ohio Division 10W and sent along with the order form to Dan Moorhead, 1070 Harrison Park Place, Columbus, OH 43201. Orders must be received by December 12.

*Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.*

## Bethlehem on Broad ...

Each year, Kiwanis Club of Columbus assists Broad Street United Methodist Church with their Bethlehem on Broad program. This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 15.

The program provides holiday assistance (*a hot Christmas meal, food baskets, toys and clothing*) to 2,500 individuals with limited resources during the Christmas season. The project is a combined effort of many churches, faith communities and organizations.



Kiwanis Club of Columbus will once again be offering free family and individual photos with Santa. We will take the photos, print them out and hand deliver them within minutes, so that all who want a photo are able to take one home. For many, this is the only opportunity they will have to get a quality family photo taken, and they will treasure the memory.

We will again be asking for volunteers to help with running the printers and delivering the photos. If you are interested in helping and would like to volunteer for one or more shifts, you can do so from the Activity Calendar on our Club website. Family members and guests are welcome to join you and to help spread the holiday cheer.

## Year-end giving ...

As we near the end of the 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 Children’s Fund** (formerly Kiwanis International Foundation) – This Foundation supports worldwide 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 newborn 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 Children’s Fund 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.kiwanischildrensfund.org](http://www.kiwanischildrensfund.org).

2- **Ohio District Foundation** – This Foundation supports the efforts and requests of the more than 225 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 awards more than \$80,000 to various community organizations to support a wide variety of activities. The **1916 Society** recognizes those who have a cumulative gift total of \$1,000, with additional recognition at the \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000 levels.

## Butterflies taste with their feet.

### Next meeting

(December 3, 2018)

**Program:** Ed Lentz, Columbus Landmarks

**Greeters:**

**Jim Skidmore** – Past Club President

**Dave Timmons** – Retired

**Invocation:**

To be determined

**Committee Meetings:**

Young Children Priority One

**Menu Options:**

**Hot:** Sirloin with demi glace.

**Cold:** Turkey club, with a bowl of fruit.

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