

THE Bulletin

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Kiwanis®

CLUB OF COLUMBUS

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world – one child and one community at a time.

“Serving the future”

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

~~ Columbus Symphony Orchestra Ensemble ~~

The Columbus Symphony was founded in 1951 as the Columbus Little Symphony, governed and managed by the Women’s Association. From its earliest days, the Columbus Symphony has been committed to education and supporting young musicians, with the Youth Orchestra founded in 1953. Claude Monteux served as the Columbus 1954. Symphony’s first music director.



Since 2014, Rossen Milanov has served as music director and overseen a variety of programs for the Symphony. Over the next couple of months, the Symphony will welcome CSO Concertmaster Joanna Frankel as she makes her solo debut with the Columbus Symphony, performing Beethoven’s spiritual Violin Concerto. The January 25th concert will include Beethoven’s evocative *Eroica* symphony. Also in January, the Symphony will continue its Russian Winter Festivals with the *Leningrad Symphony* and Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto over consecutive weekends. Other fun events coming up include showings of *Harry Potter* and *Jurassic Park*, with live Columbus Symphony accompaniment, as well as a tribute to the well-known rock band, The Eagles. Be sure to check www.columbussymphony.com/events for all upcoming events.

Today, we are honored to have four members of the Symphony join us to celebrate the holidays. Alicia Hui, first violin; Robert Firdman, second violin; Karl Pedersen, viola; and Wendy Morton, cello, will help set the tone for our holidays with a performance you won’t want to miss. A special Kiwanis ‘thank you’ is due Columbus Symphony Executive Director and Columbus Kiwanis member **Denise Rehg**, along with Daren Fuster, Personnel and Community Engagement Manager for the Symphony, for creating this musical opportunity for our Club.

Today’s Meeting

Greeters:

Joyce Waters – Club President-elect
Neil Distelhorst – Retired, Deloitte

Invocation:

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Committee Meetings: None scheduled

Menu Options:

Hot: Salmon, with red pepper chutney.
Cold: Chicken salad in a croissant, with a bowl of fruit.

Over the holidays

Birthdays

12/17 – **Mike Becker**
12/19 – **Kathleen Roberts**
12/19 – **Joyce Waters**
12/25 – **Neil Distelhorst**
01/04 – **Sheila Ross**



Tuesday, 12/18 – 7 p.m. - Division 10-W event at the OSU men’s basketball game.

Wednesday, 12/19 – 6 p.m. - Private tour at Franklin Park Conservatory.

Support the wait staff ...

Periodically throughout the year, we have collected and set aside money to be presented during the holiday season to our hard-working and dedicated wait staff at the ACC. Each week, they have the room set up for us and ready to go, and then move quietly throughout the room, serving our meals without interrupting conversations and/or committee meetings.



While a very small gratuity amount is built into each week's lunch fee, that amount is shared with all ACC wait staff, and does not go entirely to those who serve us.

To round out our collections to date, we will be placing envelopes on the table again this week. There is no obligation to give; however, we hope the holiday spirit will move you in that direction. All funds collected will be presented before our speaker is introduced this Monday.

Santa to Mrs. Claus: *"Honey, have you heard the forecast for Christmas Eve?"*
Mrs. Claus: *"It looks like it might rain, dear."*

'Get to know Kiwanis' and Holiday conversations ...

During the holidays we will each have multiple opportunities to socialize with people we don't often get to see. It might be at an office party, a family event, a neighborhood event, a church event or whatever, but you will likely find yourself speaking to someone who might be interested in Kiwanis.

Of course, it will be up to you to artfully bring the subject up during the conversation. You might mention something one of our weekly speakers talked about or a hands-on service project our Club completed. You might also describe how we are supporting the community with our generous grant program, or the success we have had with events like our 5K, charity auction or charity regatta. Our Club is very active, and it is easy to weave Kiwanis activities into most any holiday conversation.

Once you have the door opened, the next step is to gauge their interest and to invite them to our upcoming "Get to Know Kiwanis" session scheduled for 11:30 a.m., on Monday, January 7, right before our regular Monday meeting. This 20-minute presentation conducted by past president Bob Wiseman will provide them with a good overview of our Club. Be sure to register them for the event on the Activity Calendar of our website and make the appropriate luncheon reservation for them.

Two-week hiatus ...

Just a reminder that due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, we will be taking the next two weeks off from our regular meeting schedule. We will resume meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019, when our speaker will be Sean Carpenter, with Coldwell Banker King Thompson. Sean is a nationally-known motivational speaker, but a life-long Columbus resident, and we were fortunate to be able to schedule him. He was voted 'Teacher of the Year' last year by Columbus Realtors for his continuing education classes.

Let's start the New Year off right with a great audience for this great speaker. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Take the ASK challenge ...

The Ohio District of Kiwanis has issued a challenge to all Kiwanis members in the Ohio District to share the Kiwanis experience with others.

They have set forth six distinct challenges, and for each challenge you successfully complete by August 1, 2019, you will receive an entry into a drawing for a \$100, \$50 or \$25 gift certificate to the Kiwanis Store. The winners will be randomly drawn, from the entries received by the August 1 deadline, at the 2019 District Convention. You do not need to be present to win. The six challenges are as follows:

- 1- Take a photo or video in your best Kiwanis gear that announces your participation in the ASK challenge (describe what the ASK Challenge is), tag at least 10 friends in the post and invite them to call/e-mail/message/come to an event.
- 2- Share the "I am a Kiwanian because ..." image on Facebook or Twitter and then nominate five friends (by tagging them in your post) to join our Club.
- 3- Bring one prospective member guest to a meeting or service project.
- 4- Invite 20 non-Kiwanians to 'like' either our Club's or the District's Facebook page.
- 5- Ask 10 complete strangers if they know what Kiwanis is ...then invite them to learn more by giving them some type of Kiwanis collateral with contact information.
- 6- Submit 10 warm referrals to the District Membership Team who will contact them to introduce Kiwanis and invite them to an event.

To enter, simply e-mail which challenge(s) you have completed to Ohio District Club Strengthening Chair Jim Janosek, at jimjanosek@aol.com.

Re-gifting to benefit Kiwanis ...

You will likely get that one gift this year that you have absolutely no need for, don't like or simply can't stand. So, after you have politely told the giver how wonderful it is, what do you do next? How do you discreetly get rid of it?

Well, here's a thought ... why not donate it to the Kiwanis Charity Auction? Remember, 'one man's junk is another man's treasure' and someone is likely to bid on your item because it was just what they were looking for.

If you have that awkward gift, or any other item you think might make a good auction item, contact auction co-chairs Kristin Gintz (kgintz@wesbanco.com) or Alison Thibaut (alisonafriend@yahoo.com) to arrange the donation.

This year's auction is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 2, 2019. It will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will be held at the new Top Golf at Polaris. We hope you will plan to attend and invite friends to come along with you. More details will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendar now.

Nothing screws up your Friday like realizing it's only Wednesday.

Euchre, anyone?

Do you enjoy playing euchre? If so, why not plan to attend a special Kiwanis social event on Saturday evening, (6:30 p.m. start) January 19, 2019?

Kiwanis member **Wes Strickling** and his wife, Leah, will be hosting our first Kiwanis Euchre party in their home in Grandview. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your space early by going to the Activity Calendar on our website.



Perhaps you and your spouse are experienced playing euchre and thus you make a great team, or perhaps you are just learning and want to come alone. Either way, you are welcome and encouraged to attend.

More details will be forthcoming as plans are finalized. But for now, please mark your calendar and plan to attend a casual evening of fun, fellowship and gamesmanship.

The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.

Private tour planned ...

Please plan to join us for a free private tour of the Franklin Park Conservatory this 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.

Even though there are days I wish I could change some things that happened in the past, there's a reason the rear view mirror is so small and the windshield is so big. Where you are headed is much more important than what you have left behind.

Giant Eagle gift cards ...

Last-minute shopping can be tough, and trying to find something for your child's teacher, the mailman, the barber and other such people can be a challenge.

Why not consider purchasing a Giant Eagle gift card? It's something you know they will use, and something that has the added benefit of helping Kiwanis while helping you earn fuel points.

Giant Eagle gift cards can be special-ordered through Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** in a variety of denominations: \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, etc. Special orders require a one-week lead time, so be sure to plan ahead. A small inventory of \$100 cards is kept on hand, and they can be purchased at any Monday meeting or by special arrangement with Paul



The time to give ...

As the calendar year winds down, there is still time to make tax-deductible, charitable contributions that may impact your annual tax return.

Founded in 1970, the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation has as its mission providing grants and scholarships that support the Columbus community. A significant portion of the charitable expenditures made through the Club's committees are derived from the income earned on the total funds held by the Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization, making any contributions tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law.



There are several ways you can contribute to the Foundation:

1916 Society – Contributions to this fund, by cash or check, are used for general Foundation programming and are not earmarked for any special purpose when deposited into the Foundation. Joining the Society requires an initial pledge of \$1,000, which, if desired, can be paid over a four-year period. Additional gifts of any amount will be recorded, with recognition given when various levels are reached.

Endowed gift – You can endow a fund with a minimum contribution of \$10,000. Annual distributions from the fund can be made as directed by you in any written guidelines that have been pre-approved by the Foundation.

Bequest – It is never too soon to start thinking about estate planning. We have a number of Club members who can work with you to provide for a lump sum gift to the Foundation as part of your estate plan.

Insurance – Another possible way to contribute to the Foundation is by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of an insurance policy.

Drive very cautiously on this road of life, because folks will turn on you with no signal.



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*A baby can drink a bottle and fall asleep,
and people say it's cute. But as soon as
I do it, I'm an alcoholic.*

Next meeting

(January 7, 2019)

Program:

Sean Carpenter, Coldwell Banker King
Thompson

Greeters:

Lisa Jolley – The Columbus Foundation
Ted Coons – The Spillman Company

Invocation: To be determined

Committee Meetings:

Young Children Priority One - cancelled

Menu Options:

Hot: Blackened chicken with a corn emulsion.

Cold: Tuna salad on a croissant, with chips.

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