



**“Serving the future”**

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

**~~ Columbus Children’s Choir ~~**  
**New World Singers**



Praised as “rare, radiant and beautiful” by composer Nick Page, the New World Singers of Columbus Children’s Choir are no strangers to the public arena. They possess the technique and artistry to perform with word-class ensembles and entertainers such as Celine Dion, John Lithgow, the Columbus Symphony, BalletMet and Opera Columbus. Led by artistic director Jeanne Wohlgamuth, Columbus Children’s Choir has had the honor of performing in the most prestigious national venues, including the White House, three separate performances at Carnegie Hall and at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati. They are also winners of the American Prize, which celebrates American excellence in the arts. On the international stage, they have performed in Germany, Russia, Italy, France, Canada, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and Spain, and in Austria with the Vienna Boys’ Choir.

Columbus Children’s Choir was formed in 1987 at the request of Maestro Christian Badea, and remains to this day the premier youth choral experience in central Ohio. In 2011, Jeanne Wohlgamuth assumed the role of artistic director from its founder, Dr. Sandra Mathias. Since taking the reins, she has ushered in a new and exciting era for the Columbus Children’s Choir, while honoring its legacy. Serving more than 500 students and teachers with educational offerings, including its longstanding programs for children in kindergarten through 12th grade, workshops, master classes and free community engagement programs, Columbus Children’s Choir is committed to artistic excellence and equal access.



Celebrated for her artistic vision and top-tier choirs, Jeanne Wohlgamuth is

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*Today’s Meeting*

**Greeters:**

**Neil Distelhorst** – Retired, Deloitte  
**Merri Bame** - BDB Communication, LLC

**Invocation:**

**Lynn Coons** – Retired, Spillman Company

**Committee Meetings:** None scheduled

**Menu Options:**

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

*Coming up this week*

**Birthdays**

01/23 – **Ellwood Lewis**  
01/24 – **Tim Barhorst**  
01/25 – **Lisa Jolley**  
01/25 – **Sam Vogel**



**Monday, 01/21** – 6:30 p.m. - Joint Division 10-W, 10-E and 10-S Council meeting – Berwick Party House.

**Thursday, 01/24** – 4 p.m. – Reading Buddies – at J. Ashburn Center – 85 Clarendon Avenue.

## Help us build furniture ...

Several times throughout the year, Kiwanis members, family and friends volunteer at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio to help build and assemble furniture for those in need. No special woodworking or carpentry skills are needed, but you may find yourself cutting wood, drilling holes, screwing boards together, painting or whatever else may be needed on that day's project. Trained people from the Furniture Bank will be there to oversee our efforts, making sure we know what needs to be done, and how.



**FurnitureBank**  
OF CENTRAL OHIO

Our next Furniture Bank adventure is set for Saturday, February 9. It will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Please feel free to bring children (not too young) and friends; the more hands, the better. If you are interested in helping, please go to the Activity Calendar on our website to sign up, or contact Hearts and Hands Committee chair **Lynn Coons**.

*My wife dropped a cup the other day and wailed,  
"What's wrong with me?" I named six things  
before I realized it was a rhetorical question!*

## Road trip interclub planned to Marietta ...

On Saturday, February 2, we will be doing an interclub with the Marietta Kiwanis Club to help with their 65<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake Days. This two-day event is one of their major fundraisers, and it is something the entire Marietta community looks forward to and enthusiastically supports.

For a number of years, our Club has been sending 4-10 people to Marietta to help provide manpower during the Saturday morning 10 a.m.-to-noon shift. While there, we cook pancakes and sausage and help serve the food to those coming through the line. When we finish our shift, we are given a complimentary breakfast before heading home to Columbus. In conjunction with the pancakes being served, attendees have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction and to bid on a wide variety of gift baskets.



This year's trip is being coordinated by Club President **Jim Shively**. Our group will meet at a convenient location in Columbus (*to be determined, based on who will be attending*) and we will car pool down and

back. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the Activity Calendar on our website, or contact **Jim Shively** directly.

*Life's too short to wake up in a bad mood ...  
I save mine for when I get to work.*

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a champion of choral education. Since beginning her tenure as Columbus Children's Choir artistic director nearly 8 years ago, she has paved the way for a new and exciting era for the organization. Under her direction, the New World Singers received a special invitation to sing with the Vienna Boys' Choir in a tour of Austria and Hungary in 2017. She has expanded community engagement efforts to make Columbus Children's Choir a point of pride for our city.

Alongside her work with Columbus Children's Choir, Jeanne is the fine arts department chair and director of choirs at Dublin Jerome High School, the vocal affairs chair for the Ohio Music Education Association, and a recipient of countless awards, including the Community Champion Award presented by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Wohlgamuth is a fervent advocate for higher education. She has served as an adjunct professor in the master's of music education program at the Kodály Institute at Capital University and taught undergraduate choral methods. She has presented workshops on developing sight-reading in the choral rehearsal, as well as middle school choral techniques and repertoire for the Midwest Kodály Music Educator's Conference; The Ohio State University; Capital University, Columbus City Schools; the Tri-City Kodály Music Educators; and the Ohio Music Educators Association state professional conference.

In addition to currently serving as vocal affairs chair for the Ohio Music Education Association, Jeanne is the secondary choral advisor for the Organization of American Kodály Educators. She has served as the national children's choir coordinator and secretary for the Organization of American Kodály Educators, as treasurer for the Tri-City Kodály Music Educators and as creative events chair for the Ohio Music Education Association.

Mrs. Wohlgamuth is the recipient of 'Teacher of the Year' awards at Dublin Jerome High School; Karrer Middle School; Wright Elementary; and Bowen Elementary. She was also honored with the 'Golden Shamrock Award' for Excellence in Education from Dublin.

**Why not purchase a business card ad?  
Let people know who you are and  
that you care about Kiwanis.**

## Pancakes in Newark ...

Kiwanis Club of Newark will be conducting its annual all-you-can-eat 'Pancake Day' on Saturday, February 23. It is open to the community and, of course, **all** Kiwanis members. In addition to the pancake breakfast, they will be conducting a bake sale and a 50/50 raffle.

The event will run from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will be held at Goodwill's The Grove by the River, located at 840 Hollander Street in Newark. Tickets are \$5 per person, with ages 3 and under eating free. There will be entertainment all day. All proceeds will benefit Kiwanis youth programs at Camp O'Bannon and Kiwanis Park.



Anytime you attend (and report) the event or meeting of another Kiwanis club, you earn a make-up attendance credit. If we have 4 or more of our members attend the same event or meeting, our Club also earns an interclub credit. The key is reporting. Attending such events is a great way to network and to learn how other clubs are operating. If you attend, please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know.

*A policeman stopped me last night, came up to my window and said, "Papers." I said, "Scissors, I win" and drove off. He must want a re-match, Since he's been chasing me for 20 minutes.*

## Short North Chartering event ...

For Kiwanis to keep growing, we must remain flexible and willing to reach into different areas. One such way is to start new Kiwanis Clubs where there is interest and opportunity. Over the past few months, members of the Ohio District expansion team, with help from several members of our Club, have successfully established a new Kiwanis club in the Short North District of Columbus.

On Thursday, February 28, the newly formed club will be officially chartered and we, as one of the sponsoring clubs, are invited to join them on this memorable occasion. The event will be held at Serendipity Labs, located at 886 North High Street and is scheduled to run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per person. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. If you are interested in attending and being a part of this celebration, you can sign up to attend by using the Activity Calendar on our Club's website. Let's have a great showing and demonstrate our support as they get started 'serving the children of the community.'

## Support our Kiwanis charity auction ...

A successful charity auction is largely dependent on the quality of items the attendees have to bid on. The auction committee (co-chaired by **Alison Thibaut** and **Kristin Gintz**) is currently seeking auction items and there are several ways you might be able to help:

1- Do you have a quality item sitting around the house that you can live without? Perhaps a piece of artwork, some jewelry or other tangible item(s) that someone else would be happy to have. Or perhaps a week's stay in that seldom-used resort condo, a round of golf with you at your local country club, or even a pair tickets to an Ohio State football, Columbus Crew or Columbus Bluejackets game. Why not consider donating it? You'll feel good and the winning bidder will be ecstatic!

2- Do you or your company have a skill or service that could be auctioned off? Why not donate a gift certificate that could be redeemed by the winning bidder?

3- Do you have a contact with a local business that could open the door for the auction committee? Why not share that information with the auction committee and let them do the asking?

4- Our auction is open to everyone, so why not invite another couple or two to come with you? They'll have a great time, they might be successful bidders, and they'll be exposed to a lot of great things our Club does.

This year's Kiwanis Charity Auction is set for Thursday evening, May 2. It will be held at the new Top Golf facility near Polaris. More details and formal invitations will be forthcoming, but now is the time to start planning and to let the committee know how you will be helping.

*My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner, so I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!*

## 'Young Professional' members ...

Our Club's social committee has planned another informal get-together for the young professional (under the age of 40) members of our Club. This is a great way to get to know your fellow Kiwanis members, while having a little fun and social interaction.

The event will be held at Due Amici (97 East Gay Street) from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in for a few minutes or stay as long as you want. Their happy hour specials include \$3 beer, \$5 wine and half off pizzas and small plates. Let us know you are coming by signing up using the Activity Calendar on the Club's website.

## 2019 Mid-Year Education Day ...

Registration for the 2019 Mid-Year Education Day is now open.

This year's event will be back at the newly remodeled Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center in Lewis Center, and is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019.

Kelly Brown, Ohio District Education Chair, has been hard at work creating new and exciting topics and forums designed to bring forth actionable ideas that we can take back to our Club and quickly implement in order to bring in new members.

The day will begin with an opening session run by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (ODKF), which will feature a keynote speaker to inspire your service as a Kiwanian. There will then be two rounds of 45-minute long forums, a luncheon session, an additional two 30-minute forums, and finally an afternoon social hour and service fair/project to allow attendees to mix, mingle and share more ideas.

If you have never been to a Mid-Year Education Day, you should plan to attend. The first 50 first-time attendees to register will receive a \$15 discount on their registration fee. You can go to the Ohio District website ([www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org)) to register. Registrations must be received by February 23 in order to receive the early-bird pricing.

*A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?" "Hellllloooooo," answered the blond. "They're watch dogs!"*

## Giant Eagle gift cards...

You can help raise funds for Kiwanis simply by doing what you normally do – shop at Giant Eagle. By pre-purchasing a Giant Eagle gift card from Kiwanis, our Club will earn 5 percent of the face value of the gift card. So, if you purchase a \$100 Giant Eagle gift card, the Club receives \$5 and you receive the full purchasing power of the \$100 card itself. You can use it to buy groceries, gasoline or other retail gift cards for more than 100 businesses. Plus, you earn Fuel Perks just as if you were paying with cash or a credit card. It is a win-win situation.

The Club maintains a small inventory of \$100 Giant Eagle gift cards, and smaller denominations can be special-ordered (special orders require one-week of lead time). See Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** to purchase a card, or buy one at the check-in table at each Monday's meeting.

*Someone once encouraged me to "Go for broke."  
I'm happy to report that I succeeded.*

*The officer said, "You're staggering." I said, "You're quite handsome yourself." We just laughed and laughed. I need bail money.*

## Next meeting

(January 28, 2019)

**Program:** Priscilla Hammonds – Grange Insurance  
– Diversity in the workplace.

### Greeters:

**Lisa Jolley** – The Columbus Foundation

**Lynn Coons** – Retired, The Spillman Co.

### Invocation:

**Bob Eberhart** - Cook & Sladoje Co., LPA

**Committee Meetings:** New Member. Interclub

### Menu Options:

**Hot:** Smoked pork loin with a peach compote.

**Cold:** Chicken salad wrap, with coleslaw.

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