



“Serving the future”

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

~~ Priscilla Hammonds~~

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As assistant vice president, Priscilla leads the development and execution of an enterprise diversity and inclusion strategy that impacts the workforce, workplace, marketplace and community. Priscilla has extensive experience in strategic planning, facilitation and the launching of, and providing oversight to, Associate Resource Groups and Diversity and Inclusion Councils.

She has held leadership roles at State Farm and Nationwide Insurance in the areas of diversity and inclusion, underwriting and agency operations.

Priscilla is an ambassador for United Way of Central Ohio Project Diversity, a founding member and vice president of the Central Ohio Diversity Consortium and board member of the National African American Insurance Association.

She received her BS from The Ohio State University and her MBA from Ohio Dominican University. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Priscilla is married to Jeff Hammonds Sr., and has one son and two grandchildren.

She believes that diversity and inclusion is more about ‘human behavior’ than it is about ideas, beliefs and values. Human behavior impacts all facets of life, and it shapes how the world looks and feels.

Today's Meeting

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.

Coming up this week

Birthdays

02/02 – **Larry Icenogle**



Wednesday - 01/30 – 5:30 p.m. - Social event for Young Professionals – Due Amici – 97 East Gay Street.

Friday – 02/01 – 5:30 p.m. – ACC Father/Daughter dance.

Saturday – 02/02 –

1- 8 a.m. – Interclub to Marietta, Ohio

2- 1 p.m. – First Birthday Celebration - Community Development for All People, 946 Parsons Ave.

Thank you, bell ringers ...

Once again, Kiwanis Club of Columbus has provided valuable manpower to help ensure a successful 2018 Red Kettle Campaign by the Salvation Army.

In total, Kiwanis Club of Columbus had 30 bell ringers, each filling a 2-hour shift. Thanks go out to the following Club members:

Shawn Ballinger	Merri Bame*
Bill Calvert	Tom Christman
Lynn Coons	Ted Coons
Greg Daugherty	Neil Distelhorst
Dave Fenner	Alice Foeller
Bill Gillam	Kristin Gintz
Lisa Jolley*	Dan Lacey*
JP LaFramboise	Fil Line
Mark Poepelman	Kathleen Roberts*
George Ruff*	Jim Shively*
Kristen Sydney	Mark Swepston
Bob Wiseman*	Elaine Young

**multiple shifts*

Over the 60 hours of bell-ringing, we collected \$3,066 - that is more than \$50 per hour. These public contributions to Salvation Army kettles enable the organization to continue its year-round efforts at helping those who would otherwise be forgotten. Thank you to those who donated to this year's campaign, whether it was at a kettle location, online or a directly mailed-in contribution.

Can you imagine how sexy I would be if I ate right and took care of my body? I mean ... I'm not going to, but can you imagine?

Member engagement ...

There is an old adage that says, "What you get out of an organization is proportional to what you put into the organization." In short, if you don't come to meetings, get involved in a committee, attend interclubs, participate in hands-on community service projects, or attend social events, you likely are not getting the full benefit of your Kiwanis membership.

As a service organization that facilitates networking and leadership development, we can only make the opportunities available. It is up to each of us to step up and get involved. Having said that, we recognize that everyone has time limits and that those will vary throughout the year. But the fact remains, when it comes to getting involved, the ball is in your court. Let's play ball!

Yes, it is cold outside. But on a positive note, I haven't seen any mosquitos for a while.

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**.

God put me on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now, I am so far behind I will never die.

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 65th 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.

‘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., on Wednesday, January 30. 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.

The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture in the house is in place.

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 of tickets to an Ohio State football, Columbus Crew or Columbus Blue Jackets 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.

Mark your calendar on March 22 ...

Our Club, through the Young Children Priority One Committee, will be organizing volunteers for an intergenerational art activity at the Columbus Early Learning Center (240 North Champion Avenue) from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 22. This is an excellent chance to create a meaningful art project representing springtime, working with the kiddos and seniors at Champion.

Columbus Early Learning Centers (CELC) have been providing high-quality early learning experiences and care to our city’s children for 130 years. As a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, their tradition of affordable access to high-quality early childhood education has strengthened the lives of thousands of children and families, and the communities in which they live.

To accomplish these goals today, CELC implements ‘Conscious Discipline’ and the ‘Creative Curriculum’ in their classrooms to assist their highly qualified teachers in meeting the needs of children at their four locations. The classrooms are staffed at an average of 3 to 1 student-to-teacher ratio, allowing their teachers to truly individualize early learning and care to ensure that every child is ready for kindergarten upon graduation. Each of the four locations is rated at 3 or more stars by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services’ Step-Up to Quality Star Rating System.

CELC Champion is located in the heart of the Near East Side community, and has been open since March 2014. They enroll children 6 weeks old through 5 years of age and work closely with families to meet each individual child’s needs. This center is a part of a partnership with The Ohio State University and National Church Residences to bring different generations together in a structured learning environment.

At the Champion location every week, young children and National Church Residences’ older adults participate in creative activities like art-making, singing and tai chi, resulting in a community that feels happier, healthier and a bit smarter.

Please visit the Activity Calendar on our Kiwanis website to sign up (www.columbuskiwanis.org). Also, please consider joining us on the Young Children Priority One committee. The committee meets the first Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in one of the parlor rooms down the hall from the noon Club meeting.

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.

*I'll tell you why I can't lose weight ... I've got metal fillings
in my teeth and my refrigerator magnets
keep pulling me into the kitchen.*

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.'

*As I watch this generation try to rewrite history,
one thing I'm sure of ... it will be misspelled
and have no punctuation.*

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

Next meeting

(February 4, 2019)

Program: being finalized

Greeters:

Kathleen Roberts – Sweetbriar Group LLC
Pranab Bhattacharya - Gupta & Associates,
CPA, LLC

Invocation:

Lisa Jolley – The Columbus Foundation

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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