



**“Serving the future”**

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

**~~ ED LEONARD ~~**

**Director, Franklin County Board of Elections**



Ed Leonard was appointed director of the Board of Elections in September 2016. However, Director Leonard is no stranger to election administration, as he served as deputy director of the board from March 1998 to March of 2001. His prior service during the 2000 presidential election has prepared him to step into the role in the midst of the 2016 presidential election.

One of former treasurer Ed Leonard’s accomplishment as county treasurer is the implementation of the new County Land Reutilization Corporation (CLRC). The new CLRC, or land bank, has enhanced the county’s ability to better address vacant and abandoned tax-delinquent properties throughout Franklin County. The new CLRC has been able to combat the negative impact that blighted properties have on the property values and quality of life in our neighborhoods by strategically demolishing or rehabilitating these dilapidated structures.

During his service as county treasurer from January 2007 to September 2016, Ed Leonard implemented many other new initiatives, including the creation of a new, easier-to-read tax bill, implementation of a lockbox for faster, safer processing of tax payments and enhanced check imaging, to include electronic image cash letters. In 2008, he created Homeowner Helpline, which streamlined the process for homeowners in, or close to, foreclosure, to find the trusted resources available to provide assistance. Through Mr. Leonard’s guidance, a pre- and post-foreclosure court mediation program was brought into fruition that has helped countless homeowners resolve their foreclosure, either through graceful exit from the home or by renegotiating the mortgage terms with the lender.

Prior to becoming the treasurer, Ed Leonard had served in that office since March 2003 as special counselor to the

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*Today’s Meeting*

**Greeters:**

**Lisa Jolley** - The Columbus Foundation

**Fil Line** - ROI Realty Services

**Invocation:**

**Chad Endsley** - Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

**Committee Meetings:** New Member; Interclub

**Menu Options:**

**Hot:** Salmon, with red pepper chutney.

**Cold:** Chicken salad in a croissant, with a bowl of fruit.

*Coming up this week*

**Birthdays**

02/25 – **Scott Fratturelli**

02/26 – **Hanad Duale**

02/28 – **Merri Bame**



**Tuesday, 02/26/1919** – President Woodrow Wilson signed an act of Congress establishing the Grand Canyon National Park.

**Thursday, 02/28/1935** – DuPont scientist Wallace Carothers invented nylon.

**Friday, 03/01/1936** - The Hoover Dam was completed.

## 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 Friday, 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 a 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 six weeks old through five 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](http://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.

## Get to Know Kiwanis ...

Our next "Get to Know Kiwanis" information session is scheduled for Monday, **March 11**. The session will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m., and last approximately 20 minutes. Those attending will also be invited to stay for lunch and to hear our speaker that day, Chad Whittington, the CEO of CAPA.

Now is the time to begin thinking about who you would like to invite – a co-worker, a business contact, the new neighbor down the street, etc. Be sure to invite them soon, so they have ample time to arrange their calendar and you have time to order their meal.

*When she saw her first strands of gray hair,  
she thought she'd dye.*

## Auction Fore Kids ...

On May 2, 2019, Kiwanis Club of Columbus will host its annual fundraising gala, **Auction Fore Kids**, at the hottest new entertainment concept in Columbus, Top Golf. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on wonderful items and experience packages donated by generous members like you. We are looking for **YOUR HELP** to raise the dollars we will reinvest in the community by donating an item to this year's auction. Please note that while we are pleased to receive any item, gift certificate or set of entry tickets you are willing to provide, we are especially eager to create memorable **experiences** for our guests to bid on.

If you or your business can offer a unique, creative and valuable experience to our guests, please let us know so that we can work with you to provide maximum sponsor benefit for your donation. You may contact event chairs, Kristin Gintz ([kgintz@wesbanco.com](mailto:kgintz@wesbanco.com)) or Alison Thibaut ([alison@illuminatingtechnologies.com](mailto:alison@illuminatingtechnologies.com)), to discuss it. There is not an item too small or too big to donate. Here are some examples of previously donated items:

- Free tax return/preparation
- Round of golf at Scioto Country Club
- 4-person loge box for the Columbus Blue Jackets
- Week's stay at an ocean front condo in Florida

Thank you so much for your consideration. Please complete the attached donation form and return it with your donation to the address listed on the letterhead. We are also happy to pick up your donated item if needed. As always, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
**Kristin Gintz & Alison Thibaut**  
Committee Co-Chairs

## 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, April 11, 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.'

*If someone from Holland married a Filipino, would their kids be called 'Hallapinos?'*

## Pancakes, pancakes and more pancakes ...

Many Kiwanis Clubs utilize community-based pancake breakfasts as a fundraiser to support their charitable community activities. These events are labor-intensive, but very productive, plus they help get the Kiwanis name out into the community.

We should all try to support these local efforts, both to recognize the work put forth by local Kiwanis members and to encourage others to support very worthwhile causes. Here are a few upcoming pancake breakfasts you can attend:

- 1- **Grove City Kiwanis** Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, February 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at the United Methodist Church located at 2684 Columbus Street in Grove City. Donations appreciated.
- 2- **Kiwanis Club of Newark** – Saturday, February 23, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Goodwill's The Grove by the River, located at 840 Hollander Street in Newark.
- 3- **Kiwanis Club of University** – Sunday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - annual Rick Nini Memorial Pancake Breakfast at 240 West Oakland Avenue.

Please self-report your attendance to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**.

## Atlas Butler recognized ...

Congratulations to **Mark Swepston** and his team at Atlas Butler Heating and Cooling. They were recently recognized by *Columbus CEO Magazine* as 'Best of Business' in the HVAC category.



*I always start my diet on the same day – tomorrow.*

## 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. 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.

*My Internet was down for 8 minutes today. I'm OK, but the 911 operator was a little rude about it.*

## Wanted: bottles of wine ...

One of the more popular events at each year's charity auction is the wine pull, and it will be returning again this year. If you have a bottle(s) of wine you would like to donate to this event, please let us know.

We would be happy to make pick-up arrangements.



Or, if you would like to make a cash donation to the Foundation to be used to purchase wine for the wine pull, that would be just as wonderful.

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Treasurer. During that time, he was responsible for the execution of several major initiatives, including the Tax Lien Certificate Sale Program, which has resulted in the collection of more than \$70 million in delinquent real estate taxes.

Prior to joining the treasurer's office, Mr. Leonard served from March 2001 to March 2003 as the compliance officer for the Franklin County Clerk of Courts office, where he provided legal advice and oversaw the Internal Audit function.

Ed's legal career began as captain in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General Corps from 1990 to 1994. After moving to Columbus in the fall of 1994, he was also in private practice for several years before serving as assistant Columbus city prosecutor from 1997 to 1998.

Leonard earned his law degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1990 and his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Youngstown State University in 1987. Ed is the ninth child in a family of 11 children, and was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. When not working on behalf of the Franklin County community, he proudly serves on the board of the Harmony Project, a choir whose mission is to promote diversity and community service through singing, serving and sharing.

Today, he will be talking about and demonstrating the new voting machines set for implementation this May. This will be a great opportunity to familiarize yourself (and your guest) with the new machines.

*Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race and changes you forever ... we call these people cops.*

### Muirfield tournament drivers needed ...

The call is out for shuttle drivers during the 2019 Muirfield Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled for May 27 through June 2. You can volunteer for one or more days, depending on your availability. For each hour you volunteer, Kiwanis Club of Columbus will receive \$10.50, so the more you drive, the more our Club benefits. In addition, you receive one Patron Badge, good for access to the tournament grounds all week if you drive a minimum of 12 hours, and you receive an additional badge if you drive a minimum of 21 hours.

You can see what shifts are still available and register to drive by logging into [www.thememorialtournament.com](http://www.thememorialtournament.com), clicking on the 'Volunteers' tab at the top, and then 'Volunteer Registration.' Follow the instructions from that point forward. Be sure to indicate your T-shirt size and that you are driving on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus. Thank you in advance ...

*My friend in Canada was a heavy drinker.  
In fact, he drank Canada Dry.*

### Next meeting

(March 4, 2019)

**Program:** Chad Whittington - President of CAPA

#### Greeters:

**Dave Timmons** –

Retired, G.W. Timmons & Sons

**Jessica Holland** –

Edward Jones Investments

#### Invocation:

**Fil Line** – ROI Realty Services

#### Committee Meetings:

Young Children Priority One

#### Menu Options:

**Hot:** Being finalized

**Cold:** Being finalized

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