

The Bulletin

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus



"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world - one child and one community at a time."

"It's not about me ... or you, but what WE will do for the children."

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



January 6, 2014

GARY C. MOHR

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction



Gary C. Mohr is director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC). Appointed by Governor John Kasich in January 2011, he is a 39-year corrections professional with a national reputation for innovative and efficient prison management. Throughout his career, Director Mohr has served in a number of corrections leadership positions in both public and private sectors.

In 2002, Director Mohr served as deputy director and superintendent of the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Previously, he was DRC deputy director for administration, as well as a deputy director in the agency's Office of Prisons, where he supervised, mentored and advised a region of the state's wardens. In addition, Director Mohr has served as warden at the Ross Correctional Institution, the Chillicothe Correctional Institution and the Correction Reception Center.

From 1992-1994, Director Mohr served as director of the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice, where he led the investigation into the cause of the 1993 Lucasville riot. Many of his team's recommendations for preventive measures and improved conditions were incorporated into DRC's standard operating policies and adopted by prison systems across the nation. He also chaired the Governor's Task Force on Gun Violence.

In 2005, Director Mohr founded Mohr Correctional Insight, where he advised the Corrections Corporation of America in areas of staff leadership and development, and implementing unit management.

Director Mohr and his wife of 41 years have three adult children and four grandchildren. He is a resident of Chillicothe.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Larry Icenogle** - Retired, Army Officer & Defense Department Civilian
Scott Doellinger - Award-Winning Architecture

Invocation: **Perry Fisher** - Perry Fisher Co.

Committee meetings: Behavioral Health & Wellness, Golf, Young Children Priority One

Menu: **Wedge salad, herb -marinated pork loin with apple chutney**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

01/07 - Ed Deering

01/08 - J.P. LaFramboise



Thursday - 01/09 -

1- 4 p.m. - Boys & Girls Club reading project

2- 6:30 p.m. - Hilliard Kiwanis Inter-club - Pajama Party (see article on page 3)

Friday - 01/10/1776- Thomas Paine published the pamphlet *Common Sense*.

Focus on Kiwanis

Planting Seeds of Legacies ...

What was the first book you ever read? Do you remember? I don't. I do remember developing a love of reading at a very young age, though. And I remember spending countless hours at the library, reading classics like *Jane Eyre*. Reading opened up a world of possibilities to me. I've always considered reading important, but the death of Nelson Mandela made me reflect about reading in a different way. Have you ever thought about what your life would be like if you couldn't read? Reading is a skill I take for granted. I spend most of my time reading in one capacity or another, without any consideration of the gift I've been given. With all the emphasis on mathematics and digital technology, it's easy to forget the role that reading has in success.

But consider what might have happened if Nelson Mandela was never taught to read? Though Nelson Mandela's parents were illiterate, they were so convinced of the importance of reading that they sent Nelson to a local Methodist school at the age of 7. This education would spark a fire in a young boy who would eventually become a political activist, world-renowned leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner. He would change history, and it all started with exposure to ideas and concepts contained in books. What would South Africa be today if education was not available to him?

Children who struggle with reading are more likely to 'act out' in school. They risk being labeled as trouble-makers and more. But it gets worse: Illiteracy follows you throughout life. Just think about these statistics:

- Adult illiteracy costs society an estimated \$225 billion or more each year in lost productivity, crime and unemployment.

- Adults with low-level reading skills may suffer unnecessarily from health problems because they lack the ability to obtain medical assistance; read medical directions, health-related literature or prescription labels; or communicate medical histories adequately. Chronic health conditions may not be monitored properly.

- Financial literacy and numeracy skills are lower, making adults more susceptible to predatory schemes and credit issues.

- The rate of illiteracy in America's correctional systems is more than 60 percent.

- Children of illiterate parents begin their school life behind their peers. Parents with minimal reading skills often cannot support their children's educational development.

Now, it's time for the good news. Because of your involvement in Kiwanis, we're able to combat this issue at its root. Our partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club and with the Columbus Metropolitan Library open up a world of knowledge to our Columbus children, and that is how you start a legacy like Nelson Mandela's.

~~~ *Tiffany Crosby*

### Club Trustees to meet ...

The January Trustee meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, January 14, at the Athletic Club of Columbus. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m., and those attending are welcome to remain afterwards for fellowship and dinner.

All members of the Club are welcome to attend, to participate in the discussion and to gain insight into the workings of committees and the Club. Trustees and committee chairs should be prepared to provide updates, either in person or via their designated representative.

If you are interested in attending and/or staying for dinner, please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know on or before Wednesday, January 8, so that the ACC can make the proper arrangements to accommodate our needs.

**Breaking news:** *Hillbilly family found frozen to death at drive-in movie theatre; they went to see the movie "Closed for the Season."*

### Annual Foundation meeting set ...

The annual meeting of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will be held on Monday, January 13, as part of our weekly Kiwanis meeting. All members of Kiwanis Club of Columbus are members of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation and are eligible to vote during the annual meeting. Reports will be provided to the Club regarding the progress of our investments and fund-raising efforts. We will also receive the report of the nominating committee and elect one trustee for a three-year term (2014-17).

Following the Club meeting, Foundation trustees will meet briefly to elect Foundation officers for the 2014 calendar year.



**When your past calls, don't answer.  
It has nothing new to say.**

## Expanding your Kiwanis experience ...

We all know that Kiwanis is a worldwide organization and that in the Central Ohio area alone, there are more than 30 individual Clubs. Because our Club is so large and has so many activities going on, it is easy to forget that there are others in the area working toward similar goals and approaching similar challenges using totally different approaches.

Inter-clubbing, where we send four or more of our members to another Club's meeting or activity, is a great way to broaden our horizons and to expand our Kiwanis experience. The process fosters creativity and generates enthusiasm. In addition, there are new friends to be made and fun experiences to share.

The Inter-club committee is currently coordinating inter-club visits with the Hilliard Club for the following events:

1- **Thursday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.,** at the Hilliard Senior Center – They will be holding a “Pajama Party for Homelessness.” Attendees will be asked to bring slightly used sheets and blankets for the Faith Mission Homeless Shelter. Their Club members will also be making fleece scarves. The speaker for the evening will be Holly Zachrich from The Columbus Dispatch. Holly talks about being the “poster child” of poverty. You will be encouraged (but not required) to come in your cozy pajamas and appreciate that you have a bed to sleep in every night.

2- **Thursday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.,** at Dave and Buster's at Mill Run. Dr. Overbeck will be speaking on “No Child Left Behind.”

3- **Saturday, January 25, 7 a.m.,** at Ronald McDonald House - attendees will be preparing breakfast.

Please contact Inter-club Committee Chair Andy Sonderman if you are interested in attending one or more of these events. Each inter-club meeting or activity you attend also earns you an attendance credit. In addition, the committee tracks our Club members' participation in inter-clubs and acknowledges this participation in the following ways:

1- The member who attends the most inter-club meetings during this administrative year will have his or her name engraved on the Howard Wilson Inter-Club Award plaque, and is entitled to display that plaque until the following year's recipient is determined.

2- Members who attend five or more distinct inter-club meetings/events/activities will receive a handsomely engraved name badge to be worn at future inter-clubs, service events, Division meetings, etc.

Let's all join in the process, share the experiences of our Club and learn from the experiences of others!

## Did you know?

Many people turn a blind eye to the amount of chemicals we put in our body through food, make-up, household cleaners and yes, TOOTHPASTE!

Some do not agree this is true. Many will say it is not. Regardless, we urge you to take precaution with the products you use in your home, and to do research on your own.

On toothpaste tubes, there are different colors at the bottom of each pack. Just recently, it was brought to my attention what this was, and what the colors represented. I felt it was important for me to share and pass it on! **Do you know the meaning of the colors?**



**Green** square = Natural

**Blue** square = Natural + Medicine

**Red** square = Natural + Chemical composition

**Black** square = Pure Chemical

## ELIMINATE Project progresses ...

Eliminating a disease is a lofty goal, yet that is exactly what the Kiwanis International ELIMINATE Project is designed to do – to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) around the world by 2015.

It was recently announced (December 2013) that the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) has been validated as having eliminated MNT. This brings to **34** the number of countries that have eliminated MNT since 2000, leaving **25** countries that remain at risk.

Our efforts are paying off. The children and families in Lao PDR are now protected from tetanus. What an impact! Thanks in part to you, we will continue this momentum and ensure that no mother anywhere has to worry about losing her baby to tetanus. Your continued support of this project is needed so that we can see it through to completion.

**Karen S. Hockstad**  
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## Tracking attendance ...

Having completed the first quarter of our administrative year (*October through December*), it is a good time to check our attendance progress. You must accumulate 48 attendance credits throughout the administrative year to earn your "Perfect Attendance" tab. To be on track at this point in the year, you should have at least 12 credits. Here's where we stand through December 31:

**45+ credits:** Paul Bohlman, Kathleen Roberts

**35-44 credits:** Jim Skidmore

**30-34 credits:** Scott Lindsey, Jim Shively

**25-29 credits:** Fil Line

**20-24 credits:** Ted Coons, Neil Distelhorst, Jerry Durham, Perry Fisher, Ken Keller, Tom Sherrill, Sam Vogel

**15-19 credits:** David Brainin, Bill Calvert, Char Collister, Ron Cook, Jack D'Aurora, Scott Doellinger, Bob Eberhart, Alice Hohl, Larry Icenogle, Bill Newman, Jeff Rayis, Cindy Sturni, Bob Wiseman

**13-14 credits:** Susan Black, Tom Christman, Michael Edwards, David Fenner, Ellwood Lewis, Mark Swepston, Dick Tice, Dave Timmons

**12 credits:** Ohmer Crowell, Stephanie Harris, Brad Hyslop, Lisa Jolley, Caitlyn Nestleroth, Andy Sonderman

Attendance credits are designed to encourage and recognize your participation in Club activities and events. One credit is earned for attending a Monday Club meeting; participating in a committee meeting; attending a Trustee meeting, an interclub meeting, a make-up meeting, a social event, or a community service project; serving as a greeter or giving the Monday invocation.

So, with nine months to go, there is still plenty of time to earn your "Perfect Attendance" tab for the year, even if at this point you only have one or two credits.

It is vitally important for all committee chairs to submit their attendance reports in a timely manner, so that proper credits can be assigned.



## Eye opening reminders ...

**1** Despite coming off a two-week vacation due to the holidays, Kiwanis Club of Columbus will NOT meet on Monday, January 20, in observance of

the Martin Luther King holiday. However, we do have a special service project planned. Stay tuned for details ...

**2** The annual Ohio District Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, at the Marriott Columbus Airport Hotel, 1375 N. Cassady Avenue. It will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is open to Kiwanis members from throughout Ohio. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Kiwanis and to attend a variety of club management workshops. You can register on line by going to [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org).

I can't believe our  
government is reading my e-mail.  
I don't even read my e-mail.

## Next week's meeting

(January 13, 2014)

**Speaker:** James Flynn – Bricker & Eckler  
Health Care Practice Group

**Greeters:** Lisa Jolley  
The Columbus Foundation

**Bill Kiefaber**  
Highbar Agency, LLC

**Invocation:** J.P. LaFramboise  
Centric Financial Group, LLC

**Committees:** Homeless

**Menu:** House salad, meatloaf with bordelaise

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| Paul Bohlman     | Secretary/Editor |

### CLUB TRUSTEES

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| <b>2014</b>      | <b>2015</b>   |
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