

The Bulletin

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus

“Building for our future.”



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

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



January 26, 2015

JACK PARTRIDGE

NiSource / Columbia Gas



Jack Partridge is chief regulatory officer of NiSource Gas Distribution and president of Columbia Gas of Ohio. He assumed the role of chief regulatory officer in September 2011 and has served as president of Columbia Gas of Ohio since October 2003. Headquartered in Columbus, Columbia Gas of Ohio is the state’s largest natural gas utility. The company’s 1,500 employees serve nearly 1.4 million residential, commercial and industrial customers in 61 of the state’s 88 counties. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of NiSource Inc., based in Merrillville, Ind., which merged with Columbia Energy Group on November 1, 2000.

Partridge began his career with Columbia Gas in 1977 as a governmental affairs representative at Columbia’s local distribution company in Pennsylvania. He was promoted to governmental affairs director in 1979, and was named vice president in 1985. He was named vice president of rates with Columbia distribution companies in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New York and Maryland in 1989.

He was elected senior vice president, responsible for Columbia Gas of Ohio’s communications, regulatory, federal and state governmental affairs, sales and marketing and gas transportation activities, in 1996. His duties have included senior management responsibility for Columbia Gas of Ohio’s 1.3 million-customer statewide unbundling CHOICE® program.

A native of Yonkers, New York, Partridge holds a bachelor’s degree in communications from Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York.

He is past Chair of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce board of directors and served on the executive committee. Partridge is also a member of The Ohio Business Roundtable; the Columbus 2020 board of directors; the Columbus Partnership; the Columbus Club board of directors; Co-Chair of the 2013-2014 United Way Campaign of Central Ohio and a

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### Today’s Meeting

**Greeters:** **Dick Tice** – Richard C. Tice, CLU Co.

**David Brainin** – David J. Brainin LLC

**Invocation:** **Jerry Kuyoth** – Friendship Village Dublin

**Committee meetings:** Young Children Priority One,  
Orientation Attendance & Retention

**Check Presentation:** **OSU Food Science Club**

**Menu:** **House salad, roasted chicken, mushroom gravy**

### A Glance at this week

#### **Birthdays:**

1/23 – **Ellwood Lewis**

1/24 – **Tim Barhorst**

1/25 – **Lisa Jolley**

1/25 – **Sam Vogel**

1/25 – **Carol Whetstone**

1/31 – **Kelan Craig**



**1/27/1785** – The University of Georgia was founded, the first public university in the United States.

## Legion of Honor ...

The success of Kiwanis in local communities results from the strong and active service of thousands of Kiwanis club members. In fact, many Kiwanians have been club members for 25 years or more, and Kiwanis International recognizes these individuals by welcoming them into the Legion of Honor.

To be eligible, a Kiwanian must have at least 25 years of Kiwanis-club membership. (The 25 years do not have to be consecutive, and they can be accumulated in more than one club.) After recognition for 25 years of service, a member is again eligible to receive the award for 30 years, again for 35 years and so on.

Kiwanis Club of Columbus has 13 members who will be reaching one of these milestones during this administrative year. On Monday, January 26, we will be recognizing the following six members:

**Ron Manser** – 25 years      **Dave Fenner** – 30 years  
**Phil Beltz** – 30 years      **Michael Ranney** – 35 years  
**Dan Ward** – 35 years      **Ellwood Lewis** – 40 years

The remaining seven will be recognized later in the year, closer to their anniversary dates.

*Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important, capture the good times, develop from the bad ones and if things don't turn out, take another shot.*

## Singing Valentines ...

Yes, Valentine's Day is less than a month away, so now is the time to start thinking about what you are going to do for that special someone in your life. Oh wait, stop thinking, because here's the answer ... send them a **Singing Valentine**.

For a small contribution, our very own "What the Heck Four" barbershop quartet will provide *your* sweetheart with several beautifully harmonized love songs, a long-stemmed rose and some chocolates.



This year, they will be performing at businesses and public venues on Friday, February 13 and at personal residences and locations on Saturday, February 14.

But hurry, they are limited on how many performances they can do, and the slots fill fast. Sign up forms can be found on our website, or, you can contact **David Kandel** at [d.kandel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.kandel@sbcglobal.net).

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member of the Muirfield Village Golf Club board of trustees.

He served as a member of the Ohio Governor's Workforce Policy Board, Chairman of the Goodwill Columbus Board of Directors and on the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) board of trustees.

Partridge and his wife, Anne, are the parents of four daughters.

**Althaiophobia is the fear of marshmallows.
Really, this does exist!**

Another successful kettle campaign ...

Kiwanis Club of Columbus raised **\$5,360** "ringing the bell" for The Salvation Army during their holiday season Red Kettle Campaign. Members, along with their families, friends and co-workers, volunteered to fill 48 total shifts at two Kroger stores and two Blue Jackets games. This was the 39th consecutive year that our Club has supported The Army's Red Kettle program. All money raised stays right here in central Ohio to help people in need.



A big **Thank You** goes to the following Kiwanians for "ringing the bell" for The Salvation Army:

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| Bob Banasik | Paul Bohlman |
| David Brainin* | Bill Calvert |
| Tom Christman | Ted Coons* |
| Jack D'Aurora* | Neil Distelhorst |
| Dave Fenner | Perry Fisher |
| Alice Foeller | John Gambaiani |
| Bill Gillam | Kristen Gintz |
| Tom Hayden | Larry Icenogle |
| Lisa Jolley* | Dan Lacey |
| JP LaFramboise | Fil Line |
| Ron Manser | Fred B. Miller* |
| Jonathan Moody | Bill Newman |
| Mark Poeppelman | Kathleen Roberts |
| Jim Shively* | Andrew Sonderman |
| Kristen Sydney | Joyce Waters |
| Dave Weibel* | Bob Wiseman* |

*And special thanks to these Kiwanians who rang multiple shifts.

*Water is the most essential element of life,
because without water, you cannot make coffee.*

Calling all Flapjacks!

The Marietta Kiwanis' 61st Annual Pancake Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7, at the First Congregational UCC Marietta, in downtown Marietta.

Last year, we had an excellent interclub on Saturday, helping the local club members grill sausage, flip pancakes, serve food and generally have a great time.



It is a great "all-you-can-eat" event, along with a silent auction that includes a large variety of gift baskets donated by local businesses and Kiwanians. There will also be several large items raffled.

Let's make this a great interclub. I am asking for **7 Kiwanians** to join me for a pleasant drive, some light work and fellowship with the Marietta Kiwanis Club, on **Saturday, February 7**. I will drive, and I hope another driver will volunteer. We will leave from the ACC parking lot on Fourth Street in downtown



Columbus at 8 a.m.

Please contact me at asonderman@keglerbrown.com to reserve your spot!

Lexophiles ...

- You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish.
- To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
- When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- The thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

Columbus International 5K seeking sponsorships ...

The Fourth Annual Columbus International 5K is in the process of seeking and securing event sponsors.

Sponsorships are available at a variety of levels ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. The benefits of sponsorship increase as the sponsorship level goes up, with the most important aspect being the number of lives being saved. For example, a \$2,500 sponsorship will save the life of 1,375 pregnant women and their unborn babies.

The 2015 Columbus International 5K will be held on Saturday morning, April 25, at the Scioto Audubon Park (400 W. Whittier Street). We are expecting more than 300 runners and walkers to participate, giving sponsors tremendous exposure. Large sponsors (\$500+) will have their names or logos on the official race T-shirt.

All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Kiwanis International ELIMINATE Project, a joint effort with UNICEF to completely eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus in third-world countries.

If your company, a company you do business with, or a company you have a contact in is interesting in being a sponsor, please contact Tony Jones at tony.jones@caresource.com.

*Ninety percent of a successful life consists of this secret:
Showing up with a positive spirit,
ready to act in a helpful, loving way.*

Auction help needed ...

The 2015 Kiwanis Charity Auction is scheduled for Saturday evening, April 25. It will be held at Brookside Country Club (2770 West Dublin Granville Road).

This is one of our most important fundraising events of the year, and every Club member can help in one or more ways.

First, mark your calendar and plan to attend. It will be a fun evening and you will have many items to bid on. Second, plan to bring some friends. No matter how much fun an event is, it is more fun when you are sharing it with people you know. Why not invite some family members, co-workers, clients, or neighbors? Let's share this great event with those we know. If you would like someone to receive a formal invitation, please provide us with their name and mailing address. Once the invitations go out, you can follow up with a personal contact.

Another way you can help is by assisting the Auction Committee with securing donated items for either the live or silent auction. Perhaps it is an item or service you can provide or one your company/organization would be willing to donate. Perhaps you have a business client or vendor that would be willing to help out. No item is too small, as many can be packaged with others in the form of a gift basket or package deal. If you are not comfortable 'doing the ask,' just provide us with the contact information and an Auction Committee member will follow up.

*The gym is always so crowded in January.
Lucky for me, I already don't go ...*

Kiwanis turns 100 ...

Kiwanis International, as an organization, will officially celebrate its 100th anniversary on January 21. The first club was the Detroit Number 1 Club formed by Allen Simpson Browne. Browne came up with the name "Kiwanis" which means, "We trade" in the Chippewa Indian language. Later, the word was revealed to also mean, "We have a good time and we make noise."

In the early years, Kiwanis clubs focused on business networking, but even then, members were serving the needs of the poor. By 1919, the organization had changed its focus from business to service. Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916, with the chartering of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario. Membership was limited to the United States and Canada until 1962, when worldwide expansion was approved.

The 100th Anniversary will be celebrated officially by the Detroit Number 1 Club on January 21st. A number of functions and meetings will be held in Detroit around this time, including an International Council Meeting on January 23rd. Our Club will be represented by **Jim Skidmore, Kathleen Roberts, Ted Coons, Scott Lindsey, Lisa Jolley and Jeff Rayis.**

A Kiwanis International partner, DollarDays, is saying 'thank you' for our 100 years of service by giving away 100 items each month through June! Kiwanis members can enter to win at www.dollardaysloveskiwanis.com. This month, you could win 100 fleece blankets, or next month 100 pairs of kids' stretch gloves. DollarDays offers free shipping, with no minimum purchase, on everything a Kiwanis club might need for a service project or special events. A portion of every order is donated to Kiwanis International.

A great way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis is to be an active ambassador. All of the children we serve are depending on our support. So, let others know what you love about Kiwanis. "SHARE IT!" It is a proven way to grow our Club through new members. Be proud of your membership that has a long history of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

~~~ taken in part from Ohio District Governor Diana Keplinger

## Real test answers ...

**Q:** Name six animals that specifically live in the Artic.

**A:** Two polar bears and four seals.

**Q:** Miranda can't see anything when she looks down the microscope. Suggest one reason why not.

**A:** She is blind.

**Q:** What ended in 1986?

**A:** 1985

**Q:** To change centimeters to meters you \_\_\_\_?

**A:** Take out centi.

*Vegetarian is an old Indian word  
for "bad hunter."*

## Next week's meeting

(February 2, 2015)

**Program:** Derek Grosso – CEO, Columbus  
Young Professionals Club

**Greeters:** Alison Friend – Illuminating Technologies  
Neil Distelhorst – Retired,  
Deloitte & Touche

**Invocation:** To be determined

**Committee Meetings:** Scholarship, Golf,  
Behavioral Health and Wellness

**Menu:** House salad, grilled sirloin with bordelaise

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