

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



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DEREK GROSSO

CEO, Columbus Young Professionals Club



Derek Grosso was born on Long Island, New York and he lived in Washington, D.C., for eight years, where he studied entrepreneurship and small business management at George Washington University and worked in the magazine/newspaper publishing industry. After moving from Washington, D.C., to Columbus in 2005, he recognized the city boasted everything you can imagine to lure in young professionals, except an organized effort to reach out to them. Thus, the Columbus Young Professionals Club was born. A networking group, social club, volunteer network and an athletics coordinator all in one, the CYP Club, now nine years old, has 21,000-plus registered members who live and work in the greater Columbus region.

Derek is the first full-time staff member of the Columbus Young Professionals (CYP) Club, and he also owns a management consulting firm called the Grosso Group that advises organizations and businesses nationwide. In addition to being an entrepreneur, Derek is a public speaker. Since 2008, he has completed a For Impact Fellowship through the Suddes Group to assist Junior Achievement of Central Ohio – a non-profit organization that teaches kids about entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

In 2013, Derek launched *CitYPulse: The Young Professional's Guide to Columbus* as a print magazine to further reach out to young professionals and assist new residents/new hires get better acquainted with the Columbus region. He helped launch the Ohio Young Professional Weekend in 2009, and works to continue to grow this event into an annual statewide leadership summit. He is currently working on several other YP-based leadership initiatives around the region and nation.

Derek was named one of Columbus' People to Watch 2009 by *Columbus Alive*, “Best Community Leader” by *Columbus CEO Magazine* in 2010 and 2011, and Small Business Leader of the Year (Young Professional Leadership) for 2011 by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

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### Today's Meeting

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

**Invocation:** **Alice Foeller** – SiteInSight

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

**Speaker Introduction:** **JP LaFramboise** - Centric  
Financial Group, LLC

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

### A Glance at this week

#### **Birthdays:**

02/02 – **Larry Icenogle**  
02/05 – **John Eberts**  
02/06 – **Candace Pflum**



**02/04** – 4:30 p.m. – Auction Committee at Panera Bread,  
South High Street

**02/06** – 5:30 – ACC Father/Daughter dance photos

**02/07** – Marietta Pancake Days inter-club – leave at 8 a.m.

## Attendance update ...

One way of measuring involvement is by reviewing the attendance records. When a person is involved, they tend to come to Monday meetings; committee meetings; Trustee meetings; community service events; social events; inter-club meetings; and so forth. We define 'Perfect Attendance' as earning 48 attendance credits, one for each week we have a Monday luncheon meeting throughout the year.

We are now one-third through our administrative year that began on October 1. To be on-track for achieving perfect attendance for the year, a member should have 16 attendance credits, or more. Here is a breakdown of the attendance credits that have been reported by committee chairs through January.

**48+ attendance credits:** Paul Bohlman, Scott Lindsey, Kathleen Roberts, Jim Skidmore.

**35-47 credits:** Jack D'Aurora, Jim Shively

**25-34 credits:** Neil Distelhorst, Bob Eberhart, David Kandel, Fil Line, Bob Wiseman.

**19-24 credits:** Pranab Bhattacharya, Susan Black, Ron Cook, David Fenner, Alice Foeller, Larry Icenogle, Linda Kay, Ken Keller, Ellwood Lewis, Bill Newman, Dave Timmons, David Weibel.

**18 credits:** Tom Christman, Ohmer Crowell, Dick Tice.

**12-17 credits:** Bill Calvert, Ed Deering, Jerry Durham, Scott Doellinger, Mike Edwards, Chad Endsley, Perry Fisher, Alison Friend, JP LaFramboise, Jonathan Moody, Caitlyn Nestleroth, Mark Peoppelman, Jeff Rayis, George Ruff, Tom Sherrill, Andy Sonderman, Mark Swepston, Sam Vogel, Joyce Waters.

**8-11 credits:** Phil Beltz, David Brainin, Bill Gillam, Leslie Huntington, Lisa Jolley, Tony Jones, Bill Kiefaber, Dan Lacey.

**Below 7 credits:** All remaining members.

There are still eight months left in this administrative year and everyone is still fully capable of achieving 'Perfect Attendance.' Why not make a commitment now to step up your involvement? Get involved with a committee, participate in service projects or a social event, attend an inter-club, or join us for lunch on Monday. The process is easy, and the opportunities are plentiful.

*I take for granite people's poor grammar.  
More pacifically, how there always  
thinking "for all intensive purposes"  
is supposably correct.*

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Derek has a real appreciation for food, and enjoys dining out and cooking. He can usually be found outdoors, participating in a variety of sports and recreational activities, such as baseball; volleyball; kickball; and kayaking. He also devotes much of his time and talents to a variety of non-profit boards and community commissions including the Jazz Arts Group; Experience Columbus; Create Columbus; Columbus 2020 and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

*I just ordered a chicken and an egg off of the Internet,
to see which comes first ... I'll keep you posted.*

MLK Jr. Day of Service: Kiwanians, Club staff gather to beautify facility ...

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

A week ago Monday, February 19, to honor Dr. King's legacy, Boys & Girls Club staff and members of Kiwanis Club of Columbus joined to overhaul the interior of the Milo-Grogan Club. With the Club empty and closed to kids due to the federal holiday that day, it was a great opportunity to 'give back' to them! A trusty group of staff and volunteers laid tarps, grabbed paintbrushes and painted the entire interior of the Club, from the games room to the teen center---even the girls' bathroom! As the paint dried, we then cleaned several rooms within the Club, including closets and basements.



Safety is the number one priority at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus. While they provide a nurturing environment for kids to learn, grow and have fun, none of that is possible unless the kids feel safe and comfortable in the Clubs. Having clean, well-maintained facilities shows the kids that they are entering a space that is not only cared for by Club staff, but one which sets a tone of respect and pride that transfers to our members and positively forms their treatment of our facilities.

Again, a big 'thank you' to the Columbus Kiwanians for helping us create a great space for our kids to learn and thrive in.

~~~ Ben Leland

*Kitchen remodelers are counter productive.*

## It is pancake season ...



This is the time of the year when many Kiwanis clubs conduct their annual pancake breakfast. These events help unite the club membership by working side-by-side for a common cause, raising funds to support their charitable activities in their local community.

Here are several upcoming pancake breakfasts. More details will be available as we get closer to the specific dates, but for now, plan to attend, enjoy a delicious breakfast, support another club's fundraising efforts and meet some fellow Kiwanians.

**Saturday, February 7** – Marietta Kiwanis Pancake Days. We will coordinate a traveling inter-club to not only visit and support this club, but to assist with the cooking and serving of food. We will carpool down, leaving at 8 a.m. from the ACC parking lot. If you are interested in being part of the group going to Marietta, please contact Andy Sonderman at [asonderman@keglerbrown.com](mailto:asonderman@keglerbrown.com).

**Saturday, February 28** – Grove City Kiwanis Club will be conducting its annual pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon at the Grove City United Methodist Church (purple door), 2684 Columbus St. This all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee and milk. The cost is \$6 per person at the door.

**Saturday, March 21** – Hilliard Kiwanis Club will hold its annual pancake breakfast at the Hilliard United Methodist Church from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

**Saturday, March 28** – Dublin Kiwanis Club will conduct its fourth annual pancake breakfast in conjunction with their annual Easter egg hunt. It will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Dublin Recreation Center Pavilion. You can enjoy and catch the pancakes as they are flipped by Chris Cakes.

By attending the fundraising event of another club, you can earn a "make-up" attendance credit, provided you report it to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**. If we have four or more of our members attend a single event, our Club also earns an inter-club attendance credit. Pancake breakfasts are great family events, so why not consider bringing the kids or grandkids with you?

*Your value does not decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth.*

## Singing Valentines ...

Yes, Valentine's Day is less than two weeks 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 other 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).

*I wanted to have a party at the library, but it was already booked.*

## Division 10-W social events ...

Leaders of Kiwanis Division 10-W are planning two informal social events around Ohio State sports. The events are open to all.

**Sunday, February 8** – The Ohio State women's basketball team will be playing Indiana. Tip-off is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each and must be ordered by February 4.



**Friday, February 27** – The Ohio State men's hockey team will be playing Penn State. Faceoff is at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$11 per person and must be ordered by February 23.



Tickets for these two events may be ordered by contacting **Faith Levine** at [faith.kiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:faith.kiwanis@gmail.com) or 614-288-4571.

Looking for a good way to gain exposure for your business, organization or event? Why not place an ad in the weekly *Kiwanis Bulletin*? Rates are low, and you receive exposure well beyond our Club, because this newsletter is circulated electronically throughout central Ohio and to a long list of friends and potential members. See Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** for details.

## Kiwanis Mid-Year Education Day set ...

The Ohio District 2015 Mid-Year Education Day will take place at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North (6500 Doubletree Avenue) on March 7th. This day is open to all members of Kiwanis, but is especially helpful to Club officers, trustees and committee chairs. There will be breakout sessions covering a variety of topics regarding different aspects of club operations.

Information and registration forms can be found on the Ohio District web site at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org).

Mid-Year Education Day is a great opportunity to come together to renew, refresh, and re-energize for the remainder of our Kiwanis year. This is a time of learning and fellowship for members of all of the clubs of the great Ohio District of Kiwanis. As Mid-Year is such a great opportunity to learn more about Kiwanis and strengthen our clubs, they are offering a \$15 discount to the first 50 first-time Mid-Year attendees. Early registration for all other attendees is \$55.

## Some helpful household tips ...

**Remove the garlic smell!** After working with garlic, run your hands against something that is stainless steel. It will take the pungent smell out of your hands.

**Keep your avocados green.** As soon as you slice open an avocado, sprinkle some lemon juice over the cut edge to keep it from turning brown.

**Grill without sticking.** Grill your fish on top of a bed of lemons. It will infuse the fish and it will prevent the fish from sticking on the grill.

## Best place to find information ...

Want to know who our luncheon speaker will be three weeks from now, where the next Trustee meeting will be held, what time a service event starts or how to sign up? These and many more answers can all be found in one convenient location – the Activities Calendar on our website.

Just go to our Club website at [www.columbuskiwanis.org](http://www.columbuskiwanis.org) and click on the 'Activities Calendar.' Then, click on the date of the meeting, activity or event to get the details you are looking for. If by chance it is not there, please let us know, so we can get that corrected and so others will have no problem finding the information they are looking for. This is a great way to stay informed about what is happening within our Club. Being informed is a great way of being involved, and when you are involved, you are receiving the full benefit of your Kiwanis membership.



*We never really ever grow up;  
we just learn how to act in public.*

## Next week's meeting

(February 9, 2015)

### Program: Valentine's Day Musical Program

*(Feel free to bring your sweetheart)*

### Greeters: Elaine Young

YMCA of Central Ohio

### Perry Fisher-

Perry Fisher Co.

### Invocation: To be determined

**Committee Meetings:** International Relations,  
Homeless

**Menu:** To be determined

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### CLUB TRUSTEES

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