

# 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



February 3, 2014

## MELINDA HAGGERTY

### Children's Initiatives Ohio Attorney General's Office



Melinda Haggerty is the Director of Children's Initiatives for Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. Melinda gets her passion for children honestly. As a former foster child, Melinda has a first-hand understanding of the child welfare and juvenile justice systems that helps inform her child advocacy role at the Attorney General's Office. Though Melinda previously clerked at a Columbus law firm representing various county government agencies, it was her devotion to children's issues that led her back into public service.

In her role at the Attorney General's Office, Melinda spends a great deal of time on child welfare, juvenile justice and human trafficking issues. Melinda facilitates the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission and coordinates the Office's human trafficking response. She trains professionals and the public across the state on human trafficking issues, focusing on state laws pertaining to human trafficking. Recently, Melinda published an extensive article on human trafficking in the *Ohio Lawyer* magazine to inform Ohio attorneys about recent changes to the laws impacting human trafficking.

She also spends significant time developing child welfare policy. Melinda chairs the Attorney General's Foster Care Advisory Group, a diverse group of those impacted by foster care in Ohio. Her foster care efforts have resulted in foster care legislation that is currently pending in the Ohio General Assembly, as well as the distribution of \$3 dollars to support programs that benefit foster children here in Ohio. In 2012, Melinda was recognized as the 2012 Ohio Adoption Planning Group's "Adoption Advocate of the Year" for her policy efforts to secure permanency for foster children.

In addition, Melinda co-chairs the Juvenile Justice subcommittee of the Attorney General's Task Force on Criminal Justice

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Cindy Sturni** – United Way of Central Ohio

**Fil Line** – ROI Realty

**Invocation:** **Bill Kiefaber** - Highbar Agency, LLC

**Committee meetings:** Behavioral Health & Wellness, Golf

**Menu:** **House salad, herb marinated chicken with red pepper coulis**

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

02/05 - **John Eberts**

02/06 - **Candace Pflum**



**Tuesday – 02/04** - National 'thank a mailman' day

**Thursday – 02/06** – National 'lame duck' day

**Friday – 02/07** – 6 p.m. – Photography at the ACC  
Father/Daughter Dance.

**Saturday – 02/08** – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Marietta Kiwanis  
Pancake Days interclub/service project

## Focus on Kiwanis

### Mid-Year Education Day ...

Clubs that are continually strong and well run understand the need for, and the value of, cultivating future leaders and providing them with the training they need to be effective in the roles they are going to play.

The Kiwanis Mid-Year Education Day is designed to help both current and future leaders become more effective by providing them with the necessary tools and information needed to do their jobs, along with a strong dose of role modeling and information exchange.

On Saturday, March 8, Kiwanians from throughout Ohio will gather at Marriott Columbus Airport Hotel (1375 N. Cassady Avenue, Columbus) for this annual event. There will be a general session and multiple breakout sessions throughout the day that will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can register for the event by going to the Ohio District website at [www.ohioiwanis.org](http://www.ohioiwanis.org). Your registration fee will include lunch, refreshments at breaks and handout materials.

This year's meeting will also feature International President-elect **Dr. John Button**. His term as International President will begin on October 1, 2014, and his presentation at our Mid-Year Education Day will provide us insight into the direction of his administrative year.

The meeting is open to all Kiwanians, whether you are in a current leadership role, aspiring to a future role or simply looking to learn more about how things work and how other clubs operate. It is a great opportunity for networking and for meeting others with a common interest.

And if that isn't enough reason to go, there are two other benefits:

- 1- The event is typically hosted by three Clubs, thus you will earn three attendance credits; and
- 2- Attending a statewide event fulfills one of the requirements for earning the "Distinguished Member" recognition for this administrative year.

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and Mental Illness. In that role, she focuses on ensuring a) that children with mental health and trauma issues receive appropriate services and are kept out of the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems; and b) that those children who are not properly diverted from the justice systems receive appropriate mental health treatment while in the system to ensure that they safely and successfully reintegrate into the community.

Melinda, an Ohio native, received her bachelor's degree in English from The Ohio State University in 2007 and went on to earn her law degree from The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law in 2010. She and her husband Derek currently call Columbus home.

### February Trustee meeting set ...

The February Trustee meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held on Tuesday evening, February 10, at the Athletic Club of Columbus (*second floor parlors*). The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m., and will be followed by fellowship and dinner for those who wish to stay.

All Trustees and committee chairs (*or their delegate*) are expected to attend, and while only Trustees are eligible to vote, the voices of all Kiwanis members are welcome and encouraged. The more input we have, the better decisions we can make.

Committee chairs should be prepared to provide an update on their committees work, progress being made, roadblocks encountered, etc. This is a vital function needed to maintain communications and to assure all parties are coordinating their efforts to maximize the impact we can have in our community.

We must provide the Athletic Club with a firm head count and guarantee by Wednesday, February 5. If you plan to attend, and if you plan to stay after the meeting for fellowship and dinner, please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know prior to 3 p.m. on February 5.

### Singing Valentines ...

Time is running short to order your 'Singing Valentine' for that very special someone in your life. And while you are ordering yours, be sure to tell your co-workers, friends, relatives and neighbors that they can avail themselves of this fantastic offer, as well.

For a \$60 (*or more*) donation, **What the Heck Four**, our Club's barbershop quartet, will come to your sweetheart's home or office on Friday, February 14, to perform two beautifully harmonized love songs while presenting a long-stemmed rose and some chocolates. It's a guaranteed winner!

Demand is high, and the schedule will be tight, so get your order in soon. Forms are available on the web site and at our Monday meetings.





## Father/daughter dance ...

During the Athletic Club of Columbus' annual Father/Daughter Dance on Friday evening, February 7, Kiwanians, led by photographer **Jim Shively** of Larry Phillips Photography, will be taking formal pictures of the proud fathers with their beautiful daughters. In return, the ACC will make a donation back to our Club.

This is a low-manpower event, but we will still need 3-4 volunteers to assist Jim with the photo printing and coordination. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim at [jshivel79@earthlink.net](mailto:jshivel79@earthlink.net).

## Congratulations Bill Calvert ...

Congratulations to **Bill Calvert** for successfully completing the 'Lose the Blues' program. Bill has enthusiastically jumped in and become involved in multiple aspects of the Club, and we look forward to his continued dedication to helping us improve the world, one child and one community at a time.

*I used to wonder what it would be like  
to read other people's minds.  
Then I got a Facebook account,  
and now I am over it.*

## Ohio District to host healthy food drive at Mid-Year Education Day ...

To get more healthy foods in the hands of those in need in Ohio, the Ohio District of Kiwanis is hosting a 'Healthy Food Drive.' Collection will be at Mid-Year Education Day on March 8, at the Marriott Columbus Airport Hotel (1375 N. Cassidy Avenue). This is a project all of our members can easily participate in – just bring one or two items to a Club meeting prior to March 8.

We need healthy food items such as: low-sodium soups; vegetables; canned meat; beans; lentils or pasta dinners; fruit in natural juices; juice boxes with 100% juice; low-sugar peanut butter; old-fashioned oatmeal; granola bars; dried fruit; whole grain pasta; or cash/check.

## St. Patrick's Day celebration ...

You wouldn't think lasagna would be the meal of choice on St. Patrick's Day, but for the residents at Seton Square Retirement Center, it is something they look forward to every year. And Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be making it happen, again.



This year's event is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The food will be catered in and our job will be to dish it up, serve it up and clean it up. We should be done by about 7:30 p.m. In addition, our own Ray Pauken will entertain the residents with a variety of banjo-strumming, foot-tapping songs.

If you are interested in helping, please contact **David Brainin** at [dbraininllc@wowway.com](mailto:dbraininllc@wowway.com).

## Entrepreneurial Challenge ...

The goal is to come up with a new product idea, build a prototype, put together a budget and develop a marketing campaign. Oh, and you have two hours!

Sound impossible? Perhaps, but that is the challenge that will be given to high school sophomores and juniors on Friday, February 21 at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Kiwanis Entrepreneurial Challenge.

What is amazing is the level of creativity and ingenuity these students exhibit, year in and year out. The students are broken into small groups to develop their product, and at the end, they are asked to present their marketing campaign, usually done in the form of a skit.

We are still in need of additional volunteers to help moderate each of the groups. No experience is necessary, as there will be a brief training before the students arrive. If you would like to assist with this dynamic program that helps instill entrepreneurial skills, please contact **Fred Miller II** at [fbmiller@brightlightconsultingllc.com](mailto:fbmiller@brightlightconsultingllc.com).

## Columbus International 5K ...



Our third **Columbus International 5K** is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 26, and will be held at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park (400 W. Whittier Street). All proceeds from this event go to support the

ELIMINATE Project.

Registrations are now being accepted and we need your help spreading the word. Feel free to direct people you know (*both runners and walkers*) to our dedicated web site at [www.ColumbusInternational5k.com](http://www.ColumbusInternational5k.com), to learn more about the event and to sign up using their credit card.

Also, it is not too late for your company, or those you do business with, to sign up as sponsors. Informational brochures are available for your use, or you can access one from our Club web site.

This is a community-wide event, and we are the ambassadors! Help us spread the word.

## Road trip Inter-Club ...

Saturdays in February can be depressing – it's cold outside, you're locked in the house, football season is over and there is nothing to do. Well, there is now, so take note!

A group of us will be trekking down to Marietta to assist the Marietta Kiwanis Club with its annual two-day "Pancake Days" event. We will rendezvous around 8:30 a.m., Saturday morning, February 8 (*location to be determined based on participants*), drive down to Marietta, help prepare, serve and work their two-day pancake breakfast/lunch/dinner and silent auction (*we'll get to eat, as well*), then drive back and arrive home mid-to-late-afternoon.



If you are interested in joining us on this adventure, please contact Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** by this Monday's meeting.

## Get ready to shop ...

It's always a huge collection of unique items, golf outings, entertainment packages, gift baskets and more. The Kiwanis Charity Auction is an evening of fun, as live- and silent-auction items go up for bid.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, at Brookside Country Club (2770 W. Dublin Granville Rd.) and is, as always, open to Kiwanis members, guests and the general community.

Here's what you can do now to help make this another great event:

- 1- Mark your calendar and plan to attend;
- 2- Invite some friends to go with you – family, neighbors, co-workers and business associates – why not fill a table?
- 3- Help us identify people, companies or organizations who might be willing to donate an item or service to be auctioned off that evening. Their donations are tax-deductible.
- 4- Help us identify people to invite. Just give us their names and mailing addresses, and we will be sure to send them a formal invitation. This could be people you do business with, serve on boards with, see at church, etc.

The Charity Auction is one of our Club's two major fundraising events, and all proceeds go to our Columbus Kiwanis Foundation.

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**Q.** How many Cleveland Browns does it take to win a Super Bowl?

**A.** Nobody knows, and we may never find out.

## Next week's meeting

(February 10, 2014)

**Speaker:** **Valentine's Day Program** featuring  
**'What the Heck Four'** and  
**'Out of Gas'** barbershop quartets

**Greeters:** **David Brainin** - David J. Brainin LLC  
**Bill Calvert** – Merrill Lynch

**Invocation:** **Alice Hohl** - SiteInSight

**Committees:** Homeless

**Menu:** House salad, **grilled salmon** with roasted red pepper jam

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