

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



February 16, 2015

JENNIFER FISH

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District



Jennifer Fish is the Director of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District. She has a Master of Science degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Policy from The Ohio State University And a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Baldwin-Wallace College. She a Certified Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Specialist through EnviroCert International, Inc., and serves on the board of the Ohio Stormwater Association.

Jennifer’s prior experience includes working for Rivers Unlimited, a statewide nonprofit, and working for the National Park Service as an Interpretive Park Ranger. Jennifer has co-authored two published articles: “An Analysis of the Costs and Benefits of Residing Near a Rural and Recreational Greenway” in the *Journal of the Community Development Society* and “Perceptions of Landowners Toward Natural Resource Conservation in the Big Walnut Watershed” in the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*.

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is the natural resource agency in Franklin County with the sole purpose of promoting conservation and responsible land-use for better water quality and natural resource management. Franklin Soil and Water works with local governments, landowners, community groups and local businesses. As Director of Franklin Soil and Water for the past 16 years, Jennifer has led the development of the organization into one of the largest districts in Ohio. She directs and supports a staff of 17 natural resource professionals with the mission of promoting responsible land use decisions for the conservation of soil and water resources. In Ohio, there are 88 soil and water conservation districts. Districts are overseen by five-member, publicly elected Boards of Supervisors. Franklin Soil and Water receives non-mandated funding from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, local municipalities and from the state as matched funding, and has been in existence since 1946.

Today’s Meeting

- Greeters:** **Jerry Kuyoth** – Friendship Village Dublin
Kathleen Roberts – Sweetbriar Group LLC
- Invocation:** **Joyce Waters** – Johnson Investment Counsel
- Committee meetings:** Music & Arts; Membership
- Meal choices:**
Cold: Sliced turkey with caramelized onion, lettuce, tomato and sage mayo, served on a ciabatta roll.
Hot: House salad, grilled salmon with roasted red pepper jam.

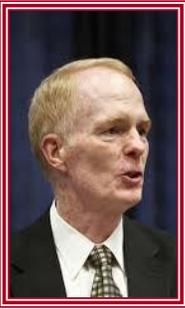
A Glance at this week

- Birthdays:**
2/16 – **Ken Keller**
2/18 – **Ron Cook**



- Tuesday – 2/17/1801** - An electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr was resolved by the House of Representatives, electing Jefferson President and Burr Vice President.
- Wednesday – 2/18** – 7:30 a.m. – Columbus International 5K committee meeting at Kingsdale Giant Eagle.

Mark Swepston, a special Kiwanian ...



Atlas Butler Heating and Cooling President Mark Swepston is a community leader, teaming up with NBC4 to support the NBC4 'Make a Difference' school grant program, among other projects. Mark is a past president of our Club and a very strong supporter of our ongoing projects. He is currently serving as vice president of Columbus Kiwanis Foundation.

"Everyone who can, needs to give back," he said. "Helping other people to be able to achieve something they could not on their own is fulfilling."

But what you may not know about Swepston is that he is always on the go, running all day and for the last 20 years, running marathons as well. "I have to run before the sun comes up or I don't get it done. Running helps me clear my head, organize my thoughts and my day," Swepston said.

But a couple years ago the World President's Organization thought out a daunting challenge. "To run seven marathons on seven continents in 30 months," Swepston said. In the last 20 months, Swepston has run a marathon in Tokyo in the shadow of Mt. Fuji. He has run along London's river Thames, in Auckland, New Zealand, and 26.2 miles across the Kenyan Savannah.

Did the potential for a wildlife encounter keep him at a brisk pace? "They have had trouble with wildlife during the run's history," he said. "They had a guy on a scooter riding just ahead, a helicopter above and men with guns along the path."

One of Mark's most challenging marathons was in frozen Antarctica. After flying to the southern tip of Argentina, he boarded a boat with two dozen other runners for a four-and-a-half-hour cruise through heavy ocean swells to King George's Island on Antarctica. There, he celebrated his 60th birthday with a 26-mile run at the bottom of the world on a trail that has it all. "You run up a glacier, down a glacier, through cold, muddy, ice- and snow-covered roads. It's not like the races here," he said. It is so rough, the average run time is more than five hours.

For Swepston, it's about finishing. "I'm not there to set a personal record. I'm there to say, 'I was one of a handful to finish all 26 miles,'" he said.

Mark completed the seven-continent marathon challenge with events in Rio de Janeiro and New York City. Of course, Mark uses the Columbus International 5K as a training ground, and you can join him this April 25th at Scioto Audubon Metro Park.

Traveling Kiwanians ...

On Saturday, January 24, Kiwanis Club of Detroit celebrated their founding 100 years ago. The weekend was filled with events that culminated with a dinner banquet on Saturday evening. Kiwanis Club of Columbus was well represented by **Ted** and **Lynn Coons**, **Scott** and **Heather Lindsey**, **Jeff** and **Julie Rayis**, **Lisa Jolley**, **Kathleen Roberts** and **Jim Skidmore**.



On Saturday, February 7, **Paul Bohlman**, **Andy Sonderman**, **Jim Shively** and **Jim Skidmore** joined members of Marietta Kiwanis in preparing pancakes and sausage during their 61st annual Pancake Days. More than 2,000 guests were served over the two-day event, which is their club's largest fundraiser.

Discount Auction tickets now available ...

For those who want to save a little money and who wish to make an early decision, tickets can now be purchased on-line at reduced rate, yielding a savings of \$10 per ticket. This offer however, is only through the end of February, at which point the ticket prices will return to their normal price.

The 2015 Charity Auction, titled "Impact for Children," will be held on Saturday evening, April 25, at Brookside Golf and Country Club (2770 West Dublin Granville Road). Tickets are available for purchase on line through our website at www.columbuskiwanis.org. Just click on the button that says "Purchase Auction Tickets" and follow the easy steps. Payment can be made securely by credit card, similar to purchasing your weekly luncheon ticket.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends, using the discount time-frame as a reason for asking them now and securing an early commitment.

Formal invitations will be going out in early March. If you have friends, family, co-workers or business associates whom you would like to receive a formal invitation, Please provide Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** with their names and addresses.

Columbus International 5K ...

This year's Columbus International 5K is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park located at 400 W. Whittier Street (The Brewery District).

This is a great event for those training for the spring and summer marathons and half-marathons, as well as for the casual runner/walker who just wants to have fun while helping a great cause. Proceeds from this event will go toward our Club's overall goal of raising \$250,000 for the Kiwanis International ELIMINATE Project.



Registration is now open. You can register on-line at www.columbusinternational5k.com or from the date on our 'Activities Calendar.'

There are several ways you can support this great event:

1- Be a runner/walker – What makes the event fun is having more and more people participate each year. Last year, we had a record 266 people and this year we would like to be closer to 400. So, if you are a runner or walker, sign yourself up, and why not invite a couple of friends or family members to join you?

2- Coordinate a team entry – We have special rates for teams and students. If your company is looking for a community event they can use to encourage employee teamwork, this is it. We can set up a special payment code if your company wants to further discount the entry fee for their employees.

3- Be a sponsor – The more sponsors we have, the better. There are a numerous sponsorship levels available, ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. Each level receives different benefits.

4- Be a volunteer – To help make the event run smoothly, we will need about two dozen volunteers to help with registration, water stops, course marshals, etc. If you would like to volunteer for just two hours, please let us know.

5- Spread the word – This is an event designed for participation by the general public. We need your help in spreading the word. Do you belong to a fitness center where posters/fliers can be displayed? Can you Facebook your friends encouraging them to participate? Every little bit helps.

6- Make an on line contribution – Perhaps you are not available that day or know someone who would like to help but can't be there. You can direct them to the website to make a secure online donation to support ELIMINATE.

Obviously, these six options are not mutually exclusive, and you may be in a position to help in more than one way.

Division 10-W social event ...

Leaders of Kiwanis Division 10-W are planning an informal social event at The Ohio State University's men's hockey game against Penn State on Friday, February 27. Faceoff is at 6:30 p.m.



Tickets are \$11 per person and **must** be ordered by February 23. To order tickets, contact **Faith Levine** at faith.kiwanis@gmail.com or 614-288-4571.

*What happened when the magician got mad?
He pulled his hare out!*

Reminder of new luncheon plan ...

As announced last week, we are now following a new menu and pricing system for our weekly Monday meetings. The price for attending the 'meeting only' and not having a meal will remain the same. The meal choices will continue between a hot and cold entrée; however, the cold entrée will be a sandwich and side dish that will vary each week. The price for the cold entrée is \$3 less than the hot entrée when pre-registered. The new pricing is as follows:

	<i>Pre-paid</i>	<i>At the door</i>
Meeting only	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.00
Meeting w/ sandwich & side	\$ 15.50	\$ 20.00
Meeting w/ hot lunch	\$ 18.50	\$ 25.00

The at-the-door pricing is higher for several reasons. First, it is to encourage our members and guests to pre-register. This assures you will get the meal choice you desire, and that we are properly prepared to accommodate you on Monday. Secondly, and perhaps equally important, it allows for the Athletic Club of Columbus to order their food in a timely manner and to have the room set up with the appropriate number of tables, chairs, place settings, etc.

While we recognize and appreciate the challenge pre-registration brings to those with uncertain schedules, our current system maximizes our planning process and facilitates the ease of running our meetings. You may want to place a reminder on your calendar to make your reservations each Wednesday or Thursday, giving you ample time to submit your registration prior to the 10 a.m. Friday morning deadline.

Also, please note that **if** you make a reservation and have to **cancel**, we will do what we can to re-sell the meal to get your money back, provided we have sufficient notice and there is a willing buyer.

Mid-Year Education Day nearing ...

This year's Mid-Year Education Day conference will be held on March 7 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North (6500 Doubletree Avenue). The day will be especially helpful to Club officers, trustees and committee chairs; however, all members are welcome and can benefit. 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 website at www.ohiokiwanis.org. As Mid-Year is such a great opportunity to learn more about Kiwanis and strengthen clubs, they are offering a \$15 discount to the first 50 first-time Mid-Year attendees. Early registration for all other attendees is \$55.

*Fear of failure is what holds a lot of us back.
The only way to fix this is to make your desire
for success STRONGER ...*

~~ Steve Aitchison

Grove City Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast ...

On 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.



Let's help support their efforts as they work to raise money for the same philanthropic purposes as we do. Please let Secretary Paul Bohlman know if you attend so that he can record the proper attendance credit. Should four or more of our members attend (not necessarily together or at the same time), our club will also earn an interclub credit.

Pancake breakfasts are open to the community, so why not bring your entire family down for a great all-you-can-eat breakfast and help support the children? Your trip to Bob Evans, Scramblers or First Watch can wait until next weekend ...

Lexophiles ...

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

When you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Police were summoned to a daycare center, where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

*It's not hard to meet expenses ...
they're everywhere.*

Next week's meeting

(February 23, 2015)

Program: Pat Losinski

Columbus Metropolitan Library

Greeters: Linda Kay

WesBanco Trust & Investment Services

Kristin Gintz - WesBanco Bank

Invocation: Jerry Kuyoth

Friendship Village Dublin

Committee Meetings: Young Children Priority

One; Orientation Attendance & Retention

Meal choices:

Hot: Wedge salad, grilled sirloin with wild mushroom demi.

Cold: Shaved roast beef with lettuce, tomato, horseradish cream and Tobasco onions, served on a ciabatta roll.

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