

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



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Dr. George Mokrzan is Director of Economics for Huntington National Bank. Huntington National Bank and its affiliates manage nearly \$15.9 billion (*as of 12/31/2012*) for individuals, institutions, endowments, foundations, retirement plans, IRAs and municipalities across six states. Dr. Mokrzan provides economic analysis and commentary to management and clients.

Although his views do not necessarily represent the official views and assumptions used in Huntington's forecasting and strategic planning exercises, his analytical work provides valuable management inputs. Dr. Mokrzan's career in economics, banking and finance spans more than 25 years, including 15 years at Huntington. Most recently, he was appointed as the Chairman of the American Bankers' Association (ABA) Economic Advisory Committee in 2012. He has served on the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) of the ABA since 2005, and is one of a small group of economists chosen from geographically diverse areas of the United States to provide guidance on banking and economic issues for the ABA. He also is a panelist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Livingston Survey and serves on the CNN Money Economist Poll. He has served on the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) Economists' Roundtable, and with other public-service providing organizations. Dr. Mokrzan has also contributed to the Greater Columbus Blue Chip Economic Forecast, a report of the Columbus economy sponsored by the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to joining Huntington, he was senior economist for the World Service of WEFA Inc., an economic-forecasting firm formed by Chase Econometrics and Wharton Econometrics. His primary focus was on the economies of Australia and New Zealand, and he contributed significantly to World Service publications. Dr. Mokrzan has also taught economics at the undergraduate level in the SUNY System.

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Linda Kay** - WesBanco Trust & Investment Service  
**Larry Icenogle** - Retired Army Officer & Defense Dept. Civilian

**Invocation:** **Bill Newman** - Lucas, Prendergast, Albright, Gibson, Newman

**Committee meetings:** Youth Opportunity

**Menu:** House salad, traditional lasagna

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**  
2/28 - Paul Metzger

**Tuesday** - 2/25 - National Chocolate-Covered Nut Day.

**Thursday** - 2/27 - 4 p.m. - Boys & Girls Club Reading Program - 115 South Gift Street.

**Friday** - 2/28 - National Public Sleeping Day, National Floral Design Day and National Tooth Fairy Day.

## Focus on Kiwanis

### “The Seven Continents Club”

Kiwanis Member **Mark Swepston** will be running a marathon in Antarctica, on either March 6 or 7, depending on the weather! Yes, Antarctica! That cold place we have heard about, but few of us have ever visited. Perhaps the extreme winter we have experienced this year has provided Mark with the perfect training conditions.

Although Mark is too modest to announce this himself, I've been aware of his incredible athletic feats for several years. Having conquered the Ironman Triathlon, Mark joined the "Seven Continents Club," a group of individuals from around the world who pursue the goal of running a marathon on each continent.

Mark has already completed a marathon in Tokyo, New Zealand, Africa and London, not to mention the marathons he had already run in the U.S. in the past. He will be traveling to Antarctica via South America, and will be on a boat to the icy continent in early March, awaiting appropriate weather to go ashore and conquer a glacier.

We just hope he'll recover quickly enough to take the age group prize again at the Columbus International 5K, as he did last time the race was held!

*After I drink coffee, I like to show my empty mug to the IT guy and to tell him that I have successfully installed Java. He hates me!*

### 5K corporate groups ...



the same time.

Companies willing to subsidize their employee participation in the Columbus International 5K can be assigned a unique code that will track their employee registrations. Following the event, the company will receive an invoice for the pre-agreed-upon subsidy per entrant. The subsidy can be either a set dollar amount (\$10, \$15, \$30) or a percentage (25, 50, 100 percent).

If you would like to sign your company up, please contact Race Committee Chair Brandon Akey at [bakey@parknationalbank.com](mailto:bakey@parknationalbank.com). He can work out a plan that best suits your organization's needs and helps motivate the employees.

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He earned his doctorate in macroeconomics, international economics and econometrics from Duke University in 1990.

His dissertation, titled “*Unobservable Aggregate Shocks and the Test of the Sectoral Employment Demand Dispersion Hypothesis*,” involved an econometric study of the sources of employment, unemployment and business cycles in the U.S.

He earned a master's degree in economics from Duke University and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Rochester.

Don't forget the Grove City Kiwanis pancake breakfast ...

Saturday, February 22

8 a.m. to noon

Grove City United Methodist Church
(2684 Columbus Street)

Tickets:

\$6 per person;

Children under age 5 can eat for free.

They called us BOB ...

From *The Widening Path, An Interpretive Record of Kiwanis*. - In November of 1914, a national organizer for the Loyal Home Fraternity (a fraternal sick and accident association) coordinated efforts to recruit membership for The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers, otherwise known as "BOB." In December of 1914, members of this new organization decided that "Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers" sounded pompous, and voted to change names. Clarence Burton, who was a Detroit City historian came up with the name "Kiwanis." This was derived as a phrase from the Otchipew tribe - 'Nun Kee-wan-nis' - which means "we enjoy trading, we find pleasure in sharing our talents."

The first official meeting in the Griswold Hotel in Detroit approved the name 'Kiwanis' and the Articles of Association. The latter were notarized and sent to the Secretary of State for a charter. On January 21, 1915, the Charter was signed and recorded by the Secretary of State. That became the official birth date of Kiwanis.

Kiwanis Club of Columbus is the fifth-oldest Club and was founded one year later in 1916. We will celebrate our 100th anniversary in May, 2016.

Words of appreciation ...

What the Heck Four visited numerous business locations on Friday, February 14, to share the love of Valentine's Day. Here is a sample of the type of thank-you notes the group continues to receive:

What the Heck (Fabulous) Four,

I have always enjoyed your music, but the numbers you sang at this year's 'We Love You Luncheon' were the best ever. I'm sure you noticed the genuine standing ovation, but I'm not sure if you saw the tears trickling down many faces as you moved the audience with the exceptionally beautiful numbers you shared with us. You certainly made the staff feel special and appreciated with your voices.

Thank you from each and every member of the women's guilds - and a HUGE thank you from this grateful lunch chair. You all are the best!!!!

Loretta - First Community Church



What the Heck Four is available for hire to help celebrate any special occasion you might have ... a milestone birthday; an anniversary; a family event; a staff retreat; etc. Please keep them in mind and remember, all proceeds benefit Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

Did you know? ...

Green Eggs & Ham has only 50 different words ... "I" is used 81 times & "not" is used 82 times. It was written because a publisher bet Seuss he couldn't write a book with only 50 words!

Wanted: Healthy food items ...



- Dried fruit;
- Peanut butter;
- 100 percent juice boxes;
- Whole grain pasta and crackers;
- Dried or canned beans and lentils;

- Low-sodium canned meat and fish;
- Canned fruit in natural juices and fruit cups;
- Almonds, nuts, fruit bars, granola bars.

Or, if you prefer, you can write a check made out to 'SE Ohio Food Bank' and give it to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**. Food items should be given to him, as well.

Clubs supporting this effort will be recognized at the upcoming Mid-Year Education Day on March 8.

Columbus Arts Festival ...

The Columbus Arts Festival will be held June 6, 7 & 8, and Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be staffing one of the beverage stations all day (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.), Friday, June 6. This will require a substantial amount of volunteer labor, and we will welcome family members to help out. Our Club will receive a commission equal to 10 percent of the sales at our station.



All volunteers **MUST** participate in a training session prior to volunteering. The Arts Festival Staff is in the process of setting up the training dates, which will be toward the end of April and beginning of May. Training will be conducted at Superior Beverage, near Grandview (871 Michigan Avenue), and once the dates are set, we will need to sign up quickly to make sure each of us can get to a session convenient to our schedules.

The training sessions will be held in the evenings, with at least one session on a Saturday morning. The training will take 1.5 to 2 hours, and a working tap will be provided to make the training more realistic. They are also planning to have a Training Manual completed soon and available to us in advance of the training.

Please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know if you are interested in volunteering for the Arts Festival so that he can be sure to keep you informed of the training dates. Shifts will likely be 2.5 to 3 hours long, and we will need at least 8 people per shift.

Kiwanis Night at the Blue Jackets ...

Hockey fans take note. Kiwanis Division 10-W is planning a night at the Columbus Blue Jackets to watch them take on the Colorado Avalanche. Faceoff is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1 at Nationwide Arena.



Ticket prices are \$32 per person (Regular price is \$37 plus fees). Anyone over two years of age must have a ticket.

All Kiwanis members, their families, co-workers and friends are welcome to join us. Ticket orders must be received **NO LATER THAN** Friday, March 14, so that the group tickets can be purchased.

Checks should be made out to Kiwanis Club of Columbus and submitted to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**. If you prefer to pay by credit card, directly to the Columbus Blue Jackets, please see Paul to complete the process.

Hilliard Kiwanis to hold Pancake Breakfast ...

Here is still another opportunity to support a local Kiwanis Club, get a great breakfast and earn an attendance credit.



Hilliard Kiwanis will hold its annual Pancake Day on Saturday, March 1, at Memorial Middle School (5600 Scioto Darby Road, 43026) from 7:30 am to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for those under 12.

Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit pediatric trauma and the purchase of 20 child safety seats to present to families in need. The club is also working in conjunction with the Norwich Township Fire Department to inspect child safety seats.

Let's show our support by stopping in and having breakfast.

Welcome new members ...

At the February Trustee meeting, the membership applications of the following two candidates were ratified, after being approved via an electronic vote of the Trustees several weeks earlier:

Wes Strickling – Wes is a former member who wanted to come back and get involved again now that he has more time. He is the owner of Codex Techworks, an information technology company. Wes lives in the Grandview area and is a member of the Athletic Club of Columbus. He is a graduate of Ohio Dominican and his first line-sponsor is Scott Lindsey.



Tony E. Jones – Tony is in community sales and marketing for Care Source, which serves Medicaid and Medicare special needs members and providers in Ohio. Tony is a graduate of Walden University and his license for health and life insurance from Hondros University. He is a board member for 'Local Matters.' His first-line sponsor is Jack D'Aurora.



Please welcome these new members and help make it easy for them to "Lose the Blues."

Thoughts on retirement ...

Q: When is a retiree's bedtime?

A: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Q: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

A: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Q: What is the best way to describe retirement?

A: The never-ending coffee break.

What did the digital clock say to the grandfather clock?

Look, grandpa! No hands!

Next week's meeting

(March 3, 2014)

Speaker: Edwaard Liang - BalletMet

Greeters: Dan Brookman
I-Supply Company

Brad Hyslop
Inno-Source, Inc.

Invocation: Fil Line
ROI Realty Services

Committees: Behavioral Health & Wellness,
Golf, Scholarship, Young Children
Priority One

Menu: House salad, pan-seared salmon with
citrus gastrique

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