

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."

"Where serving the Children of the World is our Mission & Passion"

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



February 28, 2011

John Mueller

Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies

John Mueller holds the Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, Mershon Center, and is professor of Political Science at Ohio State University where he teaches courses in international relations. He is currently working on terrorism and particularly on the reactions (or over-reactions) it often inspires. His most recent book, Atomic Obsession: Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda (Oxford University Press, 2010), suggests that atomic terrorism is highly unlikely and that efforts to prevent nuclear proliferation frequently have damaging results. He has also written Overblown: How Politicians and the Terrorism Industry Inflate National Security Threats, and Why We Believe Them (Free Press, 2006). *The New York Times* called the book "important" and "accurate, timely and necessary."



Mueller's next book project, Terrorism, Security, and Money: Balancing the Risks, Benefits, and Costs of Homeland Security, written in collaboration with engineer and risk analyst Mark Stewart, applies cost-benefit analysis to issues of homeland security.

Mueller is the author of a multiple-prize-winning book analyzing public opinion during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. In the Sunday book section of the *Washington Post*, McGeorge Bundy commented, "Mueller makes you think, and his method of argument combines fresh insights with trenchant prose in a way that makes thoughtful reading agreeable." Mueller writes sharp, brisk, and witty prose that is unflinchingly lucid.

He has published scores of articles in numerous journals such as *International Security*, *American Political Science Review*,

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Today's Meeting

Greeters: **John Gambaiani**

Nova Capital Group, LLC

Invocation: **Roy Smoot**

PNC Bank

Committee meetings: Young Children Priority One,
Public Relations

Menu: **House Salad, Beef Stir Fry**

Check presentations: None known

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

02/28 – Paul Metzger

03/01 – Bob Murchake

03/03 – John Roscoe

03/04 – Rita Edwards



Monday – 2/28 – Columbus Kiwanis Foundation Trustee mtg. – 1:05 p.m. at the Athletic Club of Columbus

Tuesday – 03/01/62 – K-Mart opened for business

Wednesday – 03/02 – Read Across America Day & Dr. Seuss' birthday

President's Corner



Does our Club have talent? I am quite sure you have noticed just how much of it we have in our Kiwanis Club. We undoubtedly fulfill our primary mission of service to the children of our community, but our Club offers so much more. And never is it more apparent than when we showcase our talent every year at the Valentine's Day program put on by our Music & Arts committee.

The February 14th meeting was no exception, even though I was out of town on business and unable to attend. All the reactions and feedback I received were of the most complimentary and positive nature. The Music & Arts committee is led by **David Weibel**, aka the "World Famous Banjo Man." His strumming has delighted folks in eight central Ohio counties and he is still growing in popularity.

With **Dan McCormick** as host and comedic emcee, it is always interesting, and gut-busting at times, to say the least. Not only is he hilarious, but there is always a depth and head scratcher bit of comedy to contemplate. I had better be careful, as he is probably watching every move I make to roast me in the future. You are the BEST, Dan!

Who would know that our Circle K advisor at Capital University, **Susan Black**, could sing better than an opera star and have such talent backing her up? Not only can she lead young Circle K women, she can also bring down the house, as well.

Then there is **Ron Cook**, who entertains us routinely as one of our Monday piano performers. He went from the routine background luncheon music to the spotlight. I had a brief stint with piano lessons and I am always amazed at the ear and talent required to tickle those ivories. "That's a-nice," as Lawrence Welk always said after a great performance.

Who could not love What The Heck Four? What a dedicated group of men, with **Paul Baumer**, **David Kandel**, **Bob Eberhart** and a special appearance from our Oklahoma-based member, **Larry Icenogle**. Not only does the quartet entertain us, they perform for the entire community with their lucrative and joy-producing Singing Valentines fundraiser activities performed in and around Columbus.

And finally, there is Past President **John DeSando**, who I heard could actually read like a thespian. This was a brand new twist of poetry for the Valentine's Day program. What could be next? The man can actually read, and read well. The surprises just keep coming.

Simply put, I just wanted to point out to those who were unable to attend what a great function last Monday's

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American Interest, *Security Studies*, to name a few, as well as many editorial page columns and articles in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post* and other prominent newspapers. He has appeared on television on "Paula Zahn Now," "The O'Reilly Factor," "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," "Hannity and Colmes," and "20/20" with John Stossel, as well as many radio shows.

In another field, Mueller is also the author of *Astaire Dancing* (Knopf, 1985). Before publication this book won the de la Torre Bueno prize of Dance Perspectives Foundation as the "most distinguished manuscript on dance;" since publication, it has been called "one of the most satisfying, rich and witty film books ever written" by *Kirkus Reviews*, and "an extraordinary study of film art" by *The New York Times*.

Mueller is also the director of Ohio State's *Dance Film Archive*, a set of DVDs, videotapes, and 16mm films that are available for purchase and rental. He has also written scripts for two musicals.

Before coming to Ohio State in 2000, Mueller was on the faculty at the University of Rochester for many years. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, has been a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow and has received grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has also received several teaching prizes, and in 2009 received the International Studies Association's Susan Strange Award that "recognizes a person whose singular intellect, assertiveness, and insight most challenge conventional wisdom and intellectual and organizational complacency in the international studies community." In 2010, he received Ohio State University's Distinguished Scholar Award.

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program must have been. I also wanted to say "Thank You" to the talented folks who spent their time entertaining us. You are all amazing Kiwanians!

2011 Kiwanis One Day / Habitat for Humanity ...



Kiwanis International established Kiwanis One Day as a global day of service. In true Kiwanis fashion, that means making a difference with hands-on service in our community. The Kiwanis Club of Columbus will participate by partnering with Habitat for Humanity - Greater Columbus. Habitat CEO E. J. Thomas visited the Club in February to announce the partnership with Club co-chairs **Jacalyn Slemmer** and **Scott Lindsey**.

In addition to the one large 'One Day' effort on Saturday, April 2, our Club will have the opportunity to follow up on our partner house with a series of smaller crews throughout the spring. More details, with specific dates and times, will be noted in future newsletters and on our website. The result: A dedication ceremony where the title and keys to the house we help build will be presented to a hard-working local family, a true testament to our mission of "changing the world one community and one child at a time." Don't miss out on the fun, fellowship, service and sense of pride you will gain from this project. Mark your calendar now and plan to participate in our 2011 Kiwanis One Day Habitat for Humanity project!



Mid-Year Education Day ...

On March 12, the members of the Ohio District will once again come together for our Mid-Year Education Day at The Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center, Ohio. Have you made arrangements to attend this very important educational event?

So far, our Club has four members registered to attend. Whether you are a Club officer, a committee chair or a member-at-large, you are encouraged to attend. The break-out sessions are designed to give you insight into Kiwanis and how to improve Club operations. And while we certainly feel we have a great Club already, we know there is always room for improvement, new ideas and dynamic leaders.

You can register on-line by going to the District website (www.OhioKiwanis.org) and following the links to the Mid-Year Education day. We look forward to again having a great delegation representing our Club.

Date Set for Next 'Shred-it' Day ...

Mark your calendars for the next 'Shred-it' Day scheduled for Saturday, May 7 at the Schottenstein Center.



Yes, that is the same day as our Charity Auction, but this project happens earlier in the day, so only a few people will be conflicted. We will again have three shifts as follows: 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; noon to 2:30 p.m.

We would like to have 12-15 people per shift, with the greatest need being the final shift. This is not limited to Kiwanians. Please feel free to bring spouses, teenaged children, neighbors, co-workers and friends. The more people we have, the easier it is for everyone. And of course, you are not limited to working one shift. As usual, WCMH4 TV will promote the event heavily, provide food and drink for the volunteers and provide coverage on the evening news. To sign up, please contact Scott Doellinger or Paul Bohlman.



The Columbus Kiwanis Foundation and you ...

This administrative year (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011), the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will place more than \$100,000 back in to the community via our Club's working committees and our grant approval process. That money comes from several sources including our collective efforts with our two major fundraising projects (Charity Auction and Corporate Regatta), bequests, gifts and donations from members, former members and Kiwanis friends, and investment appreciation (in most years).

The 1916 Society provides our members with a method of systematically contributing to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation over time. Many members make donations to the Foundation in recognition of a son, daughter or grandchild being born, the loss of a loved one, or other momentous occasions experienced by themselves or someone they feel close to in the Club. Still others have made the Foundation a part of their estate planning.

Regardless of the method, we hope and encourage your support. It is what makes our Club a leader in our community!

Kiwanis night at the Clippers ...

Spring training is underway and so it is time to start thinking about warm weather, hot dogs, cold beer and our great American pastime – baseball.



Now is the time to mark your calendars for the annual Kiwanis Night at the Clippers. More details will be forthcoming, but we will be joining Kiwanis members from throughout Central Ohio on Saturday, August 6 at Huntington Ball Park. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. and it will be against Syracuse. This is a great time to bring your entire family – children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Stay tuned for additional details, but mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Handbook on life ...

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy.
5. Make time to pray.
6. Play more games.
7. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
8. Sleep for 7 hours.
9. Take a 10-30 minute walk daily. And while you walk, smile.
10. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
11. Don't have negative thoughts of things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
12. Don't overdo. Keep your limits.
13. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
14. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
15. Dream more while you are awake.
16. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need..
17. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with their mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
18. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
19. Make peace with your past, so it won't spoil the present.
20. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
21. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away, like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
22. Smile and laugh more.
23. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree ...
24. You don't have to attend every argument that you are invited to ...

Be who you are and say what you feel ... because those that matter ... don't mind ... and those that mind ... don't matter!

Next week's meeting

(March 7, 2011)

Speaker: Andy Doerhrel

President & CEO
Ohio Chamber of Commerce

Greeters: Jonathan Caswell

Invocation: Jonathan Caswell

Committee Meetings: Scholarship,
Behavioral Health & Wellness,
Youth Opportunity

Menu: House Salad, Parmesan Chicken

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