

# 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."

## “Bringing a century of service into the future.”

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



March 7, 2016

## DANIEL CREEKMUR

President, Columbia Gas of Ohio



Daniel Creekmur is president of Columbia Gas of Ohio, a natural gas subsidiary of NiSource Inc. He has profit & loss responsibility for the company and oversees the execution of regulatory, legislative and external strategies, with a focus on delivering safe, reliable and efficient natural gas service to 1.4 million customers across the company's 61-county service territory.

Previously, he served as vice president and general manager of operations for Columbia Gas of Ohio. He was responsible for all field operations activities, and for the safe operation and maintenance of distribution pipelines and other facilities providing natural gas service to customers.

From 2011 to 2013, Creekmur served as vice president, regulatory affairs, for Columbia Gas of Ohio. He led Columbia's regulatory initiatives and strategy and the company's economic development, local government policy and strategic initiatives functions, as well as its energy assistance and energy efficiency programs. Creekmur began his career with Columbia Gas of Ohio in 2007 as an attorney, handling matters before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and Public Service Commission of Kentucky.

Creekmur currently serves on the board of trustees for Capital University and the board of directors for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. Previously he has served on the board of directors for Amethyst, Inc., the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Gas Association. He also served as a campaign cabinet member for United Way of Central Ohio. At Columbia Gas of Ohio, he serves as a board member of the NiSource Foundation, the Executive Committee of NiPAC

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:**

**Arnold Barzak** - Myers Real Estate  
**Kristin Gintz** - WesBanco Bank

**Invocation:**

**Susan Black** - Allene Professional Fundraising

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

**Menu Options:**

**Hot:** House salad, pan-seared salmon with citrus gastrique.  
**Cold:** ACC Club Sandwich

### A Glance at this week

**Birthdays:**

03/08 - **Holly Goodstein-Stokes**  
03/09 - **Stephen Wilson**  
03/10 - **David Gallit, Ph.D.**  
03/13 - **Dan Lacey**



**Tuesday - 03/08** - Trustee and committee chair meeting at Moody & Nolan - 5:30 p.m.

**Friday - 03/11** - Mini-retreat - Columbus Foundation - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Preparing for the Centennial Celebration ...

Now is the time to begin dusting off your 1916 Society ribbon and medallion ... and don't forget your Hixson and Zeller Fellow medals! Plan to wear them for our gala event Saturday, May 7, at the Ohio Statehouse.

Our Centennial Celebration is just two months away, so there is plenty of time ... and, there is also time to make either an initial or additional gift.

Our centennial history book, being compiled by Past President **Ron Cook**, with the able assistance of **Jim Shively**, we will include not only our Centennial membership listing, but also the names of those in Columbus Kiwanis Foundation's 1916 Society (George R. Manser, founder), the George V. Hixson Fellows and Walter Zeller Fellows, as of March 31, 2016. So now might be the time to make a donation if you wish to be included, or if you wish to be recognized at a higher level.

**The 1916 Society** was established as a means for members to provide financial support to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation and to honor the long and well-established traditions of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus. It of course recognizes our founding in 1916. The 1916 Society was launched with the generous matching gift challenge of Kiwanian George R. Manser.

The original membership drive required individuals to make a donation pledge of \$1,000, payable over a four-year period. Now, all unrestricted gifts to our Foundation go into the 1916 Society. Individuals become members of the Society when their cumulative giving reaches \$1,000.

In March 2010, the name of the Society was changed to recognize and honor the architect and initial donor of the Society, George R. Manser. At the same time, giving levels were established to encourage individuals to aspire toward additional giving and to recognize those who continued to support the Society beyond their initial commitments.

The **Walter Zeller Fellowship** award is a Kiwanis International Foundation recognition bestowed upon those individuals who donate \$1,250, or those who have had \$1,250 donated in their honor, to the KI Foundation.

In 1940, one year after the KI Foundation was established as a legal entity, Walter Zeller made the first donation: 25 Canadian silver dollars that he hoped would turn into the foundation's nest egg. Thousands of donors later, the Foundation has grown into a multi-million dollar organization that awards grants to Kiwanis clubs and underwrites life-altering worldwide service projects.

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and the Talent Board of the NiSource Regulatory Talent Development Program.

A native of Beavercreek, Ohio, Creekmur earned a bachelor's degree in management information systems from Miami University and a law degree from Capital University. He lives with his wife Amy, and their three children in Powell, Ohio.

***"I" before "E" except ...***

***When either your weird neighbor or his eight foreign heirs forfeit their beige heifers and seize freight.***

## Change of law firms ...

Kiwanian Troy Terakedis has moved From the Jones Day law firm to Dickinson Wright PLLC .



Dickinson Wright PLLC is a general practice business law firm with more than 400 attorneys among more than 40 practice areas. Headquartered in Detroit and founded in 1878, the firm has 15 offices, including six in Michigan and eight other domestic offices in Columbus; Lexington; Las Vegas; Nashville (2); Phoenix; Reno; and Washington, D.C. The firm's Canada office is located in Toronto.

Troy counsels clients on a variety of federal income tax matters, including tax issues related to partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations. He also counsels leveraged buyout, venture capital and other private equity funds on formation and equity compensation issues and other tax-related matters, often as they relate to structuring mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures and reorganizations in a tax-efficient manner. In addition, Troy counsels clients on a wide variety of business and general corporate matters.

Troy received his B.A. from Kenyon College, his J.D./M.B.A. from Case Western Reserve University, and his LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Miami.

The **George F. Hixson Fellowship** award is a KI Foundation recognition bestowed upon those individuals who donate \$1,000 or those who have had \$1,000 donated in their honor. Funds received for a Hixson Fellowship support the Kiwanis' Children's Fund. Additional gifts accumulate at \$1,000 levels.

If you have questions about your current status, do not hesitate to contact Secretary **Paul Bohlman**.

## Trustees and Committee Chairs to meet ...

The March meeting of Club Trustees and Committee chairs is scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 9. This month's meeting will be held at the offices of Moody-Nolan Architects, Inc. (**Jonathan Moody** hosting), located at 300 Spruce Street, Suite # 300.

The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all members of the Club, and you are welcome to participate in any of the open discussion, as we welcome input from all members. Following the meeting, those who are interested in additional fellowship and dinner, will retire to a local restaurant (*final location and payment arrangements are in the process of being finalized and will be made available as soon as possible*) in the immediate area .

Reservations are needed by Monday, March 7, to allow for proper planning. Please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know if you will be attending the meeting, and if you will be staying for dinner.

## Mini-retreat scheduled ...

A vibrant organization is constantly evaluating and critiquing itself in an effort to maintain relevance, seek ways to improve, reinforce what is working and modify that which isn't.

In this vein, a mini-retreat will be conducted, to look at our Foundation's grant process and to determine whether any recommendations for change should be made to the Foundation Board. The retreat is scheduled for Friday afternoon, March 11, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Columbus Foundation (1234 East Broad Street). It will be facilitated by Kiwanian **Daniel Benway** and hosted by Past President **Lisa Jolley**.

All members of the Club are welcome to attend to learn more about how our Club relates to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation and to provide input on how we can best serve our community through the solicitation of grants. Please let President-elect **Jack D'Aurora** know if you are planning to attend.

*Reading can seriously damage your ignorance.*

*As I watched the dog chase his tail, I thought  
"Dogs are easily amused." Then I realized I  
was watching the dog chase his tail.*

## Are you ready for some pancakes?

Everyone loves pancakes. That is why so many Kiwanis Clubs utilize pancake breakfasts as one of their annual fundraisers. While the intensity of labor is often high, the overhead and cost of supplies are low, thus making for a perfect situation to raise money while enjoying fellowship within the club.

Several of the clubs within Division 10-W will be conducting all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts in the coming weeks. These are open to the general public, and you are encouraged to bring your entire family. It's a great way to let your kids enjoy a 'feeding frenzy' without costing you an arm and a leg. Plus, you gain an opportunity to see how other clubs operate and how they support their local communities.



- **Saturday, March 12** – Hilliard Kiwanis Pancake breakfast - 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Hilliard United Methodist Church, located at 5445 Scioto Darby Road in Hilliard.
- **Saturday, March 28** – Dublin Kiwanis 4<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast, will be held at the Coffman Park Pavilion in Dublin. The all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be catered by Chris Cakes from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$6 per person. The Easter egg hunt will be at 10 a.m. sharp. This is a great event for young children and grandchildren.
- **Sunday, April 17** - University Kiwanis Club will hold its semi-annual Rick Nini pancake breakfast at Tuttle Park (240 West Oakland Avenue) from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Once again this spring, they will be offering plain, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes (Mickey Mouse available upon request for kids!). Tickets are available through University Kiwanis members or you may buy them at the door for \$5 per person.

Self-reporting your attendance to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** is required if you wish to receive attendance credit. If we have four or more members from our Club attend any one of these events (those four do not all have to be there at the same time), our Club will also earn an interclub credit. Let's support the efforts of these local Kiwanis clubs, as they strive to raise money to improve their local communities.

## St. Patrick's Day dinner set ...

For many years, it has been a Kiwanis tradition to provide a meal for the residents of Seton Square North Retirement Center on a Thursday evening around St. Patrick's Day each year. It is an event the residents always look forward to.

This year, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) falls on a Thursday, and we will again be providing entertainment and dinner for the residents. Dinner (tossed salad, lasagna and dessert) will be prepared off-site, so all we have to do is plate it and serve it up.



We will gather at 5 p.m., so that we are ready to serve by 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping with this service project, please contact David Brainin at [dbraininllc@wowway.com](mailto:dbraininllc@wowway.com).

*The fact that jellyfish have survived for more than 500 years, despite having no brains, gives hope to many people.*

## Next Manna Café date set ...

Once each quarter, Kiwanis Club of Columbus underwrites the food cost for Manna Café's weekly Wednesday dinner, where they feed upward of 200 adults in need. In addition, we provide a major portion of the manpower needed to prepare and serve the meal.

Our next opportunity is set for Wednesday, March 23. We will again need about 10-12 volunteers divided between two shifts, 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

No prior experience is needed and you are welcome to bring guests and potential members. Manna Café is located behind Broad Street United Methodist Church at the intersection of Broad Street and Washington Ave. Please contact Jim Shively at [jshivel279@earthlink.net](mailto:jshivel279@earthlink.net) if you would like to volunteer.

*The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.*

~~ Socrates

## Racing to reduce infant mortality ...

You can help us raise money that will be targeted toward agencies that work with at-risk families to help educate and reduce infant mortality ... a major need right here in Columbus.

Sign up, get your friends to sign up, get your co-workers or family to put together a team, become a sponsor and attend the fifth annual Columbus International 5K. You can register at [www.columbusinternational5k.com](http://www.columbusinternational5k.com).

*My boss told me to have a good day ...  
so I went home.*

## Next meeting

(March 14, 2016)

### Program:

**Colleen Marshall** – News Anchor – NBC-4 TV

### Greeters:

**Pranab Bhattacharya** - Gupta & Associates  
**Elaine Young** – YMCA of Central Ohio

### Invocation:

**Kristin Gintz** – WesBanco Bank

**Committee Meetings:** Membership (1 p.m.),  
Homeless (1 p.m.)

### Menu Options:

**Hot:** Wedge salad, oven-roasted turkey breast with gravy.

**Cold:** Chicken salad sandwich with oven-roasted tomatoes and arugula served on a soft croissant

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