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"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

March 28, 2011

Cheri Mitchell / Ambre Emory-Maier

BalletMet



Cheri Mitchell was named BalletMet Columbus' Executive Director in May 2001, having served the three previous years as BalletMet's Marketing and Communications Director, including six months as Interim Finance Director. Prior to joining BalletMet, she was the Managing Director of the Contemporary American Theatre Company (CATCO) in Columbus for nine years and the Director of Membership and Education at the Ohio Dental Association for four years.

Ms. Mitchell earned a bachelor of fine arts in Theatre Design and Production and is completing a graduate degree in Arts Policy and Administration, both at The Ohio State University. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for OhioDance and Ohio Citizens for the Arts, and represents BalletMet on the Discovery District Development Corporation and Columbus Cultural Leadership Consortium.

Ambre Emory-Maier, a native of Allentown, Pa, is the Director of Education for BalletMet Columbus and the former Director of Education and Outreach for North Carolina Dance Theatre (NCDT). Ms. Emory-Maier also worked as an artistic associate for NCDT 2, the apprentice company of NCDT. She was responsible for the development and implementation of DEEP, NCDT's nationally recognized professional development program for public school dance educators, artist-educators and professional dancers.



Ambre completed her M.A. in Dance Reconstruction and Directing from City University of New York and Holds a BA in Communications from SUNY Geneseo. Previously, she was a faculty member and Assistant Chairperson in the University of Hartford/Hartford Ballet's Dance Division. Currently, she serves on the writing team for the re-visioning of the Dance Content Standards for the Ohio Department of Education. Ambre is nationally certified at the 500-hour level by The Yoga Alliance ® to teach Hatha yoga and teaches in Yoga on High's Teacher Training Program.

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Today's Meeting

Greeters:

Amanda Owen - MCA of Columbus

Cindy Sturni - United Way of Central Ohio

Committee meetings: None scheduled

Menu: House Salad, Roast Chicken,
Stone Ground Mustard Cream

Check presentations: Young Life,
Columbus Children's Theatre
Martin Luther King Arts Center

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

03/28 – **Fred Miller II**

03/29 – **Richard Tice**

03/31 – **Robert Smith**

04/02 – **John Gambaiani**

04/03 – **Lis Spaine**

Wednesday – National Doctors Day

Friday – 4/1 – April Fool's Day

Saturday – 4/2 - Kiwanis One Day –
Habitat for Humanity project





President's Corner

Membership: We all know it is the lifeblood of our organization. Without a constant flow of new members, we will slowly dwindle and ultimately lose the strong dynamic we enjoy by virtue of our size. Our ability to raise money will diminish, our ability to draw top speakers will fail, our ability to make a difference in our community will be restricted, our ability to ... well, you get the picture -- everything will be harder to do.

That is why we work so hard to bring in new members. We are a fluid organization. We know we will lose 12-15% of our membership each year due to career changes, moves, financial issues, family demands and so forth. So just to stay even, we need to bring in 20-25 new members. To grow, we need to be even more successful.

There's an old axiom: "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." In other words, we need to make noise about the need for new members, so the membership committee has developed a plan that will do just that.

First and foremost, we will continue to encourage you to bring guests to our Monday meetings, events and activities. It is a great way to introduce people to our Club and to make them feel welcome. From this point forward, all guests will receive a follow-up email from the Club President and Membership Chair within a day or two of their attending.

To do this, we need your help. When you bring a guest, make sure you place your name on the back of one of their business cards. Be sure to submit that business card that day. Each month, one card will be drawn and the member whose name is on that guest's business card will win a very nice prize. Now we're not talking a Caribbean cruise, but it will definitely be something that will be of value to you. We typically average 3-4 guests per week, so your odds of winning will be strong.

We will soon be voting on by-law changes regarding new membership categories and a fee structure that will hopefully stimulate membership. The official wording of the by-law changes will be printed in an upcoming newsletter so that you have time to review them before voting.

The membership committee is also working on several other projects that should help stimulate membership growth by making it easier for perspective members to secure information about our Club and for existing members to share that information.

Our goal this year is to again be 'plus one,' or 186 members by the end of September. You can help us get there, one new member at a time!

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During her 14 years in Connecticut, Ambre worked closely with The Connecticut Opera as a choreographer. Ms. Emory-Maier's dance training and performance experience have been unique including pedagogical study in the Vaganova method, modern dance study in the Limon and Humphrey/Weidman styles and certification by The Dance Notation Bureau to teach Labanotation. In addition, Ambre trained with noted ballet masters Truman Finney, Wang Shao Pen and Michael Uthoff and toured the U.S. as principal dancer with Polite Society, a vintage ballroom dance company. Her artistic leadership allowed SDCT's Touring Ensemble to perform at Jacob's Pillow to critical acclaim in *The New York Times*. Ms. Emory-Maier continues to serve on the Steering Committee for The National High School Dance Festival and was awarded its 2006 Outstanding Service Award. She has presented nationally at the NDEO, NCAAPHERD, and CORPS DE BALLET conferences, is a board member of OhioDance and serves on the Ohio Department of Education's Committee for Arts and Innovative Thinking. Ms. Emory-Maier has served on grant panels for the North Carolina Arts Council; ArtsTeach-Charlotte, NC; Dublin Arts Council, Enfield Arts Council; and Culture Works in Dayton.

Career thoughts ...

I quit my job as an archaeologist. I just didn't dig it.

I always wanted to be a watch repairman, but I just don't have the time.

Kiwanis One Day ...

"If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morrrrrr-ning, I'd hammer in the eeeeevening, all over this land ..." who can forget that great folk song made popular by Peter, Paul and Mary during the 60's? It's one you will likely have ringing in your mind if you join us for this year's Kiwanis One Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 2. We will be joining forces with Habitat for Humanity to help provide a deserving family with a brand new house.

No tools or special skills are needed, just a willingness to be there and help out however needed. Tools and instructions will be provided by the trained staff. We will meet on site at 8 a.m., and work through the day. Lunch will be provided.

This will be the first of many sessions throughout the summer, but we need an especially good turnout for this initial event. Please contact **Jacalyn Slemmer** or **Scott Lindsey** for more details and if you are interested in getting involved.



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Mark your calendar ...

Here are several other upcoming events for you to note:

- **April 10, Sunday**
Franklinton Pancake Breakfast
- **April 12, Tuesday**
Monthly Club Trustee meeting
- **April 14 & 21, Thursdays**
Boys & Girls Club reading buddies
- **April 17, Sunday**
University Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast



Division 10-W Council meeting scheduled ...

The next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Division 10-W Council is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served family-style and include fried chicken, roast beef, dressing, mashed potatoes, corn and pie. The cost is \$17 per person. You will not go away hungry!

The Division 10-W Council brings together the leadership of the 13 clubs within the Division. It is a great opportunity to meet Kiwanis members from other clubs and to learn about their programs and community efforts. This particular meeting will be hosted by the Hilliard, Greater Dublin and I-Next clubs and you will receive three attendance credits.

Reservations to attend must be submitted to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** no later than Friday, April 8. One Club check will be submitted to the Division as payment for those who register, and you will be billed afterwards for your meal.

The Eliminate Project ...

With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

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Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



To eliminate MNT from the world by 2015, 129 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take \$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Kiwanis and UNICEF joined forces to tackle iodine deficiency disorders, achieving one of the most significant public health successes of the late 20th century. Now, we are eliminating MNT from the face of the earth. And in doing so, the project will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care. The end of this one disease means the beginning of better health for so many families.

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Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

The 'green thing' back then ...

In the line at the grocery store, the cashier told the older woman that plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the 'green thing' back in my day."

That's right, they didn't have the 'green thing' in her day. Back then, they returned their milk bottles, Coke bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, using the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But they didn't have the 'green thing' back in her day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks. But she's right. They didn't have the 'green thing' in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's diapers because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts – wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right, they didn't have the 'green thing' back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house – not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a pizza dish, not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used wadded up newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right, they didn't have the 'green thing' back then.

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty, instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled pens with ink, instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But they didn't have the 'green thing' back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus, instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But that older lady is right. They didn't have the 'green thing' back in her day.

**Some people hear voices.
Some see invisible people.
Others have no imagination whatsoever.**

Next week's meeting

(April 4, 2011)

Speaker: Kent Johnson

Highlights for Children

Greeters: Volunteers still needed for this week

Invocation: Volunteer still needed for this week

Committee Meetings: Scholarship, Behavioral Health & Wellness

Menu: House Salad, Lasagna

Inter-club: Delaware Kiwanis Club

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