

# 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 Ordinary People Provide Extraordinary Service"**



April 5, 2010

## Jack Partridge

President, Columbia Gas of Ohio

Jack Partridge is president of Columbia Gas of Ohio. He has served as president since October 2003. Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Columbia Gas of Ohio is the state's largest natural gas utility. The company's 1,500 employees serve nearly 1.4 million residential, commercial and industrial customers in 60 of the state's 88 counties. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of NiSource Inc., based in Merrillville, Ind., which merged with Columbia Energy Group on November 1, 2000.



Partridge began his career with Columbia Gas in 1977 as a governmental affairs representative at Columbia's local distribution company in Pennsylvania. He was promoted to governmental affairs director in 1979, and was named vice president in 1985. He was named vice president of rates with Columbia distribution companies in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New York and Maryland in 1989.

In 1996 he was elected senior vice president, responsible for Columbia Gas of Ohio's communications, regulatory, federal and state governmental affairs, sales and marketing and gas transportation activities. His duties have included senior management responsibility for Columbia Gas of Ohio's 1.3 million-customer statewide unbundling CHOICE® program. A native of Yonkers, New York, Partridge holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York.

He is Chairman-elect of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce board of directors and serves on the executive and finance committees. Partridge is also a member of The Ohio Business Roundtable, the CompeteColumbus board of directors, the Columbus Partnership and the CAPA board of trustees. He served as a member of the Ohio Governor's Workforce Policy Board and Chairman of the Goodwill Columbus Board of Directors.

Jack is married, with four children. He and his wife Anne are national co-chairs of the Miami University Parents Council.



Thank you **David Korodi**  
and **Phil Beltz**  
for greeting us today.



Thank you  
**David Kandel**  
for providing today's invocation.

### Scheduled Committee Meetings

#### April 5

Environment & Agriculture  
Golf  
Interclub  
Reception/Invocation  
Scholarship  
Youth Opp. & Citizenship

#### April 12

Assimilation  
Business & Public Affairs  
Behavioral Health/Wellness  
Homeless  
International Relations  
Senior Citizens

## Today's Menu: House Salad, Jerk Marinated Chicken Breast



### President's Corner ...

#### Key Factors in building a team within Kiwanis.

Success of any team depends on making sure everyone buys in. So within our Kiwanis Club, we should strive to be a team. And then within each committee, we should strive to be a team so we are all pulling on the oars in the same direction and at the same time.

There are seven key factors in effective teams.

- 1- Have a **common purpose** so that everyone is on the same page. Don't assume that since we have been a Club since 1916, we are all committed to the same direction ... and that a committee has the same ideas of how to be effective.
- 2- **Commitment.** Do what's necessary to get the job done. Ask for commitments to small but very important tasks and follow-up to be sure they are completed
- 3- **Trust.** Establish trust, because it is mandatory, even when you don't always agree.
- 4- **Understand the Process.** Master the tools and process before moving forward with unclear implementation procedures
- 5- **Communication.** Share knowledge and information instantly.
- 6- **Resources.** Have adequate resources at the outset so the team can focus on the project, to avoid scrambling to get what is needed for the project.
- 7- **Leadership.** Ensure leaders are in place to make decisions. Leadership includes having the common purpose in number one, above. So, it all becomes intertwined.

Kiwanis is a great place to practice all of these skills and to develop into great communicators and effective leaders. And Kiwanis needs skills and leaders to accomplish the mission of "changing the world one community and one child at a time."

Hard work pays off in the future;  
laziness pays off now.

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

### Calendar of Events

4/10 – Kiwanis One Day – at Boys & Girls Club

4/23 – Kiwanis Auction at The Loft

5/01 – Shred-It day at the Schott

### Kiwanis One Day ...



There is still time to get involved with this year's Kiwanis One Day on Saturday, April 10. This single day of community service will unite the Kiwanis family across the country, as clubs everywhere conduct a wide variety of service projects. In addition, clubs will be joined by members of Circle K, Key, Builder and Aktion Clubs, making it a truly united effort.

The Boys & Girls Club of Columbus will be the recipient of our concerted efforts and they have lined up a variety of projects for us to tackle. But we need your help ... your hands, your backs, your legs and your time. For with many, the work becomes easy.

We will assemble at the Boys and Girls Club located at 115 South Gift Street and work from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring the whole family - kids of all ages are welcome to lend a hand. Our hope is to have a total of 50 volunteers, and we're hoping you can join us!

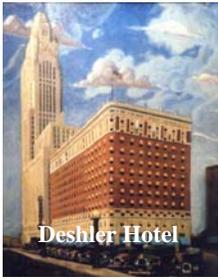
If you are interested in participating, please contact **Jamie Richardson** at [richart@whitecastle.com](mailto:richart@whitecastle.com)

### R.S.V.P.s are due ...

Internationally known etiquette guru Emily Post tells us that an invitation with an R.S.V.P. requires a response. It is common courtesy to tell your host in a timely manner whether or not you will be attending, so that they may properly plan.

Formal invitations to this year's Kiwanis Auction have gone out in the mail. If you have not received yours, please let us know. This year's event, on April 23, promises to be one of the most fun and exciting auctions we have had, and you will not want to miss it. However, like every event, space is limited and we must provide an accurate headcount. So please, heed the advice of Emily Post and 'R.S.V.P. soon.'

## Historian's Corner ...



Columbus saw many important events in 1916. The Deshler Hotel opened. A bill was introduced in the Ohio General Assembly granting women the right to vote in presidential elections. Chic Harley was playing as a freshman on The Ohio State University football team, and "Carmen Ohio" was published. The ukulele craze had begun to sweep across the country, including Ohio. Most importantly, in 1916 the Kiwanis Club of Columbus was organized.

There has always existed some confusion as to the date the Kiwanis Club of Columbus first came into existence. The organizer (and, at the time, the sole owner) of Kiwanis, Allen S. Browne, of Buffalo, New York, arrived in Columbus and began work on March 4 of 1916 exploring possible interest in forming a club in this city. He had already formed a club in Cleveland, and the first national convention was held in Cleveland in that same year. Mr. Browne and a group of Columbus business leaders arranged for an organizational meeting to be held on the evening of March 11 at the Chittenden Hotel. Fifteen prospective members were present, including the men who were to become the Club's first four presidents. All fifteen agreed to join the proposed club as founding members. It was agreed that the club must have 150 members before it could receive its charter from Mr. Browne. Permanent officers of the new club were first elected on May 10, 1916. Oscar Avery, who, together with charter member A. W. Loeb, owned The Avery & Loeb Electric Company, located on North Third Street, was elected president. The date of that election of officers has usually been regarded as the date of the Club's birth and has been celebrated as the Club's birthday since that time.



begun its impressive ninety-94 year journey.

The Club was formally presented with its charter on January 10, 1917. At that time, the Club had 163 members, and it was the fifth club formed in the history of Kiwanis International. Its first two meetings were held at the Chittenden Hotel. However, the Columbus Athletic Club had opened on January 19 of that year, and the Club began to hold its meetings there. The initial dues were \$10 a year. In October, 1916, the Club began paying its secretary, Harry C. Hughes, a salary in the amount of \$300 per year. The Kiwanis Club of Columbus, a club that was then not that different from the one we know today, had

~~ Ron Cook, Past President & Club Historian

### It's 'Pancake Breakfast Season' ...

Many Kiwanis clubs conduct pancake breakfasts as one of their major fundraisers so that they can continue to support the needs of their local community. Spring is a very popular time for these events and there are two local clubs holding their events on the same weekend. Hopefully, you can get to one, or both, of these. Attending these events not only gets you a good meal and helps support the local Kiwanis Club, but it gets you an attendance credit in our Club. Be sure to report your attendance to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**.



**April 17** – The Hilliard Kiwanis Club will be holding their event at the American Legion Post 614, Lattimer Street in Hilliard. It will run from 7 a.m. to noon at a cost of \$5.50 per person (\$3 children under 12). In addition, they will be having a cookie sale - choose your favorites, box them up, pay by the box. Proceeds for this go to the Hilliard Area Food Pantry

**April 18** – The University Kiwanis Club will be holding their event at the Wellington Elementary School (Reed Road entrance) from 8:30a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person, with no charge for children 3 and under.

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## St. Patrick's Day celebration a big hit ...

The annual St. Patrick's Day celebration at Seton Square North Retirement Village was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of Senior Citizens committee chair **David Brainin** and a handful of dedicated Kiwanians (**Lisa Jolley, Linda Kay, Fil Line** and **Dan McCormick**) who showed up to help. More than 65 residents enjoyed a lasagna dinner (a special Italian/Irish dish) and marveled at the finger-picking expertise of **Ray Pauken** on the banjo.



Of course every good banjo player needs a leprechaun to help celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and Katherine Jolley, daughter of John and **Lisa Jolley**, fit the part perfectly. Now if we could just find that pot of gold ...

Did you know that as people get older, they tend to tell worse puns? That's why we call them groan-ups.

## Division 10-W Council to meet ...

Kiwanis Clubs within Ohio District Division 10-W will conduct their quarterly Division Council meeting on Wednesday, April 28 at the China Bell restaurant, 1947 Stringtown Road in Grove City. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Chinese/American buffet will cost \$16 per person. The meeting will be hosted by the Grove City, Northwest and I-Next Clubs, giving those who attend three attendance credits.

If you are interested in attending, please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know by Monday, April 26, so that he may submit our Club's reservations. He will bill you for your dinner, so you do not need to worry about paying at the door.

## Remember, you must re-enroll ...

If you are already participating in the Kroger Cares program, where all of your grocery purchases help generate cash for Kiwanis, you need to re-enroll. If you are not already participating, you can enroll by following the same process.

Simply go to the Kroger website at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), click on "Ohio" to sign up for a Kroger.com account or click on "Already enrolled? Sign In" if you already have an account. All participants must have a valid on-line account at Kroger.com to participate.



If you, or a member of your family, are a Kroger shopper, this is an effortless way to support Kiwanis. You still get all of your normal discounts and fuel perks, but have the added benefit of helping Kiwanis.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

04/09 – *George Ruff*

04/11 – *Nick Tomashot*

## The latest statistics ...

Here is an update of interesting statistics published by Thredgold Economic Associates:

- The number of American volunteers rose 2.0% to 61.8 million in 2008. Among young adults, the number of volunteers rose 5.7%.
- Average U.S. life expectancy has reached 78 years (men 75, women 80), the highest ever. This compares to 76 years in 1995, 68 years in 1950 and 47 in 1900.
- During the early 1960's, the five-year survival rate from cancer for Americans was one in three. Today it is two in three ... continuing to climb ... and the highest in the world.

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