

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

April 11, 2011



Larry Hamill Creative Photographer



This week's speaker is Larry Hamill, founder and owner of Larry Hamill Photography. Larry is a graduate of Bexley High School and The Ohio State University.

After receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting and drawing from Ohio State, Larry's interest in photography developed into a full-time career. When he first began, he worked on a freelance basis, illustrating college textbooks and designing book covers. Since launching his business in 1973, his clientele has included the Battelle Memorial Institute; Oak Ridge National Labs; DEO; MedFlight; Kenyon College and Columbus State Community College. He specializes in corporate, industrial, architectural, medical, aerial and stock photography; in addition to computer-designed and fine art photographs.

Continued growth in digital computer graphics has enabled Larry to integrate his artistic and photographic talents. In 1990 he produced a wall-size calendar, featuring landscapes he photographed from around the world merged in the foreground and background of the Columbus skyline. The calendar, which incorporates a different country each year, has become an annual tradition.

He is world renowned and recently served as the keynote speaker at the New Zealand Photographic Society's annual conference. He has received several fine art grants from the Ohio Arts Council, and his work is being published for the fifth straight year in the juried "Art of Seeing" annual book.

For the past five years, Larry has been shooting air-to-air for MedFlight calendars and publications. During this past year, he has been working on a large-scale historic photographic documentary project for the Department of Energy.

Today's Meeting

Greeter: Dick Tice

Richard C. Tice, CLU Co.

Invocation: Dick Tice

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Committee meetings: Homeless, International Relations, Youth Opportunity, Senior Citizens, Service Leadership Program

Menu: Penne pasta with grilled chicken, roasted tomatoes, broccolini, mushrooms, pomodoro sauce

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

4/11 – Nick Tomashot

4/14 – Fred Miller

4/16 – Dan McCormick



Tuesday – noon – Interclub luncheon meeting – Romeo's Pizza – 80 W. Church St.
- 6 p.m. - Trustee meeting – Buckeye Hall of Fame Grill – 775 Yard Street

Thursday – 6:30 p.m. – Division 10-W Council meeting – Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City - \$17 per person



President's Corner

For the past four years, the Kiwanis Club of Columbus has earned the honor of being a "Distinguished Club" within Kiwanis International. One of the major requirements for this honor is to end the administrative year with our

membership at 'plus one' – one more than we had at the end of the previous year. We have had a great run of membership chairs to help us accomplish this, and a strong effort by all of our members to keep identifying and inviting new candidates. It is something to be very proud of.

We ended last year with 185 members. That's great, but just ten years ago, we were a 250-member Club, and at one point in our long history, our membership consistently topped 300. The exodus of many businesses from downtown to the outskirts of Columbus is certainly a factor. But in reality, it's just an excuse. The only thing keeping us from being at 250 (or more) members again, is us. We should not be happy to end each year at 'plus one,' and to let ourselves settle for mediocrity. We are capable of setting our own goal and growing the organization into something we really want it to be.

The Strategic Planning Committee debated this issue for quite some time. Membership is the lifeblood of the organization. With new members come new ideas, new energy and new resources. The more members we have, the more robust our committees can be and the more we can work toward changing our community and helping the children. So, strategically, we know it is to our advantage to grow.

Input from the on-line survey and the focus groups indicated that we do not maintain enough of a focus on the need for membership and that we must ask everyone, from the committees who are working on specific projects, to the Past Presidents who can share a wealth of information about significant achievements throughout the Club's history, to help with membership. Recruiting new members is an obligation of each member, and it usually starts with bringing a guest to lunch, to a service project, a fundraiser or a committee meeting.

Along with this process came a discussion on our membership categories and the recognition that Kiwanis International is encouraging all clubs to be more creative in reaching out for new members. Our Membership Committee worked to formulate some ideas and to develop several new membership categories that are designed to help bring in additional members from existing companies and to attract younger members and encourage spouses to join, as well. These categories were presented several

Strategic Planning Committee report ...

This past Monday, Past President **Ron Cook** presented information regarding the centennial goals of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation that came from the deliberations of the Strategic Planning Committee. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing additional presentations, as each of the plan's major areas of emphasis are presented.

The full report of the Committee, as presented to and approved by the Club Trustees, can be found in the 'Members Only' section of our website. Please, take a few minutes to read through the document to familiarize yourself with the issues, findings and recommendations. This will help prepare you for each of the upcoming presentations.

weeks ago in our newsletter after they were approved by the Club Trustees. The Laws & Regulations Committee was authorized to draft the necessary language so that a by-law change could be voted on, and hopefully approved, by the Club's membership. Thanks go to **Bob Eberhart** (committee chair) and **Jim Skidmore** for their efforts. Jim worked especially hard to make sure all sections of the by-laws impacted by the changes were corrected so that we are consistent with our terminology throughout the document.

Changes to our by-laws require at least a two-week notification before a vote can be taken. The attached copy highlights the new wording in capital letters and wording to be eliminated with strike-throughs. The vote will most likely be held Monday, May 9, which is also Election Day for our Club Trustees.

We hope you will take some time to read the by-laws and familiarize yourself with the proposed changes. For many, this may be the first time you have had an opportunity to read our by-laws and you may very well find other areas that are in need of updating or clarification. Please bring any suggestions to the Executive Committee so that they can be discussed and fully explored.

Now, back to membership: With our Centennial anniversary just five years away, we believe the Club should set a membership goal that is achievable, yet taxing: one that would reflect the type of organization we are and one that will help us grow well beyond the 'plus one' that is required to receive an award. No number has been finalized. The Membership Committee will be charged with this task, along with developing the specific action steps and milestones that will need to be completed to mark progress. The bottom line is that membership is on-going, it is everyone's responsibility and it is within our control. Let's grow!

Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast ...



The Dublin Kiwanis Club invites us to join them for their first ever Pancake Breakfast to be held in conjunction with their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event will be held on Saturday, April 16 at the Dublin Recreation Center Pavilion. Each year 6,000+ eggs are hidden, with more than a thousand excited children participating in the hunt. Amazingly, all of the eggs are usually located in less than five minutes.

New this year will be "Chris Cakes", feeding and entertaining everyone with his own unique style of making and tossing pancakes. Cost of the pancake breakfast is \$5 per person (bacon, coffee and orange drinks are included but not tossed). Pancakes will be tossed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

In addition, prior to the Easter egg hunt, "Robo Bunny" (courtesy of the Dublin Robotics Club) will make an appearance. The Robotics Club is made up of Dublin Middle School students who design, engineer and manufacture robots. They are excited about developing their first "Robo-Bunny" and about improving him for future Easter Egg Hunts.



Children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are all welcome to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, so, bring them along. It promises to be a fun family morning.

Habitat for Humanity Project kicks off ...

It was a cool, but dry and comfortable day, as Kiwanians gathered to work on the construction of the front porch of a south Columbus Habitat for Humanity home. Volunteers were given instructions and supervised as they tackled an assortment of assigned chores and tasks. It was a very successful day that included the presentation of a \$5,000 grant from the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation to Habitat for Humanity. Accepting the check is E.J. Thomas, CEO of Habit for Humanity, Ohio.



The Kiwanis Club of Columbus kicked off our Habitat for Humanity project as part of Kiwanis One Day, a world-wide day of service conducted by the Kiwanis International family of organizations. Our project will continue through the summer as we continue to work on the house until completion. **Jacalyn Slemmer** and Past President **Scott Lindsey** are heading up our efforts and will be coordinating future calls for volunteers as dates are established. If you are interested in helping, please feel free to contact either Jacalyn or Scott.

Alerts to threats in 2011 Europe . . .

-- John Cleese - British writer, actor and tall person

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in Libya and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get the Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbor" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is canceled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population.

Next week's meeting

(April 18, 2011)

Speaker: Rabbi Howard Apothaker
Beth Shalom

Greeter: Jerry Kuyoth
National Church Residence Healthcare

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Committee Meetings: Environment & Agriculture,
Music & Arts, YCPO

Menu: House Salad, Pecan Chicken

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