

# 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."

**"Kiwanis Club of Columbus is a Club that cares about the children. Children are our focus."**

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



July 7, 2014

## HARRY TROMBITAS

Former FBI Agent



Harry Trombitas has more than 36 years of law enforcement experience, including 29 years with the FBI. While with the FBI, he worked in an investigative and supervisory capacity on more than 400 federal and state cases involving violent crime, terrorism, white-collar crime, cyber crime, narcotics, crimes against children, property crime and foreign counter-intelligence. Trombitas has also served as the FBI spokesperson in central Ohio for the last ten years.

In an FBI career spanning almost three decades, he chased car thieves in St. Louis, organized crime bosses in New York City and several notorious criminals in Ohio, including serial killer Thomas Dillon, who shot to death five outdoorsmen from 1989 to 1993.

As a lead agent handling violent crime in the 1990s, Trombitas grew frustrated trying to figure out how to draw attention to the enormous number of bank robberies in those days – more than 100 a year in central Ohio, and five robberies in a single day on at least two occasions. Trying to cut through the clutter of numerous news releases and catch people's attention, Trombitas began writing his official crime notices with a bit of flair.

*"Three-Eyed Bandit Robs Huntington Bank"* was his release from 2009 about a robber with a tattoo of an eyeball on his neck.

*"Church Lady' Strikes Again,"* said a 2010 release about a woman who witnesses described as dressing "like she just came from church."

*"Droopy-Drawers Bandit' Hits Reynoldsburg Credit Union,"* explained a 2011 release about a man wearing low-riding trousers.

"It just occurred to me that if we could take a look at what happened in the robbery or how the person looked, and come up

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:**

**Jack D'Aurora** - The Behal Law Group LLC

**Pranab Bhattacharya** - Gupta & Associates, CPA, LLC

**Invocation:** **Alice Hohl** - SiteInSight

**Committee meetings:** Behavioral Health & Wellness,  
Golf, Scholarship

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

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

07/07 - **David Keller**



**Tuesday – 07/08/1889** - The first issue of *The Wall Street Journal* was published.

**Wednesday – 07/09/1776** - George Washington ordered the Declaration of Independence to be read out loud to members of the Continental Army in New York, for the first time.

## Kiwanis Night at the Clippers ...

The annual "Kiwanis Night at the Clippers" has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 12, against the Lehigh Valley IronPigs. That night will also be City Barbeque "Buck-a-Bone" Night. The game is a 7:05 p.m. start.



Reserved seating tickets are available for \$10 per person, or you can purchase the "Family General Admission" package for \$15. The Family General Admission package includes 2 adults and up to four youths (age 18 & under).

Order forms can be found on our web site and can be sent in directly. Orders must be in the Clippers' ticket office by August 1 to guarantee return mailing of your tickets. Later orders will be held at Will Call. All orders must be received by August 6 to qualify for the ticket discounts.

## Columbus Mighty Ukulele Orchestra to perform at Capital University ...

On July 12, the Kiwanis Club of Columbus Mighty Ukulele Orchestra will present a program of music for ukuleles and voices at Capital University. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in

The Huntington Recital Hall. The members of the ensemble performing on this program are Ron Cook, soprano and tenor ukuleles; Janice Cook, bass ukulele; Ken Keller, baritone ukulele; and Scott Lindsey, tenor ukulele.



The KCOCMUO's programs explore the incredibly wide range of music that has been performed using the humble ukulele, which has been experiencing a renaissance over the past several years. The July 12 program will include a wide range of music, including Hawaiian songs; jazz and popular music from the first half of the 20th century; and rock music and blues from the second half of the century. Included on the program will be "Kaimana Hila," "Lulu's Back in Town," "The Wind Cries Mary," and "Seventh Son."

The program is being performed as a benefit for the Early Music in Columbus concert series. There is no admission charge, but voluntary donations will be accepted at the door.

Let's give them some support by showing up in force.

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with some kind of a nickname for that robber, that would give him his own identity," Trombitas said. His FBI supervisors never saw a problem with his approach. Other officers around town were initially uncomfortable with the practice, but they eventually came around.

Previously, he worked in university campus law enforcement at three midwestern universities, including Northwestern, Creighton and Ohio State University, where he served in a wide variety of roles ranging from student security officer to director of public safety, with full responsibility for all personnel and budgetary matters.

In addition to his consulting work with local, state and federal agencies, Trombitas was also appointed by the Governor of Ohio to the inaugural Ohio AMBER Alert Committee, and currently serves on the AMBER Steering Committee that oversees the state of Ohio's AMBER Alert plan.

He has been a keynote speaker at numerous national and international conferences in the areas of major case management, school/workplace/church violence assessment and prevention, financial crime and cyber crime. He holds a Master of Science degree in Counseling and Psychology from Creighton University, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from The Ohio State University.

## Golf anyone?



The Golf Committee has scheduled the next Kiwanis golf outing for Wednesday, July 9. We will be playing at Heritage Golf Club (3525 Heritage Club Drive, Hilliard) and will be hosted by Past President **Fil Line**. Tee times will start at 12:30 p.m. Green fees and cart are \$56 per Person.

For those wanting to join us for a relaxing and enjoyable round of golf, or just looking for more details before deciding, please contact **Mike Becker** at [mbecker@beckerlilly.com](mailto:mbecker@beckerlilly.com).

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Accepting new members ... join today.

## Former member Robert E. Haines dies ...

Former Kiwanian Robert E. Haines, 87, of Dublin, passed away Friday, June 27. Bob was born in Greenville, Ohio March 27, 1927, but spent his entire life in Columbus. He first met his future wife, Alice Mayers, in 9th grade on the school-bus, and they started dating in their junior year at North High School.



Their romance was temporarily put on hold by World War II, when Bob joined the Army Air Corps ending up as an MP stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany in 1945. He returned to Columbus and got his engineering degree at The Ohio State University and married his high school sweetheart in a beautiful garden wedding at Alice's home on Riverside Drive on June 25, 1949. Bob went to work with his father at Arrocrete Corp., and eventually joined his father-in-law at Star National, where he became president running the company until his retirement in 2010. Bob was a member of Columbus Kiwanis for many years (1976 – 1995). At home, Alice provided the creative vision for many design projects, and Bob was the engineer who provided the manpower to get them done. Over the course of their life together, they built five homes. Together, they won many Christmas-decorating awards in Westwood Acres. Bob and Alice both enjoyed traveling and taking trips around the U.S. and Europe.

### Giant Eagle cards ...

Giant Eagle grocery cards are a convenient way of supporting Kiwanis, and it's something every member can do. After all, grocery shopping is a weekly chore for most families, and if you normally shop at Giant Eagle, our gift card program is a natural.



The process is simple; purchase a Giant Eagle gift card and use it for all of your shopping needs at Giant Eagle. Kiwanis earns five percent of the value of each card, and you get to spend 100 percent of that card, while earning fuel perks as well.

Cards can be purchased weekly from Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman**. A small supply of \$100 gift cards is kept in inventory and other denominations (\$10, \$25, \$50, etc.) can be special-ordered for use as small gifts and recognitions.

Cards can be easily utilized to leverage fuel perks and to generate funds for the Club. Here's a good example. Let's say you are about to purchase a new refrigerator or a big-screen TV from Best Buy at a cost of \$1,000. If you purchase \$1,000 of Giant Eagle gift cards, the Club would earn \$50. You can then take those gift cards to Giant Eagle to purchase \$1,000 worth of Best Buy gift cards. That purchase would generate \$2 per gallon off your gasoline at Get-Go – a possible savings of \$20-\$35 depending on the size of your tank. The Best Buy gift cards can then be used like cash at Best Buy to purchase the refrigerator or big screen TV.

Everyone wins – the Club earns \$50, you save on gasoline and you have the item you planned to purchase to begin with.

Start supporting the Club and saving yourself some money today.

### Annual Ohio District Kiwanis Convention set for Columbus ...

The 47th annual Ohio District Kiwanis Convention has been set for August 8-10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Columbus (6500 Doubletree Avenue). Registration is currently open via a link on the District website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org).

The heart of the three-day event will take place on Saturday, August 9, when educational sessions will be held and statewide elections will be conducted. Club President Kathleen Roberts is encouraging all Club members who are joining the leadership team (Trustees and committee chairs) for the 2014-15 administrative year to attend this valuable session.

The District website has a complete agenda of the weekend's events you may want to review when you register.

In addition to the information you will gain, there will be many opportunities for fellowship and networking. You will have a new appreciation for the scope of Kiwanis and help put the efforts of our Club in perspective.

Attending the Convention fulfills one of the requirements for becoming a "Distinguished Member" for the 2013-14 administrative year. Why not sign up today and begin experiencing some of the broader aspects of our organization?

*There are leaders, and then  
there are those who lead.  
Those who lead us inspire us  
by taking active roles in  
believing in the task at hand.*

## Membership dues ...

As we enter the fourth quarter of our administrative year, it is time to start thinking about renewing your membership in Kiwanis Club of Columbus. The new administrative year will begin on October 1, 2014, and your annual membership dues must be received before then in order to be current and to avoid any late fees.

Dues notices will go out in early August so that you have ample time to submit them to your company /organization (where appropriate) for timely processing or adjust your budget to have them paid in full prior to the deadline.

This year, you will have the added possibility of paying your dues via a credit card. However, there will be a small upcharge (3 percent) for this service, to cover the credit card processing fees.

Now is the time to notify Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** if there will be a change in your membership status for the 2014/15 administrative year.

## Regatta gearing up ...

The 2014 Kiwanis Corporate Regatta is set to take sail on Monday, August 18, at 11:30 a.m., on the front steps of the Columbus Metropolitan Library (96 South Grant Street).



The event is open to all competitors interesting in purchasing a yacht. A 'competitor' can be in the form of a company, an individual, an organization, a common interest

group or just a group of people who want to join forces and have some fun.

Sponsorships are also available at a variety of levels, and for those with smaller budgets, contributions can be made. A major portion of the proceeds will go the support the award-winning 'Summer Reading Club' of the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

Those interested in competing can contact **Jerry Durham** at [jdurham@continental-realestate.com](mailto:jdurham@continental-realestate.com) or **Troy Terekedis** at [tterakedis@jonesday.com](mailto:tterakedis@jonesday.com).

## The test ...

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No, a normal person would pull the plug," he said. "Do you want a bed near the window?"

**People will come and go in life,  
but the person in the mirror will be there  
forever, so, be good to yourself!**

## *Next week's meeting*

(July 14, 2014)

**Speaker:** **Curtis Stitt** – CEO, Central Ohio Transit Authority

**Greeters:** **Linda Kay**  
WesBanco Trust & Investment Services

**Kristin Gintz** - WesBanco Bank

**Invocation:** To be determined

**Committees:** Homeless

**Menu:** House salad, roasted pork loin with peach compote

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