

# 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 14, 2014

## W. CURTIS STITT

### Central Ohio Transit Authority



W. Curtis Stitt was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Central Ohio Transit Authority by its Board of Trustees, effective February 1, 2012. In this capacity, Stitt is responsible for leading overall functions of COTA's transit operations, and is accountable for directing the development and implementation of plans to provide quality mass transit services in Columbus and central Ohio. Prior to the CEO appointment, he served as COTA's Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Stitt brings a unique perspective to the CEO office, having also served 12 years as legal counsel for COTA – the last six as General Counsel and V.P. of Legal and Government Affairs. As General Counsel, Stitt led the legal department, served as government and legislative affairs counsel and was COTA's ethics officer. He was responsible for assuring compliance and coordinating legal services provided by in-house attorneys and several outside law firms.

Before joining COTA, Stitt held several legal and administrative leadership positions responsible for regulation of financial institutions in the state of Ohio, including Superintendent of Ohio's Division of Financial Institutions, which was responsible for regulating 550 Ohio-chartered commercial banks, thrifts and credit unions, and more than 5,000 consumer finance licensees. Prior to that, he was Superintendent of the Ohio Division of Credit Unions and Legal Counsel to the Division of Banks and the Division of Credit Unions. Stitt also served three years as Corporations Counsel for the Ohio Secretary of State and three years as Appellate Counsel in the office of the Franklin County Public Defender.

Throughout his career, Stitt has pursued what he affectionately refers to as his "other full-time job." For 35 years, he has organized, administered and coached youth track and field programs. He has also coached nationally ranked track and field athletes and provided legal representation for athletes, including a world-class athlete for whom he secured eligibility in time to qualify for the 1992 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team for the Barcelona Olympics, where she won a silver medal in 100-meter hurdles. In 1987, Stitt founded the New World Track Club, Inc. He has coached New World members to 150 medals

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:**

**Linda Kay** - WesBanco Trust & Investment Services

**Kristin Gintz** - WesBanco Bank

**Invocation:** **Lisa Jolley** – Columbus Foundation

**Committee meetings:** Homeless

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

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

07/16 – **Joseph Mesenberg**

07/19 – **Michael Griffith**



**Tuesday** – 07/15/ **2006** - Twitter is launched, becoming one of the largest social media platforms in the world.

**Wednesday** – 07/16/ **1935** - The world's first parking meter is installed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## 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.

## You know you are getting old when ...

- You and your teeth don't sleep together;
- You try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any;
- It takes longer to rest than it does to get tired;
- It takes twice as long to look half as good;
- Happy hour is a nap;
- Your idea of exercise is standing up;
- Being "lucky" means you found your car in the parking lot;
- Your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio;
- It takes two tries to get up from the couch; and
- You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.

"NOVINOPHOBIA" –  
*The fear of running out of wine.*

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at national championship meets, including 11 gold and 17 silver medals.

A 2003 Jefferson Award Finalist prize recognized Stitt for his volunteer community service with New World Track Club and young people in central Ohio. He was also a 2009 Jewel Award recipient for his development of, and his work with, New World programs.

Stitt earned a Juris Doctor degree from Northern Kentucky University's Chase College of Law, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board. Stitt is licensed to practice law in state of Ohio, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He is a member of the Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations. Stitt also holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Kent State University, where he is a Life Member of the Alumni Association.

Stitt serves on the Board of Directors of Experience Columbus and Capital University's Board of Trustees, and has served other community organizations in central Ohio, including the Council for Ethical Leadership, Franklinton Board of Trade; Advisory Board for the Council for Ethical Leadership at Capital University, and the Gloria Friend (Mt. Olivet) Christian Academy. He is a past president of the Columbus Chapter of the National Council of Black Lawyers and former member of the Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors of USA Track & Field, the U.S. governing body for the sport on the national and international levels.

Stitt is a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. He is married, has one daughter who is currently a student at The Ohio State University and has one granddaughter.

## 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.

## Gambaiani accepts new position ...

Effective June 23, John Gambaiani began a new challenge by becoming the vice president of commercial banking for S&T Bank.



S&T Bancorp, Inc. is a \$4.5 billion financial holding company headquartered in Indiana, Pa, about 55 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. They have 55 branch offices plus two loan production offices, in Akron and in Columbus.

Please take a moment to congratulate John the next time you see him.

*If you see me talking to myself,  
don't be alarmed.  
I'm getting expert advice.*

## 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.ohiokiwans.org](http://www.ohiokiwans.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?

## Division 10-W Council meeting set ...

The quarterly meeting of the Division 10-W council will be held on Wednesday, July 30 at the China Bell Restaurant located at 1947 Stringtown Road in Grove City. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

All Kiwanis members are welcome and encouraged to attend, especially Club officers, trustees and committee chairs. Dinner will include a choice of cashew chicken, vegetable lo-mein, beef with broccoli, General Tso's chicken, crab Rangoon, egg rolls, steamed or fried rice, green beans, coffee and iced tea. Cost is \$22 per person.

The meeting will be hosted by our Club, as well as the Hilltop and University Clubs, and you will earn three attendance credits.

Reservations are due in to Secretary **Paul Bohlman** no later than July 24.

## 2014 Corporate Regatta set to sail ...

The 2014 Corporate Regatta is set to sail on Monday, August 18. It will be held on the front steps of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, and begins at 11:30 a.m.

The Corporate Regatta is one of our Club's major fundraisers of the year and is always a lot of fun. It is open to any company, individual, group of individuals or organization interested in competing for \$1,000 worth of prize money for their favorite charity.

The base entry fee is \$500 per yacht, which can be paid by an individual or company, or divided up among a small group of people. Each entry receives a yacht to decorate and race. There is also



a 'best decorated' yacht competition and an additional opportunity to win \$500 for the winner's favorite charity. The Regatta race is a double elimination competition using Super-Soaker squirt guns to propel small wooden sailboats across a ten-foot pool and back.

Sponsorships are also available at various levels. If you would like to enter the competition or just need additional information, please contact Jerry Durham ([jdurham@continental-realestate.com](mailto:jdurham@continental-realestate.com)) or Troy Terekedis ([tterakedis@jonesday.com](mailto:tterakedis@jonesday.com)).

If you would like to assist the day of the event, with set-up or as a competitor concierge, please contact Scott Lindsey at ([slindsey@lindseylaw.com](mailto:slindsey@lindseylaw.com)).

## College Fair Committee in full swing ...

Our 35<sup>th</sup> annual Columbus Kiwanis College Fair is scheduled for Monday, September 29. This year's event will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Temple, on Stelzer Road in the Easton area.

The College Fair Committee, chaired by J.P. LaFramboise, has been meeting and plans are well under way.

Invitations have gone out to more than 550 colleges and universities, and we have already begun receiving registrations.



Photo by Kathleen Roberts

There are many logistical issues that need to be decided and the committee is systematically working through a thorough check list of items, making sure all of the details are covered and well thought out.

If you would like to join the committee, please plan to attend its next meeting scheduled for July 15 at Panera's in Easton. The meeting will be at 4:30 p.m.

The first golf balls were made of thin leather stuffed with feathers. Tightly-packed feathers made balls that flew the farthest. Feather balls were used until 1848.

### Next week's meeting

(July 21, 2014)

**Speaker:** William Murdock – Executive Director, Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission

**Greeters:** Tom Christman - The Ohio Exterminating Company

Jerry Kuyoth - Friendship Village Dublin

**Invocation:** Susan Black - Allene Professional Fundraising

**Committees:** Membership

**Menu:** Italian chopped salad, chicken cordon bleu with mornay sauce



## Kiwanis and Rotary ...



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the upcoming joint meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus and

Columbus Rotary.

Since we hosted the joint meeting last year, Rotary will be hosting Kiwanis on Monday, August 11 at the Boat House at Confluence Park (679 West Spring Street). We will continue to handle reservations using our on line reservation system, although there may be a small change in the pricing. Please watch the newsletter in coming weeks for more details regarding the speaker, the meal options and the cost.

Rotary continues to be a larger organization than Kiwanis, so we would like to encourage as many of our members to attend this special meeting, so that we can put forth a strong showing.

**When President Kennedy was entertaining a collection of Nobel Prize-winning scientists at a White House dinner, his opening remarks were**

**“The White House has never witnessed such a collection of brainpower in one place, except perhaps when Thomas Jefferson dined alone.”**

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