

# 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



August 26, 2013

## Jarmo Kekäläinen

### Columbus Blue Jackets GM



Jarmo Kekäläinen began his hockey career in his native Finland. He played for four years in Finland with a number of teams and also played for Finland in the 1986 World Junior Ice Hockey Championship. Kekäläinen then played for the Clarkson Golden Knights for three years, establishing himself as a strong hockey player and gaining interest from professional teams. In his second year with the Knights, he scored 44 points in 31 games and was named to the ECAC Hockey League's first all-star team. In his third year with the Knights, he scored 18 points in 8 games before signing with the Boston Bruins. Kekäläinen played parts of two seasons with the Bruins before going back to Finland, where he played for another two years. For the 1993-1994 season he came back to North America when he signed with the Ottawa Senators. He played briefly with the Senators that season, playing in 28 games. The following season, Kekäläinen played in Sweden before retiring in 1995.

Immediately after retirement Kekäläinen became involved with front-office work in many capacities. He was the general manager of IFK Helsingfors in the Finnish Elite League from 1995 to 1999, during which time IFK won one Kanada-malja and finished as the runner-up to TPS the following year. During that time with IFK, Kekäläinen also worked in several capacities with the Ottawa Senators. After he left Finland in 1999, he became director of player personnel of the Senators until 2002. While with the Senators, he helped in picking future NHL stars Marian Hossa, Martin Havlat and Ray Emery. In 2002, Kekäläinen joined the St. Louis Blues as assistant GM and director of amateur scouting, where he helped draft much of the core of the team in the early 2010s, including defenseman Alex Pietrangolo and forwards T.J. Oshie, Patrik Berglund, David Perron and David Backes. After being passed over for the Blues' GM job (losing out to Doug Armstrong), he returned to the Finnish Elite League to take the GM job with Jokerit.

While with Jokerit, Kekäläinen had an unwritten escape clause with ownership that permitted him to leave if he was offered a GM job in the NHL. That opportunity came on February 13, 2013, when after Scott Howson was fired the previous day,

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## Focus on Kiwanis

### Kiwanis - Planting Seeds / Watering Gardens ...

The heart of service is that 'it's not about you.' You serve because there is a need and you have an ability to address that need. You hope that your efforts will have a lasting impact on lives, but there are no guarantees. In essence, you are planting seeds that you hope will take root, be watered, grow and flourish.

Think about these seed planters and the impact they have had over the years:

**Allen S. Browne / Joseph C. Prance** - These men had an idea to bring together businessmen in the community to network and help their businesses grow. They formed the first networking club in Detroit. A second would soon follow in Cleveland and would shift its focus to service. Over time, the club would set its sight on the international arena, spread into Europe and then around the world. Eventually, women would be admitted as members. We know this club as Kiwanis. But when it first started, it would go by the name of "The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers." That is quite the mouthful. But, more important than the name, is the fact that two men planted a seed that has continued to impact communities throughout generations by – you guessed it - planting seeds.

**Clara Barton** - If you Google Clara Barton, you will see her described as a pioneer, American teacher, patent clerk, nurse and humanitarian; and the founder of the American Red Cross in 1881. But if you look a little deeper, you will see a woman that merely saw a need and was moved with compassion to respond to it. Her story, a fascinating read, states that Clara realized that men were succumbing to their war-time injuries not because of their severity, but because of a lack of medical supplies. So, she began to round up and distribute these supplies to where they were needed. Post-war time also brought its challenges that Clara looked to address. These efforts would lead to the founding of the American Red Cross, but that all started with having a heart for service that demanded action. She planted a seed that our communities continue to benefit from, and that volunteers and philanthropists continue to water through donations and participation in outreach.

**United Way Founders** - What do a Denver woman, a priest, two ministers and a rabbi living in 1887 have in common? Simply and collectively, a heart that was moved enough by the needs of the community that they were able to work together to form a cooperative to raise money. In its first year, the cooperative raised \$21,700 to fund ten health and welfare organizations. A small seed, to be sure, but this seed would spawn a movement that would sweep throughout the country to become the United Way that we

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Columbus Blue Jackets president John Davidson, under whom Kekäläinen had worked while with the Blues, hired him to be the new GM of the Blue Jackets. As a result, Jarmo Kekäläinen became the first European general manager in the National Hockey League.

### Multiplying the power of giving ...

Our Columbus Kiwanis Foundation now has a portrait with the Columbus Foundation's PowerPhilanthropy program. This will allow our members and friends to donate directly to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation by logging into

<http://tcfapp.org/PortraitView/ViewPortrait/1674>.

Anyone may give at any time using PowerPhilanthropy, starting at a minimum of \$20. On our behalf, they will process credit card donations weekly; send each donor a tax receipt; provide recurring donation functionality; and offer 'in honor', 'in memory', or 'on behalf of' notifications. There is a small 2.35 percent processing fee deducted from each gross donation, but otherwise, there is no charge to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation.

We will soon be adding a hot link to our website to facilitate gifts to the 1916 Society.

### Golf season growing short ...

They call them the 'dog days of summer' and as we move toward September, we know there are not many of them left. Soon the leaves will be turning and the temperatures will be dropping.



So what are you waiting for? It's time to get out on the golf course and take advantage of the warm weather. And the perfect time to do that will be on Thursday, September 12, at Brookside Country Club. Tee times will start at 1:10 p.m. Contact Mike Becker or Tom Christman for more details and to sign up.

know today. Today's United Way raises more than a billion dollars a year. I doubt if the founders could fathom such growth. No amount of vision could have revealed to them the extent of impact their willingness to set aside differences and reach out to the community with compassion would have on society. A small seed.

What can we take from all these seed planters? The good we do will reverberate throughout generations. We may not see all the ripple effects. We may not hear all the stories of all the lives impacted, but we can rest assured that planted seeds will grow and bear fruit; even if they lay dormant for awhile, they will still sprout once the right climate appears.

## Green pillows ...

I imagine most of us use a pillow to sleep with. They are a great invention that allows us to keep our heads in a comfortable alignment with our necks and, in turn, sleep better.

Most of us will sleep through several pillows in our lifetime. The filling (stuffing) for pillows can vary widely. The most common filling is polyester fiber, usually PET (polyethylene terephthalate). It is capable of being recycled.

Another filling is “memory foam,” which is polyurethane with added chemicals.



Far greener alternatives are:

**Wool fiber filling** - You will most likely have to make it yourself, using organically raised sheep or recycled wool.

**Feather or down filling** - While not new, and viewed as somewhat of a luxury, this very old filling is very effective. Attempt to source the pillow from responsible, gathered feathers- or down-featuring suppliers.

**Buckwheat hull filling** - My personal favorite, as the filling conforms to your head and neck without pushing back, lasts years and is an agricultural by-product.

**Natural shredded rubber filling** - Natural latex is the sap of the rubber tree that is collected while maintaining the tree.

**Kapok filling** - Is made from the natural silky fibers from the seedpods of the ceiba tree.

**Organic Cotton Filling** - Avoid non-organic cotton, as it consumes large amounts of water and pesticides.

Don't forget the pillow case, selecting earth-friendly hemp, organic cotton and or wool blends.

Pleasant sleeping!

~~~ *Scott Doellinger*

## Manna Café volunteers needed ...

Once each quarter, Kiwanis Club of Columbus supplies the food for the Manna Cafe' and we also provide the manpower needed to help prepare and serve that food to more than 150 homeless adults. It is a service project where our club has a chance to really serve.



The Manna Café is located directly behind Broad Street Methodist Church (501 East Broad Street); parking is available in the lots just to the east of the facility along South Washington Street.

We will again need to fill two volunteer shifts. The first shift will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the second shift will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. In addition there is need for a limited number of volunteers to help with the actual preparation of the meal at 5 p.m., Tuesday the 27th. We did this for the last Manna, and it was great fun.

If you are interested in helping with one or more of the shifts, please contact **Jim Shively** at [jshivel279@earthlink.net](mailto:jshivel279@earthlink.net) or 614-469-0386 (w). Family members and friends are also welcome to help.

## Good Time Charlies set to play...

On Saturday, August 31, The Good Time Charlies will be playing at the Three-Legged Mare (401 N. Front St.) in the Arena District. You may not be familiar with this group, but you are familiar with one of their lead performers – **David Weibel**. They play a wide assortment of music and will certainly work to fire up the crowd following the first Ohio State Buckeyes' home game and victory (hopefully). The ensemble includes a banjo, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, tuba and drums. All the musicians are extremely talented, and you will not be disappointed.

Seating is limited, so plan to arrive early. Those who attend will get an attendance credit for a social event.

## Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Jerry Kuyoth** - National Church Residence Healthcare  
**David Brainin** - David J. Brainin LLC

**Invocation:** **To be determined**

**Committee meetings:** Young Children Priority One,  
ELIMINATE, Inter-Club

**Check Presentation:** Kaleidoscope Youth Center

**Menu:** **Wedge salad, flank steak with chimichurri and steak fries**

## Upcoming Dates of Note

### Birthdays:

**08/29** – Paul Baumer  
**08/30** – David Kandel  
**09/06** – Dave Fenner  
**09/06** – Mike Gladfelder  
**09/08** – Scott Doellinger



**Monday 09/02** – Labor Day – There will be no Kiwanis luncheon meeting held this day. Have a safe and joyful holiday weekend.

## 2013 Presidents Cup - change of plans ...

In previous issues of our newsletter, we have called for volunteers to help staff one of the concession stands at the upcoming Presidents Cup Golf Tournament scheduled for October 1 through 6 at Muirfield Village Golf Club. To fully staff the booth, we needed to fill 44 slots over the six-day event. We did have a number of people volunteer, however, not enough to meet the Tournament's strict volunteer guidelines. Therefore, we have decided NOT to staff the concession stand.

However, there is another volunteer opportunity for our Club that will be less demanding, yet still allow members to have access to the tournament. As we did with the recent Memorial Tournament at Muirfield in May, we will be able to serve as shuttle drivers during the Presidents Cup.

There are four shift times each day (5 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; and 7 p.m. to midnight). All shifts will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

If you are interested, please visit our website to print out a registration form, fill it out and fax it to 614-889-6026 or e-mail it to [MTAdmin@thememorialtournament.com](mailto:MTAdmin@thememorialtournament.com). There will be additional release forms very similar to the Memorial and compensation details that will be forwarded, along with a confirmation letter.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The PGA Tour, which owns the Presidents Cup, is asking all drivers to volunteer/work a minimum of 15 hours. If you are unable, please still complete and return the registration form and we will do everything possible to fulfill all shift(s) requests.

**It's not what you gather, but what you scatter,  
that tells what kind of life you have lived.**

## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Kiwanis College Fair ...

For most high school students, the post-high-school decision is one of the biggest ones they will make. Do they pursue a higher education degree at a two- or four-year school, or seek a professional trade career or perhaps join the military?

The Columbus Kiwanis College Fair will bring more than 170 colleges, universities, trade groups and military representatives together in one spot and will give the high school seniors an excellent opportunity to explore a variety of paths.

This year's event will be held on Monday, September 16, at Veterans Memorial Hall on West Broad Street. We will again need volunteers to help distribute materials to the 3,500 students we expect to attend. We need to fill three shifts – two morning shifts (7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and an evening shift (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.). If interested, please contact Ken Keller at [kenkeller@att.net](mailto:kenkeller@att.net).

**You know you are getting old when  
the things you used to care to do,  
you no longer care to do,  
but you really do care that  
you don't care to do them anymore.**

### *Next week's meeting*

(September 9, 2013)

**Speaker:** **Richard Ross** – Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Greeters:** To be determined

**Invocation:** To be determined

**Committees:** International Relations, Homeless, Youth Opportunity

**Menu:** Caesar salad, seared chicken with raspberry dijon

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