

# 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



September 9, 2013

## DR. RICHARD A. ROSS

### Ohio's 37th State Superintendent of Public Instruction



The passion Dr. Richard Ross has for improving education for all children in Ohio is rooted in his own childhood experience, when a teacher inspired him to pursue a college degree. He has carried this memory throughout his career as a teacher, principal and district superintendent. In any education situation, Dr. Ross searches out educators who possess the gift to improve learning, provide inspiration and make a positive difference in students and their learning.

Formerly the superintendent for three Ohio school districts, Dr. Ross believes in a child-first improvement approach by increasing efficiency and performance, eliminating unpopular or ineffective programs and making focused staffing decisions. His ability to motivate educators to grow in skills and commitment so they can serve students better is demonstrated in his 20 years at Reynoldsburg City School District, where he significantly improved academic achievement during important shifts in community culture and economics.

Dr. Ross was selected by the State Board of Education as State Superintendent of Public Instruction in March, 2013. He had been leading Governor John Kasich's Office of 21st Century Education where he successfully moved several education initiatives through the legislative process. These include the Cleveland Transformation Plan, the Third-Grade Reading Guarantee, revisions to the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems and the A-F Local Report Card. He also played a key role in the development of the State education budget and the School Funding Model.

Previously, Dr. Ross was superintendent at Bryan City Schools and Ottawa-Glandorf Schools, was an instructor at Bowling

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Jeff Kanowsky** - Nationwide Insurance  
**Perry Fisher** - Perry Fisher Co.

**Invocation:** **Bill Newman** - Lucas, Prendergast, Albright, Gibson, Newman

**Committee meetings:** International Relations, Homeless, Youth Opportunity

**Check presentations:** Maryhaven

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

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

09/11 – **Bob Wiseman**  
09/12 – **Adam Biehl**  
09/12 – **David Brainin**  
09/12 – **Alice Hohl**



**Tuesday** – 09/10/ 1846 – Elias Howe was granted a patent for the sewing machine.

**Wednesday** – 9/11/2001 – Two hijacked aircraft crashed into the World Trade Center, while a third smashed into the Pentagon, in a series of coordinated suicide attacks. A fourth hijacked airliner crashes in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Altogether, 2,996 people are killed.

## Focus on Kiwanis

### The Kiwanis administrative year ...

The Kiwanis administrative year is a little bit strange, in that it begins on October 1 and runs through the following September 30.

Regardless of the start date, there is a number of very important things that happen when one administrative year winds down and another one gears up:

#### Wrap-up items:

**Attendance credits** – It is critical that all committee chairs get their monthly activity and attendance reports submitted to the Club Secretary, so that each member is given the proper attendance credits. Perfect attendance awards will be presented in mid-October based on these reports. If you are uncertain where you currently stand, please contact our Club Secretary, **Paul Bohlman**.

**Distinguished Club and member status:** All of our activities and events throughout the year help determine whether our Club will be considered a “Distinguished Club,” and whether we have individual members who should be recognized as “Distinguished Members.” Our annual Club report helps determine whether pre-established criteria have been successfully met.

**Budgets** – It takes money to run any organization, and for our Club, this is separated into two budget areas – the Club budget, which covers our basic operations, and our Foundation budget, which supports our extensive scholarship and grant programs. Managing our limited dollars is critical, and as we near the end of the administrative year, decisions need to be made that enable us to meet our goals while staying fiscally responsible.

#### Gear-up items:

**Dues payment** – The primary source of income for running our Club is your dues payment. It has been 7 or 8 years since we have had a dues increase and we are working hard to continue that trend. However, it is becoming more challenging as our membership has slowly dipped and our operating costs, like everything else, continue to rise. Paying your dues on-time is critical as it saves valuable resources and man-hours in phone calls, e-mails and general follow-up work with those who delay. Thank you to those who have already

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Green State University and served as high school principal at Jonathan Alder School District. He also served as chairman of the Youngstown Academic Distress Commission and was an instructor for the Ohio University Educational Leadership Program.

Dr. Ross earned an undergraduate degree in social studies and a Master's of Educational Administration from the Ohio State University and a Doctorate in Educational Administration from Bowling Green State University.

### Earthly notes ...

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

paid. If you have not yet paid, please do so **as soon as possible**. Waiting to the final deadline is not helpful.

**Officer transition** – We elected new officers back in May and they have been actively working behind the scenes since then to take over the reins on October 1. Both our incoming President and Secretary have attended training sessions and are ready to go.

**Committee set up** – In most cases, the reins to our various standing committees will be passed on to new committee chairs. These people have been identified and will be attending a training/orientation session on Friday morning, September 13. A listing of the new committee chairs will appear in next week's newsletter. If you have served on a committee in the past, or wish to join a new committee, you are asked to contact the new committee chair to confirm your involvement. You will be able to do this on-line after September 15.

**Budget approval** – The Executive Committee is in the process of developing the 2013-14 operating budget for the Club and for the Foundation's charitable work. This will be approved at the first Trustee meeting of the new administrative year, scheduled for Tuesday, October 15.

**Planning Calendar** – One of the most important elements of a successful administrative year is planning – setting forth goals and deadlines and establishing dates that our members will need to know in advance. The incoming administration has already set dates for Trustee meetings and several major events such as the Auction and Regatta, and the Program Committee has already lined speakers up through the end of October. You can check our on-line activities calendar to stay attuned to what is planned.

## Winter is coming; are you ready?



Typical American houses use almost one-half of all energy for heating and cooling. As much as one-third of that energy is lost through cracks around doors, windows and other vents. Now is a good time to find those leaks and reduce them.

You can find leaks by closing all windows and doors and turning on the attic fan to create negative pressure in the house. Then, hold burning incense, a smoke pencil or a moistened hand near each door and window edge. Also, test around light switches and outlets as well as where plumbing pipes enter the walls. Place a post-it note where a draft is found, so remediation can be done later.

Don't have an attic fan? Just select a windy day and close all openings but a few windows on the downwind side of the house. This will cause the house to be under negative pressure and during your test the smoke will be blown by leaking cracks.

Now the potential fixes:

- 1 – Caulking – Caulking comes in a variety of colors, with latex white costing the least and the easiest to use. Clear caulks are available that will match any wall finish.
- 2- Outlets and switch covers are easily removed and replaced with a pre-cut insulating gasket under the covers.

Plumbing pipe accesses are frequently cut too large, leaving a large air space. Cable TV and data wires are frequently installed after construction with oversized, un-patched holes. And, finally, for the more adventurous, where electrical wiring goes through the top plates of walls into attic space (under insulation in the attic) is another common place for leaks.

Reducing air leaks is the most cost-effective way to reduce energy consumption, leading to reduced utility bills, less pollution, less environmentally damaged landscapes and a more comfortable house.

Fewer leaks equal comfort and savings.

~~ Scott Doellinger

## On getting old ...

- ~ Your kids are becoming you ... but your grandchildren are perfect!
- ~ Going out is good ... coming home is better!
- ~ You forget names ... but it's okay because other people forgot they even knew you!

## Volunteers needed ...

Volunteers are needed to help with the running of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Kiwanis College Fair, scheduled for Monday, September 16. We need people to fill three shifts – 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Ken Keller** at KenKeller@att.net.

## The Big Give ...

The “Big Give” is a great opportunity for our Columbus Kiwanis Foundation to build its corpus by simply coordinating our efforts on a given day.

The Columbus Foundation has announced Tuesday, September 17 as their “Big Give.” To encourage individuals and companies throughout Central Ohio to support the charities of their choice (*read Columbus*



*Kiwanis Foundation*), they are placing \$1 million into a bonus pool that will be distributed to each of the participating organizations

on a proportional basis, according to the amount of money their organization raises in that 24-hour period.

Here is how you can help. On Tuesday, September 17, from 11 a.m. through to 10:59 a.m. on September 18, you can log onto the Columbus Foundation's website, make a donation to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation using your credit card, and your gift will count toward our total and our proportional share of the \$1 million bonus pool.

All money received that day will go into the 1916 Society and will count toward your individual giving and recognition level.

How much should I give? Well, that is entirely up to you, but here are some suggestions:

- 1- If you are already a member of the 1916 Society, consider donating enough money to bring you to the next giving recognition level. You will be receiving shortly a letter stating your current level and how much is needed to 'step up' to the next level.
- 2- Give \$19.16 for each year of membership in our Club. So for example, if you have been a member for three years, your gift would be \$57.48.
- 3- Give \$100 in recognition of our upcoming Centennial Anniversary in May of 2016.

Of course, any amount is welcome and appreciated. The Columbus Foundation has also agreed to cover all credit card fees for contributions made that day. So let's make the “Big Give” a big win for Kiwanis!

## Tournament drivers ...

The prestigious Presidents Cup Golf Tournament is coming to Muirfield Country Club from October 1 through 6. They are in need of volunteers to drive shuttle vans for the pros, dignitaries and fans. They need to fill four shifts each day as follows:

- 5 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 12:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
- 7 p.m. to midnight



To volunteer, you must submit a form (*available on our website – home page, right hand column under “News”*). This is not limited to Club members, so don't hesitate to share this with friends and co-workers. Just be sure to have them place “**Kiwanis Club of Columbus**” as the organization they are volunteering on behalf of. Once completed, the form should be e-mailed to [MTAdmin@thememorialtournament.com](mailto:MTAdmin@thememorialtournament.com) or faxed to 614-889-6026.

Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so get your form in early. Volunteers will receive free parking, a pass to the tournament and a lunch voucher. Our Club will receive a contribution following the event, based on the proportional number of volunteers we have signed up.

## Welcome Paul & Donna ...

Our Club is proud to welcome two new members to the ranks of Kiwanis:

1- **Paul Collinsworth** – Paul is a former member who realized he missed us and has rejoined the Club. He is VP-Business Banking with Huntington National Bank and a former Club Trustee. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Pickerington. His first-line sponsor is Tom Christman. Welcome back, Paul!

2- **Donna Powell** – Donna is new to the Columbus area, and is Director of Development for the Homeless Families Foundation. She and her husband, Charles, live in Pickerington with their daughter Abigail. Her first-line sponsor is also Tom Christman.

Please extend a warm welcome to both Paul and Donna when you see them next.

## Facts you may not know ...

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

## Four out of three people have trouble with statistics ...

### Next week's meeting

(September 16, 2013)

#### Speaker: Judge Dan Hawkins

Franklin County Environmental Court

#### Greeters: Bob Wiseman

Burkholder Flint Associates

Adam Burk

YMCA of Central Ohio

#### Invocation: To be determined

#### Committees: None scheduled

#### Menu: House salad, turkey meatloaf with mushroom gravy

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