

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."

"Bringing a century of service into the future."

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



October 5, 2015

JEFF RAYIS

2015-16 Club President



Jeff Rayis will be sworn in today as the 100th president of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus. He is ready to lead us in celebrating the Club's centennial year and help us take that century of service into the future.

After a successful banking career with JPMorgan Chase, Jeff joined The Ohio State University in 2012 as director of treasury and finance. He has an accounting degree from Michigan State University, and grew up in a family of Michigan State Spartans. He made adjustments to that when he joined the staff of The Ohio State University. His Buckeye ties were strengthened even more when he completed his MBA from OSU in May 2015. Jeff's financial background includes being a certified public accountant, certified treasury professional and chartered global management accountant.

Kiwanis service has long been a part of Jeff's career, and it started when he was invited to a Kiwanis Club of Tiffin (Ohio) meeting in 1985. He joined that Club, was a member for ten years and was President-Elect before being transferred to Bluffton, Ohio. There, he and wife Julie, co-founded a new Kiwanis Club after learning about community needs and the lack of area service clubs. In 2001, Jeff was transferred to Columbus and where he joined Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

Jeff serves on various boards and committees, including Discover Christian Church, The Ohio Society of CPAs and the Christian Children's Home of Ohio. His past board service includes Prevent Blindness Ohio; Seneca County United Way; Junior Achievement; and the Bluffton-Richland Public Library.

Jeff is married to Julie, his wife of 26 years, who plans to join our Club soon. They have three children currently attending college: Christopher (Penn State), Anna (Anderson University) and Alex (University of Cincinnati).

Today's Meeting

Greeters:

Stephen Wilson - Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services

Jim Shively- Larry Phillips Photography, Inc.

Invocation: **Joyce Waters** – Johnson Investment Counsel

Committee Meetings: Behavioral Health and Wellness

Menu Options:

Hot: Blackened chicken with smoked corn emulsion.

Cold: Roast beef on ciabatta, with provolone, lettuce and char tomato jam

A Glance at this week

Birthdays: There are no member birthdays this week.

Wednesday – 10/07 – 7:30 a.m. – Columbus International 5K committee meeting at Panera Bread on Bethel Road.

Thursday – 10/08 – 4 p.m. – Reading Buddies – at Boys & Girls Club – 115 S. Gift Street

Saturday – 10/10 – 9 a.m. – Division 10-W Board meeting – Crossroad United Methodist Church.

\$100,000 in grants seeking recipients ...

We did it! Over the past four years, we have been working diligently toward a goal of building our Columbus Kiwanis Foundation's portfolio to \$1 million in assets, plus an additional \$100,000 to be awarded in grants during 2016, in celebration of our Club's centennial.

Now that we have the money, we need a process to solicit proposals, sort through them, make our decisions and award the grants. The Foundation Board asked the Centennial Committee to oversee this process. Committee chair **Kathleen Roberts** immediately put together a special sub-committee tasked with developing the written guidelines for the process. The subcommittee consists of **Susan Black, Lisa Jolley** and **Paul Bohlman**.

The draft guidelines were presented to the Centennial Committee for review and approval and then to the Foundation Trustees for their review and approval. With all approvals in place, we are ready to go. The minimum grant will be \$10,000 and may be as much as \$100,000. The number of grants awarded will depend on the requests.

The process will be divided into several steps:

1- Non-profit organizations will be notified of our program. We will communicate with organizations we have worked with in the past, as well as other organizations we are aware of. This is where you can be a big help. If you are involved with a non-profit organization you think would be interested in pursuing one of these grants, please be sure to provide them with a copy of the guidelines, or direct them to our web site at www.columbuskiwanis.org.

2- Interested non-profit organizations meeting the criteria spelled out in the guidelines, will need to submit a 'Letter of Intent' by 5 p.m. on **November 16, 2015**.

3- The sub-committee will review all of the letters of intent received and determine the most suitable proposals. This group of proposals will be contacted by **January 4, 2016**, and asked to submit a full proposal by **February 15**.

4- Review of the full proposals may involve an in-depth review of the submitting organizations, including possible site visits. Final decisions will be made by April 1, and the winners will be notified at once.

5- All grants will be presented at our Centennial Celebration on May 7, 2016, at the Ohio Statehouse. The recipients must be present to receive the grant and are encouraged to send a significant representation.

Please take a few minutes to read the guidelines and become familiar with them. They are available on the Club website (www.columbuskiwanis.org).

Division 10-W Council meeting set ...

The first quarterly Division 10-W Council dinner meeting of the new administrative year will be on Monday, October 26. The location has not been finalized, but should be available soon. You can watch the newsletter and the Club's Activity Calendar for additional details.

There are many good reasons for attending Division Council meetings: networking, information, learning, fellowship and more. This year, Kiwanis Club of Columbus members have an additional incentive – supporting past Club President **Scott Lindsey**, who will be serving as Division 10-W Lt. Governor.

It is our goal to have strong representation at each of Scott's four Council meetings. So, please mark your calendar and plan to attend on Monday, October 26.

*Well, another day has passed without
finding a need to use algebra!*

Help build reading skills ...

Throughout the school year, we have a one-hour opportunity on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, to assist children and help them develop their reading skills. Why not get involved and help a child learn? For more details and to sign up for one or more of the Thursday sessions, contact Perry Fisher (pfishe6@columbus.rr.com.)



Cleveland Interclub:

On Saturday, October 17, Kiwanis Club of Columbus will interclub in Cleveland by attending the 100th birthday celebration of Kiwanis Club of Cleveland, Club #2.

The event will be held at the Western Reserve Historical Society at 10825 East Boulevard in Cleveland. The cost is \$65 per person (prior to September 25; it is \$75 per person afterward). For information and to register, visit their website at www.kiwaniscleveland.org.

Our Centennial Celebration

Saturday, May 7, 2016
at the Ohio Statehouse.

Help us honor our past, celebrate the present
and launch our future.

Good Neighbor Picnic ...

The 18th annual Good Neighbor Picnic is now in the history books, and once again, members of Kiwanis Club of Columbus played an integral role in making the event a huge success. In addition to an entertaining day, more than 1,000 homeless families were provided with much-needed clothing and personal care items, as well as shoes, books, toys, blankets and travel bags in preparation for winter.

As in the past, Kiwanis set up a photographic backdrop and provided individual and family photos for those in attendance. Thanks to the generous and talented support of Kiwanian **Jim Shively**, 352 photos were taken during the event. Thanks go to Jim's able assistants - **Beth Baker, Jerry Durham, Perry Fisher, Ken Keller, Caitlyn Nestleroth, Anahi Ortiz, Kathleen Roberts** and four members of our Capital University Circle K Club - who printed and distributed 846 copies of the photos taken by Jim.



Our Club has been involved with the Good Neighbor Picnic for 7 years. The young lady in this photo located in the lower right corner (green shirt) was a toddler when she first had her picture taken by Kiwanis.

You have to take the good with the bad, smile when you are sad, love what you have got and remember what you had. Always forgive but never forget, learn from your mistakes but never regret, people change, things go wrong, just remember life goes on ...

~~~Karen Gibbs

## Kiwanis' Key Leader weekend is set ...

Kiwanis' Key Leader is a weekend experiential leadership program for today's young leaders. Participants learn that the key to leadership is helping others succeed. Through workshops, discussions and team-building activities, students have the opportunity to learn leadership skills that will help them change their schools, communities and the world for the better.

A Key Leader event is being hosted at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio, November 13-15. If you have or know high school students (freshmen and sophomores), please encourage them to attend. Or perhaps you would be interested in sponsoring someone. More details, including costs, can be found at [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org).



*A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."*

## Cambodia eliminates MNT ...

After conducting a validation survey in Cambodia, the World Health Organization confirmed the country in Southeast Asia has eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT).

Since The ELIMINATE Project began, Kiwanis members have closely watched Cambodia's progress toward MNT elimination.

Three Kiwanis groups have travelled to Cambodia to witness UNICEF's efforts since 2010, and each brought back inspiring stories of hope.



"One of my first acts as campaign chairman was seeing UNICEF's work in Cambodia. It was then and there that I learned, firsthand, that no baby deserves to die when we have the power to save lives," recalls Randy DeLay. "Cambodia achieving MNT-free status brings deep fulfillment and satisfaction to me personally and to Kiwanians worldwide."

Pronounced inequities and hard-to-reach areas in Cambodia made it difficult to reach women who needed vaccinations and education on safe-birthing practices.

"One might wonder how a village in Cambodia hindered by poverty and filled with basic huts could be transformed into a vaccination campaign site. Yet UNICEF and its local supporters make it work, in Cambodia and villages around the world," adds Europe 2 Region Coordinator Gabriele Neumayr-Stof, who visited Cambodia earlier this year. "Our donations help make these kinds of activities possible, protecting mothers and babies around the world."

Since 1999, UNICEF and its partners have eliminated the disease in 38 countries including India, Mauritania, Madagascar, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Sierra Leone. It is great progress, yet millions of women and babies in 21 countries are still at risk.

"Step-by-step, we are winning the battle against tetanus," adds DeLay. "Let's dig deep and do everything possible during the next three months to reach our fundraising goal—and ensure no more babies die from tetanus!"

*Just once I would like to read a medication label that says "Warning: May cause permanent weight loss, remove wrinkles and increase energy."*

## Ways to support the Club ...

There are several ways you can support our Club beyond attending weekly meeting and participating in community service, social events and committee meetings. They are simple, and are designed to reach out to our members in different ways.

1- **Giant Eagle Gift Cards:** We all buy food, and if you shop at Giant Eagle, you can help our Club raise money by purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards. For each card you purchase, the Club earns 5 percent of the value of the gift card.

Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** maintains an inventory of \$100 gift cards, but other denominations can be special-ordered and used for gifts, recognition or motivational purposes. Savvy users purchase Giant Eagle gift cards to buy retail gift cards for use at other merchants. For example, I recently purchased a new flat-screen TV by utilizing Giant Eagle gift cards to buy Best Buy retail gift cards, which I then used to purchase the TV. Not only did the Club earn 5 percent of my purchase, but I also racked up a significant number of fuel perks.



2- **Bulletin ads:** Our weekly newsletter goes out to Club members, potential members, speakers, Division and District



Kiwanis leaders and countless Clubs throughout the country. It is a great place to promote your business with an inexpensive business card ad. Ads are \$25 each, with a six-pack of ads costing \$135.

3- **Arts Festival:** The Columbus Arts Festival is held in June and provides our Club with an opportunity to volunteer while earning funds for our Club. The three-day event allows members, family members and friends to work any number of 3-hour shifts selling beverages – beer, wine, pop and water. Ten percent of what we sell comes back to the Club.



While the majority of our fundraising efforts are designed to enhance the corpus of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation (a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization), income from these simple efforts described above help to keep our membership dues in check, while absorbing increases in operating costs and the impacts of inflation.

We hope you will continue to purchase Giant Eagle gift cards, advertise in *The Bulletin* and volunteer at the Arts Festival.

*“Working hard for something we don’t care about is called stress;  
working hard for something we love is called ‘passion.’”*

~~Simon Sinek

*A forced smile covers many troubles and has the power to improve perspective. Despite any difficulties, a smile can change everything.*

### Next meeting

(October 12, 2015)

**Program:** Dr. James R. Arthur - Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Wexner Medical Center

#### Greeters:

**Stephen Wilson** - Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services

**Joyce Waters** - Johnson Investment Counsel

#### Invocation:

**Kathleen Roberts** - Sweetbriar Group LLC

**Committee Meetings:** International Relations, Homeless

#### Menu Options:

**Hot:** Herb-crusted pork loin with apple chutney

**Cold:** Chicken salad sandwich on wheat, with lettuce and tomato

## Kiwanis Club of Columbus

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