

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



October 7, 2013

KATHLEEN ROBERTS

Club President
2013-14 Administrative Year



Today we will install our new Club officers for the 2013-14 administrative year and we will hear from our incoming President, Kathleen Roberts.

A member of Kiwanis since 1994 (in Dayton first), Kathleen retired almost two years ago after 15 years' service with the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges as Assistant Vice President for Development. She has chaired our local and statewide Bib Projects (Hug Me, Never Shake Me!); led the Regatta for three years; chaired Membership and Young Children: Priority One committees; and is a Hixson Fellow, a Zeller Fellow and a 1916 Society Gold member. She received two Distinguished Service Awards, was named "Kiwanian of the Year" in 2009 and has volunteered for most service projects.

Besides her Kiwanis work, Kathleen is a volunteer for Accessible Arts (audio describer); a frequent missionary for church trips (Appalachia, New Mexico, Russia and Spain); is active in administrative (finance, 140th Anniversary chair, communications chair) and music ministries (choir and quintet) at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church; and has ridden 50 miles in each of the past three Pelotonias. She is an advocate for organ and tissue donation, having donated a kidney to a church friend in 2002.

Kathleen is a native of Springfield, Ohio, attended Wittenberg University and graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism. After a career in newspaper and magazine journalism, she worked for many years in the Dayton area with a variety of nonprofits, including Huber Heights City Schools, Goodwill Industries, Buckeye Trails Girl Scouts and Samaritan Health Foundation (Good Samaritan Hospital). Her son Lane and his wife, Carla, live in Middletown; daughter Alison and her husband, Bernie, live in Pittsburgh.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Tom Christman**
The Ohio Exterminating Company
Dave Timmons - G W Timmons and Sons

Invocation: **Scott Lindsey** - Lindsey Law Office, LLC

Committee meetings: Behavioral Health & Wellness, Golf, Scholarship

Menu: **House salad, smoked pork loin with roasted red pepper jam**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:
10/13 – David D'Herete



Wednesday – 10/09/1888 – The Washington Monument officially opened to the general public.

Thursday - 10/10/2013 - Boys & Girls Club reading program
- 10/10/ 1871 - The Great Chicago Fire: Chicago burned after a barn accident. The fire lasted from October 8 to October 10.

Focus on Kiwanis

Our focus ... is and always will be the children!

As Kiwanis International eyes its 100th anniversary in 2015 and, just the next year, we as members of Kiwanis Club of Columbus prepare to celebrate our centennial anniversary, can you imagine the number of children's lives we have impacted over those decades?

While our founders envisioned a better world for their children and those of their communities, the impact of World War I was swirling around them. Yet they knew they needed to create a service club model that would change the world one child and one community at a time.

Fast forward through a world they could not have imagined ... to the day of tweets, viruses and more – wars / conflicts / engagements. The still exists the need to provide and create more opportunities to change the lives of children, in our own backyard, in the USA and countries far across the oceans.

All that being said, right here within Kiwanis Club of Columbus, we are changing children's lives and those of the community just has we have over the years. All of our past presidents and their leadership teams, all of our current and past members, all of our fundraisers and projects and programs that we have funded, have built such a strong foundation for this Club ... and yet, we are always striving for 'more and better.'

Thanks to you and our Club's Foundation, we will be adding more dollars to our grant pool, thanks in large part to our two very successful fundraisers in 2012-13. And as President **Lisa Jolley** so aptly wrote last week in the newsletter, the time spent as committees collaborated with one another "resulted in more meaningful and larger grants being approved." All of these collaborative efforts will lead us to achieving better recognition in the community for all our good works.

Our proposed budget reflects the success of Lisa's leadership last year. We will be placing \$85,000 back into the community in 2013-14 for a wide range of projects and programs. Under the umbrella of services to youth, we are proposing \$35,500 be available for grants and \$15,000 in community outreach. Additionally \$34,000 will be disbursed in very specific areas (a grant to the Columbus Metropolitan Library for the award-winning summer reading program, our scholarship program and the annual Howard Kraft bequest gift to the Salvation Army).

In an effort to open a few more communication channels, we are strongly encouraging all members, whether Trustees or committee chairs/members, to attend our (*as in your*) Trustee meetings. It goes without saying that Trustees and committee chairs, or their representatives, **are expected to attend**. We

Trustee meeting ...

The first monthly Trustee meeting of the new administrative year will be held on Tuesday, October 15, at the Athletic Club of Columbus. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Club Trustees and committee chairs are expected to attend; however, the meeting is open to all members.

Trustee meetings are designed to conduct the official business of the Club and to provide open communication between our standing committees, thereby enabling all of our leaders to be aware of Club progress, issues and needs.

Those wishing to stay for dinner following the meeting may do so, to enjoy a good meal and additional fellowship. Reservations for the meal are due to Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** no later than noon on Wednesday, October 9.

will post the approved minutes of each month's on the "members' only" page on the website. Further, each Trustee is assigned to a group of committees to provide oversight/guidance and to help each of us know what the other is involved with. We need to avoid "silo" thinking (and that includes me).

After speaking with the incoming chairs, I'm aware that while many of our "signature" programs and projects will continue, we're stepping out into new projects, such as an ice cream social with one of our senior citizens' centers, a new venue for our College Fair, an emerging relationship with The Harmony Project and no doubt more that haven't been identified or "invented" yet.

If you've read to this point, I hope that you will understand that I believe we have such a rich history because of our past leaders and achievements. Each President has had that unique ability to build on the success of his (and now her) past presidents, dating back to **Oscar Avery** in 1916. I also believe that we have a Kiwanis community of persons willing to commit their *time, talent and treasure* to helping Kiwanis Club of Columbus achieve even more as we look toward our centennial anniversary.

My being in this position to become the 2013-14 President of our Kiwanis Club of Columbus is an incredible honor, but one that is daunting. However, where we are today is based on persons just like you and me who stepped out for 98 years to do their best for our children and our community. With that as a foundation, we will have a great year!

As a preview to my remarks after the official installation of club officers on October 7, here's a closing thought: "It isn't about me and it isn't about you. It **IS** about what **WE will accomplish** for the children in our community and our world!" And that is -- and remains -- our mission with Kiwanis!

Kathleen

Reading: A basic element of success ...

If you are moved by the following, email **Perry Fisher** at pfishe6@columbus.rr.com.

Three interesting statements:

One: In the first three grades, children learn to read; from the fourth grade on, they read to learn.

Two: If they are unable to read coming out of the third grade, then from fourth grade on (*reading is not a curriculum item in U.S. public schools*), children can't read a math word problem, the instructions on a science experiment or the teacher's notes on a white board. Their odds of success at that point are extremely low.

According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, 34 percent of all children, including elementary and high school students throughout the U.S., score below the basic level. They are **functionally illiterate**, unable to read The Cat in the Hat at the end of third grade. As these children move forward, they begin to impact the other children in their classroom. Change in curriculum is mandated.

Three: We know that 90 percent of high school dropouts did not read at the third-grade level, and that the ability to read in the third grade is one of the strongest predictors of high school graduation success.

The Columbus (and national average) graduation rate is stated to be 70 percent, but this is based on statistics at the beginning of high school. The staff at the Boys & Girls Club explains that if you start counting from first grade, the actual graduation rate is only 48 percent.

Twice each month during the school year, Kiwanis volunteers help tutor at-risk students at the Boys & Girls Club. The need is great, and we can always use more members to volunteer. The sessions are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 115 South Gift Street. Please contact **Perry Fisher** to sign up to help.



Something to think about ...

Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has conditions - just as any game has certain rules.

The first rule would be: Everything that you didn't spend that day would be taken away from you. You may not transfer money into some other account. You can only spend it. Every morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.

The second rule is: The bank can end the game without warning, at any time. It can say, "The game's over, the game is ended!" The bank can close the account and you will not receive a new one. Now, what would you do? You would probably buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but also for all the people you love, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent, and use it all, even if some of the cash was wasted - right?

Actually, this GAME is REALITY! Each of us is in possession of this magical bank, but we just don't seem to see it. The "magical bank" is TIME! Each morning, we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us. What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever gone.

Each morning, the account is refilled, but remember: The bank can dissolve your account at any time ... without warning. SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds today? Aren't they worth so much more than the same amount in dollars?

Think about that, and always think of this: Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much more quickly than you think! Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a great day and may your seconds be well spent!

Members opening doors to community ...

What do Kiwanians **Dave Keller**, **Tom Hayden** and **Susan Black** have in common? They are all involved in an organization called Foundation For the Challenged (FFC), which is domiciled in Dublin, Ohio, and purchases and provides homes in the community for people with developmental disabilities in 11 states. The trio is inviting Kiwanians to join them at a free cocktail reception on October 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Universal Design Living Laboratory, 6141 Clark State Road in Columbus, to learn more about the organization. Please RSVP to Susan Black at susan.od.black@gmail.com.



Pancake breakfast ...

The University Kiwanis Club will hold its semi-annual Rick Nini Pancake Day at Wellington School on Sunday, November 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They will offer plain, blueberry, chocolate chip and pumpkin pancakes. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the door. Why not stop in after church? There is plenty to eat, at a good price and for a good cause.



Need laptop donated for membership ...

Do you have an old laptop or I-pad you would like to donate to the Club? It doesn't have to be fancy or ultra-powerful, just functional. The membership committee is in need of a computer to help track and follow up with guests being brought to our weekly meetings. Please contact Secretary **Paul Bohlman** if you have one available and would like to donate it.

Ice cream social ...

Some call it the universal food because most everyone enjoys it. That's why the Senior Citizens Committee will host its first annual "Ice Cream Social" at the Nazareth Towers (*low income senior living*) on Thursday, October 17, beginning at 6 p.m. We need a small group of volunteers to help serve the ice cream and clean up afterwards. If you are interested in helping, please contact **David Brainin** at dbraininllc@wowway.com.



Division Council meeting ...

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the first Kiwanis Division 10-W quarterly Council meeting of the new administrative year. It is scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Hilliard Community Center (3800 Veterans Memorial Drive, Hilliard). Dinner is \$19 per person and will include parmesan-crusted chicken, Isabella salad, stuffed shells and green beans with almonds. Reservations are due to Secretary **Paul Bohlman** by October 21.

What do you call a dinosaur with an expansive vocabulary: A Thesaurus.

What does a clock do when it is hungry?
It goes back four seconds.

Broken pencils are pointless!

Next week's meeting

(October 14, 2013)

Speaker: Dan Good – Columbus City Schools

Greeters: Linda Kay

WesBanco Trust & Investment Services

Bob Wiseman

Burkholder Flint Associates

Invocation: Perry Fisher

Perry Fisher Co.

Committees: Youth Opportunity

Menu: Wedge salad, blackened chicken with smoked corn emulsion

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