

# 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."

**"Building for our future."**

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



**October 27, 2014**

## LAUREN EDWARDS

### Local Matters



Lauren Edwards is a longtime advocate for healthful food education. She holds a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from The Ohio State University. For 10 years, Lauren has supervised volunteers for Advocates For Kids; she joined the local food movement out of her passions to educate individuals and families that healthful food can be quick, easy, affordable and delicious, and create vibrant, resilient communities.

Local Matters started in 2002 as The Greater Columbus Foodshed Project (TGCFSF), a collaborative project that emerged from a \$200,000 grant from the USDA. Initial partners in this project were Ohio Citizen Action; Innovative Farmers of Ohio; Stratford Ecological Center; Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA); Denison University; Franklin Park Conservatory and the Ohio State University.

The Greater Columbus Foodshed Project created more than 20 community gardens with the Child Development Council of Franklin County Head Start and in other locations, and has hosted cooking classes focusing on locally grown food for some of Columbus' inner-city neighborhoods. In order to sustain the longevity of that work, the project moved in 2004 under the umbrella of Simply Living, a Columbus-area 501(c) 3 nonprofit.

In 2007, TGCFSF merged with the Central Ohio Chef-Grower Network and together they changed their name to Local Matters (both for simplification and to expand the project's focus). Local Matters applied for separate 501(c) 3 status and became an independent nonprofit in April 2008.

Today, Local Matters has 14 full-time staff members, several part-time team members and a community of more than 500 volunteers helping them to achieve a stronger, more secure local food system.

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Tom Christman**- The Ohio Exterminating Company  
**Kathleen Roberts** – Sweetbriar Group LLC  
**Invocation:** **Jerry Kuyoth** - Friendship Village Dublin  
**Committee meetings:** Orientation, Attendance & Retention; Young Children Priority One  
**Menu:** **House salad, pan-seared salmon with citrus gastrique**

### A Glance at this week

#### **Birthdays:**

10/29 – **Jeffrey Ralph**  
10/30 – **Bob Eberhart**



**Tuesday – 10/28/1886** – The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

**Thursday – 10/30/1945** - Jackie Robinson of the Kansas City Monarchs signed a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers, breaking the baseball color barrier.

## Presidents Party set, please RSVP ...

Each year we honor the out-going Club President with a special evening filled with song, laughter and fellowship. The accomplishments of the year are highlighted and people are recognized for their efforts on a variety of projects.

The 2013-14 administrative year was another year filled with successful programs that helped improve our community and impacted the lives of literally thousands of people.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday evening, November 15, at Scioto Country Club, and we will of course be honoring past president **Kathleen Roberts** and her administrative team.

The reception, featuring hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m., and the entertainment is scheduled to begin around 8 p.m. **Dan McCormick** and **Susan Black** have pulled together an amazing group of talent, sparing no expense to pull in the finest.

Invitations were mailed to your home address two weeks ago. The deadline for making your reservations is Monday, November 10. Please don't delay. Make your plans now.

## Thanksgiving at Manna Café ...

For most of us, Thanksgiving is a time to spend with family. Perhaps it includes a trip to the home of a parent, grandparent or child, or perhaps it is them coming to you. It's always a day of bounty filled with joy and good food. But for many, Thanksgiving is just another cold day spent trying to figure out where to get the next meal.



The Manna Café provides a hot meal to adults in need, and Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be providing and serving a delicious and nutritious meal for them on Wednesday, November 26.

Because of the holiday, we are expecting a large crowd. We will be in need of volunteers to help make sure everything runs smoothly. So, if you are not traveling, or if you just need to get out of the house, why not volunteer to help make this Thanksgiving something special for a group of people who will really appreciate it?

**Jim Shively** will be coordinating our efforts. Please contact Jim at [jshivel279@earthlink.net](mailto:jshivel279@earthlink.net).

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Lauren lives in the Fifth by Northwest neighborhood of Columbus with her husband, twin daughters and two Rhodesian Ridgebacks; she enjoys playing games, being outdoors and eating great food.

## The continuing importance of RSVP ...

No one is obligated to accept an invitation or to explain the reasons for not accepting. Nor will anyone come running to your door and demand that you finally reply to that invitation that has been sitting on your coffee table for three weeks.

However, just as someone is being kind when inviting you to an event, you should be just as kind to reply to their invitation. To help you determine the proper etiquette for the RSVP, we've included a couple of important tips:



**1. Take your cue from the invitation** - If you received your invitation by e-mail, then an e-mailed response is acceptable. If the invitation is to a wedding and includes an enclosed card, then send your response by mail. You can judge the required response by the formality of the invitation itself.

**2. Respond in a timely fashion** - Generally it is best to reply as soon as possible. For written invitations responses are made within several days of receiving the invitation. For in-person or phoned invitations, you may provide your response when asked or wait until you have checked your schedule. Simply let the person know that you will call as soon as possible.

**3. Keep replies brief** - There is no need to go into great detail if you must decline the invitation. Write a simple and polite note of regret. If you feel like you must offer an explanation, be sure it is brief.

**4. Reply even if you have a potential conflict** - If you would like to accept an invitation to an informal or casual event but have a tentative conflict, contact the host or hostess to explain the problem. If the event is formal, however, your delay might inconvenience the host, so it's best to decline the invitation.

**5. When replies aren't requested** - If the invitation does not specifically request that you RSVP, then a response is not necessary. However, it is always polite to notify the host when you cannot attend. A phone call will usually suffice, though you might send a personal note or an e-mail.

## Year-end giving ...

The fourth quarter of each calendar year, we tend to pause and evaluate our charitable giving so that we can take full advantage of the tax deductions. We hope your plans include Kiwanis at one or more levels – International, State or local.

There are many ways to give, and working with your financial planner or accountant is always recommended. But here is a quick overview of Kiwanis and **‘where the money’** goes when you give at the various levels.

**1- Kiwanis International Foundation** – This Foundation is designed to support world-wide Kiwanis initiatives. The current focus is on the ELIMINATE Project – a joint effort with UNICEF to raise \$110 million by 2016 and to deliver sufficient vaccinations in various third-world countries in order to completely eliminate maternal and neo-natal tetanus (MNT).

This disease claims the lives of 60,000 new born babies and 30,000 women each year. Yet three simple vaccinations costing a total of \$1.80 can save a woman, her unborn child and her future children for up to 10 years.

The Kiwanis International Foundation provides donor recognition for contributions at the \$1,000 (Hixson Fellow) and \$1,250 (Zeller Fellow) levels. Of course, all donations are welcome regardless of size, and pledges can be made for multiple years. More information on ‘how to donate’ can be found at [www.kiwanis.org/foundation/](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation/).

**2- Ohio District Foundation** – This Foundation supports the efforts and requests of the more than 230 Kiwanis Clubs in the Ohio District. Clubs can apply for grants to help fund one-time special projects, such as our Club did several years ago with Shaken Baby Syndrome bibs. Since 2003, a particular focus has been on Pediatric Trauma Prevention and Education projects.

If you would like to support the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, you can become a member of the Ambassador Program through continuing donations, with recognitions starting with the minimum gift of \$50. The Past International Presidents Award is given for \$500 donations, and Williams, Schneider and Sellers Awards are given for \$1,000 donations. These awards can be given to recognize club members, leaders or supporters. Participating in the Golf Outing, Walk the Magic Mile and Kroger Community Rewards are other ways to support the Foundation.

**3- Columbus Kiwanis Foundation** – Our local Foundation focuses on raising funds to support our annual scholarship and grant program. Each year, under the careful scrutiny of our committee system and Trustees, our Club presents about \$85,000 to various community organizations to assist

their efforts of improving the community.

Our Club’s strategic plan calls for us to build the corpus of our Foundation to \$1 million dollars by 2016 and through the 1916 Society (a special fund within the Foundation for undesignated contributions) to raise an additional \$100,000 to be given in special grants during our centennial celebration.

The 1916 Society is open to all Club members and the general public. To be a member, one must make a minimum pledge of \$1,000, payable over a four-year period. Incremental contributions are tracked so that each person’s overall giving is known, with recognition given at the \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000 milestones. Many members make small gifts in honor of grandchildren, in memorial to deceased friends, in recognition of promotions and so forth.

How much you give, how you give and where you give are all very personal choices. The Kiwanis International Foundation, Ohio District Foundation and Columbus Kiwanis Foundation are all 501(c) 3 organizations, making your contribution tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

*Sometimes I talk to myself because  
sometimes, I need expert advice.*

## Kiwanis International Night at the Columbus Blue Jackets ...



Come celebrate “Kiwanis International Night” with the Columbus Blue Jackets! All Kiwanis International members and families are invited out to Nationwide

Arena on Tuesday, November 4, to see the Blue Jackets take on the Carolina Hurricanes.

As a ‘thank you’ for being a part of Kiwanis International, all members, friends and families will receive a CBJ hat, a hot dog, popcorn and soda with the purchase of their ticket, and be included in a special “Kiwanis Center Ice” post-game photo!

Seats will be located in the lower mezzanine, right behind the goal, and are priced at \$73 each. This includes a \$3 processing fee and a small donation to Kiwanis Division 10-W and the ELIMINATE Project. Tickets can be ordered directly online at [www.ColumbusBlueJackets.com/Kiwanis](http://www.ColumbusBlueJackets.com/Kiwanis). Anyone two years or older must have a ticket. After you order your tickets, please let Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know so that he can provide the proper attendance credit.

## Change the future; Change for ELIMINATE ...

Throughout this 2104-15 administrative year, we will work to bring “CHANGE” to the forefront! One aspect of our overall effort will revolve around the Kiwanis world-wide ELIMINATE Project and will involve a campaign titled “**Change the future; Change for ELIMINATE!**” This campaign will solicit your support by asking you to donate any loose pocket change you have with you.

The 2014-15 administrative year is the next-to-last year of the Kiwanis International (KI) effort to eliminate maternal neo-natal tetanus, or MNT. To date, our Club, which has been recognized as a Legacy Model Club by Kiwanis International, has made gifts and pledges of more than \$140,000. That means that our Club has helped inoculate 77,778 pregnant women in third-world countries!



Remember, every \$1.80 will inoculate one woman to protect her and her future babies from this deadly disease. With The ELIMINATE Project, KI and its partner, UNICEF, have joined forces to eliminate MNT. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the earth, more than 100 million women and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take \$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family. To date, Kiwanians and their families and friends across the globe have raised more than \$61M. With the KI Centennial Celebration in summer 2015, we want to keep working to boost our Club’s support so that we can celebrate achieving the KI goal of \$110M in 2015!

So, save that loose change and bring it to a Kiwanis meeting. Help us save lives, one penny, nickel, dime or quarter at a time.

## Facts about Ohio ...

- The largest drum sticks in the world are in David Grohl Alley (Warren), each measuring 23 feet long and weighing a half-ton.
- Some well-known personalities were born in Ohio. Among them are Steven Spielberg, Paul Newman, Annie Oakley, Arsenio Hall and Clark Gable.
- Ohio’s state flag is not a rectangle like other flags—it’s a pennant design (it is called a burgee), and it’s the only state flag in the United States with that design.

*Two red blood cells fell in love,  
but alas, it was in vein ...*

## Next week’s meeting

(November 3, 2014)

### Program: John O’Meara

Columbus Metropolitan Parks

### Greeters: Arnold Barzak

Myers Real Estate

### Scott Lindsey

Lindsey Law Office, LLC

### Invocation: Alice Hohl

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### Committee Meetings: Scholarship, Golf,

Behavioral Health and Wellness

### Menu: Wedge salad, oven-roasted turkey breast with gravy

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