

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 6, 2014

Jim Skidmore

President, Kiwanis Club of Columbus
2014-15 Administrative Year



Jim was introduced to Kiwanis when his father joined and became active in his hometown Kiwanis Club in Midland, Michigan. Through his father, Jim learned the benefits of being part of a service club that gives back to the community.

During the Vietnam era, Jim was a violinist in the USAF Strolling Strings and Symphony Orchestra. Following that service, Jim taught in the first year of an experimental arts magnet school in Greenville, South Carolina and then at the Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois.

Although his educational background was in violin, Jim came to Columbus in 1979 to be the viola teacher and string specialist at The Ohio State University. He played in the Columbus Symphony and Pro Musica for several years, but his academic career lasted but two years at OSU. He left teaching for Law School, also at OSU. In 1990, Jim gained employment with what was then called the Ohio Department of Human Services.

In 1993, Jim was invited to join Kiwanis Club of Columbus. He was immediately asked to join the Young Children Priority One committee and he has remained a member of that committee since that time. He has chaired several committees, including Music and Arts, YCPO, Homeless, Golf and Agriculture. He enjoys participating in Shred-It Day, Manna Café, Kiwanis One Day, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and other service projects.

In 2009, Jim retired from working for the State of Ohio and has enjoyed having more time to devote to golf, woodworking, music ventures and other hobby activities, and to put more emphasis on Kiwanis involvement. Jim has enjoyed learning the

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Alice Hohl** – SiteInSight  
**Jerry Kuyoth** – Friendship Village Dublin

**Invocation:** **Tony Jones**- Care Source

**Committee meetings:** Behavioral Health and Wellness,  
Scholarship

**Menu:** **House salad, grilled salmon with char  
tomato jam.**

### A Glance at this week

#### **Birthdays:**

10/06 – Roy Young



**Wednesday – 10/08/ 1956** – New York Yankees' Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series, and one of only 23 perfect games in MLB history.

**Thursday – 10/09** – Reading Buddies – 115 South Gift Street – 4 to 5 p.m.

*I've reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.*

### Starting this is the week ...

It was inevitable, but we all knew it would get here – the day when our meal price goes up. Effective this week, the amount the ACC will be charging us for our meals is being increased by \$5 per meal. The ‘meeting only’ cost will remain the same, but if you order a meal (hot or cold) you will be paying an additional \$5. So, here is our new meeting and meal fee schedule:

|                          | <u>Pre-registered</u> | <u>At the door</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Meeting only             | \$ 4.25               | \$ 5.00            |
| Lunch <u>and</u> meeting | \$18.50               | \$ 25.00           |

It is important to note that the meal itself is only \$14.25, still a good bargain for a plated, sit-down luncheon that includes drinks, tax and tip. Regardless of the number of meals we sell, the ACC still has the labor-intensive expense of setting up and tearing down the meeting space each week. This is what the balance (\$4.25) of the weekly fee goes to cover.

Also, while the ACC can frequently accommodate an extra meal or two above our guaranteed number, it is an inconvenience for them, as well as for the Club. Our reservations system is designed to alleviate this problem, yet we understand there are Monday morning circumstances that are often beyond your control which cause last-minute decisions. You are always welcome, whether or not you have a reservation.

### Update on James Howard ...



Thank you to those who have so generously donated to help the family of past Lt. Governor James Howard. James is making good progress. He is now off the ventilator and has been able to begin communicating with friends and family through visitations, Facebook and e-mails.

He is far from being out of the woods, however, and his family continues to struggle with various physical and financial challenges. Recently, his sister developed a web site that allows individuals to make donations to assist James with his journey home. The web site is <http://gfwd.at/1sV5wPS>.

If you have not yet donated or wish to do more, this would be an excellent vehicle to utilize. Funds will be used in part to make his home wheelchair-accessible for his eventual return home.

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bass ukulele and being involved with the Mighty Ukulele Orchestra of Kiwanis Club of Columbus. After a busy summer that effectively took him away from that august group, Jim is looking forward to reacquainting himself with the instrument and the group this fall.

Jim is honored to have been asked to be in the leadership position of this Club, with its long history and storied traditions. He hopes to lead the Club in preparation for the celebration of 100 years as a Club. It should be a good year with the leadership team assembled, each member of which brings unique gifts in the building of our future.

Life Savers candy was invented by Clarence Crane of Garrettsville, Ohio, in 1912. The 5-flavored hard rings were touted as a “summer candy” since they didn’t melt like chocolate.



Key Leader Program seeking participants ...

Registration is now open for the greatest service leadership education weekend that Kiwanis could bring to our local teens. Anyone ages 14-18 is welcome to attend Key Leader.

The weekend training is scheduled for Friday, November 14, through Sunday, November 16, at Recreation Unlimited, 7700 Piper Road, Ashley, Ohio. Students arrive between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday, and leave around 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

The weekend is packed full of fun and interesting discussions and activities to help teens realize their potential as leaders. It is a great opportunity for "less-involved" students to participate in an event that will build confidence and change the way they see things.

If you have a son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew, next-door neighbor or friend who you think would be interested, please share this information.

Registration closes Monday, November 10 (or when capacity is reached). The goal for the event is to have at least 70 student participants AND 8 student facilitators. Registering early will guarantee the students a spot.

Registration is now open and can be done on line at www.key-leader.org.

Kiwanis International Night at the Columbus Blue Jackets ...



Come celebrate “Kiwanis International Night” with the Columbus Blue Jackets! All Kiwanis International members, friends 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 free CBJ hat, a hot dog, popcorn and soda with the purchase of their ticket. You will also 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. 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.

Giant Eagle and fall projects ...

As we enter the fall, there are countless numbers of projects that need to be completed around every house and yard. Or perhaps you have conquered those, and you are now starting to turn your attention to inside projects. Regardless, you can help support Kiwanis with every household project by purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards.



With your Giant Eagle gift card, you can purchase retail gift cards for Lowe’s or Home Depot, where you likely will go to buy your lawn fertilizer, paint, new appliances, tools or other needed materials.

Or perhaps it’s just shopping for clothes and other household goods. If so, retail gift cards to Macy’s, Kohl’s, Bath & Body Works, Sears, Marshall’s and other such stores may be just the ticket.

When you purchase your Giant Eagle gift card at Kiwanis, our Club earns 5 percent of the price you pay for the card. The full value of that card can then be used to purchase groceries, gasoline or any other retail gift card at your local Giant Eagle store. Your purchases also count toward fuel perks, so, you can save money at the same time you are helping the Club earn money!

October is:

Adopt a shelter dog month
Breast cancer awareness month
National diabetes month
National pizza month
Clergy appreciation month
National popcorn popping month
National sarcasm month
National seafood month
Domestic violence awareness month



My bed is a magical place where I suddenly remember everything I was supposed to do.

Committees now forming ...

With the start of the new administrative year comes the opportunity to restructure our committees. While in some instances the committee chairs are the same as they were, in many cases they are new.

Regardless, this is the time when YOU, the Club member, are asked to assess or re-assess which committees you want to commit your time to. Perhaps you have really enjoyed working with a specific committee and want to continue, or perhaps you feel you would like to try something new. We have a wide variety of committees and there is something for everyone. It is our committee structure that really makes our Club work well. Not only do the committees seek out and recommend grant proposals to be funded by our Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, but they coordinate our major fund-raising events, organize events and give direction and support to all we do.

Committee involvement is a great way to learn more about our Club, build relationships with fellow members, develop leadership, organizational, planning and negotiating skills, and much more. The old phrase “You get out of an organization proportional to what you put in,” comes to life through our committee structure.

You can join a committee in one of three ways:

- 1- Contact the committee chair and let him/her know you are interested; or
- 2- Attend a committee meeting, find out more about the projects they are working on, and decide if that committee is for you; or
- 3- Go to our Club web site, log into the “Members Only” section, and update your personal profile. You can join a committee by simply clicking the check box next to the committee’s name.

Celebrating our centennial ...

This is the start of the 99th administrative year for Kiwanis Club of Columbus and we are just 12 short months away from the beginning of our 'Centennial celebration.'

During our centennial year, we hope to make our presence known throughout the Columbus community. One of our major goals is to place an additional \$100,000 back into the community through our scholarship and grant program, by awarding several large, very impactful grants.

What else can we do throughout the year to get our name out there? What can we do as individuals, or as a Club, to help educate the community about Kiwanis? Our long and prosperous history is a source of justifiable pride. How do we best share our story?

If you have ideas, please let us know.

Life is like a camera ...

Focus on what's important.
Capture the good times.
Develop from the negatives.
And if things don't work out,
take another shot.



Membership ...

As occurs every October with the collection of dues and the sorting of records, we find we have failed to keep the interest of some members. It may be because of their available time, finances, family demands, change of jobs, relocation or other such reasons. Regardless, it drives home the point that we are a fluid organization; that fact constantly changes the complexion of our membership as we continue to move forward and make progress on improving the world one community and one child at a time.

Now is a great time to bring in new members. Not only will they have the benefit of enjoying a full year of membership, they will also share in the excitement of moving in to our centennial year, as well. Why not invite a friend today? Let's all share the experience of Kiwanis.

For all of us who are seniors...

Here's the reason why baby diapers have brand names such as *Luv's* and *Huggies*, while undergarments for old people are called *Depends*:

When babies poop in their pants, people are still going to Luv'em and Hug'em.

When old people poop in their pants, it Depends on who's in the will!

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

Next week's meeting

(October 13, 2014)

Program: Sherri Geldin –
Wexner Center for the Arts

Greeters: Neil Distelhorst
Retired, Deloitte & Touche
Alan Weiler
Huntington Insurance

Invocation: Kathleen Roberts
Sweetbriar Group LLC

Committee Meetings: None scheduled

Menu: Wedge salad, grilled sirloin with
rosemary demi.

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