

# 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

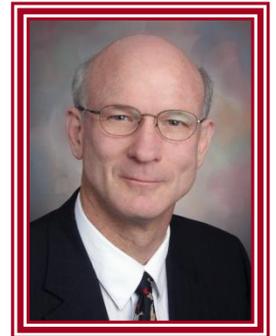


November 3, 2014

## JOHN R. O'MEARA

Executive Director

### Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks



John O'Meara has served as Executive Director of Metro Parks since 1998. As director, John oversees the operation of 17 Metro Parks encompassing more than 27,000 acres. Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks has become the largest locally managed park system in Ohio. Annually, more than 7,000,000 visitors enjoy a trip to the Metro Parks.

During John's tenure at Metro Parks, four new Metro Parks have opened to serve the central Ohio community, and more than 13,700 additional acres have been conserved. Metro Parks has become a statewide leader in wildlife habitat restoration. Visitation to the Metro Parks has increased by more than 70 percent, and educational programming has been expanded to include inner-city schools and senior citizens.

John has managed four successful park levy campaigns and solicited more than \$50 million in contributions to the park systems, including cash, stock and donations of land. The successful 2009 Metro Parks levy campaign ensured adequate funding for the park system through 2019. John has overseen the development of several award-winning park facilities, from acquisition through full operation.

Prior to being appointed as director of Metro Parks, John served as director of Geauga Park District; Scenic River Coordinator for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; as naturalist for Cleveland Metroparks, and he taught Natural Resource Conservation at a vocational high school. He received both his B.S. and M.S degrees from the School of Natural Resources at the Ohio State University.

John lives in Columbus with his wife, Helen. He is an active participant in outdoor activities, including hiking, canoeing, camping and mountain climbing.

### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Arnold Barzak** - Myers Real Estate

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

**Committee Meetings:** Behavioral Health and Wellness, Scholarship, Golf.

**Invocation:** **Alice Hohl** - SiteInSight

**Speaker Introduction:** **Scott Lindsey** - Lindsey Law Office

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

### A Glance at this week

#### Birthdays:

11/03 – **David Weibel**

11/05 – **Alison Friend**

11/05 – **Linda Kay**

11/06 – **Jamie Richardson**



**Thursday** – 11/01/**1947** - *Meet the Press* made its television debut (the show went to a weekly schedule on September 12, 1948).

## President's Party set to recognize Club's accomplishments during 2013-14 administrative year.

Our annual President's Party, to recognize past president Kathleen Roberts, her administrative team and committee chairs, will be held on Saturday, November 15, at the Scioto Country Club (2196 Riverside Drive).

Past President **Dan McCormick** and **Susan Black** have teamed up to produce another musical treat, guaranteed to make you laugh while experiencing some of the many talents within our Club.

The reception, including hors d'oeuvres to get started, will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar for those who wish to partake. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. and the entertainment will begin around 8 p.m. Some very appropriate recognitions and closing remarks will be presented following the entertainment.

Reservations are due in to Secretary **Paul Bohlman** by Monday, November 10. Please be sure to indicate your choice of meals and to include your check (\$75 per person) made out to Kiwanis Club of Columbus. Please be sure to RSVP, and the sooner, the better.

*The three "C"s in life:  
Choice, chance and change.  
You must make the choice to take the chance,  
if you want anything in life to change.*

## Auction Committee to meet ...

Putting together our annual auction takes the efforts of many people planning, recruiting, promoting, asking and donating. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into making the evening both successful and enjoyable, but that's what Kiwanians do – they work together via committees to make things happen.

The Auction Committee, chaired by **Susan Black**, will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 5 at the Panera Bread on South High Street (site of the former Claremont Restaurant). Whether you have worked on the auction in the past, or just want to get involved in this year's event, you are welcome to attend. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m.



This year's auction is scheduled for Saturday evening, April 25, 2015. Be sure to mark your calendars now, so that you can attend and start talking to friends and neighbors so that you can invite them as well.

## Specialty plates support Kiwanis ...

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles has approved the official "Kiwanis license plate." It is now available for purchase through your local Deputy Registrar or by going to their website at <https://www.oplates.com>.

It is a simple process to exchange existing plates that have not yet expired, or to simply order new ones when it is time to renew.



Purchasing a Kiwanis license plate accomplishes two very important things:

- 1- A portion of the cost goes to benefit the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. That money will eventually be returned to local clubs to assist with community projects throughout the state.
- 2- Day in and day out, your Kiwanis license plate will be seen by hundreds of people. Think how many impressions that will make over the course of time. The more we get the Kiwanis name out in front of the general public, the more Kiwanis will be known and the easier it will be to recruit.

If you have any questions concerning the specialty plate process, please feel free to call the District Office at (614) 848-5000 and talk to District Secretary Dave Whiteman (extension 201).

## Trustee and Committee chairs to meet ...

The November meeting of Club Trustees and committee chairs is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, at the Florentine Restaurant (907 West Broad Street). The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

*Please note* that this is a slight change from the normal second Tuesday of the month meeting schedule, due to November 11 being Veterans Day.

All members of the Club are welcome to attend these monthly meetings and to provide input into items being discussed. However, only Trustees and officers vote.

Following the meeting, you are invited to stay for fellowship and dinner. The Florentine is a Columbus landmark known for its Italian cuisine and it is very moderately priced.

To assure proper arrangements are made with the restaurant, please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** by Friday, November 14 if you will be attending the meeting and if you will be staying for dinner.

## **“A Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre,” a special Kiwanis social event ...**

Since 2009, audiences from Chicago to Miami have come to know and love Immediate Theatre Project's annual performance of "Live From WVL Radio Theatre: It's A Wonderful Life." This fresh, new adaptation of the film is set in the fictional studio of WVL Radio Theatre, which is struggling to stay on the air one snowy winter's night. The professional voice actors are unable to get to the studio, but 'the show must go on,' and so a small but intrepid band of employees manages to create the story's dozens of characters and scenes using just their voices and some everyday household items for sound effects.

Frank Capra's classic story asks us to take stock of what we hold dear, and demands that we examine our lives and our priorities. It reminds us that belief in family, in friendship and in people, is not misplaced, no matter how bad things get. It allows us to trust that somehow 'good will win out,' and that patience and fortitude are worthy and abiding virtues.

The cast includes Columbus Academy alumna **Blythe Coons**, Tony Larkin, Lauren Kriel and Alan Law. It is directed by Charlie Flynn-McIver and adapted by Willie Repoley.

They have taken the show from Vermont to Virginia, and will be on their way to Wisconsin when they stop here in Columbus for this one-night stand, thanks to the urging of Lynn and **Ted Coons**. This is the stage Blythe Coons grew up on, and we would like to make it a special homecoming by having a great Kiwanis contingent filling the audience.



This special performance is one night only, December 16, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Schoedinger Theatre at Columbus Academy (4300 Cherry Bottom Road, Gahanna). Tickets are \$22 per person and can be purchased on line at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/860033>.

Please notify Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** when you order tickets so that he may give you the proper attendance credit.

### **Facts about Ohio ...**

- Fifty percent of the United States population lives within a 500-mile radius of Columbus, Ohio.
- Akron was the first city to use police cars.
- Ohio has the largest Amish population of any state in the nation.

## **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).

*Our weekly newsletter is a cost-effective way to advertise and it helps support our Club. The newsletter is sent electronically to all of the clubs in our Division, a number of clubs across the country and a long list of Kiwanis friends.*



*If you are interested in running one or more business card ads, please contact Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** for details.*

## **Daylight Saving Time to end ...**

Daylight Savings Time officially ends this Sunday, November 2, at 2 a.m.



The Energy Policy Act of 2005 extended U.S. Daylight Saving Time so that it now begins at 2:00 a.m. (local time) on the second Sunday of March, and ends at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of November. So, don't forget to set your clock **back** one hour before going to bed this Saturday evening. You will get an extra hour of sleep.

Fire officials also recommend using this weekend to change the batteries in your household smoke detectors. While there is no statistical or scientific reason for this, Daylight Saving Time serves as a simple reminder to do something that is easily forgotten.



## Deadline nears for Key Leader registration ...

The Kiwanis Key Leader Program is designed to give high school students an opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills that will be helpful to them throughout their lives. It is open to all high school students (ages 14-18), although members of Key Clubs do receive a discounted rate for attending the program. Registrations must be completed by November 10.

This year's program will be held at Recreation Unlimited, 7700 Piper Road, Ashley, Ohio, from 4 p.m. on Friday, November 14, through 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 16.

If you know of high school students (children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc.) who might be interested, please pass this information along to them. Please contact organizers at [ohiokeyleader@gmail.com](mailto:ohiokeyleader@gmail.com) for assistance.

## Friendly suggestion ...

As the weather turns cool, we will begin wearing overcoats to meetings and hanging them in the coat room. Many coats look similar, and when we are in a hurry, it's very easy to grab the wrong coat.

By placing a business card in your coat pocket or placing your name on the label, you will have any easy way of identifying your coat, or know who to contact if you accidentally take the wrong coat.

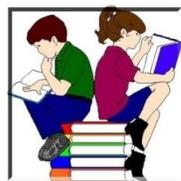
The same can apply to hats and umbrellas. These items are frequently forgotten but can be returned more quickly if the proper owner can be identified.

## Boys & Girls Club Reading Buddies ...

It only takes an hour of your time, but it can make a major difference in the life of a child. We are talking about volunteering for the "Reading Buddies" program at the Westside Boys & Girls Club (115 S. Gift Street).

Twice each month, on the second and fourth Thursday, members of Kiwanis meet at the Boys & Girls Club at 4 p.m., to help children with their reading skills. It might be reading to them, letting them read to you, or helping them with some exercises or homework. Each session lasts one hour.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Perry Fisher at [pfishe6@columbus.rr.com](mailto:pfishe6@columbus.rr.com) to sign up. He needs to know in advance, so that the Boys & Girls Club can coordinate the number of children with the available readers.



*All of us could take a lesson from the weather.  
It pays no attention to criticism.*

## Next week's meeting

(November 10, 2014)

**Program:** Peter Yockel – President & Executive Director, Short North State

**Greeters:** David Brainin - David J. Brainin LLC  
Dan Lacey – Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

**Invocation:** Ken Keller - Triad, Inc.

**Committee Meetings:** International Relations,  
Homeless

**Menu:** House salad, Coriander rubbed pork loin  
with cider gastrique.

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Pranab Bhattacharya	Treasurer
Paul Bohlman	Secretary/Editor

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<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Alice Hohl	Linda Kay
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Alison Friend	David Kandel
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