

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."

"It's not about me ... or you, but what WE will do for the children."

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



November 18, 2013

GREGORY A. PAXTON

Fire Chief

Columbus Division of Fire



Gregory A. Paxton was hired by the Columbus Division of Fire in March of 1981. He worked a number of different engine and ladder assignments, as well as paramedic assignments, before being promoted to lieutenant in 1988. He was promoted to captain in 1991, to battalion chief in 1994, to deputy chief in 2000 and to assistant chief in 2002. As an assistant chief, he served as the city's fire marshal, the chief of the training bureau and as the executive officer - second in command of the Division of Fire. He was appointed as Fire Chief on June 6, 2012.

Chief Paxton is a lifelong citizen of Columbus. He graduated from Bishop Watterson High School in 1971, received a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University in 1975 and a master's degree from OSU's School of Public Policy and Management in 1998. He is currently a doctoral student in OSU's Fisher College of Business. Paxton co-authored an article entitled "*Aspects of Strategic Change in State Government*," which was printed in the Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy.

The Columbus Division of Fire has presented Chief Paxton with a Distinguished Service Award, two Battalion Chief Commendation Awards, and a Bronze Maltese for Bravery. Chief Paxton is a member of the Charity Newsies, the Shamrock Club, and the Emerald Society. He is a former board member of Alvis House and the Boys and Girls Club, and is currently a board member for both the Columbus Urban League and the Center for Family Safety and Healing.

Chief Paxton becomes the 23rd chief in the 157-year history of the Columbus Division of Fire. He believes that being part of the long and distinguished history of the Division of Fire is a great honor. "I thank Mayor Michael B. Coleman and

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Dan Lacey** – Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

**Lisa Jolley** - The Columbus Foundation

**Invocation:** **Brad Hyslop** - InnoSource Inc.

**Committee meetings:** Membership, Music & Arts

**Check Presentation:** Columbus Metropolitan Library

**Menu:** House salad, flank steak with chimichurri

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

11/19 – Tom Sherrill

11/20 – Ted Coons

11/21 – Mike Stevenson

11/24 – Mike Stanley



**Tuesday** – 11/19/1493 – Christopher Columbus went ashore on an island he first saw the day before. He named it San Juan Bautista (later renamed Puerto Rico).

**Wednesday** – 11/20/1985 – Microsoft Windows 1.0 was released.

**Saturday** – 11/23 – Salvation Army bell ringing begins

## Focus on Kiwanis

### Flag etiquette ...



After more than a year since a similar article was published in the Kiwanis newsletter, it is time for another round of education for our Club. Many of us were taught that proper respect for the flag is to simply stand at attention while singing our national anthem. As mentioned in the final paragraph of this article, there have been changes in what is considered 'appropriate' flag etiquette. We should set an example of exemplary patriotism as a part of the normal behavior at our meetings.

The following is a quotation from the United States Code, Title 36, Chapter 10, Section 171:

*"During a rendition of the National Anthem when the flag is displayed, all present, except those in uniform, should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there."*

The website that I obtained this from indicates the quotations are taken from a CD prepared by the Government Printing Office from the law as in effect January 4, 1993.

Another change that has not become widely known was added to the law in 1998: *"members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform."*

Many of us have served in the armed forces and were taught a different form of respect for the flag. Many have not taken notice of the apparent change and remain with hands at their sides during the National Anthem. As a community service club, we should be setting the example of showing proper respect for the flag at our weekly meetings.

~~ Jim Skidmore

### 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.*

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Safety Director Mitchell J. Brown for the trust they have placed in me to lead our organization through the difficult financial times that lie ahead. I am committed to the themes of innovation and efficiency as the foundation of improved service at a lesser cost for the citizens of the City of Columbus," he said.

Luncheon reservation system change...

For the past 15 months, we have been using a low-cost service provider to process our luncheon payments but we have been notified that their service will no longer be accessible to us.



As a result, we have set up a new merchant service that we believe will allow us to have a more seamless registration and payment system, and which will also provide us with some flexibility for receiving credit card payments for other items (dues, donations, etc.).

To integrate this new payment system, we have modified some of our website. Functionalities will remain the same, but the location of tabs will be different and may take a little time to navigate the first few times you use it.

To register for a meeting and/or lunch, you will have to set up an account utilizing a credit card the first time you use the new system. The registration process will require you to indicate if you are coming to the meeting and then if you will be having lunch. You will then choose your lunch option. No reservation will be accepted without payment – either by credit card or charge to your Athletic Club account. Those members charging their ACC Account will use their account number in the "promotional code" field.

In addition, to accommodate the new system and to solve the financial shortfall we were experiencing with the old system, we will be building the processing fee into our cost structure. Beginning this week (November 18), pre-registering to attend the meeting will cost \$4.25. If you decide to have lunch at the meeting that will be an additional \$9.25 (\$13.50 total). Payment at the door will remain \$5 for the meeting only and \$15 for the meeting and meal.

We want to accommodate all of our members and we recognize the challenges of Monday meetings amidst a busy work schedule. For some, last-minute decisions will remain a constant. However, we remain hopeful that our registration process will evolve to the point where no money need be exchanged at the door.

A big "thanks" go to Alice Hohl of SiteInSight for her hard work in setting this up and coordinating the modifications.

Upcoming events ...

November 27 – Manna Café – Once each quarter, Kiwanis Club of Columbus underwrites, helps prepare and serves a hot meal to 175-200 adults in need at the Manna Café. Our next opportunity is scheduled for Wednesday, November 27, the day before Thanksgiving. We will again be looking for volunteers to help with the work at hand. We need 8-10 volunteers for each of two shifts: 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The work is easy and very rewarding. In fact, it is a great opportunity to involve your high school and college aged children.



If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Shively at jshivel279@earthlink.net. Manna Café is located directly behind the Broad Street Methodist Church located at 501 East Broad Street. Parking is available in the lots just to the east of the church on Washington Avenue.

December 3 – Columbus Bluejackets – The annual Kiwanis Division 10-W Kiwanis Night at the Bluejackets will be Tuesday, December 3. The game is against the Tampa Bay Lightning with a 7 p.m. face-off. Group tickets are available for \$35 per person (a \$7 discount) and must be ordered directly by submitting the order form found on our web site. Orders submitted prior to 11/15 will have the tickets sent to the address you request. Orders received after 11/15 will be available for pick-up at Will Call. A portion of each ticket sale will benefit Kiwanis and the ELIMINATE Project.



December 14 - Bethlehem on Broad – They say a picture is worth a thousand words and for some, who have never had a family photo or a personal keepsake, a photo can render them speechless. On Saturday, December 14, we will again be providing a 'photo with Santa' opportunity for many low income individuals and families at the annual Bethlehem on Broad program conducted by Broad Street United Methodist Church (501 East Broad Street). We will need the help of many Kiwanians to fill all five of the two-hour shifts, with start times of 8:30 a.m.; 10:15 a.m.; noon; 1:45 p.m.; and 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Shively at jshivel279@earthlink.net. We need four volunteers per shift.



December 18 – Ohio State Men's Basketball – The annual *Kiwanis Night at OSU Basketball*, coordinated by the Kiwanis Division 10-W, is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. The game is against Delaware and is part of the Gotham Classic.



It's not that diabetes, heart disease and obesity runs in your family. It's that no one runs in your family ...



Club fundraising made easy ...

Our Club is always searching for easy ways to generate income so that we may avoid having to raise our annual dues. Here are three simple ways you can help:

1- **Recruit new members** – Our best fundraiser is spreading the word and sharing the experience. Each new member we recruit generates additional revenue that helps defray our costs. But perhaps more importantly, new members bring new ideas, new enthusiasm and additional hands available to help with our various hands-on community service projects.

2- **Giant Eagle gift cards** – When you purchase a Giant Eagle gift card to do your grocery shopping, purchase gasoline or buy retail gift cards, Kiwanis Club of Columbus receives five percent of the face value of the Giant Eagle card: you receive 100 percent of the purchasing value and fuel perks as well.



3- **Purchase a newsletter booster ad** – Our award-winning newsletter is circulated not only to our members, but to a large list of area Kiwanis Clubs, District and Division leaders and friends of Kiwanis. Business card ads are inexpensive, show your Club support and are a great way to gain exposure for your business or upcoming event.

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Tickets are \$18 each, with part of the proceeds to benefit Kiwanis. These prices are available to all Kiwanis members, their family and friends. You will order and pay for your tickets directly using an order form that will be available soon. Keep an eye on our newsletter and our web site.

Local piano looking for good home ...

Are you looking for a piano or do you know of a local non-profit organization in need of one?

If so, here is a great opportunity. Fellow Kiwanian Mike Edwards is in need of a new home for his baby grand piano. It is available at no charge, except for the cost of moving it to its new home.



The piano was purchased in 1985 for about \$1,200 and used for piano lessons for his now-grown children. It was last tuned in 2004.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Mike at 614-486-4556. The piano is located in his home in Upper Arlington.

**"If you don't know where you're going,
any road will take you there"**

- Lewis Carroll

The tax man cometh ...

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to start thinking about your charitable giving and how you may be able to reduce your tax burden. Hopefully, as you plan, Kiwanis will be in your thoughts. Here are several ways you can make a charitable contribution to Kiwanis:

1- **Local** – The 1916 Society is an unrestricted fund within our own Columbus Kiwanis Foundation. You can help us reach our goal that will enable the Club, through the Foundation, give an extra \$100,000 in grants during our centennial year in 2016.



2- **Regional** – The Ohio District Foundation provides a way for Kiwanis clubs and members to support service in communities throughout Ohio. Through donations and fundraising activities, financial resources are combined and invested to make grants for



Kiwanis projects that serve children. Since 2003, a particular focus has been on Pediatric Trauma

Prevention and Education projects. Check out the Foundation's web site at <http://www.odkf.org/> for additional information and recognition levels.

3- **International** – The Kiwanis International Foundation is coordinating the efforts for our worldwide Eliminate Project. There is still time to climb on board with a commitment to eliminate maternal and neo-natal tetanus.



Rowe vs. Wade:

The only options George Washington had when crossing the Delaware.

Next week's meeting

(November 25, 2013)

Speaker: Rev. Virginia L. Baumann
St. John's Evangelical Church

Greeters: Neil Distelhorst
Retired, Deloitte & Touche

John Hykes
Make-A-Wish Foundation

Invocation: Paul Baumer
First Community Church

Committees: Inter-Club, Youth Opportunities

Menu: Wedge salad Oven roasted turkey breast with gravy

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