

# 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



**November 19, 2012**

## MAJOR FRANCIS KIRK

### The Salvation Army



Major Kirk began his new assignment in Central Ohio in July of 2007, and he brings an Extraordinary amount of expertise and dynamic life experience to his work and ministry.

"I came to The Army in 1960. I was 11 years old. I'd been living on the street for a couple months," says Maj. Kirk. His biological mother, who succumbed to alcoholism and prostitution, was no longer in his life, and her sister, who cared for him and his brother, became hospitalized. "A Salvation Army officer gave us some food and paid me to mow the lawn. I became involved in the band, and The Salvation Army became our church," he says.

At age 18, Maj. Kirk joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served with honor for four years, stationed in Vietnam and elsewhere, and earned awards for bravery, gallantry and marksmanship.

Upon returning to the states, he was reunited with his future wife, Maj. Bonnie Kirk, who was a Salvation Army officer assigned to a corps in Providence, R.I. As he listened to her preach and contemplated what he would do after his Marine service ended, he says, "God revealed to me that nothing I had done so far in my life mattered as much as this, and that I would marry this woman." The two were married, Maj. Frank Kirk completed his Salvation Army Officer Training, and the couple received their first assignment together in 1974.

They have served in several corps in New England, as Area Coordinators in Akron, and they have held Divisional appointments in Northeastern Ohio and Northern New England.

The Columbus community has welcomed the Kirks, and they have proven to be gifted leaders and managers and

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### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Fil Line**  
ROI Realty Services  
**Brandon Akey**  
Park National Bank

**Invocation:** **Dave Timmons**  
G W Timmons and Sons

**Committee meetings:** None scheduled

**Menu:** **House salad, hanger steak with chimichurri and steak fries**

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

11/19 – Tom Sherrill  
11/20 – Ted Coons  
11/21 – Mike Stevenson  
11/24 - Mike Stanley



**Thursday** – Happy Thanksgiving

**Sunday** – 11/25/1758 - During the French and Indian War, British forces captured Fort Duquesne from French control. Fort Pitt is built nearby, and it will grow the into modern city of Pittsburgh.

## Focus on Kiwanis

### Pigtail Power ...

A Boston-area schoolgirl got picked on for the last time. Maisie Kate Miller had been the subject of rude and hurtful comments from one of the girls at school. The straw that broke the camel's back? The girl made fun of Maisie wearing her hair in pigtails.

Maisie responded not in spite or anger. She took to social media and called on all the people who had been picked on or are offended by bullying to wear their hair in pigtails. The next day, hundreds of kids and adults showed up to school sporting the classic hairdo. After a story on what's now known as "Pigtail Power" ran in *The Washington Post*, the hairstyle became an international sensation.

Maisie and her friends are lucky nobody was physically injured in the incident. That might have to do with Maisie's mature way of handling the matter.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last year released an estimate that 20 percent of American teens in grades 9-12 had been bullied on school grounds in the past year. And 16.2 percent of students had been electronically bullied during the 12-month period of the survey.

Due to its active involvement in elementary, middle and high schools, Kiwanis International has taken a stand against bullying by reporting on its devastating impact on the young and by producing videos and posters to educate members and the public that bullying harms everybody.

Kiwanis International adopted a position on bullying and hazing:

- That service clubs, such as Kiwanis' service-leadership programs, can be a solution to the bullying crisis faced by so many educational institutions today.
- That these service clubs have something to offer the potential target of bullying, in that he or she can use the vehicle of service to develop self-worth, confidence and leadership.
- That these service clubs have something to offer the potential perpetrator of bullying, in that he or she can use the vehicle of service to learn the power of kindness, generosity and positive purpose.
- That these service clubs have something to offer the potential bystander, in that he or she will learn that when one commits to serving others, doing nothing is no longer an option.
- That these service clubs have something to offer the schools, in that they contribute to a climate of giving, caring and acceptance.

### Franklin inter-club rescheduled ...

The Wednesday, November 28 inter-club with Franklinton Kiwanis has been rescheduled due a change in the speaker's schedule. The revised date to hear the new City of Columbus Chief of Police, Kimberly Jacobs, speak is Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

The Franklinton Kiwanis Club meets at the Gladden Community House located at 183 Hawkes Avenue and the meeting begins at noon. The cost is \$10 (\$9 for the meal, \$1 for the drawing).

If you are interested in attending, please contact Neil Distelhorst at [distelho@earthlink.net](mailto:distelho@earthlink.net) by e-mail, or you may phone or text him at 614-206-7843.

### Kiwanis Night at Ohio State Men's Basketball ...

This promises to be another exciting season for Thad Matta and the Ohio State men's basketball team. As in past years, Kiwanis Clubs from throughout central Ohio will attend a pre-season game, and special pricing has been arranged.



We will attend the December 18 game against Winthrop University; tip-off time is 7 p.m. Kiwanis will get scoreboard recognition and, if you want, you will be able to participate in the 'High Five' tunnel as the team enters the court.

There are three ticket prices to choose from, depending on how close you want to get to the action. Tier 1 tickets are \$35, Tier 2 tickets are \$25 and Tier 3 tickets are \$15.

Ticket orders (and a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Columbus) must be received by Friday, December 7. We need to know the number of tickets and which tier you desire.

- That education, expectations and oversight can ensure that our programs remain free from bullying.
- That our youth members should be leaders, through example and action, against bullying in their schools and communities, and work with trusted adults to bring about an end to this enduring problem.

To learn more about what can be done to prevent bullying, visit [Kiwanisone.org](http://Kiwanisone.org).

## Washington Court House Kiwanis to hold craft auction ...

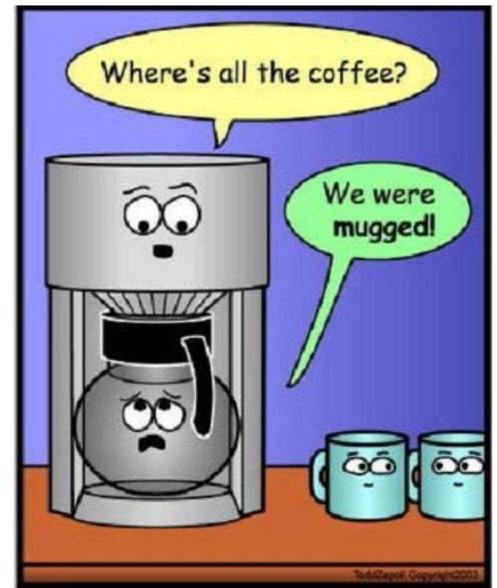
The Kiwanis Club of Washington Court House will hold its annual 'Craft Auction' on Monday, December 3, at the Crown Room, 1801 Columbus Avenue, Washington Court House 43160.

Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m., with the auction to follow. The cost of the meal, which is a two-meat buffet, is \$14. Vegetarian meals are available, if requested.

Reservations need to be made by **Thursday, November 27**, by e-mailing [jimkayo@roadrunner.com](mailto:jimkayo@roadrunner.com) or calling 740-335-1612.

There will be a 50-50 drawing and a Longaberger basket raffle available.

This is a great opportunity for an interclub.



What do you call a row of dolls? A Barbiequeue!

### Bell ringers needed ...

It is the time of year when the need is the greatest, and thus the efforts must be stepped up. That is why Kiwanis Club of Columbus answers the annual call for volunteers to ring the bell and man the red- kettles.



This year event will be spread out in time, but concentrated in two areas – The North Market and the Brewery District Kroger.

Shifts are filling fast. To sign up, go to [bit.ly/SIHuPo](http://bit.ly/SIHuPo).

### Follow-up information ...

Last week's speaker, Theresa Flores, had a compelling story to tell regarding human trafficking. Here is a link to her web site, in case you would like to donate to her cause, or if you were unable to attend that meeting to hear her first-hand.

She also has online videos that tell her story, although they do not have nearly the impact that her live presentation has.

The link is <http://www.traffickfree.com/>.

### Preparing for a 'green' winter ...

No, I do not mean a snowless winter with green grass being the norm. Rather, you can have a comfortable winter that will cost you less, and create less harm to the environment.



The most effective way to 'green' during the winter is to reduce air leakage in your home. This can be as simple as caulking cracks, replacing weather strip on doors or placing clear weather-sealing tape over gaps of doors and windows you do not use in the winter. Another place houses may lose heat is open chimney dampers. Hot interior air rushes skyward 24-7, contributing to increased energy use. Check dryer and exhaust fan vents to make sure the dampers you can see on the outside in the fan housing are clean and closing. Keep the warm air in and the cold air out!

The other simple energy-saving strategy is to reduce the temperature difference between the inside of the house and outside. Since we cannot control the outside temperature, we should look at reducing the inside temperature with a set-back thermostat, while remaining comfortable. When we sleep and are away from the home, reducing the set point of the thermostat will save money and reduce pollution.

Finally, the third simple cost- and pollution-reducing strategy is letting the sun shine in through windows and shutting blinds and draperies during dark hours.

Stay comfortable, use less energy, save money and reduce your footprint on the earth.

~~ Scott Doellinger

## Complete vs. finished ...

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. However, in a recent linguistic conference held in London, England, attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese, was the clear winner.

His final challenge was this: Some say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. Please explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand.

Mr. Balgobin's Response: "When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. But, when you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right woman catches you with the wrong woman, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"

His answer was received with a standing ovation lasting more than 5 minutes...

## Year-end tax planning ...

Now is the time to start planning your year-end tax strategy by making tax-deductible donations to either the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation or the Kiwanis International Foundation.

If you want your donation to benefit our local community, then you should consider donating to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation. If you are already a member of The 1916 Society, your contribution will be added to what you have already given and counted toward the next recognition giving level. If you have not yet joined, you can do so by making a \$1,000 commitment to be paid over four (or less) years. Your initial donation can be of any size. The key is to make the commitment and to get started.

If you would prefer your donation to have a broader impact, consider making a donation to the ELIMINATE project of the Kiwanis International Foundation. Your gift can save the lives of numerous mothers and newborn babies. Your gift will be counted toward our Club's overall commitment of \$130,000 to this worldwide project.

Both the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation and the Kiwanis International Foundation are 501(c)3 organizations and your donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Should you have specific questions about giving to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, please contact Ron Cook at [rcook@porterwright.com](mailto:rcook@porterwright.com). For detailed questions regarding donations to the ELIMINATE Project, contact Ted Coons at [tcoons@spillmanform.com](mailto:tcoons@spillmanform.com).

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compassionate ministers. The Kirks have three biological sons as well as a son and daughter who came to live with them through their ministry in The Salvation Army.

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.

- Rodney Dangerfield

## Next week's meeting

(November 26, 2012)

**Speaker:** Jack Partridge – Columbia Gas

**Greeters:** Cindy Sturni

United Way of Central Ohio

**Jonathan Moody**

Moody / Nolan Inc.

**Invocation:** Scott Doellinger

Design Group

**Committees:** YCPO, ELIMINATE, Inter-Club

**Menu:** Chicken Alfredo, roasted tomato and crisp pancetta

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