

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 26, 2012



JACK PARTRIDGE

President, Columbia Gas



Jack Partridge is president of Columbia Gas of Ohio. He has served as president since October 2003. Headquartered in Columbus, Columbia Gas of Ohio is the state's largest natural gas utility. The company's 1,500 employees serve nearly 1.4 million residential, commercial and industrial customers in 60 of the state's 88 counties. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of NiSource Inc., based in Merrillville, Ind., which merged with Columbia Energy Group on November 1, 2000.

Partridge began his career with Columbia Gas in 1977 as a governmental affairs representative at Columbia's local distribution company in Pennsylvania. He was promoted to governmental affairs director in 1979, and was named vice president in 1985. In 1989 he was named vice president of rates, with Columbia distribution companies in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New York and Maryland.

In 1996, he was elected senior vice president, responsible for Columbia Gas of Ohio's communications, regulatory, federal and state governmental affairs, sales and marketing and gas transportation activities. His duties have included senior management responsibility for Columbia Gas of Ohio's 1.3 million-customer statewide unbundling CHOICE® program. A native of Yonkers, New York, Partridge holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York.

Jack has served as chairman of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce board of directors and serves on the executive and finance committees. He is also a member of The Ohio Business Roundtable, the CompeteColumbus board of directors, the Columbus Partnership and the CAPA board of trustees. He served as a member of the Ohio Governor's Workforce Policy Board and Chairman of the Goodwill Columbus Board of Directors.

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Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Cindy Sturni** - United Way of Central Ohio
Jonathan Moody - Moody / Nolan Inc.

Invocation: **Scott Doellinger** - Design Group

Committee meetings: YCPO, ELIMINATE, Inter-Club

Menu: **House salad, chicken Alfredo, roasted tomato and crisp pancetta**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays: No birthdays this week. Wish someone a happy "unbirthday."

Tuesday – 11/27/1924 - In New York City, the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was held.

Thursday – 11/29/1877 – Thomas Edison demonstrated his phonograph for the first time.

Friday – 11/30/1982 – Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, the best-selling album of all time, was released.

Focus on Kiwanis

A president remembers: Sam Vogel

It's one thing to write a check or drop a donation in the mail, but there is something much more fulfilling when you help the community by doing something hands-on. You might see the appreciation in the eyes of those you help and you inherently recognize that you're making a difference. This is one of the attributes that Sam Vogel talks about when he reminisces about 2008, the year he was president of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus.



One of the personally fulfilling programs for Sam was the effort to teach parents about the dangers of shaken baby syndrome. "You know, when first-time parents get frustrated when a baby cries they sometimes shake the baby. It's purely out of frustration, he said."

Sam remembers working with Kathleen Roberts and other Club members to raise funds to educate parents that they could do irreversible harm to an infant by bruising their brain when they shake them. "We sold bibs, baby bibs to raise money for Children's Hospital. The money helped pay for an insert about the dangers of shaking a baby that would go into the goody bags parents would take home with them when the child was born."

While the bib program was richly rewarding, some divine intervention seemed to keep tapping Sam on the shoulder that there was one more thing he could attempt while president.

"We would do a lot of reading, helping kids in Columbus schools an hour or so at a time. I would go to South Mifflin elementary school to help kids with their reading," Sam remembers. "It's a program we still do today."

But this inspirational chain of events started when he attended a dinner party where he saw a friend, Cee Culman. During the course of the evening, Cee told Sam about her efforts to introduce the game of chess to kids in the Columbus Public Schools. She talked about how young chess players would sharpen their analytic skills by focusing on their moves and by anticipating the moves of their opponents.

A short time later, Sam also watched a program on PBS about efforts to teach chess in New York City schools. And as if he needed a little more encouragement, about a week later, Sam went to California to visit his brother. As it turned out, his brother was also teaching chess to school students.

After returning from his trip, Sam encouraged Kiwanis to purchase chessboards for the students and an oversized chessboard to hang on the wall; that would be used to help demonstrate the various moves.

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Jack is married, with four children. He and his wife, Anne, have served as national co-chairs of the Miami University Parents Council.

Vice president **Kathleen Roberts** has been named to the Charitable Gift Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees of Otterbein Home, Lebanon, Ohio.

Ohio State Basketball and Kiwanis ...

The Big Ten is rated as one of the top college basketball conferences in the nation as they head into the 2012-13 Men's basketball season, and Ohio State is right in the mix with a strong possibility of winning the league and being nationally ranked going in to the year-end tournament. Every game is critical and every opponent is out to pull the upset to make their season a success.



That is why you will want to join Kiwanis members from throughout central Ohio for the December 18 game against Winthrop University. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

Special discount ticket prices have been arranged, with a portion of each ticket going to support Division 10-W activities. You can choose between lower level seats at \$35 each, mid-level seats at \$25 each or upper-level seats at \$15 each.

Your ticket order (and payment) must be received no later than Friday, December 7. Ticket order forms and additional information are available on-line at www.columbuskiwanis.org.

"And then, I said I needed one more thing," Sam remembers. "I need somebody to teach me chess."

Once he learned the game, Sam would go to South Mifflin elementary during his lunch time to teach kids how to play chess. The kids took to the game like naturals. "Bob Wiseman and I did this for about two years," he said.

"A teacher, who was chess master, worked with the students after we introduced them to the game. They won the city tournament. Went to the regional, and won that. They went all the way to the state tournament and they beat kids from private schools," Sam recalled.

"You could tell these were bright kids. All they needed was a little help. Chess really boosted their self-esteem," he said.

"It's just a much more rewarding experience when you have hands-on involvement."

Assist our Circle K Club ...

Our Capital University Circle K Club will be preparing and serving meals for 80 to 100 residents at Ronald McDonald House on Friday afternoon, November 30. We all know that “many hands make light work,” so this is a great opportunity for our Club members to get involved, for a variety of reasons, including:

- 1- Getting to know our Circle K members better;
- 2- Building a working relationship between our Club and theirs;
- 3- Providing a great hands-on service;
- 4- Providing an opportunity for Circle K members to get to know Kiwanis;
- 5- Earning an attendance credit;
- 6- Earning an inter-club credit (assuming we have four or more Kiwanians).

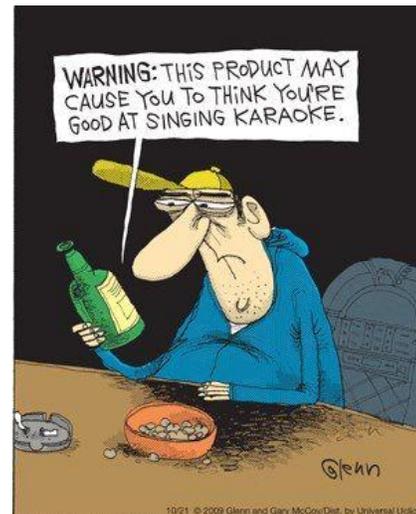
The Ronald McDonald House program provides a “home-away-from-home” for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized

child at little or no cost. Their Houses are built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on healing their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. They believe that when a child is hospitalized, the love and support of family is as powerful as the strongest medicine prescribed.



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The Circle K Club members will be leaving Capital University at 4 p.m. that day. You can either join them there or meet them directly at Ronald McDonald House (711 East Livingston Avenue) at 4:15 p.m. To sign up, or to get additional details, please contact Ashley Thorbahn at athorbah@capital.edu or at 419-603-8629.



Let's talk turkey ...

The pro football team had just finished their daily practice session when a large turkey came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to the head coach and demanded a tryout.

Everyone stared in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line. When the turkey returned to the sidelines, the coach shouted, "You're terrific! Sign up for the season, and I'll see to it that you get a huge bonus."

"Forget the bonus," the turkey said, "All I want to know is, does the season go past Thanksgiving Day?"

An industrious turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey. His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get-together. "Well, I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!"

They all asked the farmer how it tasted.

"I don't know" said the farmer. "I never could catch the darn thing!"



Inter-Clubbing ... an opportunity to network, learn and grow!

It is said there is “more than one way to skin a cat.” We’re not recommending you actually do that, but we do recommend that you keep an open mind as to how our Club operates. Throughout Kiwanis, the challenges facing a Club are generally the same – how to grow membership, how to keep meetings interesting, how to raise money, how to identify worthy recipients of our grant funding, etc., etc. Our Club is steeped in tradition and while we do many things well, there is always room to improve. Exploring best practices, capturing ideas and looking for new approaches will keep our Club vibrant.

Inter-clubbing is when four or more of our members attend the meeting or activity of another Kiwanis Club. Not only do you get to know the other members of our Club a little better during the process, but you get to see how other Clubs operate. Perhaps we can learn from what they are doing, take a portion of an idea they have and meld it with one of your own, or help provide them with some insight on how we approach a process. Inter-clubbing is designed to strengthen the Kiwanis experience. Be sure you attend one or more inter-clubs this year. You will be glad you did.

Lt. Governor Bill Adams dies suddenly ...

Just last week, Lt. Governor William H. Adams conducted his first Division 10-W Council meeting and was so proud to have been given the honor to serve and to lead the Division during this administrative year. He was full of hope and enthusiasm. It was therefore a total shock to learn just two days later that Bill had died peacefully in his sleep. We have a lost a gentleman and a leader. If you would like to pay your respects, here are the arrangements:

Viewing: First Church of God, 3480 Refugee Road – 11/23: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and 11/24: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Services: 11/24 – 10 a.m. - followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery, 1401 Woodland Avenue.

Repast: 11/24 - 1:30 p.m. – “A Gathering of Friends and Family,” Columbus Whist Players Society (CWPS Clubhouse), 2235 S. James Road.

Life's Lessons ...

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.



He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he, quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

MORAL: Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happen.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less from people but more from yourself.

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Congratulations to **Mike and Sherry Becker**
on their new granddaughter.

Next week's meeting

(December 3, 2012)

Speaker: Dr. David W. Berson – Senior Vice President
and Chief Economist, Nationwide Insurance

Greeters: **Neil Distelhorst** - Retired - Deloitte/Touche
Tom Christman – The Ohio Exterminating
Company

Invocation: **Kathleen Roberts** - Sweetbriar Group LLC

Committees: Golf, Scholarship,
Behavioral Health & Wellness

Menu: Mustard-rubbed pork loin, apple chutney

Lighten the load ...

With more members, our Club can provide more hands-on service, raise more money and help more children.
Invite someone to join and help us help others.