

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."

“Great yesterday, better today, better still tomorrow!”

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

November 28, 2011



Ameet Patel Hollywood Casino Columbus



Ameet Patel is the General Manager of Hollywood Casino Columbus, and has assumed full responsibility for the start-up, opening and management of the planned \$400 million facility, including the recruitment and training of approximately 2,000 employees. Hollywood Casino Columbus, which is owned by Penn National Gaming, is scheduled to open in the fourth quarter of 2012, will feature 180,000 square feet of gaming space and a variety of food and beverage offerings, as well as an entertainment lounge.

Mr. Patel comes from Argosy Casino Hotel & Spa in Riverside, Missouri, where he served as Vice President and General Manager since October 2008. Prior to that, Mr. Patel served for four years as Executive Vice President and Assistant General Manager at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races in Charles

Town, West Virginia. He joined Penn National in 2001 as Vice President of Gaming at Charles Town. Mr. Patel previously held senior management positions with Sun International, including Vice President, Casino Administration at Atlantis Paradise Island in the Bahamas and Director at Mohegan Sun in Connecticut. He also held senior

management positions at several Atlantic City properties, including Resorts Casino Hotel and Trump Plaza Hotel & Casino. In addition, Mr. Patel served as a Corporate Director at Hemmeter Enterprises, which owned and operated casinos in Colorado, Louisiana and Acapulco, Mexico.



\$400 million project; 123-acre property (former site of General Motors/Delphi Automotive Plant); 180,000 square-foot casino floor; 3,000 slot machines; 70 table games; 30 poker tables; 4,000-space parking garage; RV park.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Cindy Sturni**
United Way of Central Ohio
Michael Ranney
Ohio Psychological Association

Invocation: **Lisa Jolley**
The Columbus Foundation

Committee meetings: Young Children Priority One

Menu: House salad, roast chicken, red pepper sauce

Presentations: None scheduled

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:
12/04 – **Tiffany Crosby**



Monday – 11/28/1925 – The Grand Ole Opry began broadcasting in Nashville, Tennessee as *WSM Barn Dance*.

Friday – 12/2/1845 – Manifest Destiny – U.S. President James K. Polk announced to Congress that the United States should aggressively expand into the West.

Saturday – 12/3/1818 – Illinois became the 21st U.S. state.

President's Corner



Beyond Campbell's Soup cans, one might argue Andy Warhol is most often referenced for his utterance, "In the future, everybody will be world famous for 15 minutes." The quote appeared in an exhibition catalog for Warhol's first international retrospective in Stockholm Sweden in February, 1968. Today, almost 44 years later, we most typically muse aloud about the latest cable TV celebrity of the moment and observe, "Guess they're getting their 15 minutes." Heck, anymore, we don't even have to Attribute the line to Warhol, nor do we need to pause and reflect on the relevance of pop art vs. the impressionists. (Although the prospect of such discussions makes a strong case for the return of "Third Thursdays"! *Please note this is the subliminal advertising portion of this week's President's Corner.*)

Through the generosity and kindness of fellow Club members, I've recently discovered how as Kiwanians we get our 15 minutes every Monday. Past President and Club Historian Ron Cook recently loaned me something very special from our "Kiwanis Club of Columbus" archives. It is relatively a small, hard-bound copy of a book entitled "The Widening Path – An Interpretive Record of Kiwanis," by Oren Arnold. On the cover page is a hand Written-note to our very own Club member Dr. Paul Metzger, noting that the book has been signed by nine of the early Presidents of the Club. A special thanks to Paul, who has graciously loaned the book to Ron Cook to share with each incoming Club President. The copy is the third edition, published in 1957(the first edition was published in 1949) and beyond a rich history of how and why Kiwanis started, it is chock full of insights and inspiration.

For instance, did you know that when the first club started In Detroit in 1914, the name originally selected and employed was "Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers"? It didn't last long. An outspoken club member argued that "Supreme" sounded pompous. So, a committee was formed to consider new names. The goal was to arrive at something of historical significance, so when the committee reported back they shared with the larger club, "We have explored the various Indian dialects, and a phrase from the Otchipew tribe gave us a good suggestion. It is 'Nun Kee-wan-nis,' which in its broad sense means, 'We enjoy trading, we find pleasure in sharing our talents.' From that, your committee has coined the word Kiwanis, and recommends it as a name for our new club fellowship." That was in December 1914 and we've been 'Kiwanis'ever since.

Another segment of the book really caught my eye – describing a typical club meeting and what it entailed. The author notes of course the formal parts of the meeting – the invocation and pledge, announcements and speaker introductions. But best of all is the description of the time before the meeting is called to order – he refers to it as "**The most important 15 minutes of the week for members of the club**" and paints a vivid picture of the camaraderie and exchange that happens when friends and new acquaintances have the chance to share time together. The same fellowship we share today when we gather. There's no substitute for shared experience.

So you see – we're back to the 15 minutes theme. And we proclaimed our version in 1949 – a little bit ahead of Andy Warhol's revisionist stab in 1968. He always did strike me as a copycat!

It is bell-ringing time ...

It's a tradition! In fact, this year will mark our Club's 36th year of ringing bells as part of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign, and the symbolic start of the holiday season.

As usual, volunteers are needed. All of the Saturday (10/3, 10/10 and 10/17) slots have been filled, but we still need additional volunteers for the December 6 and December 7 slots.

Bell ringers will don the red bell-ringer aprons and be assigned a downtown street corner during the lunch hour (11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). You will need to report to the Library (first floor) of the Athletic Club of Columbus to receive your apron, bucket and bell, along with instructions of where to proceed. Please try to arrive between 11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., so that there is ample time to sign in and to get to your location.



If you are interested in helping with this great cause, please contact Past President **Bob Wiseman** at www.burkholderflint.com or at 614.358.2130.

A rope walks into a bar and sits down. The bartender says "We don't serve ropes here."

The rope goes outside and messes up his hair and twists his body all up. He walks back in the bar and sits down. The bartender says, "Aren't you that rope I just kicked out of here?"

"Nope," says the rope. "I'm a frayed knot."

Generosity knows no bounds ...

Kiwanian and past president George Manser has again displayed his enormous heart with a \$1million donation to The Pines of Sarasota, Florida. The Pines is a nursing home for elderly with limited income. It was founded in 1948 by the Kiwanis Club of Sarasota, where George is also a member. George joined The Pines' board in 2008 and was extremely impressed with what they are doing. The funds will be utilized to build a new 4,000 square-foot Manser Family Rehabilitation Center. The Pines is a 17-acre complex with 300 employees. They house 276 residents and serve 660 in-patients and out-patients annually.



George and his wife Jeanne retired to Florida 12 years ago. He is the former chief executive of a life insurance company here in Columbus and a former gubernatorial assistant in Minnesota. George remains active with the Kiwanis Club of Columbus through occasional trips up north. He is the namesake to **The Columbus Kiwanis Foundation 1916 Society (George R. Manser, Founder)**.

Say that again ...

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) ... A super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?," they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said. "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Bethlehem on Broad ...

Digital cameras, cell phones, computers and color printers are items many of us have, or have reasonably easy access to. It makes taking pictures and storing memories easier than ever before. But what if you didn't have access to those luxuries? What if you had no way of capturing the smile on the faces of your children, or the joy of the holiday season to share with distant relatives?



For many, the thought of having a current family photo is merely a dream. Something they know they can't afford, or simply something they don't have the where-with-all to make happen. Unless, of course, they attend 'Bethlehem on Broad,' an annual event conducted by the Broad Street United Methodist Church and designed to help those in need during the holiday season. In addition to the food, clothing and toys made available through the church, participants will have the opportunity to have their photos taken with Santa through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

On Saturday, December 17, we will be setting up our "mobile" photo shop with resident photographer, **Jim Shively**. For it to all work, however, we need a number of Kiwanis 'elves' to help run the photo printers and place the photos into their keepsake photo frames. **Kathleen Roberts** will be organizing the shifts, with 5-6 people per shift, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and running through to 5:30 p.m. Each shift will be about 2.5 hours long. This is a great project to share with your spouse or teenage children.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathleen at roberts@ofic.org or 614.469.1950 Ext 110. You will earn an attendance credit and service credit for each shift you work.

Library receives check ...

The award-winning Columbus Metropolitan Library was the recipient of a major grant (\$12,000) from the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation in support of their Summer Reading Program. Corporate Regatta chair and Club Vice President **Kathleen Roberts**, along with this year's honorary Regatta chair, Past President **Jay Schoedinger**, presented the check to Library Executive Director Pat Losinksi. The Kiwanis Club of Columbus is the longest continuous sponsor of the Summer Reading program, impacting more than 85,000 children each year.



Green turkey?

Thanksgiving is a season filled with family traditions. We all have memories of tastes, smells and textures of various foods, usually served in ridiculous serving sizes by a parent, aunt or grandmother.

I do not want to get in the way of those traditions, but I do propose conducting the holiday celebration with a degree of restraint that uses fewer resources and results in less belt loosening. Here are some ideas to consider:

- Purchase foods grown or raised locally, thus avoiding wasteful energy use on transportation.
- Buy smaller amounts, to avoid leftovers that will not be eaten.
- Serve food on smaller plates. The smaller portions will still look sumptuous but they will be more reasonable.
- Spread the meal out. This allows your brain to react to the food you have already eaten and to therefore eat less. Tempt your guests with messages of additional edibles later and encourage them to "leave room for the next course."
- Freeze leftovers. We all get tired of turkey 'whatever' before it starts to spoil, so freeze one half of the leftovers and use them for Christmas, or in January, when holiday memories and food have faded.

Enjoy the holiday and remember what it is all about. Drive carefully and be ready to share your Thanksgiving stories at Monday's Kiwanis meeting.

~~ Scott Doellinger

Wine tasting ...

As we head into the holiday season, you are most likely not yet looking ahead to January.

But that's okay, because your Kiwanis Club is. So, get out your calendar (yes, your 2012 calendar) and pencil in the Kiwanis Wine Tasting event scheduled for 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, at House Wine, 644 High Street, in Worthington.



The event is free to attend and there will be a nominal fee for each wine tasted. Taste as many as you would like and then decide whether or not you would wish to purchase a bottle (or perhaps a case) of your favorites. A portion of the tasting proceeds and from any full bottles purchased will be donated to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation.

This is an open event, a great place to bring potential members, co-workers and friends. It is also a great way to meet fellow Kiwanians and to network. More details will be available after the holidays, but for now, please mark your calendars, and be ready to invite guests when you are with family and friends throughout the holiday season.

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Not surprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.

Next week's meeting

(December 5, 2011)

Speaker: Janet Jackson - President & CEO
United Way of Central Ohio

Greeters: Kathleen Roberts
The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges
Lisa Jolley
The Columbus Foundation

Invocation: Dick Tice
Richard C. Tice, CLU Co.

Committees: Golf

Menu: Grilled Salmon, tomato caper relish

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