

The Bulletin

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus

“Building for our future.”



“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world – one child and one community at a time.”

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



December 1, 2014

Andre Porter

Director, Ohio Department of Commerce



Andre T. Porter was appointed Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce by Governor John R. Kasich in April 2013. He serves as a member of the Governor’s cabinet and is responsible for the overall leadership and direction of the Department of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce is one of the state’s leading regulatory agencies. Porter has made providing exceptional customer service a top priority for the agency, while promoting the growth, success, safety and soundness of businesses in real estate, industrial compliance, securities, financial institutions, liquor control, fire safety and unclaimed funds.

Prior to being appointed Director of Commerce, Porter served as a commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) from 2011 to 2013. There, he promoted customer service, as well as reasonable rates and services, in proceedings involving Ohio’s investor-owned public utilities: electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, and commercial transportation. As part of his service at the PUCO, Porter helped Ohio and the Midwest region shape electric markets and transmission policy while serving as a board member and vice-president for the Organization of PJM State, (OPSI).

Previous to serving the State of Ohio, Porter was an energy, public utilities and real estate taxation attorney with a leading Columbus, Ohio law firm from 2005 to 2011.

Director Porter continues to be active in the local community. He serves as a Trustee at his undergraduate alma mater, Capital University, where he leads the governance committee and the annual presidential assessment. Porter has also served as a member of the Gahanna City Council, chair of the Gahanna Board of Zoning Appeals and president of the Gahanna Community Improvement Corporation.

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### Today’s Meeting

**Greeters:** **Bill Calvert** – Merrill Lynch  
**Neil Distelhorst** – Retired, Deloitte & Touche

**Invocation:** **David Kandel** – Retired, AT&T

**Committee meetings:** Scholarship, Golf, Behavioral Health and Wellness, Public Relations (at 1 p.m.)

**Speaker Introduction:** **Fred Miller II** -  
Ohio Department of Commerce

**Menu:** **Wedge salad, meatloaf with oven-roasted tomato sauce.**

### A Glance at this week

#### **Birthdays:**

12/05 – **Brandon Akey**  
12/07 – **Tom Hayden**



**Wednesday, 12/03** – Auction Committee – Panera Bread, South High Street – 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, 12/06** – Furniture Build – Furniture Bank of Central Ohio – 9 a.m. to noon.

## Columbus Kiwanis Foundation Trustees to meet ...

The trustees of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will be meeting on Monday, December 15 at 1:05 p.m., immediately following our regularly scheduled Club meeting at the Athletic Club of Columbus. The meeting is open to all members of the Club.

In addition to receiving reports regarding the current status of the Foundation's assets, we will be receiving the report of the nominating committee for next year's officers, discussing the status of the 2016 goal and exploring other fundraising opportunities. The meeting should conclude before 1:30 p.m.

*The answer may not lie at the bottom of a beer bottle ... but you should always check.*

## You are responsible ...



In the fast-paced world we live in, it is not uncommon for members to change companies, move, get new phone numbers or change their e-mail address. All of that information is kept in our data base on the Kiwanis web site and is accessible to members

only through a password-protected portal. It is not uncommon for one member to be looking to contact another for a variety of reasons, and if your information is not up-to-date, you may miss out on an important opportunity.

It is your responsibility to manage your personal profile on the Kiwanis website. After logging into the "Members Only" section using your 'User ID' and 'Password,' simply click on "Edit Profile" to add or update information. Be sure to save the changes before logging out.

While there, you may want to consider printing a hard copy of the directory by clicking on the "print Members Roster" tab. It will be about 17 pages long, so be prepared. Also, if you do not have a current photo and would like to have one professionally done, please contact **Jim Shively** at Larry Phillips Photography. He will do one for you free of charge.

*My five top  
ways to exercise ...*

- 1- Jumping to conclusions.
- 2- Flying off the handle.
- 3- Carrying things too far.
- 4- Dodging responsibilities.
- 5- Pushing my luck.

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Porter was born in Alliance, Ohio where he graduated from Marlinton High School. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Capital University and his law degree from The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law.

Why English is hard to learn ...



We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*, but the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *axes*. One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*, yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*; but the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*. The plural of *man* is *men*, but the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*, and I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*? If one is a *tooth* and whole set are *teeth*, why wouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*, should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*, but though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*. Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his* and *him*; but imagine the feminine ... *she*, *shis* and *shim*!

~~~ Anonymous

## 'Signing up to volunteer' just got easier ...

It has never been particularly difficult, but now it will be even easier. In the past we have used sign-up sheets, or relied on e-mails and phone calls to sign up as a



volunteer for one of our many community service projects. Now, it can be done on line from the Activities Calendar on our Club's web site.

Just go to the appropriate date on the calendar, open up the event that is listed and click on the link labeled "for more information."

That will open up a Google document that will allow you to see the details of the event, what shifts are available and who else has already signed up. Simply type in your name and contact information in the appropriate slots and you are done!

Of course, the old-fashioned methods will continue to work, as well.

## Join us for an evening out ...

Need a break from the hustle and bustle of the busy holiday season? Why not join us at the Schoedinger Theatre of Columbus Academy (4300 Cherry Bottom Road), on Tuesday evening, December 16, for a one-night-only special performance of *It's A Wonderful Life: Live From WVL Radio Theatre?* The professional cast includes Blythe Coons, daughter of past Club President and Ohio Kiwanis Governor **Ted Coons**.

Tickets can be purchased directly on line, with the option of having them mailed to you, printed electronically or picked up at 'Will Call' that evening. The link to the site can be found on our Club's Activity Calendar – just click December 16 to open it up. We hope you can join us and that we have a good representation from our Club.

## Kiwanis Day with the Buckeyes ...

Mark your calendars and join fellow Kiwanis members from around Division 10-W for a Kiwanis day with the Ohio State men's basketball team.

On Saturday, December 13, we will be attending the game against Morehead State, with a tip-off time of 1 p.m. Special group discount tickets are \$24 per person. If we have 50 attendees, all youth will be able to take part in the Buckeye Tunnel at half time.



Tickets can be ordered by submitting an order form to Faith Levine of the Dublin Kiwanis Club. The order form is available on our website – the easiest place to use. Just click on the event on our 'Activities Calendar' and go to the "For additional information" link. All of the pricing, contact and check-writing information is available on the form. Please be aware of the December 6 deadline for ordering your tickets.

## Builders Club officers sworn in ...

Starting an organization from scratch is no easy task and one of the first major milestones is the swearing in of the first set of officers, those who will lead the organization and set the tone for its future success.

On Thursday, November 20, Past President **Kathleen Roberts** officially welcomed the newly elected officers of our Builders Club at the



Westside Boys & Girls Club. The event occurred as part of the monthly Board meeting of the Boys & Girls Club. Pictured with Kathleen is their Board Vice President, Sandy Rich, who is the Chief Compliance Officer at Nationwide Insurance. Boys & Girls Club Board members and a number of Kiwanis Club of Columbus members who were present at the induction ceremony, all pledged to support the efforts of the Builders Club and their elected officers.

Builders Clubs provide opportunities for middle-school children to work together in service to their school and community. Through the vehicle of service, they help develop competent, capable and caring leaders. Their core values are:

**Character building:** The ability to do the right thing, even when it might be the unpopular choice.

**Leadership:** The ability to listen, communicate, serve and guide others.

**Inclusiveness:** Accepting and welcoming differences in other people.

**Caring:** The act of being concerned about or interested in other people or situations.

If you would be interested in working with a Builders Club, please let Club President **Jim Skidmore** know.

## 'Bethlehem on Broad' brings joy ...

On Saturday, December 13, Kiwanis Club of Columbus will partner with Broad Street United Methodist Church (501 East Broad Street) to conduct the annual 'Bethlehem on Broad,' a program designed to bring Christmas to those in need and to help insure a memorable holiday.

We will be taking photos of children and families sitting with Santa Claus, and providing them with a framed photo as a holiday keepsake. We will need the help of many Kiwanians (family and friends are welcome) to staff each of the five, two-hour shifts, with start times at 8:30 a.m.; 10:15 a.m.; noon; 1:45 p.m.; and 3:30 p.m.

You can sign up for one or more shifts by clicking on this event on our 'Activities Calendar' and going to the "For more information" link. Each shift worked will earn you one attendance credit.





## Help build furniture ...

The Furniture Bank of Central Ohio will host members of Kiwanis on Saturday, December 6, as we help “build” various pieces of furniture. You do not need any special carpentry skills to participate in this program, because the tasks are simple and well choreographed.

The Furniture Bank of Columbus serves 100 families per week and provides 1,500 pieces of furniture per week, as well. Ninety-eight percent of their clients earn less than \$24,000 per year.

The work will take place at 118 South Yale Avenue; we will begin at 9 a.m., and work until about noon or 1 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Shively at 614-469-0386 or at [jshivel279@earthlink.net](mailto:jshivel279@earthlink.net), or sign up on line by going to our “Activities Calendar,” clicking on the event ‘For additional information’ link for additional information.

*Don't forget to purchase, or special order, your Giant Eagle gift cards. They are great for giving as office gifts, buying retail cards (Macy's, Best Buy, Applebee's, etc.) for doing your holiday shopping or just giving as a gift to the person who has everything.*

## Harmonies for the Holidays ...

Brighten your holiday season with the harmonious songs of *The Alliance Chorus* (featuring our own **Larry Icenogle**), champion quartets *Common Core* and *The Con Men* and special guest ensemble, *Eleventh Hour* from NBC's “The Sing-Off.” They will all be appearing in two shows, Saturday, December 13 at Mees Hall, Capital University (1 College Avenue in Bexley). Shows are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are available through **Larry Icenogle** or on line at <http://www.alliancechorus.org/>. They are \$20 each. Any Club members who'd like to buy an ad for their business, to be placed in the event program, should contact Larry at [lfice@aol.com](mailto:lfice@aol.com) or by phone at (740) 739-3573. He'll take it from there.

## Kiwanis Club of Hilltop 2014 Newspaper & Silent Auction

Thursday, December 4  
2014 Crossroads UMC - 1100 S. Hague Ave.

Catered Lunch served at 11a.m .  
Silent Auction bidding from 11a.m.-12 noon  
(Car washes, oil changes, plants, homemade candy, ceramics, candles, pictures, OSU items & much more.)

Come do your Christmas shopping with us.

Paper Auction starts at 12 noon and ends when bidders stop bidding

**Black Friday: Because only in America, people trample each other for sales exactly one day after being thankful for what they already have.**

## Next week's meeting

(December 8, 2014)

**Program: Jon P. Blackwood** – Paving the Way

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

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

**Committee Meetings:** International Relations,  
Homeless

**Menu:** House salad, grilled salmon with red pepper beurre blanc sauce.

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| Jeff Rayis          | President-Elect  |
| Jack D'Aurora       | Vice President   |
| Pranab Bhattacharya | Treasurer        |
| Paul Bohlman        | Secretary/Editor |

### CLUB TRUSTEES

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| <b>2015</b>   | <b>2016</b>         |
| Alice Hohl    | Linda Kay           |
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## Columbus Kiwanis Foundation

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