

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 8, 2014

JON P. BLACKWOOD

Paving the Way



J.P. Blackwood is the coordinator of the *Paving the Way* program, a partnership between the City of Columbus, ODOT and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) that provides road construction and road safety information for central Ohio. Created in 1990, the program reminds motorists, cyclists and pedestrians to be safe in road construction work zones, and shares information on the projects of about two dozen municipalities and agencies in central Ohio who work on the roads.

Central Ohio is a mecca for road improvements as our city continues to grow. Keeping the traffic flowing smoothly and keeping everyone safe is a major undertaking. The *Paving the Way* web site (<http://www.pavingtheway.org>) is full of information about current road projects, safe driving tips and a wide variety of resource information that is helpful to everyone.

J.P. also dedicates some of his time at the Columbus Department of Public Service to helping with the city’s website and other communications issues.

He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma (Political Science/Economics/Public Relations) and earned his master’s degree (Public Policy and Management; Political Science) from The Ohio State University. He lives in Grove City with his wife and two sons. His oldest daughter lives in west Columbus. J.P. is a member of the Grove City Rotary Club and a deacon for the Amazing Grace Christian Church in Grove City. He enjoys biking, fishing and spending time with family.

Today’s Meeting

Greeters:

- Dan Lacey**- Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.
- Linda Kay** – WesBanco Trust & Investment Services

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

Committee meetings: Homeless, International Relations

Speaker Introduction: **Paul Bohlman** - Ohio HealthCare
Federal Credit Union

Check Presentation: The Arthritis Foundation

Menu: Grilled salmon with red pepper beurre blanc

A Glance at this week

Birthdays:

- 12/08 – **Bob Banasik**
- 12/12 – **Bill Calvert**
- 12/13 – **Ron Manser**
- 12/14 – **Dan Ward**



Tuesday – 12/09 – Program Committee meeting – noon
– at OSU Golf Course Club House.

Saturday – 12/13 – Bethlehem on Broad – Broad Street
United Methodist Church – 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Holiday parties and events are a great place to meet people and to talk about Kiwanis.
Be prepared to share your experience with people you meet.*

'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.

2015 Columbus Arts Festival ...

Based on the outstanding experience we had last year, Club Trustees have decided to commit the Club to working all three days of the 2015 Columbus Arts Festival. This is a major commitment and will require 'all hands on deck.' The three-day commitment will require us to fill a total of 75 three-hour shifts over the course of the Festival. With a Club our size, we should have no problem, especially when we welcome you to invite spouses, adult children and friends to work along with us.



This year's event is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 12, 13 & 14. We will be assigned the same booth we had last year on Friday, a pop & water only booth on Saturday and a different full-beverage booth on Sunday.

As in 2014, first-time volunteers will be required to participate in a 90-minute training session several weeks before the event. Please watch the newsletter and check the website for additional details as they become available. For now, please mark your calendars, talk to your spouse or significant other, and plan to work one or more shifts. We will need your help!

Proceeds from the beverage sales will benefit the Club and help us avoid the need for a dues increase.

Greatness is not found in possessions, power, position or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humanity, service and character ...

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 (2 p.m. and 7 p.m.), on Saturday, December 13, at Mees Hall, Capital University (1 College Avenue in Bexley).

Tickets are available through **Larry Icenogle** or on-line at <http://www.alliancechorus.org/>. They are \$20 each. If you would like to purchase a business ad in the event program, contact Larry at lface@aol.com or by phone at (740)-739-3573. He'll take it from there.

Dear Santa -

I would like a new birthday suit for Christmas this year. My current one is old, wrinkled and sagging.

Thanks

Swepstons to host Trustees and committee chairs ...

The December Trustee and committee chair meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be hosted by **Mark** and **Julie Swepston** in their home on Tuesday, December 9. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. All Trustees and committee chairs are expected to be in attendance or to have a representative from their committee attend.

This is where the business of the Club takes place, and all members are welcome to attend these monthly meetings and to participate in discussions. Your input is invaluable.

Following the meeting, you are invited to stay for fellowship and dinner. The Swepstons will be taking care of the meal details, and it is expected to cost approximately \$25 per person. Please be prepared to pay that amount that evening.

In order to provide Mark & Julie with adequate time to prepare, please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know by Friday, September 5, whether you will be attending the meeting and **if** you will be staying for dinner.

The Swepston home is located at 4330 Dublin Road (along the river and across the street from Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church).

Columbus Kiwanis Foundation Trustees to meet ...

The trustees of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will meet 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.

*I try to avoid things that make me look fat,
like scales, mirrors and photographs.*

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.

1916 Society open to new members ...



Membership in the 1916

Society of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation is open to all individuals making a \$1,000 or more donation in unrestricted funds. Individuals can make a one-time contribution or spread their payments over as many as four years.

Current members of the Society can continue to add to their initial contribution(s) and strive to reach their next recognition level.

The Columbus Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization and your gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Leverage your holiday shopping and giving ...

During the holiday season, there are sales everywhere and we are always looking for ways to save money and to make our limited funds go further. Here are three examples of how you can leverage your money by utilizing our Kiwanis-sponsored Giant Eagle gift cards:

1- Retail gift cards - You can buy retail gift cards at Giant Eagle for many stores and restaurants (*Home Depot, Macy's, Barnes & Noble, L.L. Bean, Kohl's, Applebee's, Olive Garden, Bonefish Grill, Cameron Mitchell's*, etc.). If you know where you will be going to shop, why not use a Giant Eagle gift card to purchase a retail card to that store? It's a win-win situation: Kiwanis earns 5 percent on each Giant Eagle card sold, you earn fuel Perks (\$.20 per gallon for every \$50 spent) and you get the full buying power of the card.



Here's an example: You know you are going to *Home Depot* to buy a special \$200 tool for your husband/father/son. So, you first purchase two \$100 Giant Eagle gift cards from Secretary **Paul Bohlman**. Bingo, the Club just made \$10. You then take those two cards to Giant Eagle and buy \$200 worth of *Home Depot* gift cards. Bingo, you just earned \$.80 per gallon off your next fuel purchase. Buy 15 gallons of gasoline, and that's a savings to your wallet of \$12. The final step is to use the *Home Depot* gift cards to purchase the special tool.

2- Give a gift card – Perhaps you really don't know what someone wants, but you know they shop regularly at *Macy's* or they enjoy dining out. Why not purchase a Giant Eagle gift card to purchase the specific retail gift card you know they will enjoy? Again, the Club earns 5 percent, and you earn the fuel perks.

3- Thank you and appreciation gifts – We all know people who deserve something a little extra during the holidays – the granddaughter's teacher, the paper-boy, the baby-sitter, staff members who have gone out of their way, etc. For these people, a small denomination Giant Eagle gift card might be the perfect gift, since it provides the recipient with the option to buy what they need – food, household supplies, gasoline or other gift cards. Giant Eagle gift cards can be special ordered in various denominations (\$10, \$15, \$20, \$50) but require a few days of lead time. Please contact Secretary **Paul Bohlman** regarding timing and order placement. Once again, Kiwanis earns 5 percent of whatever you order.

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.

Support the wait staff ...

Periodically throughout the year, we have collected and set aside money to be presented during the holiday season to our hard-working and dedicated wait staff at the ACC. Each week, they have the room set up for us and ready to go, and then move effortlessly throughout the room, serving our meals without interrupting conversations and/or committee meetings.



To round off our collections to date, we will be placing envelopes on the table on both Monday December 15 and December 22. There is no obligation to give, however, we hope the holiday spirit will move you in that direction.

All funds collected will be presented at the December 22 meeting.

Advertising in our Bulletin ...

The key to successful advertising is repetition, repetition, repetition. The more people see and hear your business's name, the more likely they are to honor you with their patronage. And, if your fellow Kiwanians have a working knowledge of your goods and services, they are more likely to honor you with their business.

Our newsletter, *The Bulletin*, is published weekly and circulated to not only our own Club members, but to the club secretaries of all Division 10-W Clubs, the District Office, potential members and others. In short, you get excellent exposure for a very small price. Why not make a commitment to place your business card ad in one or more upcoming issues?

A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.

Next week's meeting

(December 15, 2014)

Program: David Niven, Ph.D. – Author

Greeters: Bob Wiseman –
Burkholder Flint Associates
Kathleen Roberts –
Sweetbriar Group LLC

Invocation: Joyce Waters –
Johnson Investment Counsel

Committee Meetings: Orientation Attendance &
Retention, Music & Arts, Membership

Menu: House salad, blackened chicken with
smoked corn emulsion.

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