

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."

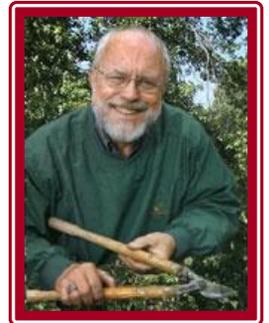
Noon to 1 p.m. luncheon meeting at The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215



December 10, 2012

FRED HOWER

The Ohio Nurseryman



"The Ohio Nurseryman," Fred Hower, is an educator and certified arborist with more than 45 years' experience as a horticultural consultant and landscape designer. The author of more than 400 columns in 90 newspapers, Fred also hosts the radio show, "*Plant Talk*," which is carried on more than 20 radio stations throughout Ohio. He also teaches in the horticulture department at Columbus State Community College. Fred is author of the book, "*Tree and Shrub Gardening for Ohio*," which is available at major bookstores through the U.S. In addition, Fred serves on a variety of councils and boards for the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association; the City of Worthington; The Ohio State University Chadwick Arboretum; Columbus State Arboretum; Columbus State Community College; and the *Columbus Dispatch* Central Ohio Home and Garden Show.

A graduate of The Ohio State University, Fred has a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture. He has received the Meritorious Service Award from the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association; the first Senior Careerist Award from The Ohio State University Department of Horticulture and Crop Science; three Grand Awards for Landscape Design from the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association; the Award of Merit from the International Society of Arboriculture; and a PLAN award for landscape design from the Junior League of Columbus. Fred has also been active in the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association; the Columbus Landscape Association; the Southwestern Ohio Environmental Horticultural Association; the International Society of Arboriculture; and is an honorary member of the Ohio Landscapers' Association.

Fred works as a horticultural design consultant for residential and business properties. He is a guest speaker at numerous gardening events throughout Ohio each year and has spoken to our Club on a regular basis. He is always willing to answer questions and to help us prepare for the upcoming spring. Be prepared to ask him questions concerning your yard and the plants therein. You can go to his web site at www.ohionurseryman.com for a variety of helpful hints.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Tom Christman** - The Ohio Exterminating Company
Jim Skidmore - Retired - Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Invocation: **Roy Smoot** - PNC

Committee meetings: International Relations

Menu: **House salad, herb-marinated chicken with garlic tomato sauce**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

12/13- **Ron Manser**
12/14 - **Dan Ward**



Tuesday - 12/11/1946 - The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

Saturday - 12/15 - Bethlehem on Broad - Broad Street
United Methodist Church - 501 East Broad Street

Focus on Kiwanis

Kiwanis by the Numbers ...

Kiwanis International has a tremendous record of helping others. Here are just a few numbers that put those accomplishments in perspective:

- 130,000 – The number of dollars that Kiwanis Club of Columbus has pledged to contribute to the ELIMINATE Project, the single largest club pledge within Kiwanis International for the fund to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.
- 25,000 – This is how many men, women and children participate in the 240 Kiwanis related organizations in Ohio (Kiwanis Clubs, Circle K, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs and K-Kids).
- 60 – That’s the percentage of increase in service hours that Kiwanis Club of Columbus achieved during this past 2011-2012 administrative year.
- 7 – The number of children’s hospitals in Ohio that receive financial support from Kiwanis through the First Lady’s Project for medical staff training on ways to treat children suffering from a traumatic event.
- 500 - The number of families whose homes had been damaged by Superstorm Sandy that were cooked Thanksgiving dinners by the Kiwanis Club of Howard Beach, New York.
- 1925 – The year that the very first Key Club was formed. It was started in Sacramento, California, with 11 charter members.
- 110,000,000 – The number of dollars that Kiwanis International has pledged to raise by 2015 to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT).
- 18,000,000 – That’s how many volunteer hours are contributed each year by members of Kiwanis International to help communities and children.

No matter how you add up these numbers, it adds up to a record of accomplishment.

And while certainly not the largest number, perhaps the most important number is “one.” For it only takes one person to ask another person to join; one person to identify and lead a new initiative; one person to make a large donation; one person to say thank you to another for a job well done; one person to volunteer to help with a project, and that one person can be you! Kiwanis is comprised of many “one persons” who collectively are changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.

Perfect attendance ...

It is still very early in the Kiwanis administrative year, but it is never too early to talk about “perfect attendance.” It does sound overwhelming ... the need to be someplace “all of the time.” But fear not, the process of achieving perfect attendance is a simple one and can be readily achieved through systematic participation.

We meet for lunch on 48 of the 52 Mondays each year, taking off for Christmas, New Year’s, Memorial Day and Labor Day. Depending on how other holidays fall, we may occasionally have another Monday where our meeting is postponed. So to earn ‘perfect attendance,’ one must accumulate at least 48 attendance credits.

That may still sound difficult, until you realize that you can earn attendance credits in multiple ways – attending a Monday meeting; attending a committee meeting or a Trustee meeting; attending a service project or social event; going on an inter-club or attending the meeting of another Club by yourself; attending a Division 10-W meeting; participating in the state convention or the international convention, etc. It is not uncommon for many of our members to earn more than a hundred attendance credits in the course of a year.

The key is to start now and be consistent. Make sure you attend at least one Kiwanis meeting, event or activity each week. Soon, it will become second nature and not only will you earn your perfect attendance tab, but you will gain greater insight into Kiwanis, build relationships, make friends and begin reaping the full benefit of your Kiwanis membership.

Supporting the wait staff ...

This week, we will again be collecting donations as a way to say ‘thank you’ to our wait staff at the Athletic Club of Columbus. While a very small gratuity amount is built into each week’s lunch fee, that amount is shared with all ACC wait staff and does not go entirely to those who serve us. The collection is our way of saying thank you to those staff members who are there for us each week, quietly and efficiently serving our food. The money collected today will be added to the funds collected at several other points throughout the year and presented at the December 17 meeting.

A woman went to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.

“What denomination?” asked the clerk.

“Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?” said the woman.

“Well, give me 80 Catholic ones, 10 Baptist ones, 20 Lutheran and 40 Presbyterian.”



But for Kiwanis ...



*With our busy lives and hectic pace, we often forget that we are part of an international organization that provides a common bond with men and women around the globe. The following is a story many of us have heard **Bill Newman** tell before, but it is worth repeating as it clearly demonstrates the value of Kiwanis membership.*

“In the summer of 1962, John F. Kennedy was President, the World’s Fair was in Brooklyn, New York, and we had relatives in Philadelphia and Brooklyn. We had four children and we decided to go see the Kennedy Compound on Martha’s Vineyard, Old North Church and the subway system in Boston, Massachusetts.

While there, a slight problem developed - we were running out of money. I told my wife Gloria I was going to the bank at Martha’s Vineyard and have them call our Kiwanis member, Karl Case, at Bank One. My plan was to have Karl wire some funds to us, so that we could complete our trip and return to Columbus.

At the Hyannis Bank, the teller suggested that I speak with the vice-president who was sitting near the teller’s counter. I approached him, introduced myself and explained my dilemma. As you would expect, he asked, “Do you have identification?” I reached into my shirt pocket for a business card and out came a Kiwanis business card. The Kiwanis business card contained the meeting times and locations of the various clubs within Division 10-W.

The vice-president said: “Oh, are you in Kiwanis?” I answered “Yes – Downtown Columbus Kiwanis Club. We meet Monday at noon at the Columbus Athletic Club.”

The vice-president proceeded to tell me he was president of the Hyannis Port Kiwanis Club, and then stated, “I would like for you to go to lunch with me today” – to which I replied, “Great, I would love to do that, but I will have to clear it with (Gloria) my wife of 12 years.” That I did, and I had an enjoyable lunch with the Hyannis Port Kiwanis Club.

Oh yes, he asked how much money I needed, took my personal check and provided me with the cash I needed without calling Karl Case of Bank One. Being in Kiwanis paid off!”

Bethlehem on Broad ...

The holiday season is one of joy and giving. But for many, it is a challenging time ... a time when they feel alone, forgotten, left out. A time when they are thinking of lost, misaligned or forgotten family. A time when their need for food and shelter takes on new meaning.

Bethlehem on Broad is an annual program conducted by the Broad Street United Methodist Church (501 East Broad Street) as part of their community outreach ministry. Homeless and disadvantaged families are provided with a “hand-up” to help them through the holidays ... a small supply of food, toys for the children, a warm welcome and an understanding smile. For the past three years, Kiwanis Club of Columbus has added a unique dimension to their annual day of outreach by providing children and families an opportunity to have their photos taken with Santa Claus, free of charge. For many, this will be the greatest gift they receive this holiday season!



Thanks to the generous support of Club photographer **Jim Shively** (of Larry Phillips Photography), we are able to provide professional-quality photos in a real-time situation. But to make this work, we need volunteers ... approximately 4-6 people to fill each of the two-and-a-half-hour shifts starting at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. 12 noon and 2:30 p.m. The first shift will involve a little assistance with set-up and the last shift will involve some help putting things away. Each shift worked earns an attendance credit.

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more shifts, please contact President-elect **Kathleen Roberts** at kathleenkiwanis@aol.com and let her know which shift(s) you prefer.

Parenting ... a developed skill.

Child #1 – Child eats dirt. Parent frantically calls the doctor.
Child #2 – Child eats dirt. Parent cleans out the child's mouth.
Child #3 – Child eats dirt. Parent wonders if she really needs to feed him lunch.

Youth Opportunity Committee to meet ...

It is off to a late start, but the Youth Opportunity committee will be holding its first meeting of this administrative year this Monday, December 10. We will meet at the ACC at 11:30 a.m. prior to lunch. There are several requests for funds and other issues to discuss. If you are interested in joining this committee, please plan to attend this meeting.

The Youth Opportunity committee deals with programs focusing on children 5 years of age and older. The meeting will be led by **Larry Walters**.

Year-end giving ...



This is the time of the year when many of us make tax-deductible charitable contributions. There are many excellent organizations to choose from, but the one we hope you will consider is Kiwanis, since you are a member and have somewhat of a vested interest.

There are several ways you can contribute, so your first step is to ask a few questions. How much do I want to give? How do I want my contribution to be utilized? How do I want my contribution to be recognized?

1- You give at the local level (Columbus Kiwanis Foundation), the district level (Ohio District Foundation) or the international level (Kiwanis International Foundation).

2- Depending on the organization(s) you choose, your gift may make you eligible for 'recognition giving levels.' For example, at the local level, the 1916 Society within the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation provides recognition when your lifelong gifts hit the \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000 levels. At the international level, a \$1,000 gift earmarked for the ELIMINATE Project will earn you a Hixson Fellowship and a \$1,250 gift will earn you a Zeller Fellowship.

Regardless of the size of your gift, we hope you will consider supporting Kiwanis with your year-end giving. If you need additional information regarding how to make out the check, where to send it, how to make sure it gets credited in the manner you wish, etc., please contact Club and Foundation Secretary **Paul Bohlman**.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

Meeting Schedule ...

With the upcoming holidays, we will be cancelling several meetings. Please note that we will NOT be meeting on Monday, December 24 or on Monday, December 31.

Next week's meeting

(December 17, 2012)

Speaker: Columbus Children's Choir

Greeters: Cindy Sturni

United Way of Central Ohio

Bill Newman - Lucas, Prendergast,

Albright, Gibson, Newman

Invocation: Scott Doellinger

Design Group

Committees: ELIMINATE

Menu: Grilled sirloin with red wine demi-glaze

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