

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."

"It's not about me ... or you, but what WE will do for the children."

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

December 16, 2013

COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Santa Maria Singers

The Columbus Children's Choir (CCC) was established in 1996 after becoming an independent choir from The Columbus Symphony Orchestra. Now in its 18th season, CCC continues to operate as a not-for-profit children's choral program comprised of the finest young singers in Columbus and Central Ohio. Through five performance choirs, as well as two Young Musicians classes, CCC consistently works to accomplish the goals of its mission of *fostering the personal growth of children through meaningful experiences in music education and vocal performance.*



CCC provides an excellent opportunity for students in the Columbus and central Ohio area to pursue music at a higher level than what is otherwise available in their local schools. The organization remains committed to offering high-quality music education and performance experiences, at local, national, and international venues to almost 250 singers each year.

Singing on December 16th at the Kiwanis Annual Holiday Meeting is the Santa Maria Choir, made up of fifth- through eighth-grade students from schools across Central Ohio. Directed by Sarah Santilli, a music teacher at Jones Middle School in Upper Arlington, the Santa Maria singers strive to master the reading and vocal skills necessary to move up to a spot in the New World Singers, and the chance to don the coveted red jacket. In 2013, the Choir traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana to collaborate with the Fort Wayne Children's Choir.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Jim Skidmore** – Retired, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
David Brainin - David J. Brainin LLC

Invocation: **Dave Timmons** - G W Timmons and Sons

Committee meetings: Membership, Music & Arts

Check Presentation: Columbus Children's Choir

Menu: **Wedge salad, herb-marinated chicken with red pepper coulis**

Looking forward ...

Birthdays:

12/17 – **Mike Becker**

12/19 – **Kathleen Roberts**

12/19 – **Joyce Waters**

12/25 - **Neil Distelhorst**

12/27 - **J. Patrick Doyle**



Monday – 12/23 - No meeting - Merry Christmas.

Monday – 12/30 – No meeting - Happy New Year.

Focus on Kiwanis

Expanded partnership ...

Boys & Girls Clubs Columbus and Kiwanis Club of Columbus will enhance their existing partnership by expanding our Service Leadership programs to the local Boys & Girls Club facilities.

This year, 2014, will mark Kiwanis Club of Columbus' fifth in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus. In recognition of this, we will launching the year with a BANG by expanding the number of Key Clubs and Builders Clubs available to Boys & Girls Club members, and by aligning ourselves with Boys & Girls Clubs' and Nickelodeon's "Year of Service."



"Year of Service" encourages Boys & Girls Clubs – and youth throughout the country – to engage in large-scale service initiatives throughout the year. Being an organization dedicated to service and the success of youth, it is natural for Kiwanis Club of Columbus to support the engagement of local youth in large-scale service initiatives. In addition to adding one NEW Key Club, three NEW Builders Clubs and re-chartering our current Key Club, Kiwanians will now have the opportunity to engage in six (6) service projects with Club members throughout 2014.

Our first joint service initiative will take place on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 20). It will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King and all who have fought and continue to fight against injustice. Kiwanians will support Boys & Girls Club staff and members in creating a living history project that honors Dr. King. Youth will create artwork (written, spoken word, performance, music, visual, storytelling) that expresses their feelings toward Dr. King, racism and injustice. Youth will also have an opportunity to engage in projects, view speeches made by Dr. King and enjoy lunch together.

The next initiative will be on April 5, and will combine "Kiwanis One Day" with Nickelodeon's Global Youth Service Day. We will join Boys & Girls Club staff and members to prepare Club gardens for the spring planting season. The Clubs' gardens are a great learning tool for kids and provide some delicious and nutritious snacks as well.

Kiwanian **Rebecca Asmo** will be at our January 6 meeting to provide additional information and to recruit volunteers to support these events. Please mark your calendars and be ready to sign up. We hope to see you there!

Meeting schedule ...

The holiday season is busy – shopping, traveling, family, business events and so on. Recognizing this, Kiwanis Club of Columbus will not meet on Monday, December 23 or Monday, December 30.

We hope you will take this time to enjoy the many blessings the holidays bring to you and those around you.

Giant Eagle cards ...

Holiday shopping can be a challenge, especially for those loved ones who have everything, or those who are hard to please. Giant Eagle cards can be the answer, and you can help support our Club in the process.

With each Giant Eagle card you purchase through our Club, our Club earns five percent of its face value. They are available in a variety of denominations - \$100 cards are kept in stock and other denominations, starting at \$10, can be special ordered (*allow five days*). Here are a few ideas:

1- Are you planning to give someone a gift card from Macy's, Kohl's, Home Depot, Bed Bath & Beyond, Amazon, Applebee's or any number of other popular retail outlets and restaurants? Use a Kiwanis Giant Eagle gift card to purchase your retail gift card at Giant Eagle, help the Club earn money and you earn fuel perks, as well, for every \$50 spent.



2- Do you need something meaningful but impersonal for the baby-sitter, dog-sitter, hair dresser or other person in you life you would like to thank or do something nice for? Giant Eagle gift cards are available by special order (*allow 5 days*), in \$10, \$15, \$25 and \$50 increments. Just let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know what you need, and he will get them ordered for you. Giving a Giant eagle gift card as a gift allows the recipient to decide what he or she best needs to buy, and also allows them to earn fuel perks.

Wait staff support ...

If you have not yet had the opportunity this holiday season to contribute to the annual wait-staff Christmas gift, there is still one last opportunity. This Monday, we will again have envelopes at each table prior to lunch, and we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to show our appreciation for the fine table service we get throughout the year.

We will add today's collection to what has been collected throughout the year, and present the full amount at the beginning of today's meeting.

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Reverse raffle ...

The reverse-affle tickets are in, and our Club as been allocated only 20 tickets (*they won't last long*) for the Division 10-W, 10-S and 10-E Council meeting and reverse-affle scheduled for January 30 at Scioto Downs Racino.

Each ticket gives you a 1 in 200 chance of winning the \$1,000 prize, or one of 20 other prizes that will be given that evening. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$50 each and include heavy hors d'oeuvres that evening. See Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** for your ticket. Proceeds from the reverse raffle will benefit the ELIMINATE project. Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Checks should be made out to "K Foundation Gahanna Kiwanis."

Drive with 'K' pride ...

Earlier this year, the Ohio legislature approved a bill authorizing the issuance of Kiwanis license plates. You can now purchase them either at your local Deputy Registrar's office or on line, at <https://www.oplates.com>. As you renew your license plates this year, please keep this in mind and consider ordering the new Kiwanis license plates for your vehicle. A portion of the proceeds (that which the state does not keep) will go to the Ohio District Foundation to help support grants to local clubs with special projects.



In addition, you can help support the ELIMINATE Project with the purchase of a "Kiwanis Supporter" license plate holder. These are available from Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** for a \$5 donation. Proceeds will be used to support our Club goal of \$250,000 for the ELIMINATE Project. These make great stocking stuffers, and along with the new Kiwanis license plate, will help show your support for Kiwanis as you drive around town.



Brighten Up a Child's Holiday ...

Each year, Boys & Girls Club Columbus gives away several hundred gifts to their Club members, and for many, this is the **only** wrapped gift they will receive during the holiday season. If you were able and willing to contribute a gift or a few, it would be greatly appreciated. All gifts are tax deductible, provided you submit your contact information and donation value to Boys & Girls Club.

Gifts can be donated in one of two ways:

1. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus have an on line gift registry for anyone who would like to simply purchase an item on line that can be delivered directly to the Club. Just go to the following web site:

http://www.walmart.com/giftregistry/gr_detail.do?registryId=86163263464

2. You can buy an item yourself and have it delivered, unwrapped, to the Club at 115 South Gift Street, OH 43215, no later than December 19. You can check our Kiwanis web site for a list of suggested items categorized by age.

Membership and holiday events ...

Word of mouth is still the best form of advertising. Something spoken by a trusted friend, a business associate, a neighbor, a family member or a friend can carry a tremendous amount of weight, especially if it is spoken with enthusiasm and confidence.

During the holidays, you will have numerous opportunities to socialize and to weave your Kiwanis activities into the conversation. It is a great way to introduce people you know, and those you have just met, to our great organization. When they show interest, explore. Ask if they have heard of Kiwanis or if they would like to come to a meeting.

One key factor to keep in mind: People do not join organizations; they join the people who are in those organizations.



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Your job is important ...

Four best friends met at the hospital where each of their wives was giving births to their babies. The nurse comes up to the first man and says, "Congratulations, you got twins." The man said "How strange, I'm the manager of Minnesota Twins." After awhile, the nurse comes up to the second man and says, "Congratulations, you got triplets." Man was like "Hmmm, strange I worked as a director for the "3 Musketeers." Finally, the nurse comes up to the third man and says, "Congratulations, you got twins times two." The man is happy and says, "Ironic, I work for the hotel "4 Seasons."

All three of them are happy until they see their last buddy jumping all over the place, cursing God and banging his head on the wall. They asked him what's wrong and he answered, "What's wrong? "I work for 7Up!"

Auction items ...

While our annual charity auction is not until Saturday, May 17, at Brookside Country Club, now is a great time to start thinking about donating an auction item.

Perhaps you will be out shopping and see an unbelievable buy, a 'buy-one, get-one free' offer or something similar. Why not take the opportunity to purchase something and donate it to the auction?

Or perhaps you receive a gift you simply cannot use or do not want. Rather than sticking in the closet or out in the garage, never to be seen again (*until it is old and moldy*), why not donate it to the auction?

Or perhaps you are attending a holiday party and you are talking to someone who owns or runs a retail business, or someone who manufactures or creates a unique product, why not ask them to consider making a donation?

And while you are at that party, why not ask your family, friends, co-workers or customers to mark their calendars and plan to attend our auction? Be sure to submit their names and addresses so that invitations can be sent. Nothing makes the auction more fun than sharing the evening with people you know.

The auction committee is already hard at work, and there are two key elements to having another successful event that are largely in your hands ... a wide selection of donated items and services to auction off, and lots of people to do the bidding and enjoy the evening.

It's the holiday season ... put the charity auction on your gift list.

**"Why aren't there any midget accountants?
Because they always come up short."**

Three friends - a surgeon, an engineer and a politician were discussing which of their professions was the oldest. The surgeon said, "Eve was created from Adam's rib - a surgical procedure." The engineer replied, "Before Adam and Eve, order was created out of chaos, and that was an engineering job." The politician said, "Yes, but who do you suppose created the chaos?"

Next meeting

(January 6, 2014)

Speaker: Gary Mohr – Director, Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections

Greeters: to be determined

Invocation: to be determined

Committees: Golf; Behavioral Health & Wellness

Menu: Wedge salad, herb-marinated pork loin with apple chutney

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