

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."

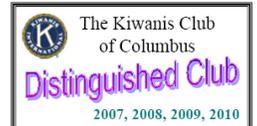
"Kiwanis Club of Columbus is a Club that cares about the children. Children are our focus."

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



December 17, 2012

THE COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S CHOIR Santa Maria Choir



The Columbus Children's Choir (CCC) was established in 1996 after becoming an independent choir apart from our previous parent, The Columbus Symphony Orchestra. For the last 16 seasons, we have been operating as a not-for-profit children's choral program, comprised of the finest young singers in Columbus and Central Ohio. Through seven choirs, CCC consistently works to accomplish the goals of its newly updated mission to *foster 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 more than 200 singers each year high-quality music education and performance experiences, at local, national and international venues.

Singing today at our 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 2008, the Choir toured Western New York and Niagara Falls, Canada, singing under the direction of CCC's new Artistic Director, Jeanne Wohlgamuth. CCC is thrilled to have Ms. Santilli join the artistic team, to continue the organization's tradition of strong leadership and exemplary music education.



Today's Meeting

Greeter: **Cindy Sturni**
United Way of Central Ohio

Invocation: **Scott Doellinger**
Design Group

Committee meetings: ELIMINATE

Menu: **House salad, grilled sirloin with red wine demi-glaze**

Holiday Birthdays



12/17 – Mike Becker
12/19 – Kathleen Roberts
12/19 – Joyce Waters
12/25 – Neil Distelhorst
12/27 – Patrick Doyle
01/04 – Okpara Rice

Happy New Year



Focus on Kiwanis

In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash ...

Remember the story of the little boy in the film, *A Christmas Story*? Ralphie so desperately wanted a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas that he couldn't think of anything else. His nightly dreams, his school essay, even his nervously stuttered wish list while sitting on Santa's lap focused on just one thing: That "shootin' tootin' rifle" featured on the radio.



The movie was filled with mischief.

Who can forget the double-dog dare that resulted in one young boy getting his tongue dangerously frozen to the playground flagpole! What a masterful touch by the director to have the victim walk back into class with a bandage wrapped around his tongue.

And there were more than a few of us who cheered as Ralphie took the rule of law into his own hands when he had just one too many beatings from the neighborhood bully.

Of course everybody remembers the story for the constant refrain adults delivered each time Ralphie mentioned his longing desire to carry the trusted Red Ryder BB gun: "You'll put your eye out!"

Film critics will say that the movie was a celluloid salute to childhood fantasies about the holidays, and gifts, and "boys being boys."

But the movie also spoke to the same motivations that underscore the heart and soul of Kiwanis International. Think it's a stretch? Think again.

You'll remember that Ralphie's sole mission in arming himself with the Red Ryder was to fend off the pirates who climbed over the backyard fence. Ralphie would be the last barricade at the back door, using his sure shot to save his family and his home.

That's a lot like what each one of the members of Kiwanis does each time we volunteer for the Regatta, teach chess to a school child or generously contribute to efforts to end maternal and neo-natal tetanus. We're like Ralphie: We're always helping others.

That's the true holiday story, no matter your religion, or whether you celebrate the winter solstice. This is an entire time of year set aside for thinking of others and contributing, each in our own way, to making the lives better for friends, family members and people we will never meet.

Meeting Schedule ...

The holiday season creates an interesting quirk in our Kiwanis calendar – **NO MEETING** for two (2) consecutive Mondays – December 24 and December 31.

We hope everyone enjoys their holiday season and has a safe and Happy New Year!

Hands-on help needed ...

Kiwanis Clubs throughout the Ohio District provided a tremendous response to 2011-12 Kiwanis first lady **Cheryl Snellgrove's** request for backpack materials. The backpacks will be utilized by county Children's Services around the state and given to children who are temporarily removed from their home due to child abuse and other parental issues.

However, there is a small problem. All of the materials are now in the garage of immediate past Governor **Bill Snellgrove**, and they need to be sorted and inserted into the backpacks for delivery to the various counties.

Here's where we come in. On Saturday, December 22 and December 29, we will be filling two shifts (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.) to help tackle this project. Their three-car garage is completely full, and the task for them alone is insurmountable. So, in the Christmas spirit, we ask that you spend a few hours helping us tackle their huge inventory of items, get them sorted and get the back packs filled. The garage is so full that there is room for only four people to work per shift. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Fil Line** at fil@roirealty.com to sign up.

December Trustee meeting ...

The December Trustee meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held at Scioto Country Club on Tuesday, December 18. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. Those attending are also welcome to stay for dinner and fellowship following the meeting. You will be able to order from the menu and you will be billed separately.

If you are interested in attending, please let Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know, so that we may make the appropriate reservations. Reservations are due by 3 p.m. on Friday, December 14.

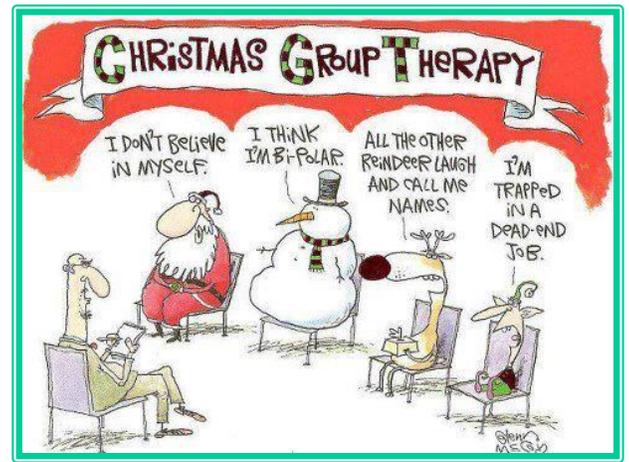
Yes, it's awfully difficult to remain in the holiday spirit of giving when we see the mad rush at the shopping malls. But someplace in the hearts of those shoppers is the same special energy that makes us members of Kiwanis: We're always helping others, just like Ralphie.

Holiday parties are good for Kiwanis ...

This is the season when many of us will be going to various holiday parties ... at work, at church, in the neighborhood, with old friends and with family. There will be lots of idle chit-chat and plenty of opportunity to mention your delight in being involved with Kiwanis.

Most people have heard of Kiwanis but have no idea who we are or what we do. Once they hear our story, they become interested. Why? Because most people want to find ways to give back to their community. Most people want to belong to an organization that is doing good things. Most people want to have that sense of belonging. Most people want to network and meet new people. Most people want to hear presentations that provide insight into our community and our world, to help them feel connected and informed. There's one place where all of this can happen ... Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

So, this holiday season, be sure to have your 'elevator speech' ready ... that 30-second summary of what Kiwanis is all about, or what it means to you ... enough to get their attention and pique their interest. You will be surprised at the follow-up questions and extended conversations it will lead to, as well as the opportunities to welcome new members.



Giant Eagle gift cards ...



The holidays are closing in and the pressure is mounting. 'What should I give to that person who has everything?' 'What can I give to the babysitter that would be useful or to the house-cleaner that wouldn't be too silly?' The answer is a Giant Eagle gift card ... they can be special ordered through Kiwanis in most any denomination, beginning at \$10 and increasing in \$5 increments. Contact **Paul Bohlman** to place your order and remember to allow for some lead time as it takes about five days.

Wait, you have some bigger gifts to buy for children, grandchildren, aunts and uncles? Giant Eagle carries gift cards from a wide variety of merchants. You can use a Giant Eagle gift card to purchase these as well. Buy the Giant Eagle gift card from Secretary Paul Bohlman, then go to Giant Eagle to purchase the merchant card for Macy's; Applebee's; iTunes; Sears; Chili's; Best Buy; AMC Theatres; Babies "R" Us; Bass Pro Shops; Graeter's; Old Navy and many others. There is a merchant gift card for every person on your shopping list. The more you buy, the more you save on gasoline and the more the Kiwanis Club earns.

So, start shopping the Giant Eagle gift card method today!

*The man who fell into an upholstery machine,
is fully recovered...*

Needed: greeters and invocators ...

It is nice to walk in to our Monday meeting and be greeted by a fellow Kiwanian. It is part of the atmosphere that keeps our meetings cordial and inviting.

Members, especially new members, are encouraged to sign up to serve as greeters. It is a great way to get to know more members and for them to know you.

Another way is to deliver the weekly invocation. Not everyone feels comfortable speaking in front of a group or giving the weekly invocation, but for those who do, providing the weekly invocation can be both fulfilling and rewarding.

New members can lose one of their blue dots by serving as a greeter or by delivering the weekly invocation. More tenured members get to meet new members and to get reacquainted with others.

Members interested in doing one or the other should contact Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** (pbohlman@aol.com). He is currently signing up volunteers for the months of January and February.

Did you know...

Business card ads can promote your business or organization by putting your information in front of a large group of people. Our award-winning weekly newsletter is distributed to many other Clubs throughout Ohio and as far away as Roanoke, Virginia and Omaha, Nebraska.

Dreaming of a Green Christmas?

I hope so, and here are some tips to make it greener this year and for years to come.

Start by composting your pumpkins. If your pumpkins are like mine, they are looking rather sad about now. Pumpkins are heavy and take up space in the garbage truck, requiring additional runs to the landfill. So, just place them on your compost pile and wait.

If you are buying an artificial tree, buy one made domestically as it not only promotes the economy here, it will not have the out-gassing and toxin levels of some trees coming from abroad. Take care of the artificial tree and it will last decades.

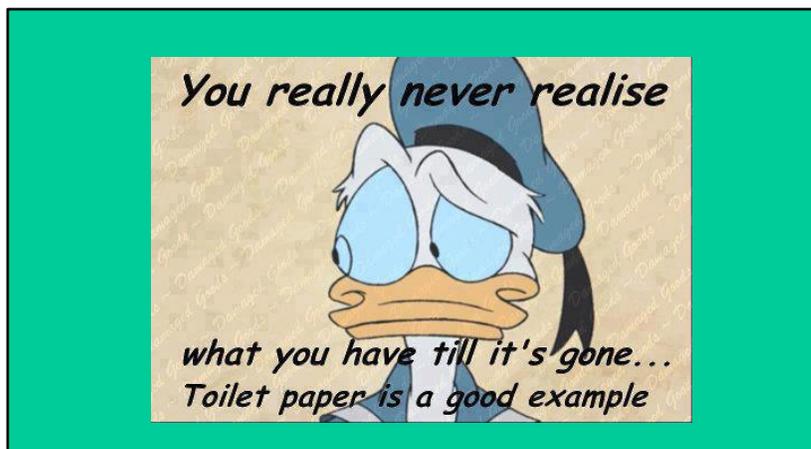
Buy LED holiday lights to place on the tree. They use about 10 percent of the electricity of the old incandescent bulb strings, will last decades and will keep you from having to re-string and store them from year-to-year. They also run at much lower temperatures and will be far-less likely to start a fire.

When purchasing gifts, attempt to avoid disposable items. Give 'activities,' like tickets to events or admission to zoos rather than more 'stuff.'

If giving an item that replaces another item, like a cell-phone, remember to recycle the old item. Keep it out of the trash stream by giving it to others who can continue to use it, or recycle it to reduce the amount of resources and energy needed to replace it.

Happy Green Christmas!

~~~~ Scott Doellinger



## Foundation annual meeting set ...

The annual meeting of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will be held on Monday, January 14, immediately following the Club's regular luncheon meeting at the Athletic Club of Columbus. The primary course of business will be the election of Trustees and officers.

All Kiwanis Club of Columbus members are voting members of the Foundation and are welcome to attend.

## Try this; it works ...

If you are between the ages of 10 and 100, this should work. Multiply your current age by 7. Then, multiply that answer by 1,443. The answer will repeat your current age three times.

### *Next meeting*

(January 7, 2012)

**Speaker:** Randy Delay – ELIMINATE Project

**Greeters:** Volunteers needed

**Invocation:** Volunteers needed

**Committees:** Golf, Scholarship,  
Behavioral Health & Wellness

**Menu:** To be announced

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