

# 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."

**“Great yesterday, better today, better still tomorrow!”**

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

**December 19, 2011**



## The New World Singers

### Columbus Children's Choir



The New World Singers, the top-level performing ensemble in the Columbus Children's Choir, will delight us today with a program of holiday music. It's a great day to bring your spouse to share in the holiday spirit and to enjoy the Talents of this marvelous group of young men and women. Please let us know in Advance if you will be bringing guests so that we can properly prepare.

Kiwanis Club of Columbus has a long history with this organization. Founded in Columbus, in 1937 (as the Columbus Boychoir), the American Boychoir has been located in Princeton, New Jersey since 1950.

Today's ensemble, The New World Singers, performs annually with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and was most recently heard in their season opener of *Carmina Burana*. The chorus has also performed with the National Repertory Orchestra in Breckenridge, Colorado; the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra; and the Lancaster Festival Orchestra. They have performed at the National conferences of the American Choral Directors Association and the Organization of American Kodaly Educators. In the spring of 2010, they won first place in the Youth Division of The American Prize.

This December, they will perform at The White House. In fact, as soon as they complete their performance at our Club meeting, they will be changing clothes and boarding the White Castle sponsored bus for their trip to D.C. where they will perform at the White House on Tuesday, December 20.



**Looking back** - The Columbus Boychoir, founded in 1937 by associates of the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, was housed in this building at 812 E. Broad Street for several years. The choir first occupied the La Hai house owned by the church. Under the direction of Herbert Huffman, the school followed the model of European choir schools, offering both academic and musical training. It grew from fewer than 50 students to 102, and gained national recognition. In May 1950, the school, Huffman and many of the students moved to Princeton, N.J., accepting an invitation from Westminster Choir College to become part of the program there.

### Today's Meeting

- Greeters:** **Joyce Waters**  
BNY Mellon Wealth Management
- Invocation:** **Grant Shaffer**  
Office of Congressman Steve Stivers
- Committee meetings:** Senior Citizens, Youth Opportunity,  
Young Children Priority One
- Menu:** **House salad, grilled sirloin, herb butter**
- Special Feature:** The Kiwanis Ukulele Orchestra

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

- 12/19 – Kathleen Roberts  
12/19 – Joyce Waters  
12/25 – Neil Distelhorst



**Wednesday – 12/21 – 11:30 a.m. - Auction committee meeting at United Way of Central Ohio**

**Birthdays to celebrate before our next meeting:**

- 12/27 – Patrick Doyle  
01/07 – Ed Deering

## President's Corner



Jamie Richardson

Somewhere in the musty box, fringed with rusted nails and a deep scent of work, I stumbled across a cracked but still bound in leather book – its title in raised gold letters – “One Hundred One Famous Poems.” My Mom had purchased the “Grab Bag Mystery Package” at an estate auction because she caught the glimmer of an old lamp she found interesting, but the true wish-granting genie hidden amongst the other treasures was this collection of poetry, published in 1939.

As a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, I didn't instantly realize the wonders the pages held, but when I first read “The Raven,” followed shortly thereafter by “The Charge of the Light Brigade,” I was hooked! Each poem featured a ‘framed’ portrait of the poet alongside the title – and if you stared long enough, often it felt like they might jump off the page, unable to resist the summoning to read.

A passage that comes to mind as we fast approach 2012 sticks in my memory even now:

*“Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.”*

**-Alfred, Lord Tennyson**

“Ring in the true.” What a great expression, and one I think apt when we consider our Kiwanis Club of Columbus. We begin with the ringing of the bell to call our meeting to order, and we end our meetings with the same expression. Each of our members true to our calling, to do all we can to change our world, one child at a time.

For the year ahead, I'd like to propose we expand our definition of “Ring in the true” as a way to signify our efforts to grow our Club membership to once again reach 200. Inviting good and true prospective members to consider our Club and all it has to offer. Achieving 200 members won't be an easy task, but in other ways, it need not be daunting. We are off to a good start and on the right path.

But here's the best part of all – we have a sure-fire way to make certain we reach our goal. Invite guests to join us each Monday. Past President **Scott Lindsey** recently shared an incredible insight. During his year as President, about one of every four guests eventually became Club members. I have to believe that given the chance to meet other Club members and to learn of the nourishment we provide our community, and the friendships we build with one another, why wouldn't a guest want to become a member?

## Holiday collection ...

With this being our last meeting before the holiday break, we will be presenting the wait staff of the ACC with our annual Holiday gift.

As you recall, throughout the year we have periodically asked for donations in recognition of the outstanding service the ACC wait staff provides to us week in and week out. Previous collections, plus what we collect today, will be presented to the wait staff on our behalf.



When you arrive today, several of Santa's helpers will be collecting donations. We hope you will be generous during this festive season and help us show our tremendous appreciation to the wait staff.

## Auction committee to launch ...

The auction committee will soon hold its first meeting to begin planning the 2012 Annual Kiwanis Charity Auction. If you would like to be a part of this group and to help plan and run one of our major fundraisers, you are welcome to attend.

The meeting will be held at the offices of United Way of Central Ohio (UWCO), located at 360 South Third Street, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Wednesday, December 21. Lunch will be “ordered in.”



This year's event will be co-chaired by Stephanie Harris ([sharris@olsa.org](mailto:sharris@olsa.org)) and Cindy Sturni ([cindy.sturni@uwcentralohio.org](mailto:cindy.sturni@uwcentralohio.org)). Please contact either one if you would like to serve on the committee and if you will be attending the meeting.

## Holiday meeting schedule ...

Don't forget, the holiday schedule will be usurping several meetings. Please mark your calendar as follows:

December 26 – **no meeting** – Christmas holiday  
January 2 – **no meeting** – New Year's holiday  
January 9 - Steve Steinour - CEO of Huntington Bank  
January 16 – **no meeting** – Martin Luther King holiday

So, in your list of New Year's Resolutions – take the pledge! Will you commit to bringing at least two guests to a Club meeting? And we'll make it easy – you don't even have to invite them in iambic pentameter.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all!

## Five eco-tips for the Holiday Season ...

We all know the holidays are literally littered with opportunities to help or hurt the environment. Since we know you share our eco-concerns, we thought you'd be interested in a few more tips to keep in mind this holiday season.

- 1- Give things that require minimal wrapping. Gifts like tickets to shows, sports games and concerts leave lasting memories about the EXPERIENCE, and require little or no wrapping. While it's not big on the memory factor, the same is true of gift cards.
- 2- Recycle ribbon and paper for all the obvious reasons.
- 3- Real fir trees are actually the friendlier environmental choice. Today, nearly all of the trees sold at seasonal Christmas-tree lots are grown on tree farms. So forests aren't hurt by choosing a cut tree, and since artificial trees require lots of energy and petroleum products to make them, real trees are the eco-friendly option.
- 4- Recycle your tree. Don't put it in a landfill, have it wood-chipped into mulch.
- 5- Use low-energy-consuming LED decorative lights (if you didn't do it this year, take advantage of the after-Christmas sales on holiday decorations so you'll be all ready to eco-decorate next year!)

**"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."**

*~ Burton Hillis*

## Holiday banter ...

This is the season for parties ... a time when friends, co-workers, relatives and business associates convene for a little relaxation and socializing.

It's a time when you get into conversations you might not normally get into, and a great time to bring up your Kiwanis involvement.

Many people have heard of Kiwanis, but most have no idea who we are and what we do. This is a great time to share that information with them and to invite them to an upcoming meeting, social event or service project. The key is the invitation. Don't hesitate to ask. The worst they can say is "No," and you may be surprised how many will say "Yes, that sounds like fun."

We know that most people are interested in joining the Club once they have been exposed to who we are and what we do. That makes asking them, either yourself or a member of the membership committee, that much easier.

## Win a free lunch ...

Bringing a guest to a luncheon meeting is often the second step in gaining a new member. The first step, obviously, was inviting them to attend.

We feel it is important that all guests are recognized and that we have a process in place to follow-up with those who are interested in taking the next steps toward becoming a member. Here's where you can help, and where you can benefit, as well.

Be sure each guest you bring has a business card with him/her. Write your name on the back of the business card and place the business card in the "fishbowl" that will be at the registration desk. Jennifer, from the ACC staff, will try to remind you. This will not only give us legible contact information for follow-up, but will give you an opportunity to win a free lunch.

Once each month, usually on "membership Monday," the first Monday meeting of each month, we will pick a business card out of the fishbowl. If your name is on the back of that card, you will win a free meal ticket for a Kiwanis lunch. You need not be present to win, but hopefully you will be.



## Year-end giving ...

As we approach the end of another calendar year, many of us begin looking for ways to lower our tax burden by making generous donations to the charities of our choice. There are many very worthy organizations to choose from, but there are two that we hope you will consider that will assist our Club in reaching several of our goals:

1- **The Columbus Kiwanis Foundation** – This is our Club's own Foundation which funds the various philanthropic grants and scholarships awarded via our committee system throughout the year. Our goal is to grow the corpus of the Foundation to \$1.1 million by 2016, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Club. This would allow us to present an additional \$100,000 in grants (above our normal grant-giving levels) during our centennial year.

2- **The Kiwanis International Eliminate Project** – This is a major worldwide initiative being undertaken by Kiwanis International. The goal is to raise \$110 million over five years to "eliminate" maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth. Our Club has committed to support this effort and your contribution will be counted toward our Club's goal. You can donate on line at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/kifeli2/>. Our Club number is K00027.

*Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.*

### New members ...

The sign of a vibrant organization is that it is growing and the Kiwanis Club of Columbus certainly is. At this month's Trustee meeting, the applications of two new members were approved, bringing our total up to eight new members so far this administrative year. Please welcome our two newest members:

1- **Joseph R. Smith** - Joseph is with Paul Werth Associates, Inc., a local advertising and public relations firm. He attended George Washington University and has lived in the Columbus area for 12 years. He enjoys reading and writing, and he would like to be a more active member of the Columbus community. He has obviously come to the right place!

2- **Todd Hutchins** - Todd is also with Paul Werth Associates, Inc. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University and has lived in Columbus for 13 years. He is a communications professional with a variety of skills in the area of news and publication writing, marketing, media relations and advertising design. He is anxious to give back to the community.

*An invisible man marries an invisible woman.  
The kids were nothing to look at, either.*



### Points to ponder ...

- If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
- Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
- What hair color do they put on the driver licenses of bald men?
- No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.
- Why if you send something by road it is called a shipment, but when you send it by sea it is called cargo?
- Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office?  
What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the postmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

*There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous" - tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.*

### Next meeting

(January 9, 2012)

**Speaker:** Steve Steinour

CEO, Huntington National Bank

**Greeters:** Stephanie Harris

Ohio State Legal Services Association

**Ted Coons**

Spillman Company

**Invocation:** Tim Barhorst

Business Partners, Inc.

**Committees:** Youth Opportunity, Scholarship,  
International Relations, Golf

**Menu:** to be determined

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