

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."

“Where serving the Children of the World is our Mission & Passion”

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



December 20, 2010

Columbus Children's Choir The New World Singers

Please
reserve
today's guest
meals
in advance

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 be sure to have the appropriate number of meals prepared.



This month, the New World Singers have performed four Holiday Pops Concerts with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, opened for Rockapella (a male a cappella group), and performed at the Columbus Museum of Art with Broadway singer/actor Kevin McGuire, as well as singing in the Columbus Children's Choir's Holiday Concerts.

Last year, the New World Singers received first prize in the Youth Division of The American Prize – a new competition in music. Their review commented on their excellent tone and varied repertoire. This spring, the group will perform with ProMusica Chamber Orchestra and the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus, in a project called Musicians in Harmony, which will feature Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. They will also premiere three new pieces of music for children's choir and strings, with Chamber Music Connection, at Denison University's Contemporary Music Festival. In June, they will present concerts in France, Italy, Slovenia and Austria, as part of a 12-day tour of Western Europe.

Today they will perform holiday favorites, such as *Carol of the Bells*, *Jingle Bells*, and *Ding Dong Merrily on High*. They will also sing *'This Little Babe'* from Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* and *'The Reindeer Rock'*, by Steve Amundson, orchestra director of St. Olaf College.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: Joyce Waters

BNY Mellon Wealth Management

Linda Kay

WesBanco Trust & Investment Services

Invocation: Scott Lindsey

Lindsey Law Office, LLC

Committee meetings: Environment & Agriculture
Music & Arts

**Menu: House Salad, Sautéed Salmon,
Smoked Tomato Relish**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

12/25 – Neil Distelhorst

12/27 – J. Patrick Doyle



Saturday – 12/25 – Christmas Day

Monday – 12/27 – No meeting scheduled

President's Corner



At our meeting this past Monday, our Club went through a unique exercise, and I had no idea what was going to happen. It was a cold, snowy Monday and quite frankly, I was extremely nervous as to how this one time experiment was going to turn out. I had a thousand things going through my mind and not one of them was positive.

Would we have good attendance? Would my personal plea to attend this meeting be rebuffed? Would our speaker understand what we were trying to accomplish and tee up the focus groups? Would our members be annoyed by our focus group exercise? Would I mess up the time table and agenda as it was very untraditional?

The result was a great surprise and better than I could have ever imagined. I watched from the dais and stage as I saw eight tables of members highly engaged in conversation and brainstorming. I saw hands and body movements going back and forth as our facilitators led the small groups through our focus group exercise. I saw a great group of people trying to improve a great club and organization without any restrictions or limitations. It was pretty neat, I must admit.

I started the meeting promptly at the non-traditional time of 12:00 noon. Artie Isaac was our speaker and got our attention with his idea about creativity, time management and life in general. He did a great job as the audience was in a creative mood and we then broke into our focus group discussions.

The focus group topics include and were facilitated by the following members.

- “Service” led by President Elect **Jamie Richardson**
- “Fundraising” led by Vice President **Lisa Jolley**
- “Networking” led by Treasurer **Nick Tomashot**
- “Fellowship” led by Secretary **Paul Bohlman**
- “Speakers” led by Past President and Historian **Ron Cook**
- “Membership” led by Trustee **Troy Terakedis**
- “Scholarships” led by Trustee **Brian Seitz**
- “Committees” led by **Mareion Royster**

The initial feedback I received from the focus group facilitators and the membership in attendance was extremely positive. The Strategic Planning Committee will now correlate the feedback, digest the ideas and begin to formulate recommendations for consideration in developing a long-range plan.

I personally thank each and every one of you who attended our meeting last week and/or participated in our on-line survey. You are doing a great service for our Club as we strive to improve and position our Club for the near- and long-term future.

Christmas break ...

The week between Christmas and New Year's Day is filled with travel, shopping (or perhaps more accurately, returning), catching up on office work, getting ready for the New Year, and so forth.



For some, it is using up their last vacation and for still others, it is business as usual. Traditionally, we have not held a Kiwanis meeting on the Monday following Christmas and this year will be no different.

However, should you want to gather for lunch with three or more Kiwanians and talk a little Kiwanis business, you will get an attendance credit. To do so, you must attend a pre-established “roundtable” location.

We are still looking for individuals to head up roundtables in the Downtown, Dublin, Worthington and/or Westerville areas (other areas are welcome if there is interest). A roundtable captain must do only two things ... choose the restaurant at which to meet and report the names of those Kiwanians who attend. If you are interested in being a captain, please let me know so that we can inform Club members who you are and where you will be meeting on Monday, December 27.

A special offering ...

Help say “Thank You” during this holiday season to our fabulous wait staff by giving generously as you enter today's meeting.



There have been many inquiries about the once popular ‘Third Thursday’ social events that took place each month after work on the third Thursday of the month.

Hectic schedules have kept them from being planned the past few months, but in January, they will be starting back up again.

So mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Specific details (time and location) will be available after the holidays. It would be great to have all of our members there!

**An optimist thinks the glass is half full,
the pessimist thinks that the glass is half empty,
and the engineer knows the glass is
twice as big as it needs to be.**

Clunker math ...

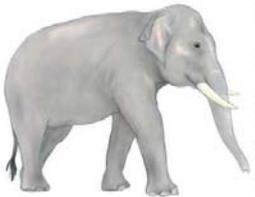
Think of it this way: An old car (clunker) that travels 12,000 miles a year at 15 mpg uses 800 gallons of gas a year. A new vehicle that travels 12,000 miles a year at 25 mpg uses only 480 gallons a year. So, the average 'Cash for Clunkers' transaction reduced U.S. gasoline consumption by 320 gallons per year per vehicle.

They claim 700,000 vehicles qualified for the 'Cash for Clunkers' program, so that's 224 million gallons of gasoline saved per year. That equates to a bit over five million barrels of oil. Five million barrels is about five hours' worth of U.S. consumption.

More importantly, five million barrels of oil at \$70 per barrel costs about \$350 million dollars. Therefore, our government paid \$3 billion of our tax dollars to save \$350 million.

Put another way, we spent \$8.57 for every dollar we saved.

The white elephant ...



It happens all the time – we get a gift we really don't need and perhaps we really don't want. But we know the gift was thoughtful and it was given with affection and love. How

can we tell the person we don't like it or need it without hurting their feelings?

Well, maybe you don't need to create that awkward moment. Why not turn the situation into an opportunity? Consider donating that "white elephant" to the Kiwanis Charity Auction?

It might be just the item someone else is looking for and would be willing to buy, with proceeds they know are going to a great cause.

Come on, we all have them ... take a look in your closets, your storage area, your office cabinets. They are there ... perfectly new items that you don't need or want. This could be the perfect opportunity to get them into the hands of someone who does.

Donation forms can be found on our website under the 'Forms' tab.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

~~ Walt Emerson

Serve the needy ...



For the past several years, members of our Club have volunteered to assist with the preparation and serving of meals at the Manna Café, located in the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

Each week, approximately 200 men, women and children are served a solid hot meal through the Manna Café. Our efforts not only pay for the food once per quarter, but also help get the job done with our hands-on efforts to help.

The next opportunity to get involved is set for Wednesday, January 5, 2011. We need about 12 people to help, beginning at 4:30 p.m. If you can't get there until after 5 p.m., that's OK. We will be helping to prepare the meal, staff the serving line and clean up afterwards. No particular skills are needed, just a willingness to help.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Steve Schoeny** at sschoeny@szdwhiteboard.com. You will not only earn an attendance credit but a service star credit as well.

Annual Foundation meeting set ...

The annual meeting of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation has been set for Monday, January 31. It will be conducted as part of our normal Monday meeting held that day.

As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, you are automatically a member of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation. However, the two organizations are separate entities, with separate Boards and by-laws. The Columbus Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization and is able to accept charitable donations.

The annual meeting of the Foundation will provide members with an update regarding the Foundation's investment portfolio and will elect one or more members to the Board.

Tax deductible contributions for the 2010 tax year can be received up until December 31, 2010. Checks should be made out to the '*Columbus Kiwanis Foundation.*'

Remember!
No meeting next week.
December 27, 2010

Membership

A club our size has constant turnover. People come and go due to a variety of reasons – change in jobs, relocating, family demands, illness, etc. In order to remain strong and to successfully complete the many projects we take on each year, we must have members who are committed to the organization: members who take an active role through attending meetings, working on committees, attending events, getting involved with hands-on projects, supporting our fundraisers, working behind the scenes and in short, doing what they can to support the activities and goals of the Club, either directly or indirectly.

So, the question is, who have you asked to join our Club? We all know people, we meet new people, we do business with people, we come in contact everyday with people who are not involved in helping our community. Why? Because no one has asked them. No one has invited them to a lunch to see what we are all about. No one has invited them to help us with a hands-on project. No one has invited them to a Third Thursday event, an auction or other fun activity.

Is that 'no one' you? Why not make a New Year's resolution to recruit at least one new member before June 2011. It's a resolution you know you can keep!

Remembering ...



Several thousand volunteers from across the nation came together at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., to place 24,000 holiday wreaths in the cemetery as part of the "Wreaths Across America" project Dec. 11.

The ceremony honored members of the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. The holiday wreaths were placed in four sections of the cemetery, to include Section 60, which is the section where those who have fallen in the current war are laid to rest, and the location of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The project was started in 2007 as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project, which was started more than a decade ago by Morrill Worcester with just 5,000 wreaths.

Kiwanian **Kathleen Roberts** was among the 59 Columbus area volunteers who made the trip to Washington D.C. via bus and van caravan. The majority of the group were Honor Flight Columbus-related, a group our Club and Foundation has supported and with whom Kathleen has been very active.

**All of us could take a lesson from the weather.
It pays no attention to criticism.**

Royster family grows ...



It may have been a quiet afternoon for many of us, but for fellow Kiwanian **Mareion Royster**, it was anything but. At 4:27 p.m. Mareion and his wife, Janae, welcomed their new baby girl into the world.

Her name is Mara Renee Royster.

She arrived weighing in at exactly six pounds, and was 19.25 inches long. Both baby and mom are doing great.

Congratulations to Mareion and Janae.

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