

# The Bulletin

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus

“Building for our future.”



“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world – one child and one community at a time.”

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

December 22, 2014

## The Columbus Children’s Choir and New World Singers

The Columbus Children’s Choir was established in 1996 after becoming an independent choir apart from its previous parent, The Columbus Symphony Orchestra. Now in its 18th season, the organization continues to operate as a not-for-profit children’s program comprised of the finest young singers in Columbus and central Ohio. CCC consistently works to accomplish the goals of its mission: *fostering the personal growth of children Through meaningful experiences in music education and vocal performance* with the 200+ students in six choirs, from more than 40 school districts across central Ohio.



CCC’s premier touring ensemble, the New World Singers, is made up of fifth- through twelfth-grade students. Directed by Jeanne Wohlgamuth, CCC’s Artistic Director, the New World Singers focus on high-quality sight-reading and vocal skills necessary to perform for groups across the city, nation, and globe. In 2001, CCC accompanied the Columbus Symphony Orchestra in their debut concert at Carnegie Hall, and have continued touring throughout the US, Canada, and Europe over the last 13 years. In December 2011, the NWS performed at the White House for the holiday season, and the choir earned a Bronze medal in the Champions Competition at the 2012 World Choir Games in Cincinnati. The New World Singers traveled to Barcelona, Segovia, and Grenada Spain in June 2014, where they were invited to perform at the prestigious International Festival of Music and Dance of Grenada. Kiwanis Club of Columbus provided the CCC with a scholarship grant of \$10K in support of, and sponsorship for, that Spain tour. Our Club’s support for the CCC dates back to the mid-1930s, with the formation and sponsorship of the Columbus Boychoir. The Club’s history and that of the CCC are thus happily intertwined.

The New World Singers are accompanied by Chad Baker, a faculty member of the Capital University Conservatory of Music and current Director of Worship & Music at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley.

### Today’s Meeting

**Greeters:** **Jim Shively**

Larry Phillips Photography, Inc.

**Bill Calvert**

Merrill Lynch

**Invocation:** **Kathleen Roberts** - Sweetbriar Group LLC

**Committee meetings:** Young Children Priority One

**Pre-meeting:** The Mighty Ukulele Orchestra

**Menu:** **Wedge salad, herb-crusted pork loin with apple chutney.**

### A Glance at this week

**Birthdays:**

12/25 – Neil Distelhorst

12/27 – J. Patrick Doyle



**Thursday** – 12/25 – Christmas Day - Merry Christmas

**Monday** – 12/29 – **NO KIWANIS MEETING** –  
**Happy Holidays**

**Wednesday** – 12/31 – New Year’s Eve

**Thursday** – 01/01 – New Years Day

## President's Corner

by Jim Skdmore

### As a Kiwanian, you are important!

I have spoken with several members about their reasons for joining Kiwanis. Some explain they joined because of the great speakers we have each Monday. Others say they joined based upon the support we provide with scholarships and the funding of specific projects through grants that benefit our community. Whatever your reason for joining, by now you have certainly discovered the many benefits of belonging to Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

We have a Club goal of reaching 200 members by the time we celebrate our 100th anniversary (May 2016). The responsibility for recruiting new members rests on each one of us.

What we seek in new members is an interest in providing service and giving back to the community. Do you have a friend who might be interested in what Kiwanis offers? Is there a member of your firm or organization you can invite and encourage to consider joining the Club?

If each of us who regularly attend meetings would recruit one new member, we would be able to provide a greater level of service to our community, reach our goal and continue to be a vibrant service club in Central Ohio. You are important as an active club member and we need your help as a recruiter. Won't you commit today to inviting a prospective new member as a guest to an upcoming meeting or service activity?

*With my failing memory, I'm thinking of changing my password to "incorrect." That way, when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me "Your password is incorrect."*

### Governor's visit ...

Mark your calendars for Tuesday evening, January 20, 2015. On that night, Kiwanians from clubs within Divisions 10-W, 10-E and 10-W will gather to welcome our current Ohio Kiwanis Governor, Diana Keplinger.

The meeting will be held at the Berwick Party House, located at 3250 Refugee Road (just east of Route 33 South), and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to all Kiwanis members. Not only will you have an opportunity to meet our Kiwanis Governor, you will also enjoy a good meal, meet Kiwanians from other central Ohio clubs and earn several attendance credits. Costs and reservation deadline will be announced in January.

## Youth Protection Guidelines ...

There are more than 300,000 members of all ages involved in Kiwanis youth programs. Almost all Kiwanis clubs, including Kiwanis Club of Columbus, sponsor an SLP (Service Learning Program) club (Circle K, Key, Builders) and do projects with youth. When we work with and mentor youth during projects and activities, their care and welfare are being entrusted to us.

It might be hard to believe that a troubling incident involving a youth and/or club member(s) could happen in any club or community. But there are countless examples in all places, with all types of youth service organizations. Every member has to know how to protect the youth with whom we interact *and* ourselves.

Kiwanians in particular have good reason to act with the highest standards. If we want to be the premier provider of youth service clubs and programs, we need to hold ourselves and our fellow members to the highest standards of conduct and awareness.

Kiwanis International has an on line training program we are encouraging every member to take, especially those working directly with youth. Simply log on to [www.KiwanisOne.org](http://www.KiwanisOne.org). If this is your first time to this site, you will need to create a user ID and set up a password. Once you have logged in, click on the "Education tab" in the left-hand column, then scroll down to Youth Protection Guidelines and click start.

When you have completed the course, you will receive an electronic completion certificate to forward to Club secretary **Paul Bohlman** to place in your file.

*Always remember: the greatest gift you will ever own is not found in shops or under your Christmas tree. It is found in the hearts of your family and your true friends.*

### Remember the wait staff ...

This Monday will be the final collection of 2014 to recognize and thank the individuals who wait on us each week and help behind the scenes to make our meetings a success.

Monies collected today will be added to the funds collected on each of the previous dates and presented on behalf of the Club.



There is no obligation to give, but we hope you will consider a small donation as a way of expressing your thanks. Envelopes will be available on each table for you to place your donation in.

## **Membership vote required – must be present to vote ...**

The Trustees of both Kiwanis Club of Columbus and the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation have approved a motion that will commit our Club to becoming a 'Platinum Model Club' within the Kiwanis International ELIMINATE Project. This is a commitment to raise the equivalent of \$1,500 per member, or a total of \$200,000. We will have five years to meet the new goal. The background and motion will be presented to our general membership this Monday for a final vote of approval. Approval of the general membership is required prior to making the commitment to the Kiwanis International Foundation. Please plan to attend, voice your opinion and vote.

## **A lesson about learning through hands-on experience ...**

A young man went to seek an important position at a large printing company. He passed the initial interview and was going to meet the director for the final interview. The director saw his resume; it was excellent.

He asked, 'Have you received a scholarship for school?' The boy replied, "No." "It was your father who paid for your studies?" "Yes," he replied. "Where does your father work?" "My father is a Blacksmith."

The director asked the young man to show him his hands. The young man showed a pair of hands soft and perfect. "Have you ever helped your parents at their job?" "Never, my parents always wanted me to study and read more books. Besides, he can do the job better than me."

The director said, "I have got a request. When you go home today, go and wash the hands of your father and then come see me tomorrow morning." The young man felt his chance to get the job was high. When he returned to his house he asked his father if he would allow him to wash his hands. His father felt strange, happy, but with mixed feelings and showed his hands to his son. The young man washed his hands, little by little. It was the first time that he noticed his father's hands were wrinkled and they had so many scars. Some bruises were so painful that his skin shuddered when he touched them. This was the first time that the young man recognized what it meant for this pair of hands to work every day to be able to pay for his study. The bruises on the hands were the price that he paid for their education, his school activities and his future.

After cleaning his father's hands the young man stood in silence and began to tidy and clean up the workshop. That night, father and son talked for a long time. The next morning, the young man went to the office of the director. The director noticed the tears in the eyes of the young man when he asked him, "Can you tell me what you did and what you learned yesterday at your house?"

The boy replied, "I washed my father's hands and when I finished, I stayed and cleaned his workshop. Now I know what it is to appreciate and recognize that without my parents, I would not be who I am today. By helping my father, I now realize how difficult and hard it is to do something on my own. I have come to appreciate the importance and the value in helping the family.

The director said, "This is what I look for in my people. I want to hire someone who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the hardship of others to do things, and a person who does not put money as his only goal in life. You are hired."

A child that has been coddled, protected and usually given what he/she wants, develops a mentality of "I have the right" and will always put him/herself first, ignoring the efforts of the parents. If we are this type of protective parent, are we really showing love or are we destroying our children?

You can give your child a big house, good food, computer classes, the ability to watch the game on a big-screen TV, but when you're washing the floor or painting a wall, please let him/her experience that, too.

After eating, have the child wash the dishes with their brothers and sisters. It is not because you have no money to hire someone to do this, it's because you want to love your children the right way. No matter how rich you are, you want them to understand. One day your hair will gray, like the father of this young man.

The most important thing is that your child learns to appreciate the effort and to experience the difficulties and learn the ability to work with others to get things done.

## The Columbus Kiwanis Foundation 1916 Society (George R. Manser, Founder)

The 1916 Society was established as a means for members to provide financial support to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, and to honor the long and well-established traditions of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, which was founded in 1916. The 1916 Society was launched with the generous matching gift challenge of Kiwanian **George R. Manser**.

Members who join the 1916 Society make a donation pledge of \$1,000, payable over a four-year period. Memberships are always available and members are encouraged to purchase multiple memberships over time. Additional recognition levels can be attained as incremental contributions are made.

We wish to recognize and thank the following individuals who are members of the 1916 Society:

\* still fulfilling pledge    \*\* former Club member    \*\*\* deceased

**Diamond Level Members** (\$10,000+): **George R. Manser\*\*\*; Jim Skidmore; David Timmons.**

**Gold Level Members** (\$5,000+): **S. Ronald Cook, Jr. ; Theodore Coons; Herb Flint; Scott Lindsey; Kathleen Roberts; Tom Sherrill; Alan Weiler.**

**Silver Level Members** (\$2,500+): **Ned Barthelmas; Tom Christman; Neil Distelhorst; William Grové; Lisa Jolley; Paul Metzger\*\*\*; Fred Miller.**

**Members** (\$1,000+): **Robert Banasik; Timothy Barhorst; Paul Baumer; Michael Becker; Jim Bechtel; Adam Biehl; Paul W. Bohlman; Bill Calvert \*; Richard Castrop\*\*\*; Christy Clark\*\*; Charlotte Collister; Ohmer Crowell; Spencer Davis\*\*; John DeSando; David D'Herete; Jerry Durham; David L. Fenner\*\*\*; David T. Fenner; Michael Fultz\*\*; David Gallit; William Gillam; Cris Gillespie; Michael Griffith; Mary Lee Hammond; Cary Hanosek\*\*; Robert Hays\*\*\*; Richard Heer\*\*\*; Ken Keller; Albert Kull\*\*\*; Ellwood Lewis; Fil Line; Ronald Manser; Daniel McCormick; Robert Murchake\*\*\*; Richard Murphy\*\*; William Newman; David Pritchard\*\*; Ralph Hemming\*\*\*; Daryll Rardon\*\*; Dan Rasche\*\*; Jeff Rayis; Jamie Richardson; George Ruff; J. David Ryan; John Schoedinger; Brian Seitz; Michael Stevenson; Wes Strickling\*; Mark Swepston; Kristin Sydney; Oscar Thomas, Jr.\*\*\*; Nick Tomashot; Sam Vogel; Daniel Ward; David Weibel; Gerald Williams\*\*; Robert Wiseman; James Wootton \*\*.**

**Candidates** (<\$1,000): **Prenab Bhattacharya; Jack D'Aurora; Michael Edwards; Rita Edwards; Perry Fisher; Alice Foeller; Mike Gladfelter; Nancy Goss; Thomas Hayden; Karen Hockstad; Leslie Huntington; Larry Icenogle; David Keller; Bill Kiefaber; Dan Lacey; JP LaFramboise; Michael Manser; Fred Miller II; Michael Ranney; Jim Shively; Andy Sonderman; Lynn Sonderman; Robert Tobias; Joyce Waters; Carol Whetstone; Brian Woo.**

As you review your year-end tax situation and consider making charitable gifts, we hope you will keep the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation in mind.

*I want to grow my own food,  
but I can't find any bacon seeds.*

**Please remember:  
NO meeting on December 29.**

### *Next meeting*

(January 5, 2015)

**Program: Katie Sprague** – Integrated Leadership  
Consultants - Emotional Intelligence

**Greeters:** to be determined

**Invocation:** to be determined

**Committee Meetings:** Scholarship, Golf,  
Behavioral Health and Wellness

**Menu:** House salad, turkey meatloaf with  
oven-roasted tomato sauce.

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