

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 5, 2011

Janet Jackson

United Way of Central Ohio



In 1887, church leaders in Denver recognized the need for a combined effort to solve the city's social welfare problems so they organized to raise funds to support 22 health and welfare groups. In Columbus, The first steps were taken toward creating a more unified system of charities called "The Society of Organized Charities." It was designed to prevent overlapping and duplication, and it became the city's first united community planning group and information agency. The Society operated until 1899, when it was reorganized into the Associated Charities of Columbus. It has continually evolved and in 2000, the name United Way of Central Ohio was adopted.

Janet E. Jackson is president and CEO of United Way of Central Ohio, one of the largest United Way organizations in the country. Under her leadership, United Way is mobilizing the central Ohio community to accomplish concrete goals that address the root causes of the issues that face us, and create lasting change. Her goal is to help people achieve the building blocks of a good life: a quality education that leads to a productive career, income that can support a family through retirement, good health and a safe place to live.

Prior to coming to United Way, Janet served six years as Columbus City Attorney and nearly 10 years as a judge on the Franklin County Municipal Court.

Her honors and awards include the Allies of Equality Award from Equality Ohio; the Woman of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Columbus; and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award from the Columbus Education Association. She was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 2001.

Janet currently serves as vice chair of the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Board, and has recently served as a member of the boards of the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence and The Center for Child and Family Advocacy. She also serves on the City of Columbus 2012 Bicentennial Planning Commission.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: Kathleen Roberts

The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges

Lisa Jolley

The Columbus Foundation

Invocation: Dick Tice

Richard C. Tice, CLU Co.

Committee meetings: Golf

Menu: House salad, grilled salmon, tomato caper relish

Check presentations: None scheduled

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

12/07 – Tom Hayden

12/08 – Bob Banasik

12/13 – Ron Manser



Monday – December 5, 1776 - At The College of William & Mary, Phi Beta Kappa was founded and became the first American college fraternity.

Wednesday – December 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday – December 7, 8 & 10 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing

President's Corner



I couldn't believe my luck. A colleague I worked with at J. Walter Thompson asked for my help – he and his wife were going to Europe for two weeks and he wondered if I'd be willing to "house sit" while they were away. In my mid-20's at the time, the opportunity provided the chance to stay in some palatial digs, and in exchange, my only responsibility was to water the indoor plants and bring in the mail. Better still, my friend Bob told me the bar was at my disposal and to make sure to have friends come over because the place was great for entertaining. No "Risky Business" escapades, mind you, but explicit approval to enjoy the space. I envisioned the 'best bash of the 90's' and invited some of my friends I had graduated with from Siena Heights to come by the first Saturday night I was on duty.

Little did I know that their visit and our "Party Hearty and we'll all get by" mindset would change my world view and my life.

Despite my bravado and willingness to engage in games of "quarters", turns out my good friend Steve had given up drinking for Lent that year. In a break from past practice, and a sure sign we were maturing, the rest of us who gathered that evening decided the nobler path was not to let anyone refrain from drinking alone – so our big bash was re-purposed as a night of sipping Diet Cokes (on the rocks!) and catching up. Midway through the evening, we got really crazy and decided to raid the VCR cabinet. My friend Mark was the first to spot it - "Oh, this is a great movie," he exclaimed.

For the next 130 minutes I sat transfixed, viewing for the first time the Frank Capra classic – "It's A Wonderful Life" – never mind that we were watching a Christmas movie in March – never mind the black and white shots and 1946 dialogue. With Jimmy Stewart playing the role of George Bailey, and an all-star cast driving home the message that every life matters, the essence of the film is revealed with the ending proclamation from George's daughter Zuzu, as she sounds a clarion call – "Teacher says, every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings!"

Since that day, I've probably watched the film no fewer than 50 times. One year, it even inspired me to write a letter to Jimmy Stewart, thanking him for his message of hope. And I received a handwritten note back from Mr. Stewart himself, thanking me for my thank-you note!

Another "angel," Captain Joseph McFee of the Salvation Army in San Francisco, believed in ringing bells. In 1891, he launched the bell-ringing campaign that today raises more than \$100 million each year for the Salvation Army and all the good they do in the community. Columbus Kiwanis leaders like Tom Sherrill and Bob Wiseman have connected us to this important effort.

To the 'angels' in our club who raise their hands, don their scarves and contribute their time, thank you for all you do. Because of you, we truly impact our community and make major strides to ensure every child truly has the chance for "a wonderful life." You've earned your wings and then some!

Just make sure to let us know if you bump into anyone named Clarence Oddbody, you old "building and loan pals" of mine.

Bell ringing ...

There is still time to sign up for this year's bell-ringing effort on Wednesday, December 7 and Thursday, December 8. We will be staffing a number of the street corners in downtown Columbus over the lunch hour, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The "miracle" of Christmas is repeated over and over again through the joys of caring and sharing. The traditional red kettle is an integral part of the Christmas scene, with millions of dollars donated each year to aid needy families, seniors and the homeless, in keeping with the spirit of the season. This is the 36th year that Kiwanis Club of Columbus has supported this worthy cause.

Donations provide Christmas dinners, clothing and toys for families in need. Financial assistance also helps with basic necessities, along with seasonal aid. Families of prisoners often are included. Gifts are delivered to shut-ins in hospitals and nursing homes, and shelters are open for sit-down dinners. The Salvation Army endeavors to bring spiritual light and love to those it serves at Christmas, so that the real meaning of the season is not forgotten.



Many families receive aid over a period of months after the Christmas season as well, people struggling with difficult family, emotional, or employment problems.

To sign up for bell-ringing, contact Past President **Bob Wiseman** at wiseman@burkholderflint.com.

Ruby K Membership Recruiting Awards ...

Membership is so important that Kiwanis International created the Ruby K award to recognize those members each time they recruit five new members. Ruby K pins are available for recruiting 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, etc., up to 100 and in multiples of 25 over 100. The award is cumulative, so previous recipients are eligible for a new Ruby K when they recruit additional members. It has been several years since our Club made these award presentations, and to be honest, our records pre-2009 are less than stellar. That is why we need your help.

If you have received a Ruby K Award in the past, please let us know the increment, along with the names of the members you were recognized for (if you remember them). Our records, along with your input, will hopefully enable us to update the files and move forward with this ongoing recognition.

This Monday, we will be presented Ruby K lapel pins to the following individuals:

Paul Bohlman
Scott Lindsey

Charlotte Collister
Kathleen Roberts

Ron Cook (20)
Troy Terakedis

Lisa Jolley

Additional Ruby K recognition pins will be presented throughout the year as records are updated and/or as new members are recruited.



Mid-Year Education Day ...

On Saturday, March 10, Mid-Year Education Day will take place at the Conference Center at NorthPointe. This center has been the location of the M-Y Day for the past two years. It is located near Polaris Fashion Place and is well known for its accommodations, comfortable meeting areas and excellent food! In the warm and beautiful surroundings of NorthPointe, we will have a special day of Kiwanis learning, sharing and fellowship, while enjoying the delicious food that appears morning, noon and afternoon. We are very fortunate to be able to have our mid-year conference there again in 2012.

This special day offers you many opportunities to learn more about Kiwanis and ways to serve. It will be a great time for you to get the tools that you can use to grow your club, enrich your service projects, use technology, support Project Backpack, strengthen your leadership skills, learn about Service Leadership and much more. There will be 24 educational forums, in four time slots, that will give you many new ideas that you can use in all areas of Kiwanis service. If you offered suggestions at the 2011 District Convention in Toledo, we have listened and will use many of them to plan the 2012 M-Y Education Day.

Above all, we want you to attend the 2012 "M-Y" Education Day at the Conference Center at NorthPointe. We promise that you will have a wonderful time and return to your clubs with renewed enthusiasm, commitment and passion for Kiwanis and service in the communities of the Great Ohio District and around the world!

Mark your calendars now! Saturday, March 10, 2011 ~NorthPointe

See you there!

Diana Keplinger
2012 Mid-Year Education Day Chair

What's happening throughout Kiwanis?

As active as our Club is, it is easy to forget that we are only one small cog in the giant Kiwanis machine. More than 8,000 clubs in 80 countries are working toward many of the same goals as we are.

To provide each member with a means to stay abreast of current events and what other clubs are doing, there are three publications you have easy access to:

1- *The Kiwanis Magazine* – This gives you an International look at what is happening throughout Kiwanis and the world it serves.

2- *Ohio District Newsletter* – This newsletter comes out monthly and helps highlight local issues, programs and accomplishments throughout the Ohio District. If you are not already receiving an electronic copy of this newsletter, you can subscribe to it by going to the District website (www.ohiokiwanis.org) and clicking on the "E-Newsletter Request" page on the left side of the page.

3- *Division 10-W newsletter* – This monthly publication gets closer to home and focuses on the 12 Kiwanis clubs that are in the Columbus area as part of Division 10-W. You can subscribe to this newsletter by contacting Marilyn Coleman at macassoc@netscape.com.

We hope you take advantage of each of these publications and find them useful.

Whose coat is this?

It happens all the time ... the Kiwanis meeting is over and you are in a hurry to get back to the office. You rush out of the meeting room, grab a coat and scurry down the stairs. You put your coat on and start walking toward your car. You reach in to the pocket for your car keys, and they are not there. Suddenly, you realize that you grabbed the wrong coat.



So, not only do you have the wrong coat, but you have no idea who it belongs to. Someone else is now frantic, realizing that someone has taken their coat. To help minimize problems, here is a simple idea: Place one of your business cards in your coat pocket, so that whoever finds it, knows how to get in touch with you. Or place your name on a label. Too many coats look similar, and if you're in a hurry, it is easy to grab the wrong coat by mistake.

A gorilla joke ...



A gorilla walks into a bar, orders a whiskey and gives the bartender a ten-dollar bill. The bartender does not have enough in the register to make the proper change, and gives the gorilla back 50 cents.

After a while, the bartender feels bad that he ripped the gorilla off and tries to make up for it with some small talk.

"We don't serve a lot of gorillas here," he says.

"At \$9.50 a drink, I'm not surprised," says the gorilla.

Bethlehem on Broad ...

Calling all Kiwanis elves! On Saturday, December 17, we will be working at Broad Street United Methodist Church to help make their annual event just a little more enjoyable for those who participate.

In addition to receiving a hot meal and Christmas gift baskets, the participants will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with Santa as a keepsake item.



Our task is to make the photo session as seamless as possible, by keeping things organized and operating the photo printers as efficiently as possible. Kiwanian **Jim Shively**, a professional photographer by trade, will again lead the effort to make sure the photos are of top-notch quality.

We will be working 2.5 hour shifts from 8:30 a.m., through 5:30 p.m. and need 5-7 volunteers for each shift. To sign up, contact Kathleen Roberts at roberts@ofic.org. You will earn one attendance credit for each shift worked.

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

Next week's meeting

(December 12, 2011)

Speaker: Stephanie Hightower
Columbus Urban League

Greeters: Lisa Jolley
The Columbus Foundation
Larry Walters -
American Cancer Society

Invocation: Kathleen Roberts - The Ohio
Foundation of Independent Colleges

Committee Meetings: Music & Arts, International
Relations, Scholarship

Menu: House Salad, Smoked Chicken Pasta

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