

# 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

**February 6, 2012**



## **Mark C. McCullough** Executive Vice President – Generation American Electric Power



Mark C. McCullough is executive vice president - Generation, responsible for the management of AEP's fossil, hydro and wind-generating units. This includes engineering, construction and operation of generating units, and activities related to fuel procurement and emission monitoring and logistics. The Engineering, Projects & Field Services; Fossil & Hydro Generation; and Fuels, Emissions & Logistics groups report to him, as well.

From 2008 to 2010, he was senior vice president - Fossil & Hydro Generation, responsible for directing the activities of AEP's group of approximately 36,000 MW of fossil and hydro generating facilities and three functional areas: plant engineering/environmental services; asset and outage planning; and technical skills and process optimization.

Previously, he was vice president - Fossil & Hydro Generation - Base Load Assets, with oversight and profit and loss (P&L) responsibility for Amos, Gavin, Mountaineer and Rockport plants.

He has served AEP his entire career, since 1981, in a variety of positions, including region director - Ohio, Unregulated Generation, with management and P&L responsibility for more than 10,000 MW of coal-fired generation, 800 MW of gas-fired generation, and 2,600 MW of partner-operated coal-fired generation.

Mark serves on the board for Columbus Housing Partnership. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

He coaches youth sports teams. He and his wife, Kelly, have four sons and reside in Pickerington, Ohio.

### *Today's Meeting*

**Greeters:** **Dan Lacey**

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

**Bill Newman**

Lucas, Prendergast, Albright, Gibson, Newman

**Invocation:** **Roy Smoot**- PNC

**Committee meetings:** Scholarship

(Note, the Golf committee meeting has been cancelled.)

**Menu:** **House salad, grilled salmon, orange fennel salsa**

### *This week at a Glance*

**Birthdays:**

02/06 – **Candace Pflum**

02/07 – **Bob Larrimer**

**Wednesday** – 02/08/1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated by William D. Boyce.

**Thursday** – 02/09 – 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Boys & Girls Club Reading Program – 115 South Gift Street

**Friday** – 02/10/1870 -The YWCA was founded in New York City.

## President's Corner



Jamie Richardson

On February 17, our Club will sponsor the Kiwanis Entrepreneurial Challenge – to be held at the Workforce Development Building at Columbus State Community College.

Seems to me this is an especially fitting investment of our time and talent.

“Entrepreneurial” has never been easy to spell, but in some ways, it seems these days the word has become even harder for many to understand. *(While I have no ill-will towards the word, I wouldn't have minded substitutes being offered around the time we were upset not so long ago with our friends from France and were re-naming French fries as “Freedom Fries”, etc.)*

At the base of it all, of course, entrepreneurial spirit has been the life blood of our democracy and the foundation for a way of life where freedom and prosperity play a central role. And while we revere the word, it contains a unique ability to bring disquiet – because embedded in its very meaning is risk. *(I used to like to watch Evel Knievel jump 14 buses by motorcycle, but never felt quite up to that myself.)* Increasingly, it seems, our ability to discern risk and reward is one of the tensions we encounter as we cover the range in political and policy debates.

One thing that can't be debated is that our history is richer for innovators and risk takers who in the pioneer spirit the country has been built on, practice the art of seeing a need and filling it. Most often we read the stories in business magazines or books, or occasionally the made-for-cable-TV feature, but on a recent road trip, I had the chance to meet an American hero, first-hand.

The lazy winding drive at the Atlanta-based company I was visiting seemed more like the entrance to a national park – surrounded by a lush forest, towering pines and beautiful lakes. The first clue I was in for something out of the ordinary was the sculpted ‘5X life-size’ golden chicken I saw in the middle of a fountain as I approached the entrance to Chick-fil-A – the restaurant chain that didn't invent chicken, but did invent the chicken sandwich.

As part of my White Castle responsibilities, we are taking the time to share our family business story with other family businesses, and on this recent morning, I was able to meet with members of the Cathy family – grandchildren of Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy. To a person, the Cathy family members were engaging, kind, and passionate about their business. Through focus, and commitment to core principles, they have gradually expanded their business to become a juggernaut in the quick service restaurant world. Faith is an important part of the company's world view – and they have achieved

## Last chance ...

There is still time, although not much, to get your request in for a 2012 Singing Valentine. Don't let your sweetheart find out that he/she was overlooked and that they missed out on receiving a long-stemmed rose, chocolates and two melodious and beautifully harmonized love songs.



Request forms can be found on our website, or by contacting David Kandel at 614-223-5652 or [dk1238@att.com](mailto:dk1238@att.com). You can choose the date, time of day and location you prefer on either Monday February 13, or Tuesday, February 14. *What the Heck Four* will try to accommodate as many requests as possible. No money is due until your request is confirmed and scheduled. All proceeds will go to benefit the Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

exceptional sales levels in their restaurants while maintaining a steadfast commitment to close on Sundays and to honor the commandment to observe a day of rest. It was a thought-provoking visit, and a chance to meet great people, but as I was preparing to leave, it got even better.

The Cathy children got word their 90-year old grandfather had just arrived at the office. They whisked me upstairs and I had the chance to meet him in person. It was easy to see how naturally his grandchildren come by their passion for the business – with a twinkle in his eye, he shared tales from the early days, what it was like getting started, and then proceeded to quiz me down to see if he could pry any White Castle trade secrets from my answers to his insightful questions. He told how as a boy, he would buy a six pack of Coca-Cola for 25 cents, put it in his wagon and sell each bottle for a nickel, clearing a profit of five cents for each six-pack he sold. “Now, when I expanded my business, I'd get a whole case of 24 bottles – but I'm not going to embarrass you and ask you to tell me what my profit was then.” The original wooden wagon, with the words “U.S. Constitution” stenciled on the side, sits in front of Mr. Cathy's desk.

Today, Chick-fil-A does \$4 billion in sales a year, and is committed to remaining family owned and privately held. The family is famous for its quiet giving back to community and making a difference in people's lives. All because Truett Cathy thought it might be nice for people to enjoy the taste of chicken on a bun.

Come and volunteer at the Kiwanis Entrepreneurial Challenge on February 17. You can contact **Kristin Gintz** or **Gregg Robins** for more information. Who knows, you might help inspire the next Truett Cathy. And if anyone tries to sell you a Coke for a low price – snag it! You're not just quenching your thirst, you're fueling future business success.



## Historian's Corner

**Arthur P. ("Art") Lamneck** (1880-1944) was the 11th president of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, serving in 1926. He was secretary and treasurer of The W. E. Lamneck Company, located at 416-436 Dublin Avenue and engaged in the sheet metal fabrication business. One of the company's products was an early version of the home clothes dryer. Past-President Art's father was an immigrant from Prussia, and the family moved from Tuscarawas County to Columbus in 1907.

Prior to serving as the Club's president in 1926, he had served as a member of Columbus City Council (from 1913 to 1921). His early campaigns were based upon his experience as a businessman. By 1919, he had achieved a national reputation in his line of business and was elected president of the National Association of Sheet Metal Contractors. An article about him that year in *The American Artisan and Hardware Record* begins: "The key to the personality of Arthur P. Lamneck is concentration. He has achieved success because he has developed the power of holding the forces of his mind in orderly application to the task at hand."



Past-President Art was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1924. Following his presidency of the Club in 1926, he represented the Ohio 12th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives, serving from 1931 to 1939. He clearly possessed considerable political skills, and he is one of only two Democrats who have held that seat since 1920.

On March 4, 1937, Past-President Art gave a famous radio address from the floor of the House of Representatives. Although a Democrat, in his speech he strongly opposed President Roosevelt's "court packing" plan, through which the president sought to increase the number of justices on the United States Supreme Court, thereby allowing him to create a majority more favorable to the programs he wished to persuade Congress to adopt. In his speech, Past-President Art said the following: "In a world given over to one-man governments, the president has stood out as the defender of democracy—has made numerous speeches advocating that we Americans should prove to the world that 'democracy will work.' Can this be the same man who, controlling the legislative branch of the government, now seeks to gain control of the judiciary? Do we want a one-man government, no matter how benevolent?"

After serving in Congress for four terms, President Art lost two re-election bids, and he was unsuccessful in an attempt to be elected mayor of Columbus. During those later years, he served as president of The Cardinal Fuel & Supply Co., a company very successfully engaged in the wholesale coal business.

~~ Club Historian, S. Ronald Cook

### Warm winters lead to confused plants . . .

So far, this winter has been very easy. Above-normal temperatures and below-normal snowfall is leading to an easy winter. However, children are a little disappointed in the lack of sledding opportunities.

But, the plants are really confused. Cold spells (yes, we have had several), cause plants go into dormancy to conserve resources. Without leaves, deciduous trees are about one half their summer weight and about one-eighth their volume. This helps them not break with heavy snow loads or high winds.



When a warm spell occurs after the cold spell, it is a signal to plants to come out of dormancy and start to grow for the summer weather, when plentiful sunlight allows sufficient sugars to be produced for growth of leaves, stems, and seeds. I have bulb plants starting to poke above the soil line, and trees starting to leaf out. This is not good, as surely another cold spell will freeze the new growth and damage the plant.

What to do? Put mulch over sprouting bulbs and mound snow over small shrubs to keep them cold. Trees, there is not much one can do to help them. Another cold spell won't kill them, but the terminal buds will most likely be destroyed and next year's growth may be stunted. Fruit growers may be especially hurt by this type of weather, as buds that set fruit will surely be damaged, limiting the crop.

Let's hope for cold weather with limited severity and moderation. "Steady as she goes" is the mantra most beneficial.

~~~ Scott Doellinger

### When you re-arrange the letters ...

"Dormitory" becomes "dirty room."

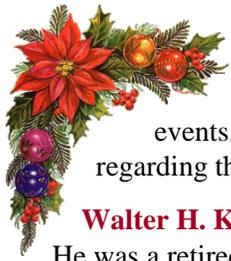
"The eyes" becomes "you see."

"Election results" becomes "lies - let's recount."

"A decimal point" becomes "a dot in place."

"Eleven plus two" becomes "twelve plus one."

"Desperation" becomes "a rope ends it."



## A sad parting ...

Amidst the hustle and bustle of day-to-day events, you may have missed the notes that went out regarding the passing of three long-time Kiwanians:

**Walter H. Kropp** – died Monday, January 9, 2012 –

He was a retired (1987) Savings and Loan Association Executive and prominent Mason. A WWII veteran, he was the recipient of the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star and two Silver medals for valor.

**Oscar L. “Tommy” Thomas** – died Sunday, January 22, 2012 –

Tommy was a Navy veteran and graduate of The Ohio State University. He began his career as the swim coach for Ohio University (1950-54), before entering the real-estate business with his father.

**Robert J. Murchake** – died Saturday, January 28, 2012 – Bob was

a WWII veteran who served in the Army Air Force 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squad. He graduated from the University of Maryland and was a partner in the accounting firm Ernst and Ernst (now Ernst & Young). He served on the Boards of Grant Hospital, Junior Achievement and State Auto.

Our Club was blessed to have had them as members and to have been a part of their lives. We will miss them all. Contributions made to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation in memory of these men will be counted toward the 1916 Society and individual giving levels.

## Retired! An interesting label!

It takes on different forms for each person, but for most, retirement seems to keep them so busy that they can't figure out how they had time for work.

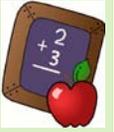
Our own Vice President, **Kathleen Roberts**, is no exception. She retired on December 31 as Assistant Vice President of Development, the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, after nearly 15 years. Besides actively volunteering for several Club and church projects and programs, Kathleen has established Sweetbriar Group LLC. The company will specialize in part-time or seasonal consulting and/or temporary assignments. If you know of someone in need, Kathleen can be reached at [sweetbriargroup@aol.com](mailto:sweetbriargroup@aol.com).

## Mid-year Education Day ...

There is still time to sign up for the annual Mid-year Education Day at the “early-bird” registration rate. Details can be found on the Ohio District website ([www.ohiokiwans.org](http://www.ohiokiwans.org)) and you can register using your credit card.

The event will be held at the North Pointe Conference Center on Route 23 in Lewis Center (about 6 miles north of I-270) on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch is included with your registration fee.

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. “I’m just wasting my time,” she said to her mother. “I can’t read, I can’t write and they won’t even let me talk!”



## Next week’s meeting

(February 13, 2012)

**Speaker: Valentine’s Day Program**

**Greeters: Stephanie Harris**

Ohio State Legal Services Association

**Cindy Sturni**

United Way of Central Ohio

**Invocation: Scott Doellinger**

Design Group

**Committees: International Relations**

**Menu: Grilled pork loin, smashed redskin potatoes, peach compote**

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