

# 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!”**

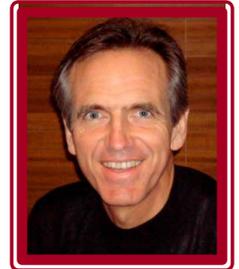
Noon to 1 p.m. luncheon meeting at The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215



**February 27, 2012**

## Peter Danis

Founder, Figlio's Wood Fired Pizza  
and VinoVino Winebistro



Peter Danis is a graduate of the Ohio State University College of Law. Little did he know that he would eventually trade in his law books for cookbooks and find happiness in the kitchen rather than the courtroom.

After spending two years doing research on the art of gourmet pizza making, Peter and his wife, Laurie, opened their first Figlio Wood Fired Pizza restaurant in Grandview in 1991. Figlio has been selected by *Columbus Monthly* magazine as having the best gourmet pizza in Columbus. Additionally, Figlio consistently makes the restaurant top-10 list in local publications. Their first location celebrated its 20-year anniversary last November.

In 1996, Peter opened their second Figlio location in Upper Arlington as a prototype for additional restaurant development. Peter's third restaurant was opened in 2003 in his hometown of Kettering, a suburb of Dayton.

In addition to Figlio, Peter and Laurie opened their first wine-bar concept called 'VinoVino Winebistro' in Grandview in the summer of 2005. It received wonderful reviews in various local publications, as well.

Peter has been a board member of the Central Ohio Restaurant Association since 1995 and has held various other posts, including President and Chairman of the Board. Currently, Peter is on the Advisory Board of the Columbus Culinary Academy.

In their spare time, Peter, his wife and daughters raise puppies to become service dogs for handicapped individuals through the organization Canine Companions for Independence.

### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Stephanie Harris**  
Ohio State Legal Services Association

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

**Committee meetings:** Young Children Priority One

**Menu:** House salad, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mushroom demi-glace

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

02/28 – Paul Metzger  
03/01 – Clarence Mingo  
03/03 – John Roscoe  
03/04 – Rita Edwards



**Wednesday – 2/29 - 'Leap Day'** - an extra (intercalary) day added during a Leap Year, making the year 366 days long. This occurs every 4 years in our modern Gregorian calendar. Leap Years are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the sun. It takes the Earth approximately 365.242199 days (a tropical year) to circle once around the sun.

## President's Corner



Back in the day, no one in their right mind would mess with Steve Austin. He was the \$6 million dollar man. (The movie inspiring the show first aired in 1973, so today the title would need to be “The \$29 million dollar man,” for those who desire accuracy.)

Steve Austin – NASA Astronaut was one major dude. After encountering a catastrophic crash in an experimental aircraft, our hero is saved with bionic implants providing enhanced speed, strength and vision. And who can forget the classic line in the opening – “We can re-build him – we have the technology.”

The series tapped into a notion of needing something to believe in. All around, it seemed the world was falling apart. Watergate. Rampant inflation. High unemployment. Disco Duck. And a future which appeared less bright than the view enjoyed by prior generations. Depression not even Billy Beer could lift. But there was Steve Austin – showing up once a week to reassure America we were still the leaders of the free world – that our knowledge was power, and our quest was still heroic. It was good. Very good, indeed. And to steal a quick quip from my Grandmother – “If a little is good, then more is better” – and sure enough – along comes “The Bionic Woman” and Jaime Sommers (please note the more feminine spelling of the first name) who, after suffering a parachuting accident, was provided her own bionic implants and crack at super hero status. Steve and Jaime were in love, and so was America, as ratings soared and the two shows established a firm space and place in pop culture history.

Fast forward to 2012. Today, we see in some ways, a future fraught with peril – not without its rays of hope, certainly – but stubborn unemployment and uncertainty seem to weigh us down. We see the children of this generation encountering a sense of being disenfranchised – and perhaps for some, a tomorrow that feels less bright than the one encountered by their parents and grandparents. They express themselves with a sense of immediacy and transparency that is occasionally awe-inspiring... yet, other times, perhaps troubling.

This generation of young people is more connected and more knowledgeable than any prior generation in the history of humankind. And they are hungry -- hungry for meaning and the chance to make a difference. Some turn towards protest and occupation. And there's nothing wrong with that. But somehow, some way, as I see signs of discontent and “rage against the machine,” I find myself asking, “What are we doing?” Are we sharing our general belief that free enterprise can be and is a good thing that

creates prosperity and better lives? Are we sharing that despite, its failures, our system of government, founded on a basic belief in freedom and human rights, is a good thing?

Kiwanis holds the key to some of these answers and opportunities. The men and women of Kiwanis around the world will dedicate six million hours of service this year. We are all \$6 million men and \$6 million women. Yet, when we roll up our sleeves and jump into a project, we don't measure our success in hours, we measure it in smiles and problems solved.

I mean no disrespect to the “occupy” movement. Freedom of speech is, and always should be, a hallmark of what's best about our democracy. But I can't help thinking, the more we're able to encourage young people to get engaged, to actively dedicate their time and talent towards making a difference in people's lives, the anger and emptiness I perceive some might be encountering just might give way to a sense of joy and hope. Maybe Key Club, or Circle K or Kiwanis might be just the angst-easing tonic they need.

As for me, I'm considering occupying some computer time to experience the joy of visiting Hulu to download six million or so classic Steve Austin and Jaime Sommers episodes.

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

## Welcome new members ...

It is always great to welcome new members to our Club, and this month we have two:

1- **Travis McIntyre** – Travis works for First City Bank in Grandview as a Vice President. He is a graduate of Franklin University and has been in this area for 33 years. He and his wife, Kelly, live in Utica with their two children. He is interested in doing community service. His first-line sponsor is Jack D'Aurora.

2- **Okpara Rice** – Okpara is the Executive Director of Starr Columbus. He has his master's degree in social work from Washington University. He and his wife, Julie, live in Reynoldsburg with their two children. He is interested in community service. His first-line sponsor is Lisa Jolley.

Please join me in welcoming these new members and in making them feel at ease as they begin to get involved with our Club.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

## Basic Rules of Coexistence ...

Did you arrive? Say, 'hello'!  
Are you leaving? Say 'goodbye'!  
Did someone help you? Say 'thank you'!  
Did you open something? Close it ...  
Did you get something dirty? Clean it!  
Got something wet? Dry it ...  
Don't know how it works? Don't touch it ...  
Did you turn it on? Turn it off.  
Did you take it apart? Put it back together.  
Did you damage it? Fix it!  
Didn't come to help? Don't get in the way ...  
Can't make it better? Don't criticize ...  
Not yours? Ask for permission ...  
Did you borrow? Give it back.  
Did you speak? Face whatever comes to you!  
Did you promise? Uphold the promise.  
Did you buy? Pay.  
Do you love? Say it!



## 'Kiwaniis One Day' ...

Kiwaniis is all about service to our community and in helping to develop that spirit of service within the youth of our community.

On Saturday, April 21, we will again have a perfect opportunity to demonstrate our commitment, while working side-by-side with members of our Capital University Circle K Club and our Key Club at the Columbus Boys & Girls Club.

That date is Kiwanis International's 'Kiwaniis One Day,' when local clubs throughout the world will partner with their sponsored Service Leadership clubs to complete some worthwhile community service projects.

Our Club will be working at the Boys & Girls Club on South Gift Street to help with a number of miscellaneous projects that need to be tackled.

More details will be available soon, but please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Family members, friends and potential members are welcome and encouraged to join us. Many hands make light work.

## Shred-it Day ...

For the past five years, Kiwanis Club of Columbus has been a key component in the semi-annual Shred-it Day program conducted by Columbus TV station, WCMH4.

Thousands of vehicles will drive through the line to drop off what they feel are sensitive documents containing confidential information they want to have professionally shredded. It is quite a process, with the Shed-It Company providing seven or eight trucks to shred on-site and haul the paper away to be recycled.



The first of this year's events will take place on Saturday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kiwanis Club of Columbus has again committed to providing 15-20 volunteers for all three shifts. Shifts will each run approximately 2.5 hours, beginning at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

This is a great project to invite prospective members to, so that they can get a hands-on experience with community service and get a feel for what our Club does on regular basis.

Spouses and teenaged children are also welcome to help work a shift. If you are interested in signing up for this year's event, please contact **Scott Doellinger** or **Paul Bohlman**.

## 1916 Society, George R. Manser, Founder ...

The 1916 Society was established to encourage members to support our Columbus Kiwanis Foundation. The '1916' represents the year our Club was founded ... the fifth Kiwanis Club in the world to be established.



Entry into the Society can happen at any time by simply making a \$1,000 donation, or a pledge to contribute \$1,000 over a four-year period at \$250 per year. Those who have already made that commitment, are encouraged to strive for the various giving levels (silver, gold and diamond) that were established several years ago.

All funds contributed to the 1916 Society are unrestricted, and thus can be utilized by the Foundation as needed. Continued growth in the Society will help us achieve our Centennial goals and enable us to provide an incremental \$100,000 of funding within our community during our 2016 administrative year. Please help us get there! No amount is too small and all contributions are tracked toward your individual giving-level recognition. All gifts are tax-deductible.

## Help us help the elderly ...

Our Senior Citizens committee, chaired by **David Brainin**, will again be conducting a special St. Patrick's Day celebration for the residents of Seton Square North. The event is Scheduled for Thursday, March 15, and entertainment for the residents will be provided by our own banjo-playing Ray Pauken.



We need 8-10 volunteers to help set up at 5 p.m., and to serve dinner at 6 p.m. We should be done (you get to eat, as well) and ready to leave by 7:30 p.m., still leaving you with time to get home and relax.

Seton Square North is located at 1776 Drew Avenue (just north of Bethel Road at Reed Road). This work does not take any special skills, just a few hours of your time and a sincere interest in bringing some warm moments to the hearts of a group of senior citizens.

If you would like to help, please contact David at [dbraininllc@wowway.com](mailto:dbraininllc@wowway.com). Participation will provide you with one attendance credit and one service star credit.

## Auction items needed ...

The 2012 Kiwanis Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, at the Ohio Historical Center. The event is open to the public and we encourage all Club members to attend, along with their family, friends and neighbors. Please mark your calendars now.

The auction committee is currently accepting items for both the live auction and the silent auction tables. If you have an item (or a service) you would like to donate, please let us know. Your donation is tax-deductible.

In addition, if you have a contact in a company that might be interested in making a donation, we would be happy to follow-up and 'make the ask.' Stephanie Harris ([sharris@oslsa.org](mailto:sharris@oslsa.org)) and Cindy Sturni ([cindy.sturni@uwcentralohio.org](mailto:cindy.sturni@uwcentralohio.org)) are this year's co-chairs for the event and would be happy to hear from you.

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and I'm sticking to it.*

## Next week's meeting

(March 5, 2012)

### Speaker: Jym Ganahl

Chief Meteorologist WCMH4 TV

**Greeters: Caitlyn Nestleroth** - Office of the Ohio  
Attorney General, Mike DeWine

### Lisa Jolley

The Columbus Foundation

### Invocation: Jonathan Moody

Moody / Nolan Inc.

**Committees:** Scholarship, Golf, Behavioral  
Health & Wellness

**Menu:** Grilled Salmon, tomato caper relish

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