

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."

"Kiwanis Club of Columbus is a Club that cares about the children. Children are our focus."

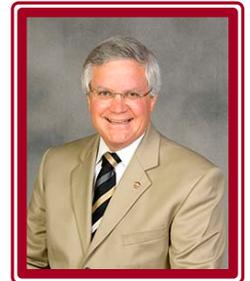
Noon to 1 p.m. luncheon meeting at The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

March 18, 2013



MIKE RANKIN

Registrar, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles



On January 10, 2011, Mike Rankin began work as the leader and registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, a position he previously held for more than two years under former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland.

Prior to returning to the BMV, Mike served as the Assistant Secretary of State for former Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner. In that position, Mike helped lead and direct the work of the office that oversees elections in Ohio and handles various business registrations, among other things.

Mike has 31 years of experience as a practicing attorney and community leader, along with a lifelong dedication to helping others. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University and the University of Toledo School of Law, where he worked his way through, first as a jail counselor and then as a judicial law clerk.

Mike has served the public in a variety of capacities, including: Assistant Lucas County Prosecutor; Special Prosecutor for the city of Columbus; and as a 12-year member and former chairman of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. He helped lead Ohio's busiest court system, the Franklin County Municipal Court, as chief deputy for Clerk of Court Lori M. Tyack, and set up three in-house legal departments during his tenure. Mike is also a police academy graduate, police academy instructor, CLE presenter and community college instructor in criminal justice, real estate and business law.

Mike is a member of the Columbus Rotary and has served on the national board of directors for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. He is a co-founder of Ohio's first formal child protection group, the Mid-Ohio Amber Alert, and has served on the Governor's State Amber Alert Board and Steering Committee since 2003. Mike is married and is the father of two adult children.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Shana Scott** - Greater Columbus Arts Council

Cindy Sturni - United Way of Central Ohio

Invocation: **Scott Doellinger**- Design Group

Committee meetings: None scheduled

Menu: **Iceberg salad, turkey meatloaf, tomato and garlic reduction, red-skinned mashed potatoes**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

03/21 - **Perry Fisher**

03/22 - **Jim Bechtel**

03/24 - **Steve Stivers**



Tuesday - 03/19/1931 - Gambling was legalized in Nevada.

Thursday - 03/21 - St. Patrick's Day celebration at Seton Square retirement home.

Friday - 03/22/1894 - The first playoff game for the Stanley Cup started.

Focus on Kiwanis

Introducing Alison Friend ...



She's a Youngstown native who lived in North Carolina for 10 years and who had recently settled down in Columbus, in the German Village area. She happened to be attending an event in North Carolina when it happened.

He is a corporate executive who happened to be speaking at a family business event in North Carolina, and that is where it happened. The chance meeting is how Jamie Richardson would end up introducing Alison Friend to the Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

Alison's role as Key Club president for 2 years in high school had already familiarized her with the work of Kiwanis. However, it was this serendipitous encounter that connected her to our Club. Once connected, Alison wasted no time getting involved and growing her network. She helped with last year's Regatta, volunteered at the College Fair and golfed with several of our members. She loves the opportunity Kiwanis provides for meeting new people and helping out in the community. She should have plenty of opportunities to do both in her current role as the Regatta Co-chair.

Of course, this Regatta race is going to feel a bit different than the half-marathons and triathlons she runs. She won't have to put in nearly as much training time for this as she does for the Pittsburgh marathon in May or the Chicago triathlon in August. Nor will she work up the same level of sweat as she does when she's participating in recreational softball, volleyball and dodge-ball leagues. But, given her golf and tennis playing experience in college, regatta gunners beware!

Looking beyond the Regatta, one challenge Alison would really like to see our Club tackle is attracting more of the 20- to 40-year-olds. While groups like Columbus Young Professionals offer lots of social events and networking opportunities, there are not as many chances to volunteer and impact the community. But if we're going to accomplish that, we all need to reach out, like Jamie did, and invite them. It doesn't take a trip to North Carolina to find that next member. It could be that client that you are having lunch with, or it could be that person that you are mentoring. It could be an emerging leader that you bumped into at a networking event. New members are everywhere, even in North Carolina. So, the next time you are traveling, make sure that you're ready to represent the Club to anyone that you meet. You just never know when you may have your own serendipitous encounter.

Just ask one ...

We are fortunate to belong to a large Club, with access to many resources and talents. Our size provides us with many unique opportunities, as well as many challenging responsibilities.

One of those responsibilities is spreading the word and making Kiwanis available to those like-minded people who want to give back to our community, hear outstanding weekly speakers, network and develop various leadership skills.

Our job is to ask: Ask a friend, a co-worker, a relative, a business client or people you meet in social and business settings, to attend a meeting, to assist with a service project or come to a social event. We can't expect people to come to us and ask to join, even though they might very well be wondering if they can. It is up to us to make the first move by extending a warm invitation.

Whom will you ask, and when?

St. Patrick's Day celebration at Seton Square North Retirement Center ...

Each year, our Club provides a meal and some entertainment for the residents at Seton Square North Retirement Center. It is something they really look forward to, and something that is easy for us to provide.

The Senior Citizens Committee, headed by **David Brainin**, coordinates the event in which banjo player **Ray Pauken** provides some foot-tapping, sing-along entertainment and we serve up a catered lasagna meal.

All we need is a little help from a half dozen volunteers in order to expedite the process. This year's event will take place on March 21. We will need to be there by 5 p.m., and we are normally cleaned up and ready to leave by 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact David at dbraininllc@wowway.com. Seton Square-North Retirement Center is located at 1776 Drew Avenue (just north of Bethel at Reed Road).



A man walked into the bank and went directly to the bank window. He asked the young girl behind the counter for a kiss. She refused the advance and told the man she was not allowed to do such things.

"Why?" asked the man. "Because I am a teller, not a kisser!" she replied.

Hilliard Kiwanis Club to hold pancake breakfast ...

It is the season for pancake breakfasts, And the next one on the docket is the Hilliard event scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 16, at Heritage Middle School, located at 5670 Scioto Darby Road in Hilliard. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. They will also be selling plants and a variety of home-made cookies.



The only difference between 'try' and 'triumph' is a little 'umph.'

Division 10-W Council meeting set ...

The next quarterly meeting of the Ohio District Kiwanis Division 10-W Council will be held on Monday, April 8, at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$18 per person and will include a family-style meal, consisting of fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans and assorted pies. There is also a vegetarian option, consisting of corn, green beans, steamed vegetables and baked potato. The meeting will be hosted by the Dublin, Greater Dublin, Hilliard and London Clubs, thus providing attendees with four meeting attendance credits.

Reservations must be made in advance, and you will be billed for the meal afterwards. Please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know if you will attend. Reservations must be received by 5 p.m., on Monday, April 5.

Auction items ...

It is always a challenge for members of the Auction committee to secure the donation of items our members and guests will find intriguing, valuable and worthwhile. That is why we need your help. What is it you would like the committee to secure, that would entice you to bid? Is it a specific item, a unique service, a romantic dinner, a piece of jewelry or a round of golf at a prestigious club? Let us know and we will try to get it donated.

Or do you have an item or a service to offer that will generate some bidding excitement? Perhaps someone you know, or do business with, someone who has a unique item and an interest in helping kids.

Donation forms can be found on our web-site.

Help us build furniture ...

Here is a fun hands-on activity for those who feel creative, industrious and handy. We will be volunteering to help the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio build furniture for the needy. We will be working on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, at 118 S. Yale Street.

The Furniture Bank of Central Ohio serves 4,123 families, consisting of 12,489 individuals. Last year, they distributed 38,609 core items (fulfilling 94 percent of client requests) and a total of 55,119 items. Each day, they serve an average of 16.4 families, with a one-day high of 23 families. Each family receives an average of 9.8 core items and, 3.7 non-core items, for a total of 13.5 items per family.



No experience is needed. You can learn on the job and have some fun. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Jim Shively at jshivel279@earthlink.net to sign up, receive additional details and appropriate instructions (where to meet, what to bring, etc.)

Dublin Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast / Easter Egg Hunt ...

Here's the perfect way to involve your kids and grandkids with Kiwanis, while supporting a local Kiwanis Club. On Saturday, March 23, the Dublin Kiwanis Club will hold its annual pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt. Both events will be held at Coffman Park, 5200 Emerald Parkway, in Dublin.

The pancake breakfast will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the cost is \$5 per person.



The Easter egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m., so be sure to get there early. The Easter egg hunt doesn't last long, and you will not want to disappoint a child by being late.

Auction tickets ...

There is still plenty of time to purchase your tickets for this year's Kiwanis Auction, "Spring into Service." There is also plenty of time to invite some friends, co-workers, relatives and neighbors. Why not fill out a table of 8?

Tickets can be purchased and paid for on line from the home page of our web-site. The ticket price includes a fabulous sit down dinner, wonderful entertainment and access to all the live and silent auction items.

This year's event will be held on Saturday evening, April 13, at the Columbus Country Club.

Wait, there's still another pancake breakfast ...

There's no question that this is the season for Kiwanis pancake breakfast events. Besides the Hilliard (March 16) and Dublin (March 23) events, the University Club will hold its annual Pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Wellington School in Upper Arlington (Tremont & Fishinger). More details regarding ticket prices will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend.



Always remember that you are absolutely unique! Just like everyone else.

- Margaret Mead

Next week's meeting

(March 25, 2013)

Speaker: David Brown, Harmony Project

Greeters: Andy White - Master of Public Administration Candidate - 2013, The Ohio State University

Bob Eberhart
Cook & Sladoje Co., LPA

Invocation: Dave Timmons
G W Timmons and Sons

Committees: YCPO, ELIMINATE, Inter-Club

Menu: ACC house salad, grilled salmon, Meyer lemon vinaigrette, toasted quinoa.

Spring 2013 'Shred-it' Day set ...

What do you do with old tax records and other sensitive or confidential papers you no longer need to keep? You shred them, of course, so that personal information doesn't fall into the wrong hands. And that is exactly what some 4,000-5,000 people will do on Saturday, April 20 between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., at Crew Stadium.

Our Club will again be supplying a major portion of the volunteers needed to successfully run this huge, semi-annual community service project conducted by WCMH-TV4. We have committed to fill three 2.5 hour shifts, with at least 15 people per shift. The work is fast-paced, and the time goes by quickly.

This is a great opportunity to share Kiwanis with a spouse, a teenage child, a scout troop, or an office team.

The more hands we have working, the faster we can get vehicles through the line and the more documents we can get shredded.

If you would like to work one or more shifts, please contact Scott Doellinger at sdoellinger@dgcolumbus.com, or sign up at a Monday luncheon. To see a short video about Shed-it Day, check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfPpeWoDGI8>.



Inter-clubbing: an opportunity to learn ...

With more than 240 Kiwanis Clubs in Ohio, there are more than 240 ways of doing most everything a Kiwanis Club can do. While Kiwanis Club of Columbus does many things well, there is always room for improvement, always room for new ideas and always room for a fresh look at old programs.

Inter-clubbing (*the practice of four or more members visiting another Kiwanis Club meeting or event*) provides an excellent opportunity to learn how they tackle the same issues we do. Is their way better? Can their way be incorporated into what we do? Can our way help them? Why not be part of an inter-club soon?

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