

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

April 23, 2012



Dale A. Schmidt

President & CEO
Columbus Zoo and Aquarium



Dale Schmidt came to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium as its assistant zoo director and chief operations officer in October 2008. Before accepting his position in Columbus, Dale was the President and CEO of the Oregon Coast Aquarium, where he led the successful operation of the Aquarium for four years. Dale's professional experience also includes leading the Clearwater Marine Aquarium in Clearwater, Florida as its executive director. Additionally he served as the vice president of operations for the Florida Aquarium, following a career of increasingly responsible positions with Busch Gardens and Universal Studios Florida.

Dale has a Bachelor of Arts degree in natural sciences from the University of South Florida and he attended the Stanford Nonprofit Management Institute in Palo Alto, California. He is a Professional Fellow of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and is the chair of their Business Operations Special Committee. While in Oregon, he was vice chair of the Zoo Aquarium Alliance of the Northwest and held various leadership positions with the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Central Coast Economic Alliance; Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation; the Newport Aquatic Center; the Oregon Coast Cultural Alliance; and the City of Newport South Beach Urban Renewal Committee. He also is the past vice chair of the Zoo and Aquarium Committee of the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions.

In June 2009, Dale was named interim executive director of the Zoo following the untimely death of executive director, Jeff Swanagan. The Zoo's Board of Directors announced Dale's appointment as president and CEO in November 2009.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Scott Lindsey**

Lindsey Law Office, LLC

Invocation: **Tim Barhorst**

Business Partners, Inc.

Committee meetings: Young Children Priority One

Menu: **House salad, pan-seared tilapia, parsley coulis**

Check Presentations: Helping Hands Free Clinic

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

04/27 – **Natalie Coles**

04/27 – **Richard Murphy, Jr.**

04/29 – **Brian Seitz**

Tuesday – 04/24/1704 – The first regular newspaper in the United States, the *News-Letter*, was published in Boston, Massachusetts.

Wednesday – 04/25/1901 - New York became the first U.S. state to require automobile license plates.

President's Corner



The longer my Dad was on the call, the more anxious I became. It was a glorious Michigan summer evening and our family was gathered at the picnic table, soaking in the waning rays of a beautiful setting sun. Our meal had been interrupted by the ringing phone – a call my Dad fielded. My worry had nothing to do with fear my corn on the cob might grow cold – it had everything to do with the snippets of conversation I picked up with my best 11-year-old eavesdropping skills. “He did what?” Long pause. “How do you know it was him?” Another long pause. “Oh, I see.” My Dad’s voice, tight and restrained. “No, that won’t be necessary. I’ll take care of it.”

I still didn’t see it coming until my Dad returned to the table, smile gone. “Is there anything you want to tell me?” His voice was soft, but stern. And he was looking at me. “I don’t think so,” I managed to mutter. “Can I see the raffle tickets you are selling for Little League?” My heart sank. In slow motion, I flashed back to earlier in the evening – my bravado after our Little League team, the Bears, smashed the Red Sox; having my allotment of tickets to raise money for the Onsted Community Recreation League; and announcing to my collected friends that I was no longer going to ‘waste my time selling these stupid tickets, whereupon I had ripped them up with great fanfare and dropped them in the trash can. Oops. Alas, it had not occurred to me the numbers on the tickets would reveal who was responsible for that specific allotment of ten.

There was much gnashing of teeth in that moment. As a consequence of my actions, I had to personally apologize to my coach and the League Commissioner, as well as write an apology note to my teammates. In addition, I was on my own to sell the raffle tickets this time around – in years past my Dad would typically take most, if not all, and sell them for me to his colleagues at work. One more thing, rather than selling 10, I needed to sell 100.

It was a tough lesson, but you know, as hard as it was at the time, that created an even tighter connection between me and my Dad – that somehow at the ripe old age of 11 I had experienced a ‘moment of truth’ which allowed me to grow a little bit older, a little bit wiser.

So recently, when I asked my 10-year-old daughter Chloe if there was anything she wanted to tell me, I could really empathize with how she must have felt as I saw her race through a quick examination of conscience. In 30 seconds, she blurted out the whole truth and nothing but the truth – how she and two close friends in her 4th grade class had been “recycling” old prize drawing tickets for the weekly St. Vincent’s drawing by erasing other kid’s names and

Division Prayer Breakfast set ...

The annual Division 10-W Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 19 at Crossroads UMC on Hague Avenue. This is our chance to honor those Kiwanis members who have passed on since last May. Our Club will have an opportunity to recognize:



Richard “Dick” Castrop – 10/11/11
Walter H. Kropp – 1/9/12
Robert Murchake – 1/28/12
Oscar L. “Tommy” Thomas – 2/22/12

The breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the memorial service to follow. Cost will be approximately \$10 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Secretary Paul Bohlman. As usual, our Club will pay with one check and those attending will be billed afterwards.

It’s not what a teenager knows that bothers their parents, it’s how they found out.

replacing them with their own. The object of their desire and the prizes given away? Ten Commandment prayer cards. An irony that has led me to dub them “The All Saints Cartel.” I won’t go into specifics on the justice Kate and I meted out – but it was appropriate, and I know the innate goodness of Chloe will be an even better guide the next time she encounters similar temptation.

To me the lesson is as true as sunrise – we take all we learn and do our best to be better and to share what we know. And we embrace it all. The triumphs and the tragedies and the simple times in between. With great gratitude for guiding hands leading us on the right path – allowing us the chance to gift any wisdom gained to a new generation.

As Kiwanians, I can’t help but think, for many of the kids and communities we serve, there are moments when Mom and Dad might not be there in the way they perhaps want, or ought, to be. Or that a parental vacuum robs a child of the opportunity to learn from mistakes. To me, it’s a call to mission – a call for our Club to get involved in more than just a superficial way. To share with those we serve, the same opportunity for growth we have been granted.

As I write this now, it is some 35 years since my raffle ticket “lesson learned” and some 10 years since my Dad passed away. Death at 56. Far too soon, and a vacuum all its own that sometimes still seems impossible to fill ...

But I know one thing – you better believe I can’t say ‘no’ when any kid asks if I’d like to buy a raffle ticket. And something else I know for certain ... what I wouldn’t give to have my Dad, once again, in his gentle way, share with me how I might be better still tomorrow.

New member approved; more to come ...

At the Monday, April 16, Trustee meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus, the membership application of Sheri Reaze was approved. Sheri is a former member of our Club (maiden name was Pundole) and she is the admissions director for the Ohio Center for Broadcasting. Sheri is married and has one daughter. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University, with a degree in communications.



This brings our membership to 166. We must get to 176 in order to win the District prize of \$500 toward our Club's Eliminate goal to Kiwanis International. The recognition program was designed by past President **Fil Line**, who is currently serving as the Ohio District Membership chair.

To help this effort along, Membership Committee chair **Joyce Waters** has announced the formation of five teams, each consisting of five people and each striving to recruit five or more new members by the end of August. The teams will be led by **Andy White, Fred Miller II, Alice Hohl, Kristin Gintz** and one more person yet to be confirmed. If you would be interested in serving on one of these teams, please contact a team captain, and if you would be interested in forming an additional team, please contact **Joyce Waters**.

In the meantime, ALL members are encouraged to continue inviting potential members to our Monday meetings, service projects and Charity Auction. Remember to write your name on the back of your guest's business card and drop it in the box for the monthly drawing.

Manna Café ...

It is time again to help with the Manna Café. Kiwanis Club of Columbus has been a long-time funder and volunteer at the Manna Café, where more than 150 adults are provided a nutritious hot meal once a week. Our turn "in-the-kitchen" is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2. We will need to fill two shifts. The first shift will work from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., preparing the food and getting everything set up. Mainstays at the Manna Café will provide the necessary guidance to make sure everything comes together as needed. The second shift will start at 5:30 p.m., and will be responsible for serving the food and putting everything away. They should be done by 7:30 p.m. or so.

Each shift you work earns an attendance credit and counts toward your community service star recognition. If you would like to volunteer for one or more of the shifts, please contact Jim Skidmore at jskidmor@columbus.rr.com or call him at 614-267-9491 (leave a message on the answering machine if he is not there)

Manna Café is a project of the Broad Street Methodist Church. Check out their FaceBook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Manna-Cafe-Broad-St-UMC/89039851660>. The church is located at



501 East Broad Street, on the corner of Broad and Washington. Parking is available on the street or in the parking lot across Washington. Please enter off Washington at the back door – you may have to ring the buzzer, but someone will come open the door for you. Remember, many hands (of people) make for light work!

Foundation Trustees to meet ...

The trustees of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 7. The meeting will be held at the Athletic Club of Columbus. All members of the Club are welcome to attend.

A unique evening ...

Chances are you have never been to Brothers Drake Meadery located at 26 East Fifth Avenue. Why would you? Well, here's a good reason ... Kiwanian **Dave Weibel** will be among a unique group of entertainers performing there on the evening of Friday, April 27. His group will be performing the opening set, starting at 7 p.m.

So what is mead? "There are three basic fermented beverages in the world - beer, wine and mead - and mead is the best," said Woody Drake, who runs the business with his brother, Eric. "It's not beer. It's not wine. It's mead." Though it varies greatly in viscosity, flavor, alcohol content and intensity, mead generally is a smooth, pleasant spirit that's enjoyable without having to develop a palate. It's sweet but not syrupy, often aromatic and rich with flavor notes that develop during an aging process that lasts usually between six months and three years.

Come join us for a fun and relaxing evening listening to a unique Dixieland/Jazz band.

**You can't help getting older,
but you don't have to get old.**

Attributed to George Burns.

We all know about CFL's ...

CFL's are Compact Fluorescent Lights. They are the energy-efficient substitute for the very inefficient incandescent bulbs which are being phased out. CFL's have one bad characteristic: they contain a small amount of mercury, a neurotoxin. Even small amounts of mercury cause big problems for all animals, including humans.



The mercury in a CFL is not a problem unless the bulb gets broken. Clean-up should never involve a vacuum cleaner, as this efficiently puts mercury into the air and into our lungs for even more efficient absorption. Cleanup should start with doing nothing for 15 minutes, as you let the 'dust settle.' Then, with a wet paper towel, gather the glass and powder and place all in a zip-lock plastic bag to place in the city trash. Keep everything wet, so no powder is aerosolized.

Home Depot and IKEA accept fluorescents for recycling at no charge. Using compact fluorescents without breaking them actually keeps mercury out of the environment, whereas burning coal to generate electricity puts more than 3,000 tons of mercury into the air each year. Until LED's become more adapted to domestic use by better configurations and lower cost, CFL's are a very good light source.

Charity Auction on track ...



There is still time to purchase your tickets for the 2012 Kiwanis Charity Auction scheduled for Saturday evening, May 19, at the Ohio History Center. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and dress will be 'business casual' as we celebrate "*Happy birthday, Kiwanis Club of Columbus – 96 and counting!*"

Here is a sampling of items we have already have for the auction:

- Golf outing for 4 at Scioto Country Club
- Hocking Hills zip-lining tickets
- Arnett Howard Trio at an event of your choice
- 7 day/6 night Myrtle Beach vacation
- Duct cleaning for one entire heating and cooling system
- Two custom-made shirts from Richard Bennett Clothiers
- Waterford crystal footed compote dish
- Custom fishing rod
- A day of winter fun at Snow Trails
- Pair of topaz earrings
- and much, much more.

Your ticket will not only give you the opportunity to bid on a wide variety of items in both the live and silent auctions, but will allow you to enjoy the live musical entertainment, indulge in an array of food, marvel at the wizardry of a roaming magician and tour the exhibits within the Ohio History Center.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends, co-workers, relatives and prospective members. Let's make this the biggest and best auction ever!

**My wife thought she had a real Coach bag
but not only was it a fake, it was an
imPURSEanator.**

Next week's meeting

(April 30, 2012)

Speaker: Jean Marie Zietoni
Columbus Symphony Orchestra

Greeters: Jean Evans

Stephanie Harris
Ohio State Legal Services Association

Invocation: to be determined (volunteer needed)

Committees: Fifth Monday – Honoring Hixson
Fellows, 1916 Society members
and Zeller Fellows

Menu: Flank Steak, chimichurri

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