

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 30, 2012



Maureen O'Connor Chief Justice, Ohio Supreme Court



Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor is the 10th Chief Justice in Ohio history and is the first woman to lead the Ohio judicial branch. She first joined the Supreme Court of Ohio as an Associate Justice in January 2003. She was re-elected in November 2008 and then as Chief Justice in 2010.

Born in the nation's capital, but raised in Strongsville and Parma, Chief Justice O'Connor's career in public service and the law spans three decades and includes service as a private lawyer, magistrate, common pleas court judge, prosecutor and Supreme Court Justice. She earned her bachelor of arts degree at Seton Hill College in 1973 before going on to earn her law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1980.

While gaining experience in practice as an attorney during the early 1980s, Chief Justice O'Connor created a home for her family and her legal career in Northeast Ohio. Appointed a magistrate in Summit County in 1985, she served in that capacity until becoming a common pleas court judge in 1993. As a busy trial judge, Chief Justice O'Connor was selected by her peers to serve as the administrative judge — a testament to her ability to build coalitions and maintain collegiality while administering to the business of the courts.

She resigned from the bench to become the Summit County prosecuting attorney in 1995. She was recognized for her work on behalf of crime victims, and received awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Cleveland State University. As prosecutor, Chief Justice O'Connor also lobbied the General Assembly on important criminal justice reforms.

In 1998, she was elected lieutenant governor — the second-highest official in the state. She became the governor's chief advisor on criminal justice issues, serving as director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, and as chair of Ohio's

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Today's Meeting

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

Invocation: **Alice Hohl**
SiteInSight

Committee meetings: Fifth Monday – Hixson Fellow,
1916 Society and Zeller Award recognition.

Menu: **House salad, flank steak, chimichurri**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:
4/30 - **Stephanie Harris**
5/02 - **Nicole Knowlton**
5/05 - **Scott Lindsey**
5/05 - **Grant Shaffer**
5/06 - **Chad Endsley**



Tuesday – 5/1/1840 – The Penny Black, the first official adhesive postage stamp, was issued in the United Kingdom.

Thursday – 5/3/1802 – Washington D.C. was incorporated as a city.

President's Corner



Jamie Richardson

As wheels touched ground in Washington, D.C., blue skylight whisked into the cabin, riding a wave of sunshine, bright and brilliant. A crowded flight, often the case, the shuttle express between Port Columbus and Reagan National. Looking out upon the tarmac, a bit of an odd sight. All the baggage handlers and normal crew, usually busy in motion to greet the now-arriving planes, were instead, transfixed, eyes on the heavens. "Hmmm..." I thought to myself, "that seems strange."

Of course, in the good old days before 9/11, we might have guessed a partial solar eclipse, or a wandering comet as inspiration for such heavenward glances. In modern times, sadly, our first thought is often defensive – forever on guard for the next potential attack.

Thankfully, I noted no looks of concern on the visages of the ground team – but bemusement and curiosity, to be certain. "Ladies and Gentleman" – the pilot's voice was soothing, expectant. "If you are able to look out the left side of the airplane, you'll see the Space Shuttle Discovery making the final rounds of its last voyage before it reaches its new home, the Smithsonian Air and Space museum." All of us on the right moved abruptly to the left, craning and twisting for this glimpse of history. A kind woman stepped aside and invited me to take a look. And there was Discovery, a pre-historic vision for modern times, perched Pterodactyl-like atop the larger plane, circling, some ancient rite of a victory lap for a job well done. For a 45-second respite, we stood, this group of fellow travelers, no longer hurried and harried to rush to catch a cab or the next flight – like some larger family – asking each nearby stranger – "Can you see it? Look over there, above the Washington Monument ... do you see it yet?"

"Twenty-five cents for the Little Debbie Cheese and Peanut Butter crackers and 50 cents, plus 10 cents for the bottle deposit on the Mountain Dew," the clerk at the Wesco Convenience store said flatly. Her eyes were bleary, her usual smile gone. Had she been crying? I fished for my change – 55 cents plus my three empty Mountain Dew bottles rescued from clicking and clacking in the back of my 1972 two-tone Ford Torino. (*Unlike the Starsky and Hutch version, the two-tone hue of my vehicle was 'faded silver' and 'rusted out'.*) I didn't want to pry, but mustered up the courage on this crisp January 28, 1986, early afternoon to ask, "Is something wrong – are you okay?" "You haven't heard?" "Heard what?" "About the Shuttle? It took off and exploded in the air – everyone's gone." A kick in the stomach. Later that night, President Reagan would talk to us about that loss – not as a defeat, but a setback. And despite the immense grief and despair, somehow his words made us feel better – allowed us to see

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Security Task Force and the State Building Security Review Committee.

In the wake of the September 11 attacks, she led the state in its response to new threats of terrorism by working with law enforcement, Ohio EMA and The Department of Homeland Security.

Chief Justice O'Connor won election as Chief with more than 67 percent of the popular vote, nearly the same percentage earned in her 2008 re-election victory. Her first statewide judicial election in 2002, in which she took more than 57 percent of the vote, made her the 148th Justice to the Court, the sixth woman to join the Court and gave the Court its first-ever female majority.

that to reach for the stars is to always risk all – that sacrifice is real, but worth it.

The Shuttle Discovery did one final lap across the Washington, D.C. skyline before heading to land at Dulles International Airport as we shuffled off the plane and all made our way cross the landing area for our own "Shuttle" ride – a bus that would take us to the terminal. Our moment of bonding passed as quickly as the few seconds we had spent making our way across aisles and tray tables to catch a glimpse of our shared history. On the cab ride into town, cars lined the side of the roads as the citizens of D.C. left their vehicles abandoned and crowded on the grassy medians, with heavenward looks, seeking Discovery - our humanity saluting the notion that 'fortune favors the bold.'

Our Kiwanis voyage is like a space adventure. We get to work hard and explore new lands – both in our own abilities to contribute and having the creativity to make positive change. There is risk – and sometimes despite our best efforts, we don't always succeed. But we always keep trying and we always keep improving. Sometimes we fight gravity, sometimes we overcome it. As our Club continues to evolve and grow, no doubt some of the ways we have conducted our business will expand and change with the times. And just as the space program segues to new missions for NASA, we, too, will express our commitment to the children of the world, in ways today we might not still imagine.

But serve we will – and just as President Reagan said so many years ago, in comforting the families of the lost astronauts, "Your loved ones were daring and brave, and they had that special grace, that special spirit that says, 'Give me a challenge and I'll meet it with joy.' They had a hunger to explore the universe and discover its truths. They wished to serve, and they did. They served all of us."

Green Sustainable Clothing

Humans require a narrow range of conditions to survive: too hot, and we rapidly lose the ability to function; too cold, and we quickly die. Fortunately, humans invented clothing which modifies the impact of our environment allowing us to function in temperatures and conditions our bodies can tolerate.

Clothing, like any human activity, comes at a cost. The largest environmental impact of clothing is laundering. I have previously presented 'Green Tips' on how green-laundering can reduce costs and environmental damage, but I have not addressed the clothes themselves.

Clothes are made of either organic (mostly cotton) or synthetic fibers (made from oil, like polyester and nylon.) While organics will decompose when left wet and warm, an advantage when disposing of old clothes, it also limits their useful life. Most cotton is grown with the aid of the large use of pesticides to control insects. In fact, 10 percent of all agricultural chemicals are used to grow cotton in the U.S, on just one percent of farmed land. Synthetic fibers don't rot, and will be with us for centuries, unless recycled. Recycling of clothes is almost non-existent, with polyester made from old drink bottles being the most prevalent.

You can minimize your clothing's eco-burden by purchasing clothes that will not go out of style quickly. Consider purchasing used clothing, avoid dry-clean-only material and launder them using the least amount of chemicals and energy.

~~ *Scott Doellinger*

Long distance inter-club ...

Vice president **Kathleen Roberts** is planning a long-distance inter-club with the Kiwanis Club of Findlay. If you would be interested, please let Kathleen know.

It is not uncommon to occasionally run into Kiwanis friends from other parts of the state. So it was when Kathleen met a friend who is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Findlay and he invited us to come for an interclub. Kathleen embraced the invitation and is organizing a trip to their meeting on Wednesday, May 2. The meeting will be at 11:45 a.m., at the Findlay Elks' Club (601 South Main St.)

The topic for the day will be the Honor Flight (the opportunity for World War II vets to visit Washington, D.C. and their memorial at no cost for them). The meal cost is not currently known, but it will be reasonable. Please contact Kathleen at kathleenkiwanis@aol.com to sign-up and to coordinate plans by April 27 .

Kiwanis Night at the Clippers ...



It has become an annual tradition ... a special night for Kiwanis members (along with their families and friends) at the Columbus Clippers. This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, against Louisville at 6:35 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person. However, the Division leadership has put together a special family package that includes two adults and four children for \$15. The children do not have to be yours! More details will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

'Shred-It' Day on May 5 ...

There is still time to sign up to help with the Spring 2012 'Shred-It' Day conducted by WCMH-TV4. We will be filling three shifts starting at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., respectively. You can work one or more shifts and for each shift worked, you will be given an attendance credit.

This is a great event to involve teenagers, spouses and potential members. The event is well-organized and the time goes by quickly.

Our job is simply to unload boxes of documents from car-trunks and back seats as people drive in. The employees of Shred-It work the trucks and shred the documents, almost as fast as we can get the documents to them. It is quite an operation, with seven to eight large trucks working simultaneously. More than 5,000 cars are expected to pass through, providing more than 100 tons of shredd-able paper.



If you have not yet signed up, please contact Scott Doellinger at sdoellinger@dcolumbus.com.

Foundation trustees to meet ...

The Trustees of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 7, immediately following the regularly scheduled Kiwanis luncheon meeting. As usual, this is an open meeting and all Foundation members (aka Club members) are welcome to attend.

The primary agenda items will be the discussion and finalization of our commitment to the Kiwanis International Eliminate project, and progress toward our Club's strategic plan of building our foundation's corpus to \$1.1 million by our 100th anniversary (2016).



Kiwanis One Day hits goal ...

It took a group of 22 people from Kiwanis Club of Columbus to turn a dreary Saturday morning and early afternoon into an impactful and meaningful event. Armed with paint brushes and garden tools, the group tackled a number of projects in and around the Boys & Girls Club – Columbus as part of the International Kiwanis One Day.

In addition to the improvements made to the Boys & Girls Club, the effort yielded 100 community service hours for our Club, pushing us over our goal of 717 – a 10 percent increase over last year, with more than five months to go. Can we get to 1,000 community service hours?



On getting older ...

~ Going out is good. Coming home is better!

~ When you needed the discount, you paid full price. Now you get discounts on everything... Movies, hotels, flights, but you're too tired to use them.

~ You forget names ... But it's OK, because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~ You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.... especially golf.

~ The five pounds you wanted to lose is now 15 and you have a better chance of losing your keys than the 15 pounds.

~ You used to say, "I hope my kids GET married" ... Now it's, "I hope they STAY married!"

~ You remember when GOOGLE, iPod, email, modem ... were unheard of, and a mouse was something that made you climb on a table.

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well.

Next week's meeting

(May 7, 2012)

Speaker: Candidates' Day

Greeters:

Jim Skidmore – Retired

Cindy Sturni – United Way of Central Ohio

Stephanie Harris - Ohio State Legal Services Association

David Brainin - David J. Brainin LLC

Mark Poeppelman - Columbus International Program

Invocation: Tim Barhorst - Business Partners, Inc.

Committees: Scholarship, Golf, Behavioral Health & Wellness

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