

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

May 14, 2012

Major General

DEBORAH A. ASHENHURST

Joint Force Headquarters - Ohio



The purpose of the Ohio National Guard is "To serve the citizens of Ohio and America by fulfilling our state and federal military role of providing public safety when ordered by the Governor, or support of the National Military Strategy when ordered by the President." Its vision is "To be a relevant operational reserve powered by a diverse team of engaged soldiers, airmen and civilians, and to be respected for its leadership and ability to produce and employ ready units that epitomize the values of integrity, excellence, reliability and trust."

Major General Deborah A. Ashenhurst assumed the duties as the Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters - Ohio on January 10, 2011. She is a member of the Governor's cabinet and is responsible for the operations of the Adjutant General's Department and the military preparedness of the Ohio Organized Militia. The organized militia consists of the Ohio Army National Guard, Ohio Air National Guard, Ohio Military Reserve and Ohio Naval Militia, totaling more than 17,000 personnel.

She oversees the five brigades of the Ohio Army National Guard, four wings and eight geographically separated units of the Ohio Air National Guard, a brigade-structured civil support organization of the Ohio Military Reserve and the Ohio Naval Militia.

General Ashenhurst also oversees the day-to-day operation and management of the fiscal, personnel, equipment and real property resources of these military organizations and state agencies.

Serving in the Ohio National Guard since 1978, General Ashenhurst has held numerous staff and command positions throughout the organization. She is a graduate of the Army War College and Joint Task force Commander Training Course, and decorated with multiple awards, including the Legion of Merit.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Members of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus
Past Presidents' Fraternity**

Invocation: **Charlotte Collister** - The Collister Co.

Committee meetings: International Relations, Homeless

Menu: **House salad, blackened chicken, sweet corn
emulsion**

Business: **Club annual meeting and Trustee elections,
Check presentation to BalletMet**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

05/14 – Caitlyn Nestleroth

05/16 – Paul Collinsworth

05/17 – Mike Edwards



Wednesday – 05/16 at noon – Program Committee Meeting at OSU Golf Course Club House; Auction Committee meeting at United Way.

Thursday – 05/17 – Boys & Girls Club Reading Program – 4 p.m., at 115 South Gift Street.

President's Corner



Had our memories been scrubbed? Kate and I looked at one another, silent, bewildered and wondering what exactly was happening. There were some things we knew for certain.

The year was 1997. We had been married three months. We lived in Dallas, on Swiss Avenue, near downtown. We had recently welcomed a new puppy into our newlywed home – a perspicacious 12-week-old yellow Labrador retriever named “Touk” (rhymes with “kook”), but as we sat in the oversized, practically empty industrial warehouse / aircraft hangar-looking room, that was about all we could claim with much degree of certainty.

It had started innocently enough. The 18 point Helvetica bold condensed type jumped out from the other classifieds proclaiming, **“Cruelty Free Pet Training - this Wednesday only! Don't Miss It!”** Whatever our imperfections, Kate and I knew one thing about our greatest hopes as a new husband and wife, as well as our adventurous foray into any couple's ultimate challenge – pet ownership. We were not part of the “young couples in favor of animal cruelty” crowd. And if we had to try to train our new charge anyway, cruelty-free seemed the way to go.

The first warning when we arrived at the capacious warehouse-style building was the emptiness. There were 150 chairs arranged in neat aisles. There were seven of us present, including three people who appeared to be staff. On a back table, last night's crumbling cookie remains were available for picking. Watered down lemonade was served in generic 3-oz. Dixie cups, sans the riddles – promising much, delivering little.

At last, after what seemed its own time warp, a lab coated woman with the look of a vet about her approached the stage and asked the four of us in the audience to move on up. Is this the speaker, we wondered? It must be. But no . . . because next, she introduced the woman “we had all come to see.” With a Carol Burnett clanking, the broom closet door flung open and there she stood – all 4 feet 10 inches of Diane Arrington, the queen of cruelty-free pet training. Bedazzled. Her heels nearly equidistant to the length of her thighs, parallelograms – Leonardo daVinci, where are you now? We knew we were in trouble when she flipped on the lavalier microphone and began to share her story.

In essence, we heard heart-wrenching tale after heart-wrenching tale of dogs that had been subjugated to the tyranny of a dog collar – many who had jumped fences and caught in mid-air, choked to death – an unforgiving gallows of misfortune. Problem. But in the next breath, we learned about the cruelty-free harness and its advantages. Solution. We were sold the second we had realized our insensitivity and how, unwittingly, we had been placing our beloved

Touk in danger. In hindsight, we didn't ask for any statistical references on the dog deaths from leaping over fences there might have been on an annual basis. Diane Arrington's tears were all we needed to see. She soothed our insecurities, and we signed up for the harness program. Hook, line and sinker.

It didn't work, of course. It took us about eight weeks to realize that. We didn't walk Touk; he walked us. The next classified that captured our attention leaped out in equally bold letters. **“CANINE CAPITALISM – DOES YOUR DOG PULL EVERY WHICH WAY BUT LOOSE? PROVEN RESULTS. CALL TODAY.”**

This time, the trainer came straight to our apartment. His slowly shaking head seemed to say, “So you fell for the old anti-cruelty pet harness scam, eh?” While he didn't scold us - his admonition instead was not so subtle – “For centuries, pet owners have been bewildered to put their dogs in a harness, then wonder why they pull.”

We were introduced to the notion of being confident pet owners – and thankfully, relieved this didn't mean we had to become cruelty advocates. Far from it. We learned our confidence in giving Touk parameters made it safer for him (he'd come when we'd call him) and better for us. (No imminent need for shoulder surgery.) We learned an important lesson about the perils of ‘over-thinking it’.

When it comes to Kiwanis and growing our membership, we need to make sure we're not ‘over-thinking it’ in working hard to share our story, and having fun along the way. We know that when prospective members get just a taste of all the great benefits our Club has to offer, they often join and flourish.

The best thing we can do is be confident in sharing with others the same joy of Kiwanis membership we've discovered on our own personal journey. Invite a friend to come to our next Monday lunch, or to join with us in one of our upcoming service projects.

That's beyond cruelty-free – it's downright liberating.

‘Shred-It’ Day ...

‘Shred-It’ Day was originally scheduled for Saturday, May 5, but had to be cancelled when President Obama came to Columbus to kick off his re-election campaign. We are still awaiting the announcement of a new date.

Please stay tuned. Once the new date is announced, we will publicize it and start signing up volunteers for each of the three shifts.

Mulching Trees

Placing mulch around trees is a good idea. Trees naturally grow in a forest environment that has soil covered with many layers of decaying leaves. This natural 'mulch' helps the trees in many ways. The layer of organic material absorbs and slowly releases rain water. It also keeps soil temperatures cooler in the summer, allowing roots to absorb water more easily from the moist, rather than dry, soil. This organic layer acts as insulation, keeping rapid changes in soil temperature from occurring and allowing trees to avoid multiple dormancy cycles. The layer of organic 'mulch' on the forest floor also keeps down weeds and other competing plants.

When a tree is planted in a grassy yard, it does not have the benefit of the leaf 'mulch.' So, we should substitute organic mulch (usually shredded wood) to simulate the leaf layer and generate the much-needed benefits. Mulching will also make it easier to maintain your yard and protect your tree trunks from the damaging, unintentional hits with the lawn mower and string grass trimmers. The mulch should be kept from touching the bark of the tree to prevent rot and insect damage.



Division Prayer Breakfast set ...

The annual Division 10-W Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 19, at Crossroads United Methodist Church 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 at 9 a.m. Cost for the continental breakfast will be \$5 per person, payable at the door. If you would like to attend, please contact Secretary **Paul Bohlman**.

Annual Meeting ...

Today will be our annual business meeting, where we will elect five people to each serve a two-year term as a Club Trustee. They will join the five people elected last year. By electing half of our Trustees each year and staggering their terms, we are able to provide continuity and maintain momentum with our programs. One person from this newly elected class, **Jim Skidmore**, will go through the chairs as Vice president, President-Elect and ultimately, Club President.

In addition to the elections, we will be voting to approve a multi-year commitment to Kiwanis International in support of the world-wide Eliminate Project. The commitment has already been approved by our Club Trustees and our Foundation Trustees, and according to our by-laws, now requires a vote of the membership.

Auction update ...

It is almost here, but you still have time to do several things in regard to the 2012 Kiwanis Charity Auction scheduled for Saturday evening, May 19, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Ohio History Center:

1- Make your reservation – We can accommodate a huge crowd and so we still have tickets to sell. Tickets are \$55 per person and include food, entertainment, access to the History Center's exhibits and the opportunity to bid on many great live and silent auction items. However, we must have your reservation by close of business on Monday, May 14, so that we can finalize the food and other necessities of the evening. Checks should be made out to "Columbus Kiwanis Foundation" and sent to P.O. Box 20334, Columbus, OH 43220-0334.

2- Donate an item – It is getting late, but items received by this Monday, May 14, can still be included in the auction. We need items submitted so that they can be included in the program and of course that requires some lead time. Please be sure to let us know if you will be donating an item.

3- Invite some friends – This is an event that is open to the public. Please spread the word. Let your friends know, as well as those you work with. The more people we have, the more fun the evening will be.

Inter-Clubbing ...

There is more than one way to skin a cat, and the challenges our Club faces are not always unique. Because we are so involved in our Club's day-to-day operations, it is sometimes hard to step back and look at things objectively. Are there better ways of doing things, different ways of tackling a problem, lessons that can be learned from others? The answer is "yes."

Inter-clubbing provides an opportunity to learn about other clubs and how they operate. An inter-club is when four or more of our Club members attend a meeting or event of another Kiwanis Club.

Regardless of the club's size, they are tackling many of the same problems: recruiting new members; raising funds; identifying worthwhile projects in the community; motivating members, etc. , etc.

In addition, inter-clubbing provides a great opportunity to expand your networking by meeting fellow Kiwanians from different walks of life in different communities. It also serves as a method to make up attendance credits since there are Kiwanis clubs that meet at all times of the day and various days of the week.

Organizing an inter-club is easy. The first step is to identify the club you would like to visit, determine their meeting time, date and cost (contact Secretary Paul Bohlman for assistance), and then recruit 3-5 other members to attend with you. It is always good to have a fifth person lined up in case a last-minute conflict arises.

The more we share our successes, the more they will share theirs and the more both clubs can benefit. So let's ramp up our inter-clubbing efforts!

Punography ...

I don't enjoy computer jokes; not one bit.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

PMS jokes aren't funny; period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Golf: If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game.

Next week's meeting

(May 21, 2012)

Speaker: Ben Marrison – Columbus Dispatch

Greeters: Jonathan Moody

Moody / Nolan Inc.

Linda Kay

WesBanco Trust & Investment Services

Invocation: Perry Fisher

Perry Fisher Co.

Committees: Music & Arts, Youth Opportunity, Young Children Priority One

Menu: Pan-seared chicken, red pepper coulis

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