

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 7, 2012
Candidates Day
Meet & Greet

One of the hallmarks of our Club is the fun we have each year, meeting and greeting the many great people who step up to serve as Trustees and who are vying for our support and our ultimate collective vote. The campaigns are designed to be fun and memorable, as the candidates work to make a favorable impression. Today, as you arrive, you will be besieged with campaign information and attempts to garner your support. Each candidate has recruited a campaign committee who will be actively campaigning on their behalf. The elections will be held on May 14, but here are the candidates the nominating committee, chaired by past president **Tim Barhorst**, has recommended:



James Skidmore - A member of Kiwanis Club of Columbus since March 1993, with perfect attendance since joining, Jim is now retired from working as an attorney for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, working primarily on Medicaid Law. Jim has chaired the YCPO, Golf, Music and Arts, Agriculture, Interclub and Homeless committees and has served on many others. Jim is a 1-Diamond Hixson Fellow, a Walter Zeller Fellow and is a Silver 1916 Society member. Jim has been active with Shred-It Day, Make a Difference Day, Salvation Army Bell-Ringing and Manna Café projects. Jim is very active in the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, singing in the choir and performing as a violinist when asked, and is both Deacon and Elder of the congregation. Jim has served on the boards of the Columbus Children's Chorus and the Broad Street Food Pantry, where he volunteers every Thursday. Jim came to Columbus on the Music Faculty of OSU in 1979, graduated from OSU Law School in December 1983, but his home state is Michigan. Jim has a passion for exercise on the golf course, and, for the first time, will join other riders from our Kiwanis Club riding in the Pelotonia this year. Jim's wife Nancy is involved in many religious activities and provides pet therapy with her sheltie, Glory, at nursing facilities in Columbus.



Cindy Sturni – Cindy is the Senior Director of United Way's Early Childhood Initiatives, and has been actively involved with issues affecting young children for more than 20 years. The focus of her work is to ensure that young children in Franklin County are prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn.

Before joining United Way of Central Ohio, Cindy was the Executive Director of Northside Child Development Center. Northside was the first center in Ohio to earn National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation, and was a model for urban centers as they worked toward quality recognition. She acted as a mentor to many early learning professionals as they pursued accreditation. In addition, she has a strong commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect that was realized in Turning Point, a program at Northside.

Cindy has been a member of Kiwanis since October 2010 and has served as chair of the Homeless Committee. Currently, she co-chairs the Auction Committee and is on the scholarship committee for Atlas Butler, the Children and Youth Committee and the Homeless Committee.

Cindy Sturni earned a B.S. in Education and M.Ed. from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a member of NAEYC, the Homeless Family Foundation's early childhood committee, the Learn4Life's early childhood action committee and currently serves on the advisory committee, T.E.A.C.H.

President's Corner



Jamie Richardson

When I was a kid, donkey basketball was King, and PETA was only viewed as a misspelling for PETRAS, the rock of Christ. Our town of 552 was never quite big enough to attract even the second-tier carnivals and touring circuses that made their way through the state of Michigan, but we counted it a compliment that once a year, the traveling donkey basketball carnies would come to town with trusty steeds, trailers, and shovels at the ready.

We would pack the Onsted High School gym – gentlemen and ladies, and children of all ages – for this greatest of sporting spectacles. Almost always pairing hometown rivals against one another, the year the volunteer firefighters took on the “Lady Wildcats Auxiliary” was especially feisty. The 1974 contest was particularly memorable when players from the Detroit Lions came to town to take on our high school coaching staff. Grown men – some even athletes – balancing fear and skill to sit atop renegade donkeys on a basketball court, hoisting wild shots whenever within even imaginable proximity to the basket. The year the Detroit Lions stormed the court, the local Lenawee County boomer station, WABJ (1000 watts strong or so), broadcast live. Can you imagine today’s multi-million dollar-salaried athletes, their agents or team authorities considering seriously supporting such acts of charity? I can just imagine the cable news headlines – “Sorry fans – Eli Manning will be out for the season, due to an injured left femur he sustained in a donkey basketball game playing against the Piscataway Cougars English teachers.”

So, you can imagine my great joy to be driving through Centerburg, Ohio recently and spotting the portable sign just across from the local Subway sandwich shop proclaiming, “Donkey Basketball – Tuesday, April 24 – Don’t Miss It!”

At first, I think Kate might have been skeptical when I shared the awesome news – but being a good sport, she joined me and the five Richardson kids on a recent Tuesday night at the Centerburg High School gym to observe this ancient sport of would be kings. It was just like I remembered it, fraught with peril (thus the shovels) and hijinks, and largely defensive. (The game we caught ended 4-2 despite a last-second charge from the local team.) The kids loved it. They got to go for donkey rides at half time, and they glossed right over our jokes about Pinocchio and trips to Pleasure Island. Chloe had it added as a prayer of thanks at her Wednesday school Mass. (That might have been a little over the top, but a prayer for the future good fortune of donkey basketball can’t be all bad. I might have encouraged her to modify that to a prayer for healing for the somewhat portly firefighter who took a bad tumble and had to leave with his colleagues, as they drove him away in his

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance.

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, 'Well, she's there.'

own ambulance.)

As we headed home that evening, I was beaming. It had been some intense competition, and raised some funds for local charity. But I was also bemused at how the kids were really into watching the score board to see how the games might turn out. It seems I’m often reminded that in our essence, we tend to be a competitive lot.

Which is why I’d like to put this challenge out to the different teams leading the charge in our new Kiwanis Club of Columbus membership contest: The first team to get five new members gets dinner at Mitchell’s or any great local restaurant of their choice. The first team to get to 10 new members – as long as it’s before July 1 – gets tissue a challenge to me – whether that’s putting me in a dunk tank at the Regatta – a pie in the face at one of our Monday lunches, or the assignment I’m silently, secretly hoping for – joining in some donkey basketball.

Giddy up, and let the games begin. I’m off to take some riding lessons whilst I work on my jump shot. Now that’s what I call symphonic.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Candidates and campaign committees**

Invocation: **Tim Barhorst** - Business Partners, Inc.

Committee meetings: Behavioral Health & Wellness, Scholarship

Menu: **House salad, breast of chicken, raspberry balsamic demi-glace**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

05/07 – **George Manser**
05/09 – **John Garvin**
05/11 – **Frank Albanese**
05/12 – **Rebecca Asmo**

★**HAPPY**★
BIRTHDAY!

Tuesday – 5/8 - Membership Committee meeting – 7:45 a.m. at White Castle Corporate office

Thursday – 5/10 – Boys & Girls Club reading – 4 p.m. – 115 South Gift Street.



David Brainin - David has been an active Kiwanis member since 1997. He has chaired the Senior Citizen committee for a number of years. David volunteers at many different events and activities.

David is a graduate of New York University. He worked his way through school driving a New York City taxi cab. He is President of David J. Brainin LLC - Affordable Housing Consulting and Management, where he works with nonprofits to provide affordable housing to low-income elderly and special needs families and individuals. He serves on a number of housing industry committees and is a consultant to Leading Age Ohio, The Advocate of Not-For-Profit Services for Older Ohioans.

David and wife Jackie, a frequent volunteer at Kiwanis projects, reside in Columbus and enjoy travelling, exercise and spending time with family and friends. Their dog, Mazee, is included whenever possible.



Mark Poeppelman - Mark has been a member of Kiwanis Club of Columbus since June of 2009. He spent 25 years at Nationwide Insurance, starting as a Securities Analyst in Fixed Income Securities. During his time at Nationwide, Mark's responsibilities grew and he became responsible for the Private Placement portfolio and ultimately the Fixed Income portfolios as a whole, which included \$40 billion of Fixed Income Securities and a team of 40 investment professionals. While at Nationwide, Mark joined the board of Columbus International Program, a non-profit with the mission of promoting International understanding through intercultural exchange. In 2008, he became the executive director and often hosts international professionals with various career backgrounds.

Since joining Kiwanis, Mark has been active with the International Relations committee and has chaired the committee for the past two years. He has fostered relationships with Columbus International High School, Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Columbus Sister Cities, the United Nations Association and various other international groups in the community. Mark has also been active with various Kiwanis programs, including Shred-It Day and Salvation Army. Mark and his wife Nancy live in Dublin and are the parents of two adult children, Craig and Emily.



Stephanie W. Harris –Stephanie has more than 20 years experience in marketing, fundraising and business development. She is currently Director of Development for Ohio State Legal Services Association and its affiliates – The Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Ohio Poverty Law Center and Southeastern Ohio Legal Services. She served as Director of Marketing and Development for Columbus Early Learning Centers for six years before joining OSLSA in 2011.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Stephanie received her Bachelor's and JD from The Ohio State University. Her career has included work in New Orleans, where she directed the public relations department for the City of New Orleans and served as managing editor for Gambit Newspapers. In 1985 Stephanie was recruited by Gannett Newspapers to direct the marketing department for the *Ft. Myers News-Press* in Ft. Myers, Florida. She returned to Columbus in 1991 and began her work with non-profit organizations with a focus on helping social service providers develop marketing and resource development plans and programs that create brand awareness and provide the sustained support that allows organizations to expand and serve their constituencies more effectively and efficiently.

Stephanie has been a member of Kiwanis since August 2010 and has earned her silver service star all three years. She co-chaired the Kiwanis Auction last year and has stepped up to co-chair it again this year.

Support the
Columbus Kiwanis Foundation
by becoming a member of the

“1916 Society” (George R. Manser, Founder)

'Shred-It' Day rescheduled ...

Due to President Barack Obama deciding to make a campaign stop at the Schottenstein Center on Saturday, May 5, WCMH-TV4 has had to reschedule the annual spring "Shred-It" Day.

At this point, we are not certain when the event will be rescheduled, as there are many logistics WCMH-TV4 has to work out. **Scott Doellinger** will continue to stay on top of the developments and will let us know as soon as he has some definite information to report.

It is likely that a rescheduled event will rely heavily on our Club to provide volunteers, as other groups who normally help out (Boy Scouts, etc.), may not be available on the new date.

'Shred-It' Day offers a great opportunity for our Club to mobilize our resources and to provide a terrific community service. It is also gives us a chance to involve family members and those you feel might be interested in joining our Club.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid.
He says he can 'stop' any time.

I-Next Internet-based club invites us to attend their meeting ...

It's a unique concept ... attend a Kiwanis Club meeting without leaving the luxury of your home. That's right! Thanks to the Internet, we can attend an upcoming meeting of the Internet-based I-Next Kiwanis Club. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 6, at 8 p.m. Here's how to attend:

- 1- Dial in number: 559-546-1200 (toll free)
- 2- Meeting ID: 542-413-275
- 3- Using these two items above allows you to HEAR ONLY the presentation.
- 4- To SEE the presentation, go to the following site:
<http://www.FreeScreenSharing.com/meetings/542-413-275>.

The speaker will be our own David D'Herete, and he will be speaking on the topic, "The Decade Ahead." We need at least three other members to participate in order to garner an inter-club credit. We hope you can join in.

What do you call a dinosaur with an
extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

Foundation meeting reminder ...

The trustees of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will meet on Monday, May 7, at 1 p.m., immediately following the weekly Club meeting. All Club members are welcome to attend.

Never agree with stupid people; they
will drag you down to their level and
then beat you with experience.

~~~ Mark Twain

## Next week's meeting

(May 14, 2012)

**Speaker:** Major General Deborah Ashenhurst,  
(USA) Joint Force Headquarters - Ohio

**Greeters:** Members of the  
Past Presidents Fraternity

**Invocation:** **Charlotte Collister**  
The Collister Company

**Committees:** International Relations, Homeless

**Menu:** to be determined

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