

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

June 3, 2013



DAVID HARRISON

President,
Columbus State Community College



David Harrison became the fifth president of Columbus State Community College in July 2010. With more than 25,000 students, Columbus State is one of the largest and most comprehensive colleges in Ohio. Through its campuses in Columbus and Delaware County and its nine regional learning centers, the college serves students from all 88 counties in Ohio, provides more online learning opportunities than any college in the state and contributes nearly a billion dollars in regional economic impact. During Dr. Harrison's tenure at Columbus State, he has focused the college on the goals of student success and attainment, workforce innovation and civic engagement. In 2012, Columbus State was named an Achieving the Dream college, a national initiative to help more students earn college credentials, with an emphasis on first-generation students, students of color and low-income students.

He has facilitated important partnerships with local school districts, colleges and universities and employers throughout central Ohio. He initiated the 'Preferred Pathway' program, which guarantees admission to Ohio State for Columbus State graduates, facilitated the development of a partnership campus with OSU in Delaware County and deepened partnerships with other central Ohio institutions to earn degrees. He was a primary architect of the Central Ohio Compact, a regional strategy among K-12 and higher education leaders to help more students succeed in college and in the workplace.

Dr. Harrison came to Columbus State with extensive experience in building successful community partnerships. As Vice Provost for Regional Campuses at the University of Central Florida, he worked with community colleges to create the Central Florida Higher Education Consortium and the nationally recognized DirectConnect to UCF program, which guarantees the opportunity for a bachelor's degree for graduates of partner community colleges. Under his leadership, the

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Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Neil Distelhorst** – retired, Deloitte & Touche
Cindy Sturni United Way of Central Ohio

Invocation: **Alice Hohl** - SiteInSight

Committee meetings: Golf, Scholarship,
Behavioral Health & Wellness

Menu: **House salad, grilled sirloin with fig
and Balsamic jam**

Presentation: **2013 Scholarship awards**

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

06/03 – Alan Weiler
06/04 – Richard Rogovin
06/07 - Bill Newman
06/07 – Sally Volpe
06/08 – Paul Bohlman



Friday – 06/07/1892 - Benjamin Harrison became the first President of the United States to attend a baseball game.

Saturday – 06/08 - Kickoff celebration – Columbus Metropolitan Library Summer Reading Club – 10 a.m. to noon.

Networking: it's a social thing! ...

Effective networking is often the result of placing yourself in awkward or uncomfortable positions. It is about getting to know people, building relationships and sharing experiences. It is about making an effort to be involved.

We all have a tendency to sit with the same people or at the same table at our weekly lunch meetings. When we go to inter-clubs or Division 10-W events, we tend to stick with people from our own Club. That's natural, because it is difficult to step out of our comfort zones. It is hard to open ourselves up to others, to have them question us or to ask questions of them. Yet, that is what networking is all about.

Kiwanis provides us with many outstanding opportunities to develop and hone our networking skills. But the ball rests in our court. We have to make the effort by sitting at a different table, engaging the person next to us in a probing conversation, attending events where members will be with spouses and will be more relaxed and open, getting involved in committee meetings and hands on service projects, attending social events and participating in fund raisers.

Speaking of social events, our Social committee has planned another in a series of 'Fabulous Friday Fellowships' to help foster the networking process. We hope you can join us on Friday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m., at Cap City Diner, located at 1299 Olentangy River Road. Feel free to bring a friend, a spouse or a potential member. There is no formal program, and you can stay as long as you like – enjoy an adult beverage, stay for dinner or just grab an appetizer. The only goal is to relax, have fun and network.

Successful networking leads to business and social relationships that are meaningful and fulfilling. People want to be with, and do business with, people they like and people they trust. You naturally feel more comfortable asking for help, guidance and direction from someone you know. You are more likely to do business with someone you already know or someone who is strongly recommended, than with a total stranger you contacted from the phone book or the Internet.

This is the value of Kiwanis. It is about people. It is about working together toward common goals while helping each other along. And that goes well beyond the confines of our Club. We are part of an active Division, a strong District and a worldwide organization. Getting involved in a broader sense helps to enlarge your networking circle.

Getting the most value out of your Kiwanis membership requires some initiative on your part as well as that of our fellow members. Start today. Sit with someone you don't know, come to the social event, start networking!

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program significantly increased the number of transfer students earning bachelor's degrees from UCF. He also developed partnerships with employers and community leaders to address workforce needs in information technology, architecture, healthcare, and other fields.

Prior to joining UCF, Dr. Harrison served in leadership roles at Seminole State College in Florida and at Sinclair Community College in Ohio, and was a consulting manager with Accenture in Pittsburgh. He holds a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, an MBA from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh, and a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Dayton.



### 2013 Regatta to have a new twist ...

The Regatta is all about raising money while having fun and providing our Club with valuable exposure. This year's event will be the same in those regards, but with several unique enhancements.

1- In an effort to increase our fundraising reach beyond the limits of our Club, a new on-line donation program has been developed. Racing participants will have the opportunity to engage their family, friends and co-workers by encouraging them to make donations in support of their yacht. Donations can be made using the same secure Google Wallet platform we utilize for our luncheon reservations. The top three on-line fundraisers will be rewarded with a discount in their 2013-14 annual Kiwanis membership dues – 50 percent discount for the top fundraiser, 30 percent discount for the second-highest and 20 percent discount for the third-highest. You can access the donation page via our website (see the Regatta article on our home page).

2- One of the best ways to get more exposure for our Club and to build awareness is to get people to attend a meeting. The Regatta is a unique meeting that provides guests with an opportunity to see us in action, having fun, while raising money for a good cause. This year, we will be asking each member to sell Regatta lunch tickets to their friends, co-workers and family members. We hope every member can sell 10 or more tickets. Tickets will be given out on consignment and sold for \$5 each. The top three salespeople will win an opportunity to race a yacht and vie for the Regatta grand prize.

## Five (5) lessons about the way we treat people ...

**1 - First important lesson - Cleaning lady.** During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "hello." I've never forgotten that lesson ... I also learned her name was Dorothy.

**2. - Second important lesson - Pickup in the rain.** One night, at 11:30 p.m., an older African-American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway, trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960's. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away ... God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others." Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole.

**3 - Third important lesson - Always remember those who serve.** In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now, more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away the boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left.. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. You see, he couldn't have the sundae because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

**4 - Fourth important lesson - The obstacle in our path.** In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's' wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand: Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition!

**5 - Fifth important lesson - Giving when it counts.** Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz, who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheek. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?" Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

*As you ponder the above stories, remember ... Live with no regrets, treat people the way you want to be treated, work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt and dance like you do when nobody is watching.*

~~~ Author unknown

**Mark your
calendars:**

**Monday,
July 22**

You will not want to miss our joint meeting with the **Columbus
Rotary Club**. Noon at the Athletic Club of Columbus.

June 8 – a day of Kiwanis choices ...

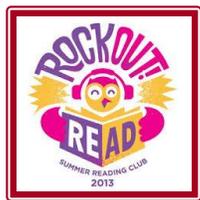
There are often days when multiple Kiwanis activities are planned and Saturday, June 8 is one of those:

Golf: If you enjoy playing golf but your game is not quite the caliber of Tiger Woods or even his grandmother, then the annual University Kiwanis Club golf outing might be just right for you. The event is designed to raise money for the ELIMINATE Project: it will be held at Mentel Memorial Golf Course, located at 6005 Alkire Road. The cost is \$75 per player and that includes lunch. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. There is still time to sign up. Checks should be made out to University Kiwanis Foundation.



Summer Reading Club: Registration for the award-winning Summer Reading Club of the Columbus Metropolitan Library will run from 10 a.m. to noon. Kiwanis Club of Columbus will

again have a table set up for children to color yachts, and we will be promoting our annual Corporate Regatta. The Library expects 800 to 1,000 families to attend, and we are in need of several additional volunteers to help hand out the pictures and crayons. If interested, please contact Mike



Haemmerle at mike@abbingtononline.com.

Dedication: At 1:30 p.m. the city of Columbus will dedicate the community center at Krumm Park (854 Alton Avenue) in honor of past Kiwanis Lt. Governor Bill Adams. You may recall that we lost Bill suddenly this past fall while he was in the early months of his Kiwanis administrative year. Clubs from though out central Ohio have been invited, and we hope you can join us.



The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.

Next week's meeting

(June 10, 2013)

Speaker: Tracy Plouck – Director,
Ohio Department of Health

Greeters: Stephanie Harris
Ohio State Legal Services Association

Tom Christman
The Ohio Exterminating Company

Invocation: Bill Newman - Lucas, Prendergast,
Albright, Gibson, Newman

Committees: International Relations, Homeless,
Youth Opportunity

Menu: Wedge salad, Coriander rubbed pork loin
with bourbon peach compote

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Contributions can be made in a lump sum or up to four installments. New members are always welcome to the Society and existing members are always encouraged to strive for the next recognition level.