

# 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."

"It's not about me ... or you, but what WE will do for the children."

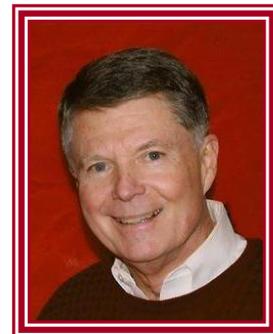
Noon to 1 p.m. luncheon meeting at The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215



June 09, 2014

## MICHAEL L. FINN

### Adventurer



Mike Finn is chairman of the board of Power Distributors, LLC, a distributor of outdoor power products. He is also chairman of the Integrated Distributors Network, of Power Source Canada and is the President of Chesapeake Realty Company.

Mike also serves on the board of directors of Rocky Brands in Nelsonville, and he resides in Upper Arlington with his wife, Janet. The family includes two children and five grandchildren.

Mike's business interests allow for travel over most of North America, but his personal interests take him far beyond the United States and Canada. Since the mid-80's, Mike has pursued an interest in adventure travel and has climbed and trekked on five continents. He and Janet have a special interest in the Himalayas – Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet and India – and have visited the region eight times in search of high adventure. They have also sponsored a school for the children of Tibetan refugees in Pokhara, Nepal.

Today's presentation will include insight and anecdotal stories related to many of these adventures.

Mike's education includes B.A. and J.D. degrees from The Ohio State University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He is a member of The Explorers Club and the Harvard Club in New York, and Scioto Country Club in Columbus.

Mike and Janet enjoy weekends at their home on Catawba Island at Lake Erie. Other personal interests include cultural travel, reading, sports and philanthropy.

### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** Neil Distelhorst – Retired, Deloitte and Touche

Bill Calvert – Merrill Lynch

**Invocation:** Dave Timmons - G W Timmons and Sons

**Committee meetings:** Homeless

**Check Presentations:** Driven Foundation  
Southside Learning Center

**Menu:** Italian chopped salad, grilled salmon with roasted red pepper jam

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

06/10 – Joyce Bourgault

06/13 – Andy Sonderman

06/14 – Fil Line



**Wednesday – 06/11** – National Corn on the Cob Day and National German Chocolate Cake Day.

**Saturday – 06/14/1777** – The stars and stripes design was adopted by Congress as the flag of the United States.

Share the benefits of Kiwanis with someone you know and invite them to join.

## Focus on Kiwanis

The heat of the summer is already upon us. With graduations, weddings, vacations, yard work, golf outings and various other summer activities, the next few months will seem to go fast.

This is a time when Kiwanis heats up, as well. The Kiwanis International Convention will take place in Japan on July 17-20; Club President **Kathleen Roberts** will represent our Club. We look forward to her returning with new ideas and news about our international organization.

Preparations for the annual Kiwanis Corporate Regatta are underway, with this year's event scheduled for Monday, August 18. It is off to a great start under the joint leadership of **Jerry Durham** and **Troy Terakedis** and their committee. They have set an ambitious goal and will need the support of all of us in one fashion or another. There is still plenty of time for your company or organization to enter a yacht, or for you to go together with several friends and neighbors to enter your own. Perhaps a group of people from your church group, your card club, your golf league or other small group would be interested in chipping in to sponsor a yacht.

It may seem far off, but efforts are already in full swing for the 35th annual Kiwanis College Fair, scheduled for Monday, September 29. We are again expecting more than 175 colleges and universities to have representatives available for more than 3,000 high school students. This year's event will return to the Aladdin Shrine Temple on Stelzer Road. If your alma mater hasn't been represented in the past, perhaps you can help us get them signed up for this year's event.

Tuesday evening, August 12, is the annual 'Kiwanis Night at the Columbus Clippers.' Tickets are \$10 per person, or you can purchase the "Family General Admission" package for \$15. The Family General Admission package includes 2 adults and up to four youth (age 18 & under). You can order your tickets directly from the Clippers using the form found on our web site. Game time is at 7:05 p.m.

And just because it is summer doesn't mean we take time off from our various service projects. The Manna Café and other opportunities will continue to require the dedication of Kiwanis members to fulfill a variety of community service needs. Please watch the newsletter, our website and Facebook page to stay current on volunteer opportunities.

So, enjoy the summer, but be sure to keep Kiwanis in your plans. And be sure to share your Kiwanis activities with those you meet and come in contact with regularly. One or more of them may be interested in joining our Club.



### Trustees to meet ...

The June Trustee meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, June 10, at the Brookside Golf and Country Club (2770 W. Dublin-Granville Road). The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. There will also be time for fellowship and dinner for those wishing to stay after the meeting, or for those who cannot attend the meeting but would like to join us afterwards.

All members of the Club are welcome to attend Trustee meetings, to gain insight into how our Club operates and to provide input into discussions regarding policy and decisions. However, only Trustees and officers can vote.

Committee chairs are expected to provide updates on their committee, including any requests for funds, progress being made, special projects, etc. This helps keep everyone informed and provides for the cross-pollination of ideas.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** no later than Friday, June 6, so that proper arrangements can be made with the staff at Brookside.

**The world is full of nice people.  
If you can't find one, be one!**

### Annual Ohio District Kiwanis Convention set for Columbus ...

The 47th annual Ohio District Kiwanis Convention has been set for August 8-10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Columbus (6500 Doubletree Avenue). More details will be coming soon, but now is the time to mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be some fun events planned for Friday, and numerous educational break-out sessions during the day on Saturday. Registration will be open soon via the District website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org).

Attending the Convention fulfills one of the requirements for becoming a "Distinguished Member" for the 2013-14 administrative year.

## Regatta set to sail ...

The 16th annual Kiwanis Corporate Regatta is scheduled to set sail on Monday, August 18, at 11:30 a.m., on the front steps of the Columbus Metropolitan Library (96 South Grant Street).



The committee has set an aggressive goal of raising \$40,000 with this year's event, and to do so, we will need to aggressively reach out into the community to invite new contenders – companies and groups of people who want to have some fun in the name of a great cause.

A major benefactor of our annual event is the Columbus Metropolitan Library's award-winning, and nationally recognized, Summer Reading Program, which impacts more than 80,000 children each year.

So, you may be asking, "How can I help support this great effort and how can I get involved?" It is easy, and here are a few ideas:

- 1- **Ask** your company to enter a yacht or to be a sponsor. Regatta brochures are available for your use, and information is available on our web site.
- 2- **Get** a group of friends together and enter a yacht – be creative. It could be your golf buddies, your neighbors, people you know with the same first name, or whatever. With each person chipping in, the cost is reasonable and you have a chance to win the \$1,000 grand prize to donate to your favorite charity.
- 3- **Refer** a company. If you have a good contact at a company, and can help 'open the door,' let us know. The Regatta Committee would be happy to make a presentation and ask for their participation.

Yes, there will also be opportunities to volunteer the day of the event and we will have sign up sheets available as the date gets closer, but right now, our main priority is to get entries.

If you have raced in the past, and would like to race again, please sign up early and let us know if you need a new yacht or if you will continue to utilize the tried-and-true model you already have. We already anticipate having our "shipyard" working overtime to produce the equivalent of another fleet. We want to make sure your order gets in on time!



## George R. Manser dies ...



We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of past Club President **George R. Manser**. George served as Club President during the 1983-84 administrative year. He was also the inspiration behind the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation's 1916 Society which he conceived and helped fund as a means of recognizing our Club's founding.

George was 83 years old and a 38-year member of our Club, with 38 years of 'Perfect Attendance.' His son Ron is also a member of our Club.

George served as the Director of Corporate Finance of Uniglobe Travel USA, LLC, a franchisor of travel agencies, from 1995 to 1999. He served as Chairman of Concorde Holding Co. and Cah, Inc. LLC, each a private investment management company.

Prior to his retirement in 2000, George served as Chairman of UNIGLOBE Travel (Capital Cities), Inc., a franchisor of travel agencies. From 1984 to 1994, he served as Chairman of North American National Corporation and its subsidiaries, Pan-Western Life Insurance Company, Brookings International Life Insurance Company and Howard Life Insurance Company.

George served as an Independent Director of Hallmark Financial Services, Inc. from 1995 to June 2011. From 1991 to 2003, he served as a director of State Auto Financial Corporation, an insurance holding company engaged primarily in the property and casualty insurance business. From 1984 to 1994, he also served as a Director of North American National Corporation and its subsidiaries, Pan-Western Life Insurance Company, Brookings International Life Insurance Company and Howard Life Insurance Company. George served as a director of CheckFree Corporation, a provider of financial electronic commerce services, software and related products; and as an advisory director of J.C. Bradford & Co. He also served as a director of AmeriLink Corporation since 1994 and as a director of Cardinal Health, Inc.

George was known for his philanthropic endeavors, and just last year, our Club honored him with the creation of the George R. Manser Philanthropic Award, which will be presented to an outstanding community leader for the first time as part of our 100-year anniversary celebration.

George was always upbeat and positive, greeting people with a delightful smile. His leadership, compassion and philanthropic nature will be missed.

Funeral arrangements are unknown at this time. Donations made be made in his honor to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation 1916 Society.

## Kiwanis Night at the Clippers ...



The annual "Kiwanis Night at the Clippers" has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 12, against the Lehigh Valley IronPigs. That night will also be City Barbeque "Buck-a-Bone" Night. The game is 7:05 p.m. start.

Reserved seating tickets are available for \$10 per person, or you can purchase the "Family General Admission" package for \$15. The Family General Admission package includes 2 adults and up to four youth (age 18 & under). Order forms can be found on our web site and can be sent directly in. Orders must be in their hands by August 1 to guarantee return mailing of your tickets. Later orders will be held at Will Call. All orders must be received by **August 6** to qualify for the ticket discounts.



## 2014 Scholarship recipients ...

Through the assistance of the Columbus Foundation, our Club's scholarship committee, chaired by Jonathan Moody, successfully selected the winners of this year's scholarships and presented their certificates this past Monday. This year's recipients are:

- Antrim Ren Award:** Nathan Harris - \$2,000
- Keller Award:** Madeline Van-Winkle - \$1,500
- Circle K Club Award:** Jessica Mullins - \$1,500
- Paul Lewis Award:** Brittany Mercer - \$1,500
- Service Leadership Award #1:** Madison Ackerman - \$1,500
- Service Leadership Award #2:** Alissa Davis - \$1,500
- Speaker Award:** Emma Van-Dommelen - \$1,500

We will award the Gillam Non-Traditional Scholarship of \$1,500 later this summer. Deadline for applications is July 27.



## Next golf outing ...

Wednesday, June 11  
**Bent Tree Golf Club**

First of three tee times is at 12:30 p.m.

Green fees: \$49 (\$39 for seniors)

Contact Mike Becker at [Mbecker@beckerlilly.com](mailto:Mbecker@beckerlilly.com)

**It was a close race, but the caterpillar beat the worm. The difference was 100 feet.**

## Next week's meeting

(June 16, 2014)

**Speaker:** Lisa Timmerman  
The Egg Industry

**Greeters:** Dan Lacey  
Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

**Fil Line**  
ROI Realty Services

**Invocation:** Robert Shenton  
Plante Moran

**Committees:** Membership, Music & Arts

**Menu:** Wedge salad, grilled sirloin with wild mushroom demi

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