

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

June 11, 2012



Steve Buehrer Administrator/CEO Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation



Ohio Governor John Kasich appointed Steve Buehrer as Administrator/CEO of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in January 2011. He leads an agency of 2,200 employees that serves more than 225,000 employers and 1.3 million injured workers.

Known for his focus on fiscal responsibility, creating jobs and emphasizing technology, Steve has helped engineer significant improvements within various levels of government over the past 20 years. He also has extensive experience with workers' compensation, previously serving as BWC's Chief of Human Resources. As a Senator, Steve served as the chairman of the Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee which oversaw all workers' compensation legislation.

Steve was a member of the Ohio Senate from 2007 until 2011. In addition to serving as the chairman of the Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee, he was also vice chairman of the Senate Highways & Transportation Committee. Steve also was elected by his colleagues as majority whip, the fourth-ranking leadership position in the Senate. He received the *Technology Advocate Legislator of the Year* award for 2010 from Technology for Ohio's Tomorrow, he won five *Watchdog of the Treasury* awards and was named *National Legislator of the Year* by the American Legislative Exchange Council in 2002. A nationally recognized leader, he serves as the chairman of the Midwest Council of State Government (CSG) and served as national CSG vice chair.

Steve also served as a state representative from Ohio's 82nd House District (Defiance, Fulton and Williams Counties). First elected in 1998, he was subsequently re-elected in November 2000, when his district became the 74th, and again in November 2002 and 2004. Steve's leadership was recognized by his peers in the House, as he was elected assistant majority

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Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Joyce Bourgault** - Helping Hands Health & Wellness Center

Lisa Jolley - The Columbus Foundation

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

Committee meetings: International Relations, Homeless

Menu: **Turkey meatloaf, fresh tomato, garlic sauce**

Presentations: NAMI-Franklin County – Rachel Martin
Kaleidoscope Youth Center – Amy Eldridge

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

06/14 – **Fil Line**

06/16 – **Brent Johnson**



Tuesday – 06/12 – Membership Committee Meeting – 7:45 a.m. – White Castle Corporate Office

Thursday – 06/14

a- Columbus International 5K Committee meeting at Giant Eagle Market District (Kingsdale), 7:30 a.m.

b- Boys & Girls Club Reading Program – 4 p.m. at 115 South Gift Street.

President's Corner



The sound of grinding plastic, cranking like a rocket, vibrating concrete as gears engaged, and like a cannon shot, my Miniature-sized Evel Knievel motorcycle exploded and tore down the sidewalk of this Christmas gathering of family and friends. I raced after it – careening down the sidewalk in a wild gallop of glee, nearly spilling my beer. While there might not be too many “40-somethings” who had received their own self-propelled toy daredevil kit for the holidays, I was going to savor every moment of this trip down memory lane. Having a Coors Banquet to go with the sight, sound and motion of this return to anarchy seemed altogether fitting and proper.

After all, this was less dangerous than what my cousin Jimmy Vischer tried to do when I was nine years old. duct taping an M-80 firecracker to Evel’s thigh and sending him into the abyss over the part of our yard we called “Lookout Mountain.” More like “Look out, below” with the shards of twisted plastic, and red, white and blue rubber that had erupted when my first Evel Knievel cycle was in mid-flight. Thanks, Cousin Jimmy – wrecker of kids’ toys, hopes and dreams.

But Evel Knievel loomed large on the landscape in those days. By the mid-70’s, his outrageous motorcycle jumps boasted four of the top 20-rated episodes of all time on ABC’s *Wide World of Sports*. He was eminently quotable, sharing thoughts like, “I guess I thought I was Elvis Presley, but I’ll tell ya something. All Elvis did was stand on stage and play a guitar. He never fell off on that pavement at no 80 miles an hour.” Of course, around the halls of Onsted Elementary School, we’d trade Evel Knievel trivia tidbits like the self-proclaimed subject matter experts we ached to be. “He’s broken every bone in his body. Twice.” was one of the classics. (Turns out this one was not true – he broke a mere 35 bones in the course of his career.)

The toy motorcycle and bendable figure from Ideal was an instant hit – and at the top of every kid’s Christmas list when I was growing up. The figure of Knievel could be twisted and turned – you could even contort him into a headstand and have him pop a wheelie if you were able to line things up just right.

Sales started to slump after Evel’s ill-conceived, poorly executed attempt to leap the Snake River Canyon in Idaho in the Sky Cycle. After being foiled by the bureaucrats at the Department of the Interior who wouldn’t let him stage a jump at the Grand Canyon, Evel had taken matters into his own hands – purchasing

land at Snake River and aiming for even more notoriety. But alas, the chute in his self-designed rocket ship deployed early, and Evel narrowly averted catastrophe – living to fight, and fly, another day.

I wonder how many lives Evel saved. It didn’t take too many children of my generation too long to realize that trying to jump things while riding a motorcycle often ended with close encounters of the weird kind. Nothing like watching physics lessons unfold before your eyes to teach you the limitations of the time space continuum. But I also wondered how many adventures he inspired, with a somewhat reckless launch into air and sky, bedazzled in red, white and blue leather racing gear, and an open acknowledgment that the most precious dwindling resource we all try to conserve is time. And perhaps embedded at the base of that, a belief the best way to drown out the growing whisper of the fates is to rev the engine a bit louder and power down the runway to the next landing point.

While I don’t propose we risk life and limb to hurtle 14 buses in a single leap in our service to Kiwanis, maybe there’s a lesson ol’ Robert Craig Knievel provides for all of us. Perhaps that looking to the other side, and envisioning a happy landing, is the thrill of adventure we need to seek when we imagine the difference we can make in the lives of the children we serve. That being bold and going full throttle in trying new ideas is well worth the risk and a challenge we need to seek.

Because as Evel said himself, “When I hit that pavement at 70 or 80 miles an hour those suits just ripped.”

Here’s to bold adventures and safe landings in doing all we can to change the world, one child at a time.

A Member Guide to Philanthropic Giving to Columbus ...

As with any organization, Kiwanis has a fair share of its own jargon. In addition, because we are such a large organization, with multiple layers of organization (International, District, Division and Club), it is easy for even the most veteran member to get confused.

That is why we have developed a (relatively) simple pamphlet that helps explain and guide you through the maze of philanthropic giving within Kiwanis. It will help you understand your options, where your money goes and what recognitions are available.

For your copy, please ask Secretary **Paul Bohlman**.

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floor leader for both the 124<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. As chairman of the State Government Committee, he had responsibility for all workers' compensation legislation.

During his second and third terms as a representative in the General Assembly, Steve authored and passed Ohio's two-year transportation budget, which provided funding for highway projects across the state. This legislation recreated the state's transportation funding structure and provided additional transportation-related support for state and local governments.

Beyond his legislative experience and accomplishments, Steve also has extensive experience in state government. Aside from serving as the chief of human resources at BWC, he also was the director of legislative affairs at the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services. Following that assignment, Steve served six months at the Ohio Department of Human Services, at the request of Governor George Voinovich, assisting with multiple management-improvement initiatives. He later accepted a position as deputy director at the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, where he oversaw the communications and legislative offices and later, the State Human Resources Division.

Steve earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies Education, graduating Summa Cum Laude from Bowling Green State University. He later attended Capital University Law School and graduated Cum Laude with his Juris Doctor. He and his wife, Cathy, and have three sons: Benjamin, Simon and Daniel.

## Everyone wants a green garden, but is it?

A garden filled with lush growing plants producing super-tasting vegetables can be a source of enjoyment and pride. Getting there without using insecticides, chemical fertilizers and expensive gardening products is even better.

OK, you have planted your vegetable garden, but now you see the deer are enjoying it more than you. Don't buy expensive plastic fencing made with petroleum-based plastic; rather place garlic powder or cayenne pepper around the plants needing protection.

Don't buy mulch; rather, use compost which you have made. Mulching will help save water and reduce your water bill.

Are the ants taking over? Place a 50-50 mix of egg shells and coffee grounds on the soil and they will go elsewhere. Be sure to read up on organic treatments, as the treatment for one pest might hurt another more favorable insect, such as the lady bug. Good sources of information can be found at Sierra Club – Home & Gardening; Mother Earth News; organicgardeningguru.com; and gardenweb.com/forums/organic.



So before just purchasing a bottled product to "Rid your garden of unwanted pests," stop and learn how to control the situation naturally. Where have all the butterflies gone? Well, when spraying for mosquitoes and other unwanted insects, desirable insects are indiscriminately killed, too. Live softly and enjoy.

~~~ Scott Doellinger



It has become an annual tradition... a special night for Kiwanians (along with their families and friends) at the Columbus Clippers. This year's event is scheduled for the Tuesday, July 17 game against Louisville at 6:35 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. However, our Division 10-W leadership has put together a special family package that includes two adults and four children for \$15. And the children do not have to be yours! So plan on

bringing the Cub Scout Pack, the Little League team, the kids from the block and as many additional adults as you need to "ride herd." More details regarding ticket ordering will be available soon. In the meantime, mark your calendars and start inviting those you wish to bring. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit the Division. Baseball is still the great American pastime and we have a great facility in Huntington Park. So plan on coming out, cheering on the Clippers, enjoying a hot dog (or two), meeting some other Kiwanians and having a great time. Because this is a Division event, you will earn multiple attendance credits, as well as an interclub credit, if we have four or more members of our Club attend.



Membership: *It is the lifeblood of our organization. With it come new ideas, new enthusiasm and more hands to help with our many projects. Let's share the experience we know as Kiwanis ... someone invited you to join, and you can return the favor by asking someone else!*

Flag Facts ...



On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue, and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state.

Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886, Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled “The Fourteenth of June” in the old *Chicago Argus* newspaper. Cigrand’s effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day and to urge U.S. residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress, of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

It is both proper and appropriate to salute the flag when singing the national anthem and saying the Pledge of Allegiance, a ritual we partake in at the beginning of each weekly meeting. For civilians, the salute is accomplished by placing your right hand over your heart. A recent change in flag rules allows for veterans to render the military salute during the playing of the national anthem and when a flag passes in parade or procession, whether or not the veteran is in uniform of any sort.

Flag Trivia:

1- If you are supposed to fly the flag at half-staff and your flag is the kind that can’t be moved up and down (*like the ones that hang on homes on poles*), then what is the recommendation?

- a- Don’t fly the flag at all.
- b- Put a black ribbon on the flag.
- c- Fly the flag upside down.
- d- All of these are OK.



2- The U.S. flag code forbids any gold fringe on the U.S. flag. True or false?

**The Past, the Present and the Future
walk into a bar. It was tense.**

Next week’s meeting

(June 18, 2012)

Speaker: Frank Solich – Ohio University head football coach

Greeters: Bob Wiseman
Burkholder Flint Associates

Cindy Sturni
United Way of Central Ohio

Invocation: Andy White
Nationwide Insurance

Committees: Music & Arts, Youth Opportunity

Menu: Beef stir fry, white rice

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