

The Bulletin

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus



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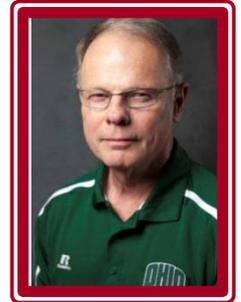
“Great yesterday, better today, better still tomorrow!”

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

June 18, 2012

Frank Solich

Ohio University Football Head Coach



Head coach Frank Solich has continued a storybook turnaround during his tenure at Ohio University. As he heads into his eighth season (14th as a major-college head coach), the Bobcats have been bowl-eligible in five of his first seven years at the helm, have won a league-best 46 games since 2006 and have had student-athletes selected in the NFL Draft in four of the past five seasons.

In his seven seasons as the Ohio head coach, Solich has guided the Bobcats to an impressive 50-40 record. In 2011, he led the Bobcats to their first-ever bowl win as Ohio defeated Utah State 24-23 in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl to finish the year 10-4 in a game that was seen nationally on ESPN. Ohio's win over the Aggies gave the Bobcats their first 10-win season since 1968.

Solich's 2011 Bobcat squad set 47 school records, won six of the team's last seven games and had a league-best 11 players on Mid-American Conference All-Conference teams. In addition, he picked up his 100th career victory following a convincing 30-3 victory over Gardner-Webb on Sept. 10. When it was 'all said and done,' the 2011 senior class posted a combined record of 36-27 to complete the best five-year run in program history.

Off the field, Solich is equally proud of his players' accomplishments in the classroom. In the past three seasons, the Bobcats have had 18 Academic All-MAC selections. He has also had two seasons where an Ohio player has been named a semifinalist for the Draddy Trophy, one of the most prestigious academic honors in college football. Academic success is nothing new for Solich's teams. While head coach at Nebraska, almost 90 percent of his student-athletes earned their degree. Seven times Huskers earned first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors and on four other occasions, second-team honors were bestowed.

Solich was named the Bobcats' head coach on Dec. 17, 2004. He arrived in Athens after six seasons as the head coach at the
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## Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Bob Wiseman** - Burkholder Flint Associates  
**Cindy Sturni** - United Way of Central Ohio

**Invocation:** **Andy White** - Nationwide Insurance

**Committee meetings:** Music & Arts, Youth Opportunity

**Menu:** **House salad, beef stir fry, white rice**

**Presentations:** Moms 2B

## This week at a Glance

### **Birthdays:**

06/18 – **Kristin Gintz**  
06/23 – **Jean Evans**



**Tuesday** – 06/19/1910 - The first 'Father's Day' was celebrated in Spokane, Washington.

**Wednesday** – 06/20 – Program Committee meeting – noon at the Ohio State University Golf Course club-house

**Friday** – 06/22/1944 – President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the G.I. Bill.

## President's Corner



"Teamwork, better together," the maxim racing through my mind, I dodge left in the crowded Orlando airport. I glimpse a Ben Hur-styled senior charioteer racing past in a Rascal – pulling her wheelchair-bound husband by a bungee cord.

I blink. Twice. More performance art? For in this very airport, there is a sculpture – aptly named "The Traveler" – a despondent mannequin slumped on a suit case – indefinitely delayed – cloaked in a Lucite cell. Life like, inspiring road warriors to pause to pay homage - the plight of the modern man.

Today, I have time. A rare blessing –not racing to catch my flight. Or perhaps no gift, but a curse, as I ponder the next 132 minutes before boarding to head home, later than hoped for on a Friday night. My grumbly thoughts a monologue hinting at, "Woe is me."

Little did I know, any hint of self-pity I might have been experiencing was about to be banished to a semi-permanent state of, "What was I thinking?"

As I found a seat at the gate and settled in, I watched as the flight ahead of mine prepared to board. I won't name the airline, but suffice it to say, they are famous for great customer service, and the line, "You are now free to move about the country."

It was obvious that it was booked solid. Lines were long, even for the "C" boarding group, and I noticed a "stand by" queue forming – a businessman, who looked like he'd had a long day, and an anxious Mom with a young girl and young boy. The distance between them confirmed they were not traveling together.

I don't know how to describe it, but observing the Mom you knew something was wrong. She was anxious, and sorrowful – just aching to be able to get on this flight. The businessman seemed kind, but distracted – and here I found myself intrigued, wondering to myself if they would make it on to the plane.

And then, I heard the rest of the story – the Mom approached the gate attendant, with what I guessed to be her 11-year-old son, and 8-year-old daughter. She didn't seem accustomed

to pleading, but I heard her plaintively whisper above the crowd, "Please – we were at Disney this morning and found out my Dad has died – I just need to get home." Perspective has a way of waking us up. I watched, as the businessman, in line ahead of the Mom and kids, hearing the same news I heard, approached her – he offered condolences. He went to the agent's desk and offered that if seats were open, the Mom and two kids should go ahead of him. And then he started to approach all the late arrivals, as the number of seats still unfilled dropped from 7 and then to 5 and then to 4. In each instance, he would calmly explain to those about to board the woman's predicament, asking if they'd give up their seat. And like the tale of the Good Samaritan, the pious and the hurried would pause for a moment, nod in empathy, and then board the flight – not their problem, because they had time-sensitive commitments, too.

All seemed lost. Finally, there was only one seat – the gate agent kindly offered it to the Mom – but what could she do? With two young children, she really needed three seats. She thanked the businessman kindly and insisted he take the seat. I watched the pain this caused him as he started to board, knowing that despite his best efforts, he had failed. And just as he headed down the gangplank, he turned and came back, silently making the sign of the cross, a last prayer for hope. He feverishly spoke to the gate agent – I couldn't hear a word, but I saw the gate agent nod, and then as if inspired by a vision, head towards the gang plank and the plane.

I'm not sure what the businessman said, but I do know this – somehow two people already boarded agreed to join him in giving up their seats so the Mom and two kids could make the flight. The Mom, tears held back, now released, scooped up her children and headed home. Home to mourn for all that she had lost that day – and all that she had found, like the example of one good man who didn't give up, didn't take the easy way, and say, "Oh well, I tried to help."

I never learned that good man's name. But I'll tell you what. It wouldn't surprise me to find out he's a member of Kiwanis. Because the best of what our club inspires is doing the right thing – always. Not just when the world is watching, but more important, in those moments of need, when it would be oh, so much easier to walk on by.

Trustees to  
meet . . .

The monthly Trustee meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held Monday evening, June 18 at Barley's Smokehouse and Brew Pub, located at 1130 Dublin Road in Grandview. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., but you are welcome to arrive early to enjoy one of their adult beverages.

All members are invited to attend, with Club Trustees and committee chairs expected to be there. Following the meeting, you are welcome to stay for dinner and additional fellowship. For planning purposes, we ask that you let Secretary Paul Bohlman know if you will be attending and whether or not you will stay for dinner afterwards.

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University of Nebraska, where he spent nearly 30 years as part of the Nebraska program as a player, assistant coach and head coach. A Big 12 Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2001, Solich produced nine-win seasons in five of his six years as head coach of the Huskers. In 1999, 2000 and 2001, he generated 12-, 10- and 11-win seasons, respectively. He also generated six-consecutive bowl appearances including a 2001 run at the national championship against Miami in the Rose Bowl.

Moving on from Nebraska following a 2003 season in which his Huskers went 10-3, Solich was nevertheless determined to stay as close as possible to the college game until just the right opportunity came along. In a unique professional development opportunity all too often ignored by his colleagues, Solich chose to travel the college and professional ranks to update his knowledge of the game, broaden his perspectives on its nuances and challenges and ready himself for the next great challenge.

Stepping back from the sideline included wide-ranging visits to some of Division I-A's top programs, as well, and the schedule included much more than a courtesy call. His ambitious fact-finding odyssey included stops at Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin, Miami and Southern California.

Coming from his native Cleveland to Lincoln back in 1962, he was recruited to play fullback for the Cornhuskers as a part of Bob Devaney's first class of freshmen. During his time in the Husker program, Nebraska went 9-2, 10-1, 9-2 and 10-1. He earned All-Big Eight honors in 1965 and was the first Husker to rush for 200 yards in a game. His place in the Nebraska tradition was formalized with his induction into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 1992.



A unique asset ...

It's not every Kiwanis Club that has the range of musical talent that can allow it to field a four-man ukulele orchestra! In fact, there is only one Club in the world that we know of, and it happens to be the Kiwanis Club of Columbus! This Monday, we will have the privilege of hearing the outstanding talents of **Ken Keller, Scott Lindsey, Ron Cook** and **Jim Skidmore** as they blend their musical talents to provide us with a selection of well-rehearsed songs as we gather for lunch before our meeting begins.

Scholarship winners announced ...

At our June 4 meeting, Scholarship Committee chairman **Brian Seitz** announced and introduced the recipients of this year's scholarship awards:

- Antrim renewable scholarship (\$2,000 per year) - Theodore Jones
- Ken and Mary Keller award (\$1,500) – Alana Holbrook
- Speaker award (\$1,500) – LaFred Gibbons
- Circle K award (\$1,500) – Kelsey Hutchinson
- Service Leadership awards (\$1,500) - Anthony Springer (\$1,500) - Joel Toku Binfoh



Pictured to the right with **Brian Seitz** and vice president **Kathleen Roberts** are Alana Holbrook, Theodore Jones and Anthony Springer. Thanks go out to the members of the Scholarship Committee for their hard work in sorting through all of the applications and narrowing down the choices before choosing the corresponding winners.

Former member Bob Miller passes away ...

Robert "Bob" Miller, 84, of Columbus, passed away Saturday, June 2, 2012. He was born July 27, 1927 in Canton, Ohio to the late Walter and Elizabeth Miller. Bob served in the U.S. Navy. He served on the Ohio/West Virginia area YMCA staff, and then as Director of the International YMCA. After retiring from the YMCA, Bob worked at Riverside Hospital, Lutheran Social Services, and most recently, The Forum at Knightsbridge. Bob was a member of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, served with the Kairos Prison Ministry, and was a member of Kiwanis.

Let's talk Regatta ...

Our 2012 Kiwanis Corporate Regatta is fast approaching. It is set for Monday, August 20. Here is the "scuttlebutt." Before I give that to you, did you know that the term "scuttlebutt" is a nautical term? In the olden days, a butt was a barrel. Scuttle meant to chop a hole in something. The scuttlebutt was a water barrel with a hole cut into it so that sailors could reach in and dip out drinking water. The scuttlebutt was the place where the ship's gossip was exchanged.



OK, now that we are educated, here is the information you need. The Regatta committee is in the process of contacting companies to solicit their participation in this year's event. There are multiple levels of participation and all can be found in the Regatta brochure located on our Website, or available from a committee member. If you have participated in the past, we hope you will sign up early so that we can provide you with as much publicity as possible (newsletter, Monday meeting announcements, etc.). If you have a contact with a company or organization you think would be interested, please let us know. We would be happy to make the contact or arm you with the information you need to make "the ask."

Here is another term with nautical origins: 'Aboveboard' refers to anything on or above the open deck. If something is open and in plain view, it is above board. In that vein, we want to be above board with you regarding the urgency to get on-board with this event. It is one of our two major fundraisers each year and will help determine the total amount of grants and scholarships we will be able to award during the 2012-13 administrative year.

Golf schedule ...

What could be better than spending time on the golf course with a group of Kiwanians talking about whatever topics you want? It is a great way to socialize, network, relax and get to know your fellow Kiwanians. The Golf Committee has set the following dates for their outings:

Wednesday, June 20
Wednesday, July 11
Wednesday, July 25
Friday, August 10
Wednesday, August 22
Friday, September 7
Wednesday, September 19



The golf courses will be determined and announced in advance, along with the tee times. For now, mark your calendars and plan to escape from the office for an enjoyable round of golf. For additional information, please contact **Tom Christman** at tchristman@ohioexterminating.com, or 614.294.6311.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes. - Jack Handy

Next week's meeting

(June 25, 2012)

Speaker: Susan Davis

Homeless Family Foundation

Greeters: Stephanie Harris

Ohio State Legal Services Association

Tom Christman

The Ohio Exterminating Company

Invocation: Volunteer needed

Committees: Young Children Priority One

Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mornay Sauce

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