

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



July 22, 2013

JOHN MESBERG

Vice president
B2B and Commerce Solutions
IBM Corporation



Joint Meeting

John Mesberg is vice president, Commerce Solutions. In that role, he is responsible for bringing value to clients through an expanded suite of solutions, including powerful e-commerce capabilities, market-leading order management products, innovative optimization and logistics solutions and extensive B2B integration capabilities.

John's former role was as vice president of AIM Services & Support for IBM's Software Group. In that role, he led a team of technologists who extended software development labs and provided remote on-site assistance (including e-learning and lab-based education, consulting and support services) to clients and system integrators. His team's ultimate goal was to ensure client success and enable the eco-system for self-sufficiency.

John also served as vice president of Financial Services Solutions for IBM's Software Group. There, he was responsible for setting strategy and product direction for IBM's middleware portfolio, to assure alignment to banking, insurance and financial markets clients' requirements.

Prior to joining IBM, John was part of Booz-Allen and Hamilton's Information Technology Group. While at Booz-Allen, he consulted with a number of Fortune 500 firms in IT strategy consulting engagements, including leading firms in insurance and banking.

John started his career in operations management and IT management in manufacturing organizations. That foundation gave him a strong sense of the difficult operational issues faced by all businesses attempting to manage significant change.

Today's Meeting

Greeters: Alice Hohl - SiteInSight
John Gambaiani - Nova Capital Group, LLC

Invocation: Jerry Kuyoth - National Church Residence Healthcare

Committee meetings: Young Children Priority One,
ELIMINATE, Inter-Club

Menu: House salad, grilled sirloin, demi-glace, white cheddar mashed potato

This week at a Glance

Birthdays:

07/26 - Amanda Owen
07/27 - Phil Beltz
07-28 - Tina Mathews



Tuesday - 07/23 - Division 10-W Council meeting - 6:30 p.m. at Mirolo Barn in Sunny 95 Park, in Upper Arlington (4395 Carriage Hill Lane).

Wednesday - 07/24/1847 - After 17 months of travel, Brigham Young led 148 Mormon pioneers into Salt Lake valley, resulting in the establishment of Salt Lake City.

Focus on Kiwanis

Annual District Convention ...

Many of our members are actively involved with various Club activities. They routinely come to Monday luncheon meetings, take active roles in committees, help out with fundraisers and are there for many of our hands-on community service projects.

It is easy to get wrapped up in the many activities of our Club, because we always have something going on and our projects and activities are very diverse.

But Club activities and events are only one level of the Kiwanis experience. Kiwanis Club of Columbus is part of a larger organization - Kiwanis International - and it too has many events, activities and projects it promotes.

For governance purposes, Kiwanis International is broken down into operating Districts: our Club is part of the Ohio Kiwanis District. Each year, Clubs from throughout the District convene to elect District officers, conduct official Kiwanis business, exchange ideas and network with each other. The event is the annual Ohio District Convention.

This year, the convention will be held August 9-11, at the Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, 7 Town Square, in Lima, OH 45801. It is open to all Kiwanis members.

Saturday, August 10, is the main day, and it will be filled with educational breakout sessions, providing attendees with opportunities to hear about and discuss many successful programs, operational ideas, fundraising ideas and recruitment suggestions. It is also a great way to network, to meet people from around the state who you already have something in common with – Kiwanis, and the desire to change the world one community and one child at a time.

As usual, our Club will be represented, but since there is no limit on the size of our delegation and since it is always a great learning opportunity, we hope you will consider attending.

The District Convention will give you a larger picture of Kiwanis and make you feel proud of the organization you are now a part of.

You can register on-line at www.ohiokiwanis.org. Please be sure to register early to secure the discounted price. Registration for the 'Saturday only' session is \$55 and includes the banquet luncheon. Once registered, please contact Secretary **Paul Bohlman** if you would like to arrange a carpool to and from Lima.

Tom Fennessy/Mike Harden Back-to-School Backpack Program ...

We have supported this worthwhile project for a number of years and we are again asking for volunteers to help fill backpacks with assorted school supplies to be given to economically stressed children.



If you are interested in helping, please contact President **Lisa Jolley** at ljolley@ColumbusFoundation.org. We will be filling the backpacks on Monday, August 5th, starting at 5 p.m., at the McGraw-Hill Education warehouse, located at 860 Taylor Station Road, in Blacklick. We estimate it will take about 2 to 2 1/2 hours of your time.

As a reminder, the McGraw-Hill safety department does not allow any volunteers under 16 years of age, and everyone must wear closed-toed shoes.

Joint meeting ...

Please remember, this week we will be hosting the **Columbus Rotary Club** as part of our weekly meeting. They will be bringing about 80 people, so let's make sure we have a really strong Kiwanis attendance this week. Be sure to register on-line and please try to do so early. The on-line registration will be open by the time you receive this newsletter.

Division 10-W to meet ...

The quarterly Council meeting of Ohio Kiwanis Division 10-W will be held on Tuesday evening, July 23, at the Mirolo Barn in Sunny 95 Park, in Upper Arlington (4395 Carriage Hill Lane). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

City Bar-B-Q will cater the event and we will have a choice of three smoked meats, sides, drinks and dessert. Cost is \$19 per person. We must submit reservations by this **Thursday, July 18**, so if you are interested in attending, please let **Paul Bohlman** know by noon that day. We will pay with one check and invoice you afterwards.

Division 10-W is comprised of 12 Clubs in central Ohio stretching from Washington Court House in the south to London in the west. The Division Council meeting brings the leadership of the 12 Clubs together to exchange information, provide project updates and enjoy fellowship. The meetings are open to all Kiwanis members, including Circle K and Key Club members. It is a great way to network and learn more about Kiwanis beyond the confines of our own Club.

Kiwanis Corporate Regatta
is making a big
SPLASH
for Charity!

There is still time to sign up for a yacht and to help our Club raise money for the good works done through the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation. By

signing up, you get to participate in the exciting double-elimination competition that will determine the overall winner and a \$1,000 donation to their favorite charity.

Your yacht entry can be sponsored by your company, your neighborhood association, a group of friends or just you and another Kiwanian. It makes no difference. The more, the merrier and everyone has an equal chance of winning.

Of course, no one wins quite the way the children do, because the proceeds from this event will help fund a variety of children-focused needs through our community, including a substantial level of support for the award-winning Columbus Metropolitan Summer Reading program.

Can't afford a yacht? Here are few other ways you can help:

1- Go to our website (www.columbuskiwanis.org) and make a donation in support of one or more of the participating yachts. This is something that can be shared with your friends, co-workers and family. Remember, your gift is going to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, a 501(c) 3 charitable organization.

2- Help us sell lunch tickets. They only cost \$5 apiece, and we will have plenty to eat. Tickets can be sold wherever you go, since the event is open to the public and a large crowd cheering and applauding adds to the fun and excitement of the day. Why not buy tickets for your entire office staff and treat them to lunch?

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Tickets can be picked up on consignment at our Monday luncheon meetings. Sign out a small supply and sell as many as you can, returning the money for those you sell and the one or two tickets you didn't sell. Tickets sales should be turned back in by August 12, so we know how many have been sold and can secure the appropriate food.

You are special ...

A well-known speaker started off his seminar holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like to have this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up.



He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

"Well," he replied, "what if I do this?" He dropped the bill on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, all crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It is still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We may feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

"Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE."

You are special – don't ever forget it!" Count your blessings, not your problems.

Golf anyone?

The next regularly scheduled outing of the Golf Committee is set for Wednesday, August 7, at the beautiful Heritage Golf Club. Thanks go out to Past President **Fil Line** for helping us gain access to this course.



The event is open to all members and their guests, so why not invite a friend and come tee it up? Come join us for lunch and follow that with one of the early-afternoon tee times. The style of play is "non-judgmental," making it fun for everyone, regardless of their skills and ability. Being able to count is an optional skill ...

If you are interested in playing, please contact one of the following individuals to make sure you are included.

Fil Line - fil@roirealty.com

Mike Becker - mbecker@beckerlilly.com

Tom Christman - tchristman@ohioexterminating.com



The President's Cup volunteers needed ...

Nationwide Children's Hospital is looking for volunteers to help with the concession stands at the 2013 President's Cup, to be played October 1-6 at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

Nationwide Children's will receive a generous percentage of all concession sales from the stands worked by our volunteers. For this committee **only**, there is **no fee** to volunteer and only a minimum of one shift is required.

Volunteers will receive one Presidents Cup ticket for each day they volunteer, and may be able to watch golf before or after their shift. A meal and complimentary parking will also be provided.

The shift start time is firm, although the ending time may vary, depending on the schedule for the day. Your date and time selection will be best matched to the available shifts for the day.

Each registered volunteer will receive a confirmation email as their shift placement is confirmed. You can view the Volunteer Calendar and register to volunteer at <http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/presidents-cup-volunteering>.

This is a unique opportunity - please gather your family, friends and colleagues to come out and support a great cause. For more information or questions, please contact Cindy Laux at (614) 355-0819.

Facts you may not know ...

- If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.
- Each year, 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.
- Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.
- Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.
- The song *Auld Lang Syne* is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the New Year.
- Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

*Be yourself,
everyone else is taken.*

Next week's meeting

(July 29, 2013)

Speaker: Jordan Miller – Columbus Education Commission

Greeters: John Hykes

Shana Scott

Greater Columbus Arts Council

Invocation: Tim Barhorst

Business Partners, Inc.

Committees: Fifth Monday – Celebrating 1916 Society members, Hixson Fellows and Zeller Fellows

Menu: Wedge salad, chicken cordon bleu with Mornay sauce

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