

# 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

**July 23, 2012**



## **MILTON BAUGHMAN**

### **Greater Columbus Arts Council**



Milt Baughman joined the Greater Columbus Arts Council as interim president on September 1, 2009 and became President in September 2010.

The Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) helps drive central Ohio's creative economy. Through vision and leadership, advocacy and collaboration, GCAC supports art and advances the culture of our region. Fostering synergy among private and nonprofit organizations, artists, audiences and community leaders, GCAC creates an environment where art and culture thrive. The Council funds exemplary artists and arts organizations and provides programs, events and services of public value that educate and engage all audiences in our community. They exist to invigorate the arts today and to ensure their vitality tomorrow. By generating sustained support and appreciation for the arts, and by incubating new talent and new thinking, our region is recognized as an unparalleled cultural destination.

Prior to joining the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Baughman was a senior vice president with Huntington National Bank for nearly 20 years and most recently co-led a business transformation team in the Regional Banking Group. He also served on the board of a number of area arts organizations, including the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, where he served as a treasurer and chair, and Thurber House, where he also served as a treasurer.

Baughman served as a GCAC board member from 2008-2009 and is currently on the board of trustees of Columbus School for Girls.

### *Today's Meeting*

**Greeters: Jim Skidmore**

Retired

**Shana Scott**

Greater Columbus Arts Council

**Invocation: Lisa Jolley**

The Columbus Foundation

**Committee meetings:** Young Children Priority One

**Menu: House salad, roasted sirloin, mushroom demi**

### *This week at a Glance*

**Birthdays:**

07/23 – Amanda Owen

07/27 – Phil Beltz

07/28 – Tina Mathews

07/29 – Jeff Rayis

07/29 – Jay Schoedinger



**Monday – 07/23 - 6 p.m.** – Trustee meeting at Barley's Smokehouse on Dublin Road

**Monday – 07/23 – 6:30 p.m.** – Division 10-W Council meeting at Der Dutchman in Plain City

**Guests are always welcome ... why not bring a guest this week and ask them to consider joining?**

## President's Corner



Jamie Richardson

At the Kiwanis International Convention, there was a great exchange of information. The general sessions were inspiring, with vivid example after vivid example of all that we are accomplishing around the world. The breakout sessions were thought-provoking and challenging. Topics covered the gamut – ranging from membership building initiatives to retention efforts to how to organize a good fundraiser.

But the topic I found most inspiring was our service club commitment to leadership development through the many programs Kiwanis sponsors for the youth of the world. From Kiwanis Kids, Builders Club, to Key Club and Circle K, there is literally a program available to walk hand-in-hand with young people as they grow in a spirit of service. How great to learn that more than 345,000 young people are currently members in these different connection points to Kiwanis, all over the world.

And let's face it, one might argue that kids these days face the best of times and in some ways maybe the worst of times. There is more technology, more knowledge, literally available in a nanosecond, than at any time in the history of mankind. But with that access comes its own tremendous weight. We worry how to balance allowing kids to be kids, while at the same time providing ample occasion for them to connect to the gift that is life in modern times. But even as I share this thought – I wonder if this expression of anxiety itself isn't the "tale that's old as time." For instance – see how many of us can relate to this stream of thought – "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders and love chatter in place of exercise; they no longer rise when elders enter the room; they contradict their parents, chatter before company; gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers." What leading observer of social trends offers these thoughts?

Why, Socrates, of course!

Naturally, I see this first hand in our ongoing experiment at 600 North Main Street, in Mt. Vernon, with five incredible and very distinctive kids between the ages of 3 and 12 at our own home. But recently, Kate and I had the chance to meet an extraordinary young man who reminded us of the great hope fresh eyes bring to all they do. We were at a birthday party for a friend – a colleague I used to work with in advertising. Brad was turning 50, and what a great gathering it was. Old friends from work days gone by were also present. Among them was the 12-year-old son of a friend I had worked alongside at J. Walter Thompson. For the sake of storytelling, we'll call the young man Matthew. It was obvious he was a bright young guy – and

as we talked to him and his parents, it was also easily evident that he is his parents' pride and joy – not in the overbearing TV sitcom way, but the genuine connectedness you see when people are at peace. Turns out, Matthew is inches away from earning his junior black-belt, and he's been practicing karate since the age of 3. Also turns out he's a published author, working on his third book in an adventure series about daring kids who discover they have magical powers and somehow manage to save the world. Not too shabby for anyone of any age, let alone a 12-year-old who is mentally preparing for the rigors of 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

The entire time we were talking, there was something right on the tip of my consciousness – something I knew I should be able to recall, but couldn't quite bring to mind. As we were driving home at the end of the night, it hit me – the memory of 12 years ago, when my friend and his wife were about to have their first child. How we heard the sad news their child might not make it – that if he did survive the traumatic birth, he would most likely struggle.

It hit me like a bolt of lightning – the boy was Mathew. And somehow in all that intermittent time without our knowledge or any update, miracles had happened, and God had done what God tends to do – take a sad song and make it better.

As we think about our commitment and investment in our Kiwanis youth programs, here's a not-so-silent prayer that we are gifted with just a whisper of a similar grace and hope. To meet the youth of the world where they are, and by giving the best of ourselves to somehow, some way, be a transformative bridge for each of them – a bridge to leadership, a bridge to kindness and a bridge to discover their true identity.

### Upcoming service projects ...

Here's a couple of upcoming service projects for which we will need volunteers. Remember, family members, friends, co-workers and business clients are always welcome. Why not invite someone along? It's a great way to introduce a person to Kiwanis and many of the great things we do.

**Monday – August 6** – Thomas Hennessey Back Pack Program - McGraw-Hill Companies, 860 Taylor Station Road, Blacklick, Ohio, beginning at 5 p.m. Get there and stay as long as you can. To sign up, please contact **Lisa Jolley** at [ljolley@columbusfoundation.org](mailto:ljolley@columbusfoundation.org).

**Wednesday – August 22** – Manna Café. We need to fill two shifts of volunteers. First shift is from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and the second shift is from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact Jim Skidmore at [jkskidmor@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jkskidmor@columbus.rr.com).

## It's time to adjust ...

For the past seven to eight years, our Monday meal price has been set at \$11. During that time, food prices have risen, utilities have risen and the cost of labor has risen. The Athletic Club of Columbus has been a gracious host and continues to provide us reliable first-class service week in and week out.

Effective August 1, our weekly luncheon price will rise to \$15 for lunch and \$5 for no lunch. However, to help mitigate the impact of this increase, we will be instituting a reservation system that will allow you to pre-pay (via credit card or charge to your ACC account) and to receive a \$2 per week discount on lunch and a \$1 discount on the no-lunch ticket.

We will be providing more details in the next few weeks, so that everyone is on-board and is comfortable using the new reservation system. Our thanks go out to Kiwanian **Alice Hohl** for her efforts in developing the on-line reservation system. If you are looking for a good company to help you with your website and other social-media work, we highly recommend Alice's company, SiteInSight.

The reservation system will also help us get control of our weekly meal guarantee to the ACC and will help us eliminate the "unsold lunch" line item in our budget. This, in-turn, will allow us to maintain our current annual dues structure for the foreseeable future.

As with any change in process, there will be hiccups, but hopefully we can minimize them and have a smooth transition. I am sure we can count on your support as we continue to strive to ensure Kiwanis Club of Columbus remains a strong, vibrant and relevant organization!

## Trustees to meet ...

The July Trustee meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held on Monday, July 23, at Barley's Smokehouse and Brew Pub on Dublin Road in Grandview. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., and is open to all members of the Club.

## Division 10-W Council meeting ...

The quarterly meeting of the Division 10-W Council will be held on Monday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. Our Club is always well represented at Division meetings, so we need members not normally involved with our Trustee meetings (unfortunately scheduled at the same time) to volunteer to attend. There will be a buffet dinner at a cost of \$17 per person. Please let Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know (by 7/19) if you plan to attend, so that he can submit our Club's group reservation.

## Shop for a Cause ...



Macy's will be helping us raise money for ELIMINATE while giving you, your family members, co-workers and friends a great opportunity to save!

For a \$5 donation (*all of which will be donated to ELIMINATE*), you can shop at any Macy's store on Saturday, August 25, and save 25 percent all day long on many items, 10 percent on others. In addition, Macy's will have special store promotions and a raffle for a \$500 Macy's gift card.

To purchase your "Shop for a Cause" coupon(s), contact Kathleen Roberts at [kathleenkiwanis@aol.com](mailto:kathleenkiwanis@aol.com) or see her at a meeting. We have a limited supply, so don't hesitate. Spread the word around your office, your church, your golf league or anywhere else people gather. Let's see who can sell the most ... who knows, maybe there will be a prize!

## An historical remembrance ...

Past president Bill Newman related these thoughts:



*"The year was 1980 and the question before our Club was whether or not to allow women into membership. I was selected to go to the Kiwanis International Convention. Before leaving, we took a straw vote at our Club meeting. The vote was something like 104 in favor to 100 opposed to membership for females.*

*Opposition was led by Paul Lewis, Senior Vice-President of Huntington and a very devoted Kiwanian. Opposition to admission had a certain amount of support because our Downtown Kiwanis Club had an organization, or sub-group, called "Kiwaniannes" for wives of our members and prospective members to our Club."*

This was an ongoing debate that lasted many years, and of course we know now that it wasn't until 1987 that the International Convention approved membership for women. In hindsight, it was a great decision and one which our Club has greatly benefitted from.

The other noteworthy part of Bill's story is that back then, there were over 200 members at a Monday meeting ... wouldn't it be great to build our Club back to that level?

*My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started!*

## Volunteers needed ...

The Tom Hennessey Back Pack project is again looking for volunteers to help pack up supplies for homeless kids. We can use as many volunteers as possible to join us on Monday, August 6, at McGraw-Hill Companies, 860 Taylor Station Road in Blacklick, Ohio. We will start at 5 p.m., and work until we are finished. Last year, the process took about 3 to 3.5 hours.



Volunteers may come any time and work as long as they want. Some of the early arrivals have to leave before we are done, so it is just fine if other volunteers come a little later. We encourage people to take breaks and drink plenty of fluids. We anticipate McGraw-Hill will be providing food for the volunteers this year.

For safety reasons, they are asking that all volunteers be over 16 years of age and that all volunteers wear closed-toed shoes. Any type of athletic shoe is acceptable.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Lisa Jolley** at [ljolley@columbusfoundation.org](mailto:ljolley@columbusfoundation.org).

## A sad passing ...



Gregg Robins, age 66, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, July 12. Gregg joined our Club in May 2007. He was co-chair of our 2012 Entrepreneurial Challenge and, along with his wife Barbara, was an active participant in many of our community service projects, like Bethlehem on Broad. Gregg was President of Strategic Wealth Concepts, LLC, and lived in Westerville with Barbara. He had previously owned several beer and wine distributorships.

## Committees should be **non-stop** ...

As we enter the summer months, many of our committees might begin feeling that their work is done - their budget has been spent, and their major event(s) have been completed.

But nothing could be further from the truth! This is perhaps the MOST critical time in our administrative year that ends on September 30. It is the time when serious planning is done and the reins are handed over. It is a time of preparation and transition, that, when properly done, enables the committee to reach its fullest potential the following year.

Each committee should be meeting now to wrap things up for the 2011-12 administrative year and documenting what worked well, what could be done differently and where the committee could improve. These vital steps will allow the new chair to hit the road running on October 1. Let's make this a seamless transition!

Why do they begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't?

## Next week's meeting

(July 30, 2012)

**Speaker:** **Jim Petro**

Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents

**Greeters:** **Tom Christman**

The Ohio Exterminating Company

**Mark Poeppelman**

The Columbus International Program

**Invocation:** **Caitlyn Nestleroth** - Office of the Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine

**Committees:** Hixson, 1916 Society and Zeller recognitions

**Menu:** Blackened smoked pork loin, bourbon peach compote

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