

# 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

**August 13, 2012**



## **TODD A. SNITCHLER**

### **Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**



Chairman Todd A. Snitchler was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) by Governor John Kasich in March 2011.

As chairman of the PUCO, Snitchler is the head of a 350-person agency that works to oversee the regulation of electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water utilities and commercial transportation in the state of Ohio. He is also the chairman of the Ohio Power Siting Board that reviews, evaluates and approves the siting of electric generation plants and electric and natural gas transmission lines.

Snitchler is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and serves as co-vice chair of the association's committees on gas, as well as serving on the International Relations committee.

Before joining the Commission, Snitchler was elected to two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, where he represented the 50th House District including parts of Stark County. In addition to serving in the Ohio Legislature, Snitchler was also an attorney in private practice and is a member of the Grove City College Alumni Council.

Chairman Snitchler received his bachelor's degree in history and secondary education/social science from Grove City College and his law degree from the University of Akron, School of Law, where he served as executive editor of the *Akron Law Review*. He is a graduate of Leadership Stark County's 20th Class and an active member of The Chapel in North Canton.

Snitchler lives in Uniontown with his wife Melanie, and their two children.

### *Today's Meeting*

**Greeters:** **Shawn Ballinger**  
Waller Financial Planning Group  
**Paul Bohlman**  
Ohio HealthCare Federal Credit Union

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

**Committee meetings:** Music & Arts

**Menu:** **House salad, Flank steak, chimichurri**

### *This week at a Glance*

**Birthdays:**

08/13 – **Troy Terakedis**

08/16 – **David Korodi**



**Tuesday** – 08/14 – Membership Committee meeting – 7:45 a.m.,  
at White Castle Corporate Headquarters

**Wednesday** – 08/15 – Program Committee meeting at noon at  
the OSU Golf Course Clubhouse

**Thursday** – 08/16/1954 - The piña colada was created at the  
Caribe Hilton's Beachcomber Bar in San Juan, Puerto Rico, by  
its alleged creator, Ramon "Monchito" Marrero.

## President's Corner



In the film “Harvey,” we meet the character Elwood P. Dowd and his imaginary friend, a six-foot, three-and-a-half-inch tall rabbit-like creature known as a pooka, who is the inspiration for the film’s title. Jimmy Stewart turns in a memorable performance as Dowd, bringing a fresh innocence to the role as we observe ‘a day in the life.’ At first, we are tempted to line up with Dowd’s sister, Veta, as she questions her brother’s sanity, and attempts to have him committed to the sanatorium. But, there is an alluring attraction to Dowd that pulls us in as scene after scene unfolds, and at every turn, at every sign of adversity, we observe Dowd display a kindness and caring that seems to reveal what’s very best about our nature.

Naturally, like all great films, there are many memorable lines, among them, “I always have a wonderful time, wherever I am, whomever I’m with.” And after being quizzed incessantly by a doctor questioning Dowd’s sanity, “Well, I’ve wrestled with reality for 35 years, doctor, and I’m happy to state I finally won out over it.”

As a somewhat omniscient audience, we are teased with clues that indicate our friend Elwood P. Dowd isn’t crazy in the least – but that in fact through some confluence of magic and innocence, he really is befriended by a furry friend from the lands of Celtic mythology.

To me, as we consider the second of our Kiwanis Permanent Objects, there are great lessons here. “To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.” (Okay, maybe technically Harvey is a pooka, not a human, but still...) What we see is the essence of a man who has come to the conclusion it is better to err always on the side of kindness – to do the right thing and let everything else take care of itself. We don’t know what’s led him to this point in time, but we can relate to the loneliness and despair that accompany a life without purpose.

In reflecting on the opportunity of the past year, I’ve seen countless examples from so many wonderful Kiwanis friends and colleagues of their focus on doing the right thing, of sharing the best of themselves with others and doing so in a way that can only be seen as ‘for all the right reasons.’

One specific example comes to mind – at our Kiwanis One Day – in service this year to our friends at the Boys and Girls Club of Columbus on Gift Street. Old tattered walls were being restored as a brilliant palette of colors showered new light on an old building. A kitchen, once cleaned, but now once again in need of a good scrubbing, gleamed in the light – a heavily scented bleach, hot with the water used for the task.

At some point I realized I had not seen two of my three charges that day – Mary Grace and Maggie had wandered off somewhere. After a mildly feverish walk around the many halls and spaces of the interior spaces, someone mentioned they had been spotted outside, helping with the gardening.

Sure enough – they were learning much about the proper technique and art of weed pulling, under the expert tutelage of our Club member **Dave Fenner** and his wife, Paula. The skies were opening up a bit, and it had started to rain, but the girls, for all of their 7 years and 5 years respectively, were undeterred. Not yet aware their dad was nearby, I heard them exchange tips about the differences between weeds and flowers, and wonder aloud if they would be visited by pirates this Summer for the fast-developing tradition of an early August treasure hunt. At which point, Dave shared an excellent pirate joke far better than any Dixie cup riddle I might be able to muster. And then, in her best philosophical voice, Mary Grace explained to Maggie, as she yanked a dandelion from the earth like it was an archaeological dig, “Mr. Fenner says that the definition of a weed is something growing where you don’t want it to.” To which Maggie responded, “Booyah.”

Somehow in that moment, a brief respite from the hustle and bustle of all the places we try to be simultaneously without benefit of a moment’s space to catch our breath, I was struck by the great kindness that is so much a part of our Club and who we are. Dave and Paula Fenner – meeting Mary Grace and Maggie for the first time, but spending time like old friends, in a quiet rain, engaged in doing good.

Elwood P. Dowd might have expressed his golden rule something like this - “Years ago, my mother used to say to me, she’d say, ‘In this world, Elwood, you must be’ - she always called me Elwood – ‘In this world, Elwood, you must be oh, so smart or oh, so pleasant.’ Well, for years I was smart. I recommend pleasant. You may quote me.”

### Annual membership dues ...

The reality is that it takes money to run our organization and our primary source of funding is through our annual membership dues. Those funds are used judiciously, as we strive to make our Club as efficient as possible.

Dues notices are out. If, for some reason, you have not yet received yours, please let us know. Payments are due prior to September 30. Please make your payment sooner rather than later.

## Safer air fresheners ...

The last 'Green-Tips' article spoke to the dangers of commercially available air fresheners. It cited a University of Washington test of eight popular air fresheners, six of which claimed to be "green" or "organic," or to contain "essential oils." All of the products, whether sold as sprays, gels, solids or discs, were found to release at least one chemical classified as toxic or hazardous, and some emitted as many as eight!

So, what are the alternatives? After all, I want my house or bathroom to smell nice.

The easiest method to eliminate odors is to not generate them to begin with. This can be done by seeking alternatives or taking smelly tasks outside. The next easiest method is to improve ventilation and remove the offensive odor. This can be very effective when done in a localized manner of 'spot' ventilation such as a range hood, a bathroom fan, or my yet to be perfected toilet bowl venting system.

Covering or masking an undesirable odor can be accomplished in a non-injurious manner by using pure essential oils.

Pure essential oils not only smell good, but many—such as lavender or rosemary—can affect cognitive function and mood, as well.



Often available as a spray or for use with diffusing reeds, pure essential oils are the volatile oils extracted from herbs, roots, barks and flowers. Unlike the synthetic fragrance oils used in conventional air fresheners, essential oils contain a blend of natural constituents that seem to be very safe. Here are some very popular oils and their effects:

### ***Calm Down***

Bergamot - Citrusy	Rose – Sweet floral
Clary sage - Sweet,	Vanilla – Sweet, smoky
Sandlewood – Sweet, woody	

### ***Get in the Mood***

Patchouli - Heavy, earthy	Rose - Sweet, floral
Ylang-ylang - Heavy, floral	

### ***Wake Up***

Clove - Spicy	Geranium - Sweet, floral
Lemon - Citrusy	Peppermint - Fresh

### ***Relieve Stress***

Cedar wood – Sweet, floral	Clary sage - Sweet, herbal
Geranium - Sweet, floral	Lavender - Fresh, herbal
Neroli – Citrusy	

~~ Scott Doellinger

## Just "stuff it" ...

With the new school year fast approaching, it is time to get school supplies ready. That is where the Thomas Hennessey Book Bag project comes into play.



Kiwanians and other volunteers gathered on Monday, August 6, to stuff a variety of donated school supplies into backpacks so that they could be distributed to children in need. Every child should be able to go to school with the supplies he or she needs and this is one way we can assure that happening for children in our area.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kiwanis College Fair ...

Attending college – almost a necessity in today's world if you want to secure a good paying job. But how does one choose where to go to school? How does one go about gathering information and learning about all of the options?

Well, the answer is easy: Attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Columbus Kiwanis College Fair and gain instant access to representatives from more than 150 colleges and universities. The event is scheduled for Monday,

September 17, and will be conducted in two parts. The first part (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) will bus students in from surrounding high schools and provide them with 60-90 minutes of quality face-time with representatives from more than 150 colleges and universities. The second session, which adds parents and guardians, will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The informal atmosphere lends itself very well for detailed heart-to-heart discussions. The evening event also has break-out sessions on college financing and getting the most out of a college visit.



From a Kiwanis member perspective, we need volunteers to help with the registration process and the distribution of materials to the students. Sign-up sheets will be available soon, but in the mean-time, if you are interested, please contact Paul Bohlman or event co-chairs Tom Hayden and Kristin Gintz.

## Nautical terms and their origin ...

*(in preparation for the Corporate Regatta)*

Garbling was the prohibited practice of mixing rubbish with the cargo. A distorted, mixed up message was said to be 'garbled.'

## Still time to get on board ...

There is still time to get on board for this year's Columbus Kiwanis Corporate Regatta. Here are a few ways:

**1- Sponsor and race a yacht** – This could be a company, an individual or a group of people. Sponsorships are still available and pulling together a group of “like-minded” people may be easier than you think.

**2- Become a “Deck Hand”** – If you would like to support the Regatta and our Club's fundraising efforts, but don't have the time or the where-with-all to put together a sponsorship, becoming a “Deck Hand” might be the thing for you. Check out our web site ([www.columbuskiwanis.org](http://www.columbuskiwanis.org)) for more details.



**3- Bring a crowd** – This event is open to the public and you are encouraged to bring some friends or co-workers. Lunch is only \$5 per person and they will absolutely have a fun and relaxing time. Be a hero, and spring for lunch.

## 2012-13 Committees are forming now ...

One of the annual challenges we face is that of passing the baton from one administration to another, making sure that everything we do builds upon the foundation of work completed the previous year.

President-elect Lisa Jolley has already filled many of her committee chairmanships, but there are still some open for those who wish to step up and take a more active role in the Club.

Those who have been selected as new committee chairs are already starting to build their committees, so that they can be organized and prepared to hit the ground running when the new administrative year begins on October 1, just seven weeks away.

If you have an interest in serving on one or more committees, please let it be known. You can contact the current committee chair, or one of the Club officers.

Committee work is vital to the success of our Club, and there really is something for everyone ... even those who don't have the time to get to our regular Club meetings. So let us hear from you. How do you want to support Kiwanis?

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## Next week's meeting

(August 20, 2012)

## Corporate Regatta

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Columbus Metropolitan Library

Front steps

96 S. Grant Street

### Lunch provided by:

White Castle Systems

Subway

Gordon Foods

Abbingdon of Pickerington

Magnetic Springs Water

**\$5 per person**

(No need to pre-register)

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