



"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 27, 2012

RICH LANGDALE

Managing Partner, NCT Ventures, LLC

Rich Langdale is a serial entrepreneur who started his first businesses in high school. In 1986, while attending The Ohio State University, Langdale founded Digital Storage (a wholesaler of computer storage), which led to international partnerships in Holland, France and Latin America. These partnerships were later complemented by offices in Canada and the Pacific Rim.



To begin to more appropriately manage what was becoming a conglomerate of businesses that were making further investments, Langdale formed a holding company which was later named NCT Ventures. Through this 20-plus year history he has made more than 30 investments. The companies have had offices all around the globe, sold and raised hundreds of millions of dollars, once hired 1,000 people in a three-month period, launched new products, lea industries and are fun places to work, with vibrant ethical cultures.

Additionally, Rich co-founded and co-funded the Center for Entrepreneurship at The Ohio State University, which quickly earned a Tier one ranking from *Entrepreneur Magazine*. In addition, he was instrumental in the development of OSU's entrepreneurship and commercialization curriculum.

Langdale is an avid supporter of Central Ohio, and chaired the Columbus Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneurship Steering Committee (ESC) for three years. He previously served on the Board of Directors for Nationwide Children's Hospital Research Board, the Columbus Museum of Art and Columbus Technology Council/Business Technology Center. His awards include the Power 100, Fast 50, OSUs Supporter of Entrepreneurship Award and *Inc. Magazine's* Entrepreneur of the Year. Rich is also a member of the Young President's Organization and previously served as Education Chair and Chapter Chair.

In addition to growing successful businesses, Rich has also grown his most important asset, his family. He has been blessed ~~ continued on page two

Today's Meeting

Greeters: Sam Vogel

Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc.

Invocation: Bill Newman

Lucas, Prendergast, Albright, Gibson, Newman

Committee meetings: Young Children Priority One,

Youth Opportunity

Menu: House salad, parmesan chicken, tomato and

garlic reduction

Two weeks at a Glance

Birthdays:

08/29 – Paul Baumer 09/06 – David Fenner 08/30 – David Kandel 09/06 – Mike Gladfelter 09/01 – Daryll Rardon 09/08 – Scott Doellinger

Happy Birthday

Monday – 09/03 – NO MEETING – Labor Day

Wednesday – 09/05/1906 – The first legal forward pass in American football was thrown by Bradbur Robinson of St. Louis University to teammate Jack Schneider in a 22–0 victory over Carroll College (Wisconsin).

President's Corner

The fourth of our Kiwanis Permanent Objects is "To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship." One thing about



each of the Permanent Objects – they don't aim low! And I must admit, thinking about this one specifically, I'm reminded of a person in my life who is the embodiment of never settling, never compromising and never giving up.

From an early age, memories of Christmas and other key holidays are chock full of what one might consider the expected recollections — warmth and lightness, great meals and happy days. But from the time I was 10 on, my family started to pepper our time together with a hint of what I might now consider the neo-pagan, or at least some adherence to sub-conscious tribal memory. But that's how my Mom, Pat Richardson, rolls when it comes to holiday cheer.

"Hey kids, let's go on a run around Prospect Hill," might be how it all started. Four miles later, panting and wind burned, we would return home to attack a pan of peanut butter fudge, knowing that some feat of distance conquered had now made my Mom's holiday complete. My Mom first got into the fitness routine as part of a class she was taking at Jackson Community College — her educational path towards her teaching degree a bit of a marathon itself, given an early marriage and starting her college work with three children under the age of 8. A fitness class led to her first road race, a 5K in our hometown as part of the Onsted Festival Run. From there, she was hooked.

And as happens sometimes in life, when things didn't work out between her and my Dad and they were divorced, she threw herself even more fiercely into her training. She was now an English teacher at Grass Lake High School, and when given the chance, she became the boys and girls cross country and track and field coach as well. Soon, she was one of the first women athletic directors in the State of Michigan.

My sisters, Heather and Hillary, and I had a front row seat as we watched her transform programs that were lackluster (at best) into state championship teams – her boys cross country teams under her tutelage earned 5 state championship titles. We were there when she was inducted in the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame, and laughed with the entire crowd when the gentleman introducing my Mom rattled off her accomplishments, all the while using the wrong pronoun, assuming "Pat" was a man – and then wondered why each time he said, "Pat has done this, and he has also

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with a wonderful wife, Paige, and three incredible children. Rich enjoys spending time with his family, mountain biking, skiing, painting and playing basketball, golf and the guitar.

done this" the crowd laughed louder at the incongruity of the reference to "he," when my Mom was standing right behind the presenter, waiting to accept her award. She is a marathoner. She has climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. She is an Ironman. She is a Hall of Famer. To our kids, and our nieces and nephews, she is simply "Nana Pat."

So when my Mom told us earlier this year she was tackling her toughest race yet, it caught us off guard. In May, my Mom was diagnosed with uterine cancer. Aggressive surgery was the recommended treatment path. In the hospital waiting room, with my Mom's husband Rock (he's a geologist, whose real name is Forest and the adventures they have shared is the stuff for future tales), my sisters, an aunt and other family, we waited with great anxiety.

Thank God for early detection. With great doctors and today's technology, the prognosis for my Mom is exceptionally good. Her operation was successful. She is cancer-free and on the path to full recovery.

Ten weeks after surgery, she won her age division in a sprint triathlon, and now she's preparing for her third straight Triathlon World Championships, later this year in New Zealand.

Through all this, the Kiwanis leadership team has been beyond supportive – not only covering for me when I had to miss a meeting or two, but being there for me as caring and concerned friends. It is a kindness I will never forget. Because one thing's for sure – my Mom has provided all the lessons I could ever need about showing me first-hand "by precept and example," the path to being aggressive about seeking the good, and never, ever giving up.

She is a survivor.

September Trustee meeting date changed

The September board meeting of Kiwanis Club of Columbus is being moved from the previously scheduled date of September 17 to the new date of September 24.

This will allow for more people to attend the 33rd Annual Columbus Kiwanis College Fair scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on September 17.

Getting your yard through the drought ...

While we have been getting some rain, the drought conditions are far from over. Here are some ways to minimize damage and avoid permanent damage to your yard.

1. Lawns:

Mow grass higher; 3-3.5 inches is recommended. Do not use high-nitrogen fertilizers during a drought. Allow lawn areas to dry out slightly between watering. Water before sunrise, ending within one hour after sunrise.

Water up to one inch at a time, to avoid shallow root growth, once per week at most.

2- Trees:

Water slowly one-half way between the trunk and the drip line. (Furthest branches)

Alternate; Fill 4-inch diameter 24inch deep holes with compost half way between the trunk and drip line spaced four feet apart. Fill holes with water once per week.

Do not prune during the drought.

3- Shrubs:

Place two inches of mulch around plant.

Water as a tree.

Do not prune during the drought.

4- Annuals, including vegetables:

Place 2 inches of mulch around plants, but not touching the plant.

Water twice per week to a soaking.

Don't water during the sunny hours; don't let water run down the curb; place a flat tuna can before sprinkling to measure water delivery.

Avoid paying for sewerage charges by placing a watering discount water meter for your outside hose bibs.

Be prepared to pay a higher water bill, and pray for rain.

Golf times set ...



For most, the golf season is in the early stages of winding down as we approach the cooler, crisper air of September. So, that makes these next two golf outings, the

last two of our Kiwanis year, even more imperative.

On September 7, we will play at Royal American Golf Course, and on September 19, we will attack the Granville Golf Course. For those playing at Granville who can stay, we will have dinner at the Granville Inn after golf. If you are interested in playing one of these dates, please contact Tom Christman for final details and tee times at tchristman@ohioexterminating.com.

Kiwanis International President to visit ...

Kiwanis International President Alan Penn will be visiting our Club on Monday, September 24. His primary purpose will be to recognize our Club for our leadership role in the world-wide ELIMINATE Project.



Because of the significance of his visit, we would like to encourage two things:

- 1- If you are considering making a Hixson-level (\$1,000) or Zeller-level (\$1,250) donation to the ELIMINATE Project, this would be a great time for you to finalize your decision. Wouldn't it be great to have your recognition pieces presented to you by the International President? Commitments need to be made prior to September 6, so that the appropriate medallions, etc. can be available for presentation.
- 2- It's easy to showcase our Club to potential members because we are constantly doing great work. However, this meeting will be special, so we are designating it as "bring a potential member to lunch" week.

While International President Alan Penn is coming to thank <u>us</u>, let's thank <u>him</u> for his year of dedicated service by having a good turnout and by awarding additional Zellers and Hixsons.

The difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get any worse every time Congress meets.

Fall 'Shred-it' Day scheduled ...

Mark your calendars and get ready for another full day of helping friends and neighbors get their confidential sensitive documents efficiently shredded.

The next WCMH-TV4 'Shred-it' Day has been set for Saturday, September 29, at the Buckeye Lot on the corner of Ackerman and Rte 315. Don't worry,



the football Buckeyes will be in East Lansing that day, so we will not be competing with football traffic.

Once again, we will need to fill three shifts with 15 or more volunteers per shift. The shifts will run from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for spouses, teenage children and potential members. If you are interested in signing up for one or more shifts, please contact **Scott Doellinger** at **sdoellinger@DesignGroup.us.com.**

Proposed by-law changes ...

As the dynamic of our Club continues to change and as we enter a new administrative year, it is a good time to make some minor tweaks in our by-laws.

At the August Trustee meeting, the following changes were made and will go to a vote of the membership at our Monday, September 10, Kiwanis luncheon meeting:

- 1- Trustee meetings Article VII, Board of Trustees Section 5: The proposed change will read like this -- "The Trustees shall meet monthly, either in-person or electronically (conference call, e-mail, webinar, etc.), but no less than six times per year in person, and at the call of the President. At the discretion of the Trustees, the committee chairpersons shall meet with the Trustees in joint session." This will give the Trustees and Committee chairs some much-needed flexibility, by allowing for some meetings to be held electronically, especially those where minimal or routine business is being handled. Today's technology allows for the efficient transmission of documents, information and discussion prior to the official Trustee meeting.
- 2- Standing committees Article VIII the proposed amendment reads: "There shall be, at a minimum, standing committees that address the following areas: Community Service; Sponsored Youth; Club Administration; Spiritual Values; Membership Growth and Education; Public Relations; Finance and Fundraising; and Young Children Priority One. The President may establish other standing committees that address the needs of the Club as determined to be necessary for the effective and efficient management of the needs of the Club." These categories are consistent with those required by Kiwanis International and provide our Club with the flexibility of naming and charging committees as we deem most appropriate.

It is hoped these changes will have the support of the general membership, so that we can begin the new administrative year with them in place.

Welcome new members ...

The August Trustee's meeting approved the 13th and 14th new members to our Club during this administrative year. Please join us in welcoming the following individuals:

- 1- **Randolph Long** Randy is a returning member and we are pleased that he has found his way back. He is a retired sociologist who spends a portion of the year living at his home in Arizona with his wife, Carol. He enjoys travel and service, as well as the camaraderie and culture of our Club. He also enjoys photography, history and economics.
- 2- **Brandon Akey** Brandon is with Park National Bank, where he serves as a commercial credit analyst. He has his bachelor's degree from Ashland University and has lived in Columbus for six months. He is a member of the Columbus Young Professionals, and he enjoys fitness, golf and reading.

My mind works like lightning: one brilliant flash and it is gone.

Upcoming speakers

September 3 - NO MEETING – Labor day

September 10 - Dr. Kathy Krendl – President of Otterbein College

September 17 - Nick Reese - CEO, Buckeye Ranch

September 24 - Dan Sullivan – President's Cup

October 1- Installation of officers

A special thanks to this year's Program Committee, chaired by Past President **Char Collister**. They have done another great job of providing us with an outstanding line-up of quality speakers throughout the year!

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