

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."

"Where serving the Children of the World is our Mission & Passion"

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



August 29, 2011

Jack Fisher

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation



John C. (Jack) Fisher, a former member of our Club, serves as executive vice president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Ohio's largest general farm organization, with more than 200,000 members.

Fisher grew up on a farm in Crawford County, Ohio. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture from The Ohio State University and a master's degree in counseling from Ball State University. He served as personnel officer for the U.S. Air Force Tactical Fighter Wing located in Lakenheath, England from 1969 to 1973. Fisher has extensive experience in both government and agribusiness. He was deputy director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture from 1980 to 1983, after serving as assistant to the director from 1973 to 1976. He has also held the position of director of the Illinois Corn Growers Association and Marketing Board, was executive director of governmental affairs and commodities for the Illinois Farm Bureau and earlier was plant manager for the popcorn division of Wyandot, Inc., Morral, Ohio.

Fisher is a member of the Board of Trustees at The Ohio State University and also serves as a member of the Vice President's Advisory Council for The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He has been inducted into the OSU Department of Animal Science Hall of Fame and awarded the OSU College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Distinguished Service Award. Fisher also holds the FFA Honorary State Farmer Degree, and was named to the national FFA Honorary American Farmer Degree in October, 2005.

He is a member of the Board of Delegates for the U.S. Feed Grains Council and a member of the U.S. Meat Export Federation. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Advisors for the Ohio BioProducts Innovation Center and the Board of Trustees for BioOhio. He has served as a member of The Ohio State University Alumni Association Board of Directors; Ohio Farmland Preservation Task Force; Advisory Committee for the Swank Chair in Rural Urban

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Today's Meeting

Greeters: **Dan Lacey**

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Bill Newman

Lucas, Prendergast, Albright, Gibson, Newman

Invocation: **Kathleen Roberts**

The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges

Committee meetings: None scheduled

Menu: **House salad, Pan seared Tilapia, parsley coulis**

Check presentations: None scheduled

Two weeks at a Glance

Birthdays:

08/29 – Paul Baumer

08/30 – David Kandel

09/01 – Daryll Rardon

09/06 – Dave Fenner

09/06 – Mike Gladfelter

09/08 – Scott Doellinger

09/09 – Beth Dorsey

09/11 – Bob Wiseman



Monday – 09/05 – No meeting, in observance of Labor Day

President's Corner



With a little more than a month to go in this administrative year, it is amazing how much work there is left to do.

The biggest item is membership. Being a large Club, we have large challenges. The typical Kiwanis Club loses 12-15 percent of its membership each year due

to members moving, changing jobs or losing interest. For most clubs, that would be 3 to 5 members, but for our Club, it is 22 to 27 members. Replacing that number of members each year requires a dedicated effort throughout the entire year.

This year, through the strong efforts of membership chair **Troy Terakedis** and his committee, we have already recruited 18 new members. However, in order to end the year where we started, or better yet, one better than where we started, we still need to recruit an additional six new members.

Throughout the year, we have hosted numerous guests at our Monday luncheons. Many have expressed interest in joining, but for some reason have not yet committed to join. These are the people we now need to focus on and follow-up with.

We all know that people join people, not organizations, so it is important that you be the one to ask the individual(s) you brought as guests. The membership committee stands ready to assist in anyway possible, but the relationship with the potential member lies with you, and he/she will most likely respond with you doing the asking.

Of course, the most important thing to remember is that each new member brings a set of hands to help with our projects, new ideas and different perspectives that keep us moving forward, and new enthusiasm and excitement that keeps us all motivated and focused on our task at hand – changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

So, let's make sure we make the final push toward this year's membership goal. Please reach out one more time to those guests you have invited and to those friends or business associates you think might be interested in becoming involved in a worldwide service organization known as Kiwanis! We owe it to them to ask and to give them the opportunity to become a member.

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Policy at The Ohio State University; and the Board of Directors for Children's Hunger Alliance. Over the years, Fisher has participated in several international trade missions with both government and commodity interests.

He is married to the former Judy Cook of Wooster, Ohio. The Fishers have three children and reside in Columbus.

A way to say 'thank you'...

Each week before we arrive, the wait staff of the ACC works diligently to set up our meeting room with everything we need, including the projection screen, American flag, Club banners and, of course, the table settings. As we begin to arrive, they scurry quietly around the room locating those who have purchased a meal, serve us without disrupting our committee meetings and personal discussions and diligently clear away the dirty dishes in a similar fashion. They are a major reason why our weekly meetings run so smoothly.

Earlier this spring, this Monday and again at Christmas time, we will be asking our members to help us recognize our waiters by leaving a 'quarterly tip' in a specially marked envelope at the center of each table. The monies will be aggregated and presented at our final meeting of 2011 as a 'holiday bonus' to the wait staff.

Part of what we pay for lunch each week, about \$1, goes to the ACC's wait staff tip pool. These funds are somehow distributed among all ACC wait staff members. The money we collect, however, will go directly to those who serve us as a special show of our appreciation for their ongoing efforts.

How much you give is up to you; there is no right or wrong amount. If you would prefer to write a check for this purpose, that is fine. Just make it out to "Kiwanis Club of Columbus" and place it in the envelope. We will make sure it gets included in the amount we present to the wait staff in December.

Thank you for your generosity and support. It is this type of effort that helps ensure our continued success and access to such a premier meeting space.

Facts about golf ...

- The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all of your many other errors.
- There are two things you can learn by stopping your back-swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.



What is your Plastic Foot Print?

We all have heard of a carbon footprint. Many of us have heard of a water footprint. How about a 'plastic footprint?'

Like the carbon and water variants, your 'plastic footprint' is the impact your use of plastic has upon the environment.

"Plastic pollution is a major global phenomenon that has crept up on us over the decades, and it really requires a global and comprehensive solution that includes systemic rethinks about usage and production."

Because plastic is a recent development on Earth, very few biologic organisms can metabolize (eat) it and break it down into basic elements. That is why we like to make sewer pipes, fencing and other items that don't rot with it. That is also the problem with plastic items increasingly polluting the earth.

Over 300 million tons of plastic are manufactured each year, but only 10 tons are currently recycled. Most plastic goes into landfills, with more than 7 million tons (the weight of 3.5 million cars) going into the sea. This ocean pollution is causing major impacts upon animal and plant life, in some places blocking out sunlight.

First efforts are to determine the use of plastics by industry and businesses. Right now, you can help by reducing the purchase of items over-packaged in plastic, selecting paper wrapping and by reusing plastic such as plastic butter containers.

This is a problem that is not going away just like plastic does not go away.

~~ Scott Doellinger

Remembering September 11 ...

As a memorial for September 11, 2001, the community-based choir of Broad Street Presbyterian Church will hold a tenth-anniversary performance of Mozart's *Requiem*. It will begin at 4 p.m. and is open to the public.

Broad Street Presbyterian Church is located at 760 East Broad Street. Admission is free.



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Labor Day holiday ...

Remember, the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be meet on Monday, September 5, 2011, in observance of Labor Day.

You are welcome to come downtown, but don't expect to be welcomed by our normal luncheon crowd. You will likely be the only person in attendance, unless there are others who don't read the newsletter.

And the winners are ...

As luck would have it, two of our own members, **Chad Endsley**, representing the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and **Mike Haemmerle**, racing on behalf of Abbingdon Communities, walked away as the victors in this year's Corporate Regatta. Chad's yacht won the \$500 prize for "best decorated yacht," and he graciously donated half of their winnings back to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation. Thanks go out to Sandy McCormick and Mary Keller for making the difficult decision amongst a flotilla of well-decorated yachts.



For the second year in a row, Mike Haemmerle claimed the Regatta title and once again he announced that he would like their winnings to go to his favorite charity, the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation.

These generous donations brought the overall amount to be donated to the Foundation to just over \$32,000. Another very successful year. Thanks go out to all of the Racers, Deck Hands, committee members and Club

members who participated in the event. A newspaper advertisement recognizing the sponsors and donors will appear in an upcoming issue of *This Week* Newspaper. In addition, photos of the event, courtesy of **Jim Shively**, can be found on our website and on our Facebook page. And a special thanks goes to the efforts of the committee chaired by Vice President-Elect, **Kathleen Roberts**.

The Columbus International 5K

Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 9 a.m.

Proceeds to benefit the
Kiwanis International "Eliminate" Project

"Run, walk or volunteer"

Facebook page created ...

Thanks to the efforts of **Candace Pflum**, our Club now has its own Facebook **page**. This is different from the closed Facebook, member-only "group" that we previously established (we still have that). The Facebook "page" allows you to tell all of your Facebook friends about the Kiwanis activities you are participating in – instantly.

Using any smart phone, you can send Twitter tweets, upload photos, etc. So for example, ten members tweet during a noon luncheon about the great speaker we are listening to, and instantly all the people those ten members are connected to, which could be thousands, are aware of something good going on in our Club.

Or, let's say we are in the middle of a service project like Manna Café or 'Shred it' Day and you capture some great action photos on your cell phone. They can be instantly uploaded to our Facebook page so that everyone can see them.

Just think of the possibilities and how this will help spread the word about our Club and all of the great things we are doing. We hope you "like" us. And we hope you start using Facebook as a way of letting your friends know about your involvement in Kiwanis.

A candid answer ...

"Just to establish some parameters," said the professor, "Mr. Nichols, what is the opposite of joy?" "Sadness," said the student. "And the opposite of depression, Ms. Biggs?" "Elation." "And you Ellwood, how about the opposite of woe?" "I believe that would be giddy up."

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Ever wonder why sheep don't
shrink when it rains?

Next week's meeting

(September 12, 2011)

Speaker: Linda Artis

Senior Independence of Central Ohio

Greeters: Paul Collinsworth

Huntington National Bank

Bob Wiseman

Burkholder Flint Associates

Invocation: to be determined

Volunteer needed

Committee Meetings: Homeless, International Relations, Youth Opportunity, Service Leadership Program

Menu: House Salad, Roast Chicken, red pepper sauce

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