

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."

"Bringing Service Into Focus"



January 12, 2009

Robert H. Milbourne

President and CEO, The Columbus Partnership

Robert H. Milbourne is the first President and CEO of the Columbus Partnership, a civic organization of top business, education and community leaders formed in 2002 to improve the economic and cultural base of Central Ohio. He came to Columbus after serving as CEO of a similar group in Milwaukee for 17 years. Prior to his work in Milwaukee, he enjoyed a career in government and business.



Milbourne was born in Wilmington, Delaware. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and attended the Harvard Business School where he completed the Program for Management Development and was elected class commencement speaker.

From 1970 to 1979, he worked in Wisconsin state government under Democratic and Republican governors, served as State Budget Director during the mid-1970's and was honored by the Wisconsin Center for Public Representation as the "Outstanding State Official in Wisconsin" in 1979.

Milbourne left government to become Vice President and Economist at the Kohler Company, a leading manufacturer of plumbing products, engines and generators, and one of the largest privately held corporations in the United States. He was responsible for corporate planning, budgeting, economic forecasting, and corporate communications. He was also in charge of the real estate business at Kohler Company and helped create a major resort featuring a world class hotel and four Pete Dye golf courses.

Throughout his career he has been a volunteer for public service. In 1984-85, he headed the Wisconsin Strategic Development Commission, which prepared a long-term strategic plan for the state's economic future. Many of the recommendations have been implemented, including major reform of the tax system, controls on state spending, and new private/public economic development initiatives.

He served on the faculty of the Economics Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as an adjunct professor. For 23 years he taught a popular undergraduate course – Contemporary Economic Issues and was selected as one of the top teaching professors at the University of Wisconsin by the student body.

Mr. Milbourne is married to Amy and has twin daughters – Molly and Ryan.



Thank you
Yuri Harrington
and **Ted Coons**
for greeting us today.

Help us achieve a second consecutive year
as a Distinguished Club by supporting our
efforts to raise \$900 for the Kiwanis
International Birthday Club Program.

See Paul Bohlman for details and/or to donate.



Calendar of Events

1/15 – Claddagh Irish Pub – 585 S. Front Street

1/19 - Amy Taylor - Downtown Development Group

1/20 – Division 10-W meeting at the Four Seasons

Scheduled Committee Meetings

January 12

Assimilation
Business & Public Affairs
Drug, Alcohol & M. Health
International Relations
Senior Citizens
Young Children Priority One

January 19

Attendance & Retention
Homeless
Membership
Music & Arts
Spiritual Aims
Wills & Legacy

Today's Menu: House Salad, Sauteed Salmon, Dill Sauce

President's Corner



Fellow members of Kiwanis Club of Columbus, let's ring in the new year with some noise! I'm sure your new year revelry has subsided, but the "noise" you make in our club should just be getting louder. Our strength is our size - we can take pride in the service we deliver in so many wonderful ways and support a variety of projects, even though we didn't all individually take part in the planning and execution.

However, this is our weakness as well, since too many ideas are met with silence. It's hard to tell if the silence is a result of indifference, a difference of opinion or just silent encouragement. The worst silence is what we've tried to do away with this year - the "committee of one."

I know the quality of member we have in the club and the deep affection for our community that bonds us all. I'm asking you to please let your voice be heard and chime in on what we should or shouldn't be doing in the club, how our hard-earned funds should be spent or whether we are tracking with our short and long-term goals.

From "bringing service into focus" to "serving the children of the world," there is a lot of room for friendly and well-meaning disagreement and conversation. From lunch on Monday to committee meetings to Trustee meetings, speak up and see how contagious your idea just might be. We have new programs rolling out all the time and requests for much-needed funds rolling in just as fast. Never forget that this is your Club, and that your voice should be one of many to help shape so much of what we are doing.

Partnership with Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus begins ...

At the 2008 Orlando Kiwanis International Convention, a new partnership between Kiwanis International and Boys and Girls Clubs of America was announced. Past Kiwanis International President Dave Curry said the partnership "provides great promise for children in communities across the United States." Curry noted a partnership between our organizations would also bring together two powerful forces to provide young people a safe place to grow and learn, ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character development experiences as well as hope and opportunity for those children who participate. Details for fulfilling this partnership's promise were left for the local clubs to work out.



Kiwanis Club of Columbus is starting our partnership with Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus (BGCC) by providing after-school volunteers to mentor and spend time with the children who participate in the BGCC program at Heyl Elementary school. On Thursdays from 4-5 p.m., starting January 15th and going through the end of school, we will provide volunteer mentors to help with homework, play games with the kids or just be there as a resource. The 4-5 p.m. hour is their "Power Hour" and the kids will be concentrating on reinforcing what they learned in school, a very important step in learning and something that too many children don't have.

It is hoped that we will have at least two volunteers per week. To sign up, please contact President Scott or new Kiwanis Club member (and BGCC Development Director) Rebecca Asmo. Where we take our new partnership is up to us, but the path starts with our after-school volunteers. Sign up today!

A mature (over 40) lady gets pulled over for speeding...



Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?
Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.
Older Woman: Oh, I see.
Officer: Can I see your license please?
Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.
Officer: Don't have one?
Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving.
Officer: I see ... Can I see your vehicle registration papers please.
Older Woman: I can't do that.
Officer: Why not?
Older Woman: I stole this car.
Officer: Stole it?
Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.
Officer: You what?
Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasp his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please!

The woman steps out of her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there a problem sir?
Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.
Older Woman: Murdered the owner?
Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?
Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers.

The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too!

Third Thursday coming up ...

It happens every month, and every month a group of Kiwanians get together to celebrate it. What's so special about the third Thursday? Nothing in particular, and that's what makes it so special. It's an opportunity for members to get together socially, kick back, relax and enjoy an adult beverage or two for no particular reason other than it being the third Thursday.



This month we will be meeting at the Claddagh Irish Pub, 585 South Front Street (in the Brewery District) on Thursday, January 15. We will start gathering around 5 p.m., but get there when you can, even if you can't stay very long. The more the merrier.

Cold? Turn on the fan ...

When I'm cold inside my house, I don't like turning up the thermostat; it leads to larger gas bills, it helps deplete a limited natural resource and it increases the output of carbon dioxide. These are all negatives in terms of the environment.



A simple alternative is to turn on the ceiling fan. Yes, your ceiling fan can help keep your house cool in the summertime, but it can also help keep you warm during the winter months. With the fan turning clockwise (as you look up at it), air will be pulled up against the ceiling, causing the warmest air in the house (hot air rises) down the walls, to the floor and then to you as it rises again!

Run the fan at its slowest speed, so as not to create a draft. A draft is what we want in the summertime when a small breeze helps us feel cooler.

Ceiling fans take less than 100 watts to run and should be purchased with reversing switches so that you can enjoy its benefits in both the summer and the winter. Winter usage can reduce your heating costs by 8-10 percent.

By Scott Doellinger

Inter-Club opportunity ...

John Eberts is heading up an effort for an inter-club with the University Kiwanis Club on **January 14** at 7 p.m. at the The Shops on Lane Avenue Community Room. The speaker is Doug Ashenbach, talking about Campus Partners.

Some of our Club members will be meeting at 5:45 p.m. for dinner at the Rusty Bucket before proceeding to the meeting. Please let **John Eberts** or **Jim Skidmore** know if you will be attending.

Heart-to-Heart Canteen ...

Why did you join Kiwanis Club of Columbus?

I bet one of the reasons was to help serve the community in which we live. Kiwanis allows us the opportunity to work together to make a difference in Central Ohio, and the Heart to Heart Canteen is a great hands-on experience to feed the homeless.



Salvation Army volunteers prepare meals for approximately 150 people and load them into the Heart to Heart Canteen (truck) and once a month our club members step up to help serve the food.

The group meets at The Salvation Army Chapel at Worthington Woods - 760 Worthington Woods Boulevard and drives to four downtown locations feeding homeless families. This is a must-do learning experience for the family if you have a teenager.

Volunteers are needed Sundays from 4:15-7:30 p.m. Please email **Dave Keller** at dkeller@triad-inc.com if you can help any of these Sundays: January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, and/or September 27.

Wanted, insomniacs ...



Are you an early bird? We mean really early!

The Community Shelter Board is looking for small groups of volunteers to conduct a point-in-time count of all unsheltered individuals in the community. This will help establish the funding level from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Volunteers will be walking streets, in camps or other places not meant for human habitation. The count will be Tuesday, January 27 from **3:15 to 7:00 a.m.** Yes, a.m.!

Kiwanis Club of Columbus has agreed to provide a group of volunteers for this effort and will be lead by a trained group leader. We would like to get 10-12 people. Please e-mail **Dave Keller** by Monday, January 12 at dkeller@triad-inc.com if you would like to join us.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

01/12 - Irina Barhorst
01/14 - Bill Gillam

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, 'What's on TV?'

I said, 'Dust.'

And then the fight started...



Please don't forget that we have \$100 grocery cards for Giant Eagle and \$5 reloadable grocery cards for Kroger!

Help support our Club operations and keep our dues low by shopping with a Giant Eagle or Kroger grocery card. You can purchase a card (or multiple cards) at any Monday meeting.



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