

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"



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Roger R. Geiger is a vice president/Ohio executive director for National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), managing the public policy, political, member activism and communication programs throughout the state. He also represents NFIB with national policy organizations. Mr. Geiger first joined NFIB in 1989, and has held a variety of leadership positions during his tenure. In recognition of his efforts to build the influence and clout of NFIB in Ohio, he has been consistently ranked in Smart Business Magazine's "Power 100 Most Influential Leaders" in Columbus. He is regularly quoted in the media on issues of importance to small business. NFIB is a national association with chapters in all 50 states, and more than 25,000 members in Ohio.



Prior to being named vice president, Mr. Geiger served as the NFIB/Ohio State Director from 1989–2003. Mr. Geiger has been appointed, by the Governor, to several state boards and commissions and has testified before committees of the U.S. Congress. The most recent appointments have been to the Ohio Commission to Reform Medicaid and the Ohio Sunset Review Committee (a review of all state boards and commissions).

Prior to joining NFIB, Mr. Geiger served as Manager of Governmental Affairs for Browning-Ferris Industries of Ohio. He also served as a Legislative Assistant in the Ohio House of Representatives for almost five years.

Mr. Geiger is a native of Marion, Ohio. He completed his undergraduate studies at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History, and has a masters degree in Public Administration from the Ohio State University.

On a personal note, Mr. Geiger is active with the Boy Scouts of America, and he is an avid scuba diver and snow skier. He and his wife, Teri, currently reside in Dublin, Ohio.



Thank you
Perry Fisher
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Donna Zuiderweg
for providing today's invocation.

Calendar of Events

1/28 – Auction committee – Barleys Smokehouse

1/29 - Boys & Girls Club open house

2/07 - Road trip/inter-club - Marietta Pancake Days

Scheduled Committee Meetings

January 26

Boast
Boost
Career Guidance
Public Relations
Sponsored Youth

February 2

Environment & Agriculture
Golf
Interclub
Reception
Scholarship
Youth Opportunity Citizenship

Today's Menu: House Salad, Sautéed Chicken Breast, Raspberry Balsamic Demiglace

President's Corner



Former Secretary of State Colin Powell wrote a moving and poignant piece in the January 17, 2009 Wall Street Journal entitled "Let's Renew America Together." A friend forwarded it to me and I would suggest it for any Kiwanian as a well-thoughtout

statement of why we must all serve to fulfill the promise of our great country. Secretary Powell states that although the federal budget can help address economic woes and our diplomats must be relied upon to represent us abroad, we all have a part to play in the operation of our government and society. He writes that there are limits to our government's "ability to restore our sense of purpose as a nation" and reminds us that "we are charged with living up to our shared responsibility to one another."

Further, Secretary Powell writes that "my experience is that in times of need, the American people recognize that when one of our fellow citizens is suffering, those of us with the power to ease or eliminate that suffering should come forward." I am heartened that we have had some very active committees this year, especially the Homeless Committee under the leadership of Dave Keller. It is but one of a number of our committees that can do just that: Step forward and help where the need exists. No one else is providing the services that we are. No government agency is tasked with picking up the slack when we fail. Most importantly, I believe no other organization could provide better service than ours, with all different religions, races and political ideologies represented.

When Martin Luther King, Jr. said "everybody can be great, because anybody can serve," we know as Kiwanians it is true. Secretary Powell notes that "at a time when so many of our countrymen are in need, everyone has the power to help." He concludes that

Reserve your singing Valentine today!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. If you're looking for a unique and memorable way to show your sweetheart how much you care, you've come to the right article.

What The Heck Four is rehearsing this very moment to polish its 'singing Valentine' repertoire, which is guaranteed to melt hearts and spark flames of passion -- (where matters of the heart are concerned, hyperbole is permitted).



Here's the deal: *What The Heck Four* will deliver a 'singing Valentine' to your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For \$60, your Valentine will be treated to two harmonious songs of love & devotion, a rose and some

chocolates. All proceeds will go into the Club coffers.

Fill out the Singing Valentine form and fax it to David Kandel at 223-4017.

Don't send any money yet, because we have to see just how many locations we will be able to visit during the allotted time. Once all the logistics are figured out and your "appointment" is confirmed, then we'll take your money! If you need a form, e-mail David Kandel at dk1238@att.com and he'll send you one. Forms will also be available at our Monday meetings.

even though our lives are hectic, we have the power to stop and give an hour or two to a project that desperately needs our help. I would suggest to you that you don't need to go any farther than any one of our committees to fulfill that promise.

Battery Management



Every year over 3 billion dry-cell batteries are sold in the U.S. That is more than 180,000 tons of batteries, most of which are single-use batteries we throw away when depleted.

These batteries contain a variety of metals and other chemicals that

are harmful to the environment if they are not properly disposed of. So, what should we do?

One suggestion is to use rechargeable batteries and an Energy Star-rated efficient battery charger. This will **save you money** and **reduce the number of discarded batteries**.

But, even recycled batteries eventually wear out. The best practice is to recycle your spent batteries. How? Take them to a retail business that recycles batteries. In Columbus, spent batteries can be taken to one of the four locations of **Batteries Plus** (listed below), without charge.

North at Lewis Center	8593 Columbus Pike (US23)
East at Brice and I-270	5960 Scarborough Blvd.
Graceland	5010 North High Street
Hilliard	4514 Cemetery Road

Don't make a special trip: that wastes energy. Instead, collect the spent batteries and drop them off when you have a large number, or when you know you will be passing one of the above locations.

~~ By Scott Doellinger

Matching gift challenge

A very generous Kiwanian, who wishes to remain anonymous, has offered to match up to \$500 worth of individual member contributions for the Kiwanis International Birthday Club.

As you recall from the past few newsletters, one of the point categories for achieving Distinguished Club status is for the Club to contribute \$900 to the Kiwanis International Foundation's "Birthday Club." The dollar amount required from our Club is determined by our membership size, and averages out to \$5 per member.

\$900

\$500

With this offer, we are now more than halfway toward our goal. If you would like to support this effort, and essentially double the impact of your donation through this generous challenge, please contact Club Secretary, Paul Bohlman. The check should be made out to the Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

A Martha Stewart moment, but useful ...

Coffee filters, who knew? And you can buy 1,000 of them at the Dollar Store for almost nothing. They are not just for making coffee. Here are a few other uses:

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows and mirrors. Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China - Separate your good dishes by putting a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.
13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc. on them. Soaks up all the grease.
14. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick" fixers.



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.



Support the Auction ...

By now, you should have received your "Save The Date" card in the mail. This year's Auction is scheduled for FRIDAY evening, May 15, and it will be held at the Columbus Museum of Art.



This new and exciting venue will serve as an excellent backdrop for one of our Club's most important events of the year.

This is where we raise much of the money spent by our committees throughout the year, helping various organizations

throughout the community. In short, the entire community is counting on this being a successful event and there are four ways you can help.

1- First, and most obvious, is to attend the event. You have the date, time and location, so now it is just a matter of managing your schedule. We hope this event will take priority.

2- Donate an item for the auction. This might be a physical item or it could be a service. For example, perhaps your hobby of performing magic could be auctioned to someone putting together a birthday party for their children; or that season ticket package to a professional sports team has a game or two you won't use; or you have a yacht, a plane or summer retreat that you could make available or provide access to. This is a great time to be creative and often times we can pair two or three smaller items into a very nice package. If you have an idea, talk to one of the committee members to see how it might work or what could be done to support it. All donated items must be received no later than May 1 to allow our committee and auctioneer to prepare the appropriate paperwork and to be included in the program. But there is no need to wait. The sooner you let us know what you will be donating, the sooner we can start promoting it and building some excitement.

3- Become a sponsor – There are opportunities to underwrite the out-of-pocket costs of running the event and in return you, and/or your company, will gain valuable recognition and exposure.

4- Invite some friends. This function is NOT limited to Kiwanians. We encourage you to invite some friends, entertain some clients or bring some other family members. In fact, you may want to be a table captain and reserve a special table just for your party. If you have someone you would like us to invite, please let us know. Or if you would like an invitation you can hand deliver, we can be of help.

This year's event is being co-chaired by Wes Strickling and Adam Biehl. The next planning meeting is at noon on Wednesday, January 28 at Barley's Smoke House (Route 33, just NW of Grandview Avenue.) Anyone interested in being involved with the Auction committee is welcome to attend.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

01/27 - Vicki Bowen

01/27 - Cary Hanosek

01/30 - Greg Patterson

Lunch, to buy or not to buy ...

Many Kiwanis Clubs struggle because they have trouble finding a consistent, reasonably priced meeting location. We have been fortunate. For decades, the Athletic Club of Columbus has been our home, and they treat us very well.

Part of that treatment is our ability to bring business to them in the form of our weekly luncheon meeting. But what happens when our lunch count starts dropping? When more and more members begin taking the "no lunch" option? Will prices go up, will we be moved to a smaller, less prestigious room, will be asked to find another location?

With our declining membership, the increase in health-conscious and weight-conscious members, the slowing economy and who knows what else, we have seen a marked decrease in our Monday meal count. Hopefully we can turn this around. Why not buy lunch today?

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