

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 Ordinary People Provide Extraordinary Service"



February 8, 2010

Valentines Day Program

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday?

The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailer's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.



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Thank you **Linda Kay**  
for greeting us today.



Thank you  
**Susan Black**  
for providing today's invocation.

### Scheduled Committee Meetings

#### February 8

Assimilation  
Business & Public Affairs  
Behavioral Health/Wellness  
Homeless  
International Relations  
Senior Citizens

#### February 15

Attendance & Retention  
Membership  
Music & Arts  
Wills & Legacy  
Young Children  
Priority One

## Today's Menu: House Salad, Sauteed Tilapia, Honey-Pecan Butter

### President's Corner



Last fall I wrote an article that said I thought I saw a new spirit of giving back and committing to social service that was a new wave in this country. Recently I read an article about Jeremy Lin, the star hoopster for Harvard's basketball team. It's been 64 years since Harvard last qualified for the NCAA men's basketball tournament. But thanks to Lin, that ignominious streak could end this year. He is a 6 ft. 3 in. senior and has led in scoring and assists to lead the team to a 12-3 record, its best start in a quarter-century. He is Asian-American and his ethnicity has drawn as much attention as his exploits on the court. However, whether Lin is selected in June's NBA draft, his maturity could ultimately lead him to the ministry.

A devout Christian, Lin, an economics major, is considering becoming a pastor in a church near his Palo Alto, CA home. He is passionate about helping others. "There's a beauty in seeing people change their lifestyles for the better." If Lin leads Harvard to a March Madness berth this spring, fans might consider it his first miracle.

And so, although this is just another anecdotal story of commitment to help others, it seems to be a continuing pattern and from a different background and superstar status. So find folks in our community who have developed, or are developing, their passion for helping others and invite them to join our service to the children of the world.

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### Things to ponder ...

- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
- Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- How is it possible to have a civil war?
- If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
- If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
- Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?
- If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

### Calendar of Events

2/9 – Trustee meeting at the Florentine Restaurant

3/13 – Mid Year Education Day

4/23 – Annual Kiwanis Charity Auction

#### *Program introduction – continued from page 1 –*

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial — which probably occurred around 270 A.D — others claim that the Christian church may have decided to celebrate Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to 'Christianize' celebrations of the pagan Lupercalia festival. In ancient Rome, February was the official beginning of spring and was considered a time for purification. Houses were ritually cleansed by sweeping them out and then sprinkling salt and a type of wheat called spelt throughout their interiors. Lupercalia, which began at the ides of February, February 15, was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

Join us today as our Music and Arts Committee showcases some of our Club's internal talent.

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### Club Trustees to meet ...

The February Trustee meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will held be on Tuesday, February 9. It will be at the Florentine Restaurant (907 W. Broad Street) beginning at 5:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend, while officers, trustees and committee chairs are expected. Those wishing to stay for dinner and fellowship following the meeting are encouraged to do so. You will be able to order from the menu and pay directly.

The monthly Trustee meeting is where the majority of our Club's business takes place. New member applications are discussed and approved, requests for funds are submitted and commitments are made to support a wide variety of worthwhile community projects.

If you plan to attend, please notify Secretary **Paul Bohlman** at pbohlman@aol.com or by calling him at 614-738-0069.

## Don't miss the Mid-Year Education Day ...

Kiwanis is a large organization and one of the benefits of membership is the opportunity to share knowledge and learn from others. No doubt, the size of our Club lends itself well to that purpose, but beyond that, there is even more.

Each year, the Ohio District of Kiwanis International conducts a one-day event designed to bring Club leaders and potential leaders together to exchange ideas, gain insight into Club operations and to better understand what makes a club successful.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be held at the Conference Center at NorthPointe on Rte 23 at Powell Road. Early-bird registration is \$60 and that includes lunch, break refreshments and materials. You can sign up on line by going to the Ohio District web site at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org).

Throughout the day, there will be numerous break-out sessions to choose from depending on your particular areas of interest. One session, "How Can Networking Serve Your Club?" is being presented by our own Immediate Past President **Scott Lindsey**. Hecklers are welcome!

In addition to earning an attendance credit, your Mid-Year Education Day participation fulfills one of the requirements for earning the status of "Distinguished Member" for the 2009-10 administrative year.

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## Annual auction fast approaching ...

Our annual charity auction is fast approaching! You should already have **Friday, April 23** marked on your calendar. If not, please take a moment to pencil it in and plan to attend. The committee has been hard at work and already has a number of sponsors lined up, along with a lengthy list of items to bid on during either the live or silent auction. One sponsor for example, will be underwriting the bar.

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, please contact either **Lisa Jolley** or **Joyce Waters**. Details of the various sponsorship levels and benefits can be found on our Club's website. It is a great way for you and/or your company to gain valuable community exposure. Corporate sponsors will be recognized at a special pre-event reception.

Lisa and Joyce can also handle questions you might have about items you or your company/organization might be interested in donating. The more the merrier. Even if it is not a major item, please continue donating. Smaller items can be merged together to make nice gift baskets and packages. If you know of someone you think would be interested in being a sponsor or donating an item, you can either contact them yourself by using the donation form found on our web site, or you can hand the information off to a member of the Auction Committee for them to contact.

This event is open to everyone and we want to make sure you have an opportunity to share this fun evening with your friends, business relations and family. Please let us know if there is someone you would like us to add to the formal invitation list. If you are on the Board of an organization, let's make sure the other members are all invited, as well! Invitations will go out in March.

Specific details, and an up-to-date listing of items already received for the auction, can be found on our web site. Go to [www.columbuskiwanis.org](http://www.columbuskiwanis.org) and click on the "major Events" tab in the right-hand column. From there, just click on the appropriate link within the story to find the complete list. Then keep checking the site for regular updates.



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## 'Kiwaniis Cares' ...

Whether you shop at Giant Eagle or Kroger, you can help Kiwanis by participating in our 'Kiwaniis Cares' program.

For Giant Eagle shoppers, simply purchase a gift card from Secretary **Paul Bohlman** before you go shopping. The cards are sold in \$100 increments ... enough to hopefully get you through a week. When paying for your groceries, simply use the gift card. The amount of your purchase will be subtracted from the card. We receive \$5 for each \$100 card we sell.



For Kroger shoppers, the process is a bit different. You need to first register your Kroger Plus card. When this card is swiped at check-out, we are credited with points. The points then translate into a quarterly payment from Kroger. You can register your Kroger Plus card by going on-line to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Or, you can take your card into Kroger and have them scan this bar code:



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Please note that by registering in this manner, the Kiwanis name will not appear on your grocery receipt. You should make certain your information is accurate in the Kroger Plus Card Database before registering. This can be checked by calling 1-877-576-7587.

## Pancakes, interclub ...

You just can't go wrong with an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast, Kiwanis and supporting our local communities.

The University Kiwanis Club will be conducting its Semi-Annual Rick Nini Pancake Day on Sunday, April 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Wellington Elementary School (Reed Road entrance). Admission is \$4 pre-sale (contact any University Kiwanis member) or \$5 at the door. Children under 3 are free.

Please make sure you sign in as a member of our Club and then let Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know you attended so that he can give you the proper attendance credit.



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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02/12 – Jack Buttler

## “Members only” section on the web site ...

Are you having trouble gaining access to the “Members Only” section of our web site? Did you forget your UserID or type in the wrong password?

If you need help, please contact **Paul Bohlman**. He can reset your password and help you get logged in. Our Kiwanis website is a wealth of information, including a list of all members with their contact information, a list of new members, a calendar of events, frequently used forms and much more.

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