

The Bulletin

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus



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"Bringing Service Into Focus"



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Valentine's 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 visited him and who may have been his jailer's daughter. 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 a romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

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.

Whatever the genesis of this holiday, the Kiwanis Club of Columbus celebrates it with an annual display of musical talent. Come and join us for a delightfully entertaining program, one suited for inviting your 'significant other!'"



Thank you
**John Gambaiani and
David Weibel**
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Bryan Jeffries
for providing today's invocation.

Calendar of Events

2/14 – Valentine’s Day

2/16 – Fred Hower - Horticulturist

2/20 – Entrepreneurial Challenge

Scheduled Committee Meetings

February 9

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

February 16

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

Today’s Menu: House Salad, Roasted Turkey Breast

President’s Corner



As financial news continues to be gloomy, a professional network is an important part of every person’s business plan. Although it often gets overlooked as a selling point of our Club, I believe that the relationships made over lunch are a critical part of our long-term success and viability as a club. The interesting part of our network, however, is that it includes both working and retired members across all industries and professional experiences. You just can’t predict what piece of advice you’ll receive that will be useful or what contact will be suggested as we gather each Monday.

We certainly are a service club first - our outstanding hands-on service projects and the generous funding we provide throughout the community should always be our first priority. That doesn’t preclude, however, those professional contacts or personal friendships from forming and in many ways bonding us together. If our "bricks" are the service initiatives that build the reputation of our Club and make a lasting change for others, the professional network we have and the friendships we make may well be the "mortar" that binds us all together. I’m certainly not going to extend this metaphor to make us Freemasons, but this bricks and mortar metaphor has served us well for more than 90 years. Make it a point to put our Monday meetings on your schedule and add your experiences, knowledge and goodwill to our living network!

A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Not bad!

The year of the baby ...

On Saturday, January 24, **Matt and Cindy Gerhardt** welcomed their new son, Lukas Matthew, into the world, weighing in at a little over 7.5 lbs and at a length of 21.25 inches. Mom and baby are doing well. Congratulations!



This marks the third baby born within our membership during this administrative year. Does **Scott Lindsey** get credit for this, or was it something **Sam Vogel** said? Or is it part of **Kathleen Roberts’** plan to ‘quality check’ our Shaken Baby Syndrome bib distribution program? Are there more on the way? The answer is “yes, stay tuned for future announcements.” Has anyone checked the water at the ACC?

Share the
“Kiwani’s experience.”
Invite a friend, a co-worker
or a neighbor to join.

International Relations Committee ...

Effective February 1, David Pritchard has been appointed to take over as chair of the International Relations Committee. This committee meets at the Athletic Club on the second Monday of each month prior to our luncheon meeting.

If you are currently serving on the committee, or would like to get involved with this committee, please plan to attend.

Perfect Attendance, it's a process ...

Perfect attendance is something we encourage all members to achieve, but we have to remember that it is a process that occurs throughout the entire year. At the end of January, we completed the first third of the administrative year and some members are well on their way to achieving the required 48 attendance credits necessary to earn perfect attendance. At this point, everyone still has reasonable chance of earning perfect attendance, but some will have to work harder than others. That is why we are providing this update. Through January 31, we have the following:

Double-time (*more than 33 credits*):

Paul Bohlman	Scott Lindsey	Fil Line
Kathleen Roberts	Jim Skidmore	

Ahead of schedule (*21 to 32 credits*):

Char Collister	Ohmer Crowell	Neil Distelhorst
Jerry Durham	Rita Edwards	Chad Endsley
Dave Fenner	Perry Fisher	John Gambaiani
John Gillam	Lisa Jolley	David Kandel
Ken Keller	Bill Newman	Jay Schoedinger
Tom Sherrill	Sam Vogel	Bob Wiseman

On Track (*16 to 20 credits*):

Danielle Beres	Fred Miller, II	Troy Terakedis
David Weibel	Tim Barhorst	Ron Cook
Larry Icenogle	Paul Metzger	Ray Pauken
Dave Pritchard	Mark Swepston	Dave Timmons
Mike Leymaster	Jack Buttler	Brian Seitz
Susan Black	Scott Doellinger	Bob Eberhart
Ellwood Lewis	Dick Tice	Larry Walters

Slightly trailing (*10 to 15 credits*):

Bob Banasik	Paul Baumer	Mike Becker
Phil Beltz	Andrew Carver	Paul Collinsworth
Ed Deering	Mike Edwards	Brad Fisher
Marty Gaudiose	Bill Gillam	Mike Griffith
Mike Haemmerle	Cary Hanosek	Mary Lee Hammond
Don Hight	Bryan Jeffries	Dave Keller
Jade Metcalf	Fred Miller, Sr.	Bob Murchake
Candace Pflum	Jeff Rayis	George Ruff
Wes Strickling	Sally Volpe	Nancy Whetstone

Need to hurry (*less than 10 credits*):

All remaining members.

Attendance credits can be earned for attending a luncheon meeting, participating in a committee meeting or a committee project, participating in a service event, attending an Interclub, attending another Club's meeting, etc. Attendance credits must be submitted to the Club Secretary in order to be counted and it is the responsibility of the committee chairs and officers to do so. Be sure to sign attendance sheets!

Kiwanis informs & inspires ...

As a member of Kiwanis, **Nancy Whetstone** learned that there are 2,000 children in Columbus City Schools who are considered homeless. This led Nancy and her Brownie Troop 1858 in Hilliard to assist "Feeding Through Faith" and their efforts to help prepare and serve a hot breakfast to 200 to 300 homeless or working poor people. At the same time, they passed out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and pastries for folks to take "home" after the meal. In addition, the girls distributed 53 hand-made fleece scarves.

Nancy also coordinated a drive to collect blankets. Working with the principal of Darby Creek Elementary School, the "Covers for the Cold" blanket drive was launched. The Brownies made posters that were sent home with parents who responded well. More than 100 blankets were collected, more than half of which were new, and brought to the Parsons Avenue Free Store in Columbus.

Many of our members are involved in countless other community projects through the Scouts, their families, their churches and their companies. We are a proud group of individuals improving the world, one community and one child at a time.

Pancakes, anyone?



The Grove City Club will be conducting their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 28. It will be held at the Grove City United Methodist Church, 2710 Columbus Street.

Tickets are available for \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. This is also a great opportunity for an interclub. The event will run from 8 a.m. to noon, and is open to the public as well. So bring your entire family and help support Kiwanis.

"Thank you" ...

"I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to **David Kandel**, **Scott Lindsey**, **Ron Cook** and **Ann Bennett** for their assistance in surprising Larry on the occasion of his 60th birthday last Monday. I hope everyone enjoyed the birthday cake as much as the five of us co-conspirators enjoyed seeing the stunned look on Larry's face! It was a bona fide "Gotcha" moment that we'll long remember, thanks to all of you, Larry's fellow Kiwanians!"

~~ Mary Icenogle

Green Shoveling?



Snowfall in Ohio has been ample this season and more is on the way! It is good insulation for anything in the ground, including bulbs, all plants, and basements. But, it can be slippery and dangerous.

The best way to handle snow is to manually push it out of the way. Next best is to use some sort of power equipment, like a snow thrower or plow.

Worst is using chemicals to melt snow. Salt (sodium chloride) is effective and low cost, but very toxic to plants. You will see grass killed along walks treated with salt and some evergreens are killed with only small amounts of salt spray. The very worst is calcium chloride, as it is very corrosive (much more so than salt) and toxic to mammals. If ingested, it will cause kidney failure. Sand is the least environmentally damaging and it makes ice less slippery. Urea, lawn fertilizer and beet juice (sugar) are also effective ice melters.

~~ By Scott Doellinger

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Still time to send a singing Valentine ...

Our own 'What The Heck Four' will **again** be offering their singing Valentine package. With Valentine's Day on a Saturday this year, we have ample time to fill requests. This is a guaranteed winner ... just ask one of last year's recipients. It's an investment with a guaranteed return, and that's not something many places are offering these days. In addition, all proceeds will benefit the Club.

Let's show our appreciation to Paul Baumer, Bob Eberhart, Larry Icenogle and Dave Kandel by filling their day with Valentine orders!

An order form is attached with additional details. Please don't delay. Spaces are limited and the quartet needs to coordinate the schedule. The more lead time they have, the better it will be.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02/12 - Jack Buttler

Attention all Kiwanians!

Mark your calendars

2009 Mid-Year Education Day

**Saturday,
April 25, 2009**

**Hyatt Regency at the
Greater Columbus Convention Center**

*(fulfill a requirement for becoming a
distinguished member)*

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