

# The Bulletin

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus



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*"Bringing Service Into Focus"*



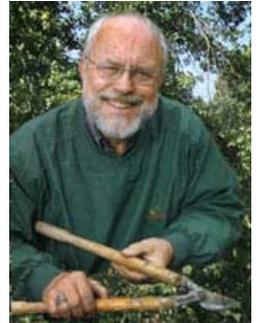
February 16, 2009

## Fred Hower

The "Ohio Nurseryman"

"The Ohio Nurseryman" Fred Hower is an educator and certified arborist, with more than 45 years experience as a horticultural consultant and landscape designer. The author of over 400 columns in 90 newspapers, Fred also hosts the radio show, "*Plant Talk*," which is carried on more than 20 radio stations throughout Ohio. He also teaches in the horticulture department at Columbus State Community College. Fred is author of the book, "Tree and Shrub Gardening for Ohio," which is available at major bookstores through the U.S. In addition, Fred serves on a variety of councils and boards for the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association; the City of Worthington; the Ohio State University Chadwick Arboretum; Columbus State Arboretum; Columbus State Community College; and the **Columbus Dispatch** Central Ohio Home and Garden Show.

A graduate of Ohio State University, Fred has a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture. He has received the Meritorious Service Award from the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association; the first Senior Careerist Award from the Ohio State University Department of Horticulture and Crop Science; three Grand Awards for Landscape Design from the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association; the Award of Merit from the International Society of Arboriculture; and a PLAN award for landscape design from the Junior League of Columbus. Fred has also been active in the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association; the Columbus Landscape Association; the Southwestern Ohio Environmental Horticultural Association; the International Society of Arboriculture; and is an honorary member of the Ohio Landscaper's Association.



Fred works as a horticultural design consultant for residential and business properties. He is a guest speaker at numerous gardening events throughout Ohio each year and has spoken to our Club on a regular basis. He is always willing to answer questions and to help us prepare for the upcoming spring. Be prepared to ask him questions concerning your yard and the plants therein. For helpful hints, check out his web site at <http://www.ohionurseryman.com>.



Thank you  
**Kathleen Roberts and  
Fil Line**  
for greeting us today.



Thank you  
**Irina Barhorst**  
for providing today's invocation.

## Calendar of Events

2/19 - Third Thursday Social Event

2/20 – Entrepreneurial Challenge

2/23 - Linda Logan - Columbus Sports Commission

## Scheduled Committee Meetings

### February 16

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

### February 23

Boast  
Boost  
Career Guidance  
Public Relations  
Sponsored Youth

**Today's Menu:** House Salad, Sauteed Tilapia, Pineapple Salsa

## President's Corner



Those who attended our special Valentine's Show last week enjoyed a wonderful program of banjo, a cappella harmonies, piano and singing put together by our Music and Arts committee. This year's Chair, **Greg Patterson**, not only did a

wonderful job coordinating the day, but entertained us with his vocal talents as well - a welcome addition to the day. Some Kiwanis clubs would be lucky to have one of these acts - our embarrassment of riches provided all of these home-grown acts, with the addition of **Adam Biehl's** wife, Susie. Our abundance of musical talent, and not just one but TWO banjo players, never ceases to amaze me.

In December, I sang the praises of the 'What the Heck Four' and all that they have done for our Club. As they pack their bags and hit the road again to deliver singing Valentines this Saturday, all we can do is say "thanks" again for entertaining us in so many ways, from Kiwanis Night at the Clippers to the presidents' parties to the many community outreach events where they have performed. Past President **Ron Cook** makes it look easy, from his exceptional piano playing to even lending his voice for a song. What a luxury to have him lend his talents to the Club. Finally, **Ray Paulken** always has a smile to go along with his picking - I challenge any other Kiwanis club to come up with two great banjo players like we have in Ray and **Dave Weibel!**

**Willie Grove** and Susie Biehl were fantastic as always with their songs - our own in-house opera - and it is appreciated. Thanks to all who shared their talent and we encourage those who are still hiding from the spotlight to join the fun. Our Club's rich musical tradition and sense of fun are just two more reasons to boast about your Club!

## Looking for auction items ...

This year's Kiwanis Auction is scheduled for Friday evening, May 15 at the Columbus Museum of Art. This unique venue will lend itself to a very enjoyable evening you will not want to miss.

Of course it wouldn't be an auction without exciting things to bid on ... baskets, vacation trips, jewelry, golf outings, cultural and sporting event tickets, memorabilia and a wide variety of miscellaneous items donated by our members and various business contacts.



Now is the time to be thinking about those items. Do you have a product or service you or your company could donate? Do you have a strong contact inside a business that might have an exciting product or service they could donate? If so, please let us know. It is absolutely critical that we have ALL auction items in our possession NO LATER THAN April 30 so that the auctioneer can properly organize the event.

Auction donation forms can be secured from a committee member, or downloaded from our web site. The information on the form is all necessary for assuring proper recognition and tax reporting. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law because the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization.

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## Kroger/Giant Eagle grocery cards program update ...



This program, known originally as *Kiwanis Cares*, produces earnings that help offset our Club's operating budget and reduces the need for dues increases. For every \$100 spent, our club receives five dollars. We all rely upon groceries and many of us shop regularly at either Kroger or Giant Eagle. Simply remembering to purchase and use these gift cards, spending money in only a slightly different manner than you are accustomed to, can have a significant impact on our Club.

To date, the Kiwanis Club of Columbus has netted \$442.93 from the Kroger Gift Cards and we are \$300 to the good with the Giant Eagle Gift Cards. In the Giant Eagle corner since October, 2008, there are three regular purchasers and two occasional purchasers who have allowed the \$300 profit to the Club budget. Because of the nature of recharging the Kroger Cards, it is not possible to identify who is participating, or even, how many are participating. If the Giant Eagle cards are indicative of Club participation in the Kroger program, there may be only a few participating members. If that is the case, think what our benefit would be if even twenty or thirty members participated regularly!!

If you or your spouse are a regular shopper at either Giant Eagle or Kroger, please consider this as a way to contribute indirectly but with tremendous impact for our Kiwanis Club. If you shop regularly at Kroger and already have a card, please remember to reload the card and use it each time you shop. If you shop at Giant Eagle, please remember to bring your checkbook and regularly purchase the gift cards from Paul Bohlman.

You can make a difference through this support of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, one grocery bag at a time!

### Looking forward to Spring ...

Soon you will be tempted to start purchasing plants, seeds, and bulbs for spring planting. I encourage you to purchase and plant **green!**



- Remember what was successful last year. Repeat successes and avoid failures.
- Select plants that thrive under expected rainfall amounts (reduce or avoid the need for watering.)
- Select plants that thrive under sunlight conditions where they are to be planted.
- Select plants that will grow well with the soil type(s) in your yard.
- Avoid invasive species that take over and create a problem (some ornamental grasses, some bamboo, St John's Wort.)
- Don't overdo it. A few tomato plants produce many tomatoes when experiencing good growing conditions.
- Place plants that repel insects next to plants affected by them (avoid insecticides.)
- Buy quality plants of an appropriate size so they will thrive when planted in your yard. Low cost small plants that die are not a bargain.

Good luck, as gardening is not an exact science!

~~~ Scott Doellinger



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### Third Thursday group to meet ...

It's a great way to socialize, network and generally get to know your fellow Kiwanians. It is the 'Third Thursday' and like its name indicates, it happens on the third Thursday of every month.

This month's get together is on February 19 and will be at the Columbus Brewing Company located in Columbus' Historic Brewery District, 525 Short Street.



So why not stop in after work and have one (or more) with the gang? We'll be there beginning at 5:30 p.m. and will probably be there for several hours, for those who might be running a bit late.

## Let's get acquainted ...

We know each other by sight and we know each other by name, but how well do we really get to know our fellow Kiwanians, and specifically what we each do for a living? Can we network more effectively by sharing our stories and touting our wares? And can we do that in an informative, non-intrusive manner? We think so, and we are announcing a new program to prove the point.

Kiwanians will be able to place a "personal ad" in our weekly newsletter that will consist of your photo, your contact info and a few lines about what you do and who you are. We will not place more than two "personals" in a newsletter, and overtime, we hope everyone will participate. Cost of the ad will be \$25. Please contact Perry Fisher [pfisher@perryfisher.com](mailto:pfisher@perryfisher.com) for more details.



### Joe Member

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I am responsible for working with clients to help build their wealth. I provide personal investment counseling while managing the client's accounts to maximize growth.

I have been a member of Kiwanis for 11 years and have held a variety of committee chairs. I am married and have three grown children and two grandchildren. I am an Ohio State grad and I enjoy college football.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02/17 - Ken Keller

02/19 - Ron Cook, Jr.

02/20 - Michaela McGinn

### Amazing quotes ...

'Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff.'

-- Mariah Carey

'Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,'

-- Mayor Marion Barry,  
Washington, DC.

### Foundation meeting set ...

The Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will hold their next Board meeting on Monday, February 23 at 1:01 p.m. (immediately following our regular Monday Kiwanis luncheon) at the Athletic Club of Columbus.

Foundation board members and officers are expected to attend, but the meeting is open to all members of the Club. There are several items on the agenda including:

- Annual election of officers
- Financial report
- Scholarship Funds
- Shaken Baby Bib Project
- Other

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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#### CLUB OFFICERS

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| Scott Lindsey  | President        |
| Sam Vogel      | Past President   |
| Char Collister | President-Elect  |
| Tim Barhorst   | Vice President   |
| Fred Miller II | Treasurer        |
| Paul Bohlman   | Secretary/Editor |

#### CLUB TRUSTEES

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>2008</b>     | <b>2009</b>     |
| Char Collister  | Tim Barhorst    |
| Jean Evans      | Susan Black     |
| Mike Haemmerle  | Mike Edwards    |
| Fred Miller, II | Holly Stokes    |
| Jeff Rayis      | Nancy Whetstone |

Don't argue with an idiot;  
people watching may not be able  
to tell the difference.