

# 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"*



February 23, 2009

## Linda Logan

**Executive Director  
Greater Columbus Sports Commission**

Linda Shetina Logan has been executive director of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission since its inception in June 2002. For five years prior, she was the director of sports marketing for the Greater Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau (GCCVB), now doing business as Experience Columbus.

Before joining the GCCVB, the Fairport Harbor, Ohio native worked for the Kansas City Convention Center, the Big Eight Conference, the Kemper Arena. and sports teams in Kansas City, Milwaukee and Cleveland.

She has organized, staged and directed hundreds of meetings, concerts, sporting events and conventions in a variety of positions and organizations. Some major events have included the NCAA men's basketball Final Four, presidential debates and the United Nations Summit on Trade. Logan is a graduate of Ohio University and on the advisory board of the Sports Administration and Facility Management Program. She also is the past national chair of the board of the National Association of Sports Commissions.



The mission of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission is to provide leadership, guidance and marketing expertise in attracting regional, national and international sporting events and activities to benefit Greater Columbus economically and socially. Big-time sporting events bring big-time dollars to Columbus. The Greater Columbus Sports Commission works with community partners to land events that attract thousands of visitors and generate millions of dollars in visitor spending. The Sports Commission constantly works to secure multiple events by turning bids into bookings, submitting new bids and identifying future opportunities.

The Greater Columbus Sports Commission is a member of the National Association of Sports Commissions. Join us today for an inside look at what's happening in Columbus.



Thank you  
**Sally Volpe and  
Scott Doellinger**  
for greeting us today.



Thank you  
**Jim Wootton**  
for providing today's invocation.

## Calendar of Events

2/25 - Manna Café Service Project

2/26 - Boys & Girls Clubs Open House

3/02 - Mike Morris - CEO, American Electric Power

## Scheduled Committee Meetings

### February 23

Boast  
Boost  
Career Guidance  
Public Relations  
Sponsored Youth

### March 3

Environment & Agriculture  
Golf  
Interclub  
Reception  
Scholarship  
Youth Opp. & Citizenship

**Today's Menu:** House Salad, Meat Loaf and Mashed Potatoes

## President's Corner



Kiwanis International conventions are always full of surprises. One of the biggest surprises for me was the apparent obsession with Kiwanis pins. At convention, you will see people adorned with pins of all sorts - district pins, award pins, pins in support of children's issues and all sorts of commemorative pins. Lord help us if a KI convention is ever in the vicinity of an Olympics! I was bitten by the "pin bug" enough to bring back silver and gold Kiwanis stars which are being awarded to our members for participating in hands-on service projects. I brought back 100 stars - 70 silver and 30 gold. I am happy to say that three months into the administrative year, all of the silver stars have been awarded and more have been ordered. Three gold stars 'going on five' have been earned by our members, and now I'm wondering how many of us will rise to the challenge and meet the six service project threshold to earn a gold star. Nothing would make me happier than to have to order more gold stars as well!

Our members wear a variety of pins - 1916 Society, Hixson Fellow and Legion of Honor just to name a few. These signify special achievements or contributions to Kiwanis and our Club. Most important, however, is our membership pin. It signifies that we are part of a club that not only cares about our community, but also is willing to step in and act for the greater good. It signifies pride in our service and an openness to bring others into our cause. In fact, wearing your Kiwanis pin can start a conversation that might lead to our next member. Whatever pin you place on your lapel or collar today, wear it with pride and with the knowledge that we are all tied together by that simple but meaningful pin.

Ask a friend to join our Club!

## Upcoming service projects ...

As a service Club, we thrive on service ... the good things we do out of the kindness of our hearts to support the communities in which we live and work.

One standing commitment we have is to the Heart-to-Heart Canteen where we serve food to homeless families on the fourth Sunday of each month. It is a heartwarming experience and many Kiwanians involve their whole family when volunteering to help. If you are interested, contact Dave Keller, this year's chair of the Homeless Committee.

Coming up soon - actually, this Wednesday, February 25th - is our project to help prepare food and feed the homeless families at the Manna Café, located at the Broad Street United Methodist Church. We are in need of volunteers for two overlapping shifts running from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (food prep) and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (clean-up). Please contact Dave Keller to sign up for this project as well.

New this year is our budding relationship with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus. Each Thursday, we volunteer during their late afternoon "power hour," where students of all ages are working on their homework. No particular skills are needed to be an effective volunteer. However, Kiwanians with Spanish language skills would really be helpful.

The program requires three or four Kiwanians at the Westside Clubhouse (115 South Gift St.). This effort is being coordinated by Rebecca Asmo and you can contact her ([rasmo@bgccolumbus.org](mailto:rasmo@bgccolumbus.org)) for additional details or to schedule your time.

## Foundation board to meet ...

**Remember, there will be a meeting of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation Board immediately following today's luncheon meeting. All members are welcome to attend.**

## Columbus Kiwanis launches 2-pronged air attack ...

Having the opportunity to talk about our Club over the airwaves of broadcast radio is hard to arrange, especially in a market the size of Columbus. But our Club leaders continue to seek out the opportunities to tell the community at-large about our many worthwhile projects and activities. Sometimes, opportunities find us and of course we must always be prepared.

So it was that radio talk show host Carl Sullivan contacted us from KTLR radio in Oklahoma City. Carl hosts a weekly Saturday morning talk show highlighting Kiwanis Clubs from around the world and the various projects they are involved in. Word had gotten to him about the Kiwanis Club of Columbus and President **Scott Lindsey** took the opportunity to be interviewed on his 30-minute talk show.



### You can be a “Distinguished Member”...

**Distinguished Member:** It’s an honor, and one we hope many of our members will earn during this administrative year that goes through September 30.

While the requirements are challenging, they certainly are not difficult. In fact, it’s simply doing the day to day things that make your Kiwanis membership valuable and which help assure a strong vibrant Club. In all likelihood, you have already fulfilled some of the requirements, so why not take the extra step and earn this special designation?

Here are the four (4) requirements needed to earn the designation of “Distinguished Member,” as set forth by Kiwanis International:

*1- Participate in at least 6 service projects.* Our Club is continually involved in service to our community with such things as the monthly Heart-to-Heart Canteen, serving at the Manna Café, mentoring with the Boys and Girls Clubs, Salvation Army bell ringing and so forth.

*2- Sponsor two (2) new members.* If you ask them, they will join. Share the Kiwanis experience with a friend or co-worker. Let your enthusiasm show through.

*3- Attend either a midyear conference, International Convention or District Convention.* The Ohio District Midyear Conference will be held in Columbus on April 25 at the Hyatt Regency (Convention Center). There is a link on the front page of our website where you can get more details and register.

*4- Financially support the Kiwanis International Foundation.* Please note - this is the International Foundation, not our Club’s Foundation or the Ohio District Foundation.

Carl was especially interested in our outreach to young entrepreneurs, so Scott spoke about the upcoming Entrepreneurial Challenge and some of the projects we’ve had in our past to support young business-minded students. Scott also talked about the service projects of our Homeless Committee. Carl was well aware of our website and newsletter, and commented on **Paul Bohlman's** efforts as well as those of What the Heck Four.

As luck would have it, another opportunity for an on-air interview fell in our laps the same day. Five of our members, **Andrew Carver, Kathleen Roberts, Sally Volpe, Jim Skidmore,** and **Paul Bohlman,** had driven down to Marietta, Ohio to help the Marietta Kiwanis Club with their annual Pancake Days fundraiser and silent auction. While Paul and Jim stood at the griddle cooking sausage patties, the local radio station folks approached them. They were intrigued that members of another Club would travel all the way to Marietta just to volunteer. Their line of questioning gave Paul and Jim an opportunity to talk about the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, and several of the projects we are involved in. They were particularly fascinated with our Columbus Corporate Regatta and our work with the Shaken Baby Syndrome bibs.



Public Relations is a critical part of getting the word out about Kiwanis and inter-clubbing is a great way to share many of the great things our Club is doing, while picking up new and innovative ideas from others. We urge all of our members to be ambassadors of our Club and to be on the constant lookout for these types of opportunities.

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**It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.**

~~~Thomas Jefferson

## Mulching = Let it decay!

Soon it will be time to “clean up the yard.” Yes, our culture and society likes things neat. However, Mother Nature doesn’t always make it easy for us.

For many plants, removing last year’s growth lets the new growth come in stronger or at least look like it is stronger. Dead plant vegetation from one species may smother another plant, deprive it from receiving sufficient light, or hold moisture that leads to rotting. A good example is leaves from deciduous trees that are left lying on your lawn. Raking leaves off the grass is a good idea.

Placing leaves in a yard-bag to be hauled off- site is a not necessarily a good idea. The transportation process uses energy (oil), causes pollution and costs money.

Using leaves as a mulching substance is easy and inexpensive. Once off the grass, place the leaves around plants so they will grow better. Take removed vegetation to a place in your yard where it can rot and become mulch. Don’t have such a place? Make one! It doesn’t need to be a large space, as plant material rapidly decomposes and compacts. The residue makes an excellent soil enhancer. Try it nature’s way!

~~ Scott Doellinger



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.



## Open house rescheduled ...



The Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus have rescheduled their open house (the original date was canceled due to bad weather) for Thursday, February 26 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Westside Clubhouse,

115 S. Gift Street (43215). All Kiwanis members are invited, but please RSVP to Tiffany Sutton at 614-221-8830 or [tsutton@bgccolumbus.org](mailto:tsutton@bgccolumbus.org).

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the organization we are partnering with locally, under the Kiwanis International program umbrella (see page 2 article on upcoming service projects.) We hope to see you there.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02/26 - Megan Kent

02/28 - Paul Metzger

03/01 - Bob Murchake

## In the news ...

In the special Barron’s Report published February 9th, Kiwanian Wille Grove was named as one of the nation’s top 1,000 financial advisors. In fact, in Ohio, he was ranked number 12. Come on, Wille, we know you’re top ten material ... try a little harder! Congratulations. That is a terrific honor!

## How to tell the sex of a fly ...

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" She asked.

"Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh! Killing any?" She asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."



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### CLUB TRUSTEES

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