

The Bulletin

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus



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"Bringing Service Into Focus"



April 20, 2009

Jerry Armstrong

President and General Manager
of Cab Systems for Commercial Vehicle Group



Jerry Armstrong currently serves as the President and General Manager of Cab Systems for Commercial Vehicle Group. In this role, Armstrong is responsible for leading more than 4,000 employees in company operations and toward profitability goals.

Armstrong began his manufacturing career in 1984 as a quality engineer for the Hyster Company. His career quickly escalated, and in 1989 he joined Arvin Industries as a quality manager. He continued to pursue challenging roles within Arvin Industries and accordingly landed positions of increasing responsibility as business unit manager and director of manufacturing.

Armstrong further advanced his career in 1997, when he joined ArvinMeritor Inc. as vice president of operations and engineering for Gabriel Ride Control Inc. He was promoted a short two years later to vice president and general manager for Gabriel Ride Control Inc. While in these roles he oversaw more than \$400 million in sales and a workforce of some 2,500 employees.

In 2002, Armstrong joined National Seating, a soon-to-be division of the Commercial Vehicle Group. As vice president and general manager for National Seating, he was responsible for all aspects of the original equipment and aftermarket businesses. He was promoted to president, CVG Americas in 2004. Under his leadership, the Commercial Vehicle Group went public on Aug. 5, 2004. It is now a \$750 million company with some 5,700 employees.

Armstrong holds a bachelor of science degree in Industrial Arts from Berea College in Berea Kentucky. He has also completed the Executive Business Program from the Indiana Graduate School of Business and an Advanced Management and Leadership Development program from the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University.

Please join us for lunch today and enjoy a solid presentation by Jerry Armstrong.



Thank you
**Kathleen Roberts and
Matthew Gerhardt**
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Sally Volpe
for providing today's
invocation.

Calendar of Events

4/25 – Mid Year Education Day

4/30 – Deadline to submit Auction items

5/02 – “Shred-It” Day

Scheduled Committee Meetings

April 20

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

April 27

Boast
Boost
Career Guidance
Public Relations
Sponsored Youth

Today's Menu: House Salad, Roasted Sirloin

President's Corner



As Kiwanians, we are a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Changing the world for the better is not easily accomplished, but like every long hike, it is taken one step at a time. The beauty of our International aspirational goal is that those steps are included as part of the statement. We don't have to change the world as a club - focus on Columbus. How do we change Columbus? Start with a child. That is why I am so pleased that our dedicated members continue to lead by example throughout our community and in the name of our Club. I was teased mildly at a meeting for a long string of announcements made from the podium. They were meant not only to inform and remind, but to congratulate some of our members' accomplishments. The fact is, it is hard to report all of the great projects that our Club is willing to support.

As one service project or funding decision comes to a close, other subsets of our members are planning for the next. I know that at least two of our guests were impressed because they said how encouraging to see community business leaders coming together in this way. My response was of course to invite them to join us in our initiatives. It is ironic that our motto this year is "Bringing Service Into Focus" when we continue to support so many different causes and have so many committees trying out novel services opportunities. When you add our rich legacy and record, I for one wouldn't have it any other way.

At Kiwanis Club of Columbus, I am confident that every step we take, although maybe not in a straight line and maybe not as fast as we would like, is a step toward helping a child, enriching our community and changing the world.

Who, me? ...

I frequently hear, “What can I do to help?” It is a common question and the answer is astoundingly simple: Participate!

With our annual charity auction fast approaching, there are three ways you can “participate” --

1- Donate an item, or items, for the auction. It may be an item that will stand alone or it may be a smaller item that can be packaged with other smaller items to make a fantastic gift. It could be a gift basket, sporting event tickets, a cultural experience or a business service. You may want to consider putting together a unique item with the help of several fellow Kiwanians, thereby sharing the cost and the work. Be sure to fill out the donation form (see our web site) and remember, all items **MUST** be in the hands of the committee by April 30th.

2- Provide the auction committee with the names and addresses of potential attendees. We all have friends, co-workers, clients, and family members who are civic-minded and who would welcome the opportunity to support the many good works of our Club. Just give us their names and addresses and we'll make sure they receive an invitation. Or, if you would prefer to have some blank invitations you can personally deliver, just let us know. Committee chairs, how about securing the names of Board members who serve the organizations we support?

3- Buy a ticket, attend and bid. This is a fun evening and well worth the price of admission. This year's venue, the Columbus Museum of Art, has limited seating. So purchasing your ticket early will be extremely important.

Remember, the reason our Club and our Foundation can be so generous to those in our community who are in need, is because we continue to have two very successful fundraising events each year. We hope you will participate in one or more ways.

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A song in his heart ...

(article appeared in the April 10 issue of *Business First*)

For Kiwanian **Gregory Patterson**, theatre always was a true passion. But the Columbus attorney realized there was little money in that pursuit, so he went to law school.

Patterson combined a love for music and theatre with his law practice, representing clients in the entertainment industry. Today, while working full-time at the attorney general's office, he also fills varying roles in local theatrical productions.

In December, he directed, edited and wrote the music for a new adaptation of *Babes in Toyland* at the Marion Palace Theatre. He also recently directed and appeared in the locally presented off-Broadway smash, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*.

His current project is a collaboration with the Columbus Museum of Art on a June, 2010 production of Stephen Sondheim's *Sunday in the Park with George*.

Vogel / Bohlman recognized ...

In addition to our Club earning the honor of "Distinguished Club" for the 2007/08 administrative year under the presidency of **Sam Vogel**, we also had two individual members receive the Kiwanis International award as "Distinguished Members." Both Club secretary **Paul Bohlman** and past president **Sam Vogel** recruited two new members, participated in six or more service projects and attended a District and/or International Convention. Both gentlemen were recognized for their commitment to Kiwanis by President **Scott Lindsey** at our April 13th meeting.

President Scott noted that we have a number of members within reach of achieving this recognition for the 2008/09 administrative year. The silver- and gold-star recognition program has brought focus to our service projects and a half dozen are already signed up to go to the Mid-Year Education day later this month. There is still time to register for the conference (see our web site's home page) and there is always time to recruit new members. Wouldn't it be great to have a dozen or more distinguished members this administrative year?

'Green' mowing ...



We will soon have weather that allows the grass to grow and we will begin the weekly ritual of mowing the lawn. But, will we do it in an environmentally sound way? Each year, while filling our gasoline-powered mowers, we spill more gasoline than the

Exxon Valdez oil tanker. In addition, these mowers produce 5 percent of all U.S. air pollution.

What are some alternatives?

1. **Reel-push lawn mower.** Cheaper than gas, better than the old ones, and no charge for the working off the old gut!
2. **Battery-powered lawn mower.** Quiet, \$5 for a season of mowing, and same price as a good quality gas mower.
3. **Plant no-mow grass.** Varieties that grow slowly, resist drought famously and crowd out weeds.

Okay, you say, can't do those? Then please mow responsibly by setting the mower at its highest setting, allowing the grass plants to shade the ground and be as healthy and drought resistant as possible. Mulch -- never bag -- your clippings, and water only once per week when necessary with one inch of water early in the morning and ending at dawn.

~~~ *Happy 'Green,' 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.



## Help man the phones ...

Would you like to be on TV? Can you answer a phone, ask questions and write down information? Can you eat food?

If the answer to one or more of the above questions is 'yes,' then you are fully qualified to help with still another Kiwanis community service project.

On Sunday, May 31, we have the opportunity to help answer telephones during the annual Children's Miracle Network Phone-a-thon. The event runs Saturday evening from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will have several two-hour shifts with about 20 volunteers per shift. We hope to have 10 people in each of two Sunday shifts, thus giving our Club significant (4 hours) on-air television exposure. Throughout the telecast, TV personalities will be thanking those volunteers manning the phones and recognizing the efforts of the organizations they represent.



If you have never done this before, don't worry. Before each group goes on the air, they provide some training on what to ask phone callers and what information to collect. Breakfast (or lunch depending on the time slot you'll be working) will be provided.

The volunteer slots fill up fast and we need to provide the names of individuals as soon as possible. They will send out confirmation packets with instructions on where to report, what to expect, etc. If you are interested please let **Paul Bohlman** know.

Of course, this counts as an attendance credit and as a service project toward your gold star award.

## They actually said it ...

'It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.'

--*Al Gore, Vice President*

'I love California, I practically grew up in Phoenix.'

--*Dan Quayle*

'The word 'genius' isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.'

--*Joe Theismann, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.*

'Half this game is ninety percent mental.'

--*Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark*



**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**04/20 – Kristen Sydney**

## “Shred-It” Day needs our help ...

The semi-annual “Shred-It” Day conducted by WCMH-TV is set for Saturday, May 2. Once again, we have been asked to provide manpower for this very successful community-wide effort to shred sensitive paperwork such as bank statements, tax returns, etc.

We will have two shifts of workers (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.) with at least 10 people per shift. At this point, we mostly need people for the afternoon shift. You can bring your significant other, teenage children and friends. The more, the merrier!



Our task is simple: Help people unload boxes and bags of shreddable papers from their car, load them on a cart and

wheel the cart over to the shredding trucks. It is easy work, the time goes quickly and you get some good walking exercise. To top it all off, they provide lunch as well.

If you are interested in helping with one or more shifts, please let **Paul Bohlman** know by April 28<sup>th</sup>. You will get an attendance credit and service star credit for each shift you work.

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