

# 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"**



May 11, 2009

## Bruce Harkey

**Executive Director of Franklin Park Conservatory**

Bruce Harkey joined Franklin Park Conservatory as the Executive Director in February of 2007. Built in 1895, the world-class conservatory and botanical garden offers an opportunity for visitors to experience the beauty, diversity and balance of the natural world through a dynamic interpretation of its plant and art collection.

Set within the 88 acres of Franklin Park, the Conservatory houses 400 species of plants from a variety of global climate zones and features the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House, where more than 45 species of palms are represented amongst more than 120 individual specimens. Annual exhibitions include *The Orchid Forest*, *Blooms and Butterflies* and *Holidays at the Conservatory*. World-class exhibitions that draw parallels between nature and art are also featured. In addition to a wide range of educational classes and workshops for school groups, families, and individuals, Franklin Park Conservatory also provides a valuable resource through its Growing to Green program for community gardeners. With its natural surroundings, both indoors and out, the Conservatory serves as a premier venue for special events and corporate gatherings. A dynamic and multi-faceted institution, Franklin Park Conservatory is a unique and popular destination for visitors of all ages.



Harkey led the successful implementation of Phase 1 of the Conservatory's three-phase Master Plan, including a lighting installation in the historic Palm House by world-renowned artist James Turrell. The Conservatory has raised \$20.5M of the \$21M capital campaign and will complete construction of three major Master Plan projects by January, 2010.

Prior to the Conservatory, Harkey spent four years in an international management-training program with Honda Motor Company Ltd. in Tokyo, Japan and 14 years in management positions with Honda of America Mfg., Inc. in Marysville, Ohio.

He received Bachelor of Science degrees in Landscape Horticulture and Package Engineering from Michigan State University. He is a board member of the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) and the Asian Festival and a former board member of the Contemporary American Theatre Company (CATCO).



**Thank you to the  
Past Presidents  
Fraternity  
for greeting us today.**

### **Election Day 2009**

Elect our future trustees today!  
Today's meeting will be presided over by **Christy Clark**, current president of the Past President's Fraternity.



**Thank you  
J. David Ryan  
for providing today's invocation.**

## Calendar of Events

5/15 – Kiwanis Charity Auction

5/25 – NO Meeting – Memorial Day

5/31 – CMN VIP Telephone Panel

## Scheduled Committee Meetings

### May 11

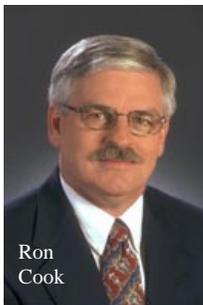
Assimilation  
Business & Public Affairs  
Drug, Alcohol &  
Mental Health  
Senior Citizens  
Young Children  
Priority One

### May 18

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

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

## Historian's Corner



Ron  
Cook

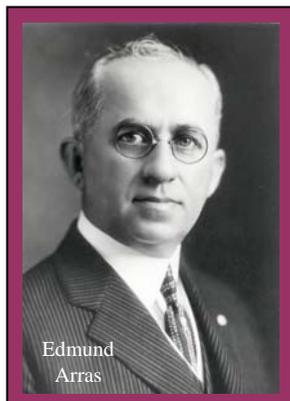
Each Monday, as we face the podium in our meeting room in the Athletic Club, we see a banner commemorating our Club's member, **Edmund F. Arras**. Who was this Columbus Kiwanian? In May 1923, **Edmund F. Arras**, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Atlanta and was elected the seventh President of Kiwanis International. President Edmund was at the time the acknowledged leader in real estate management services in Columbus. The offices of his company, The Arras Rental Agency, were located in The Huntington National Bank Building at 17 South High Street, and later in the Atlas Building.

President Edmund graduated from Central High School and from the law department of The Ohio State University. He had begun a rental business as a part-time enterprise while attending college, but it grew to become the largest business of its kind in the city. Over a professional career spanning more than 50 years, he was involved in a wide variety of civic and religious organizations, including as an active member of Broad Street Presbyterian Church. Osman Castle Hooper's *History of the City of Columbus, Ohio*, published in 1920, contains the following description: "Industry, uprightness and intelligence are characteristics which will advance the interests of any man, and will tend to the prosperity to which all aspire. Such are some of the traits of Edmund Frederick Arras, a well-known business man and loyal citizen of Columbus."

President Edmund was a charter member of the Kiwanis

Club of Columbus. Leading up to his election as International President in 1923, he had served as Division Lieutenant Governor, Ohio District Governor and International Trustee. However, for reasons that have been lost, he had never served as the president of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus or of any other Kiwanis club.

During his presidency of Kiwanis International, President Edmund traveled more than 53,000 miles, visiting every state in the union and every province of Canada. At the 1924 International Convention in Denver, as he was preparing to leave office, he broke from tradition on the convention's opening night by declining to review the accomplishments of his administration. Rather, he chose to speak in somewhat impassioned terms about the need for the adoption of what we now know as the six "Permanent Objects of Kiwanis International." He had a strong belief that society as a whole was overly focused on material matters and that Kiwanis needed to lead the way in creating a culture of service. The six "Objects" were adopted at that convention. We thus see that President Edmund was not only instrumental in the creation of our Club, but his influence continues to be felt by all Kiwanians today through his advocacy of the principles that underlie our work as members of this international service organization.



Edmund  
Arras

## Celebrate Thursday ...

"Kiwanis Third Thursday" will meet on May 21 at 5:30 PM at the Easton Pei Wei Asian Diner, 4155 Morse Crossing in Columbus. "Third Thursday" is a purely social gathering for the Club's young professionals. Guests are encouraged. Contact **Scott Lindsey** for more information or to RSVP.

## Terakedis makes list ...

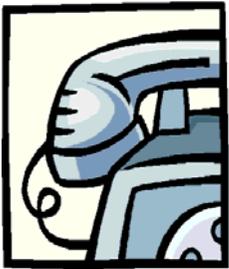
Kiwanian **J. Troy Terakedis** of Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP. has been named to the *Columbus Business First* 'Forty Under Forty' class of 2009.

Each year a call for nominations yields an extensive list of people in Greater Columbus under the age of 40 who have not previously won the award. A panel of six judges individually reviews the entries and scores each nominee on three criteria: professional development, awards and recognitions and community involvement. The scores are combined and the highest scores determine the honorees.

*Columbus Business First* will produce a 'Forty Under 40' supplement for its May 22 issue. The supplement highlights each of the honorees with a photo and some personal facts and achievements. The theme for the 2009 program is "Home Run." A reception and awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 21 at the Hyatt on Capital Square. Tickets are \$35 per person.

Congratulations, Troy, for being nominated and for being selected into this unique group of outstanding people!

## People are calling ...



People are calling and we have an opportunity to answer the phone!

On Sunday morning, May 31, Children's Miracle Network (CMN) will be holding its annual Telethon and we have an

opportunity to participate in their VIP Telephone Panel.

VIP's are recognized on the air, giving us a great opportunity to promote Kiwanis. Our task will be to answer the phones when incoming calls arrive, take the pledge information and thank the donors. If you really want to impress everyone, bring a list of friends you can call while you are on the air, or let them know in advance so that they can call in to you.

Last year's event raised \$8.5 million in support of Nationwide Children's Hospital, including \$225,000 raised by the VIP Panel.

If you are interested in joining us on the Kiwanis VIP Panel, please let **Paul Bohlman** know. We plan to work two back-to-back one-hour shifts; 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. However, to assure we get the times we want, we need to get signed up immediately. So please let us know ASAP.

## Innovation Summit set ...

TechColumbus is presenting the first Innovation Summit on May 14 at the Renaissance Hotel. Terry Jones, founder of Travelocity, and Rita McGrath, author, professor at Columbia and consultant, will be keynote speakers. The event is open to the community and to Kiwanians. To register go to [www.techcolumbusinnovationsummit.com](http://www.techcolumbusinnovationsummit.com).

## Baby #8 arrives healthy ...

Yes, the eighth baby of this administrative year has entered the world. Carson James Pflum was born to Kiwanian **Candace Pflum** and her Husband, Chris. Carson was born via C-section on April 28. He was 8lbs. 8 oz. Mother and baby are doing fine.



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## Still time to buy auction tickets ...

Sometimes procrastination can be good, while other times it can be bad. This is one of those bad times. If you have been putting off buying your tickets to attend the 2009 Kiwanis Charity Auction, NOW is the time to take action.

This year's event is only a few short days away. The committee has been working hard to make this still another outstanding event. They have secured a wide variety of wonderful items for auction and this year's venue, the Columbus Museum of Art, is truly amazing.

So stop procrastinating. Buy your tickets today for this May 15<sup>th</sup> black tie optional event. It is guaranteed to be a wonderful evening. And if you are a crafty bidder, you will walk away with some very nice items and the knowledge that you have helped support the many great works of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation.

## Kroger Gift Card program changes ...

For the past several years, members have been able to purchase Kroger gift cards that could be re-loaded at their local store and which generated a \$5 rebate back to Kiwanis each time additional funds were loaded onto the card. Effective May 1, that program has been discontinued and replaced with a program which may be easier to administer, but which may or may not yield as much "profit" for our organization.

If you are a Kroger shopper, and you utilize a Kroger Plus Card, you can name Kiwanis as your charitable beneficiary. Each quarter, Kroger will be donating \$3.5 million dollars to local charities. The funds will be distributed based on the proportional amount of spending done by each registered organization. So the more our members use their Kroger Plus card, the larger piece of the pie we will receive.



The burden, however, is initially on you to register your existing **Kroger Plus Card**. Simply go to [www.krogercommunityawards.com](http://www.krogercommunityawards.com) to register. When asked for our organization's code, type in 80249 and hit 'Search.' That should bring up the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation. Everything else should be self-explanatory and easy to follow. Once registered, your grocery spending will begin earning us money.

If you do not have access to a computer, but would like to participate, please contact Paul Bohlman for some special instructions.

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## 118 tons of paper shredded and recycled ...



NBC 4 hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> NBC 4 Shred-It Day with Shred-It Mobile Shredding & Recycling on May 2 at the Jerome Schottenstein Center's Scarlet Parking Lot. More than 4,100 cars and trucks came through the six hour event. Shred-It Mobile Shredding & Recycling shredded 236,000 pounds of personal documents which will also be recycled. Kohl's volunteers worked with NBC 4 anchors and reporters and collected \$5,710 in monetary donations for Nationwide Children's Hospital.

NBC 4 would like to thank partner Shred-It Mobile Shredding & Recycling for providing their fleet and employees and the Jerome Schottenstein Center for donating their venue.

NBC 4 would also like to thank **Kiwanis Club of Columbus**, The Better Business Bureau, Columbus Police Reserves, Kohl's, and Lowes Hardware Store.

Since the first NBC 4 Shred-It Day in 2004, 1,058 tons of personal documents have been shredded and \$35,700 has been raised for Nationwide Children's Hospital.



Thank you to each Kiwanian and family member who helped with this project. You helped raise \$500 for our Club.

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#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

05/11 – Frank Albanese  
05/11 – Brian Duncan  
05/16 – Paul Collinsworth  
05/17 – Michael Edwards  
05/17 – Gerald Williams

