

# 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."

**"Where Ordinary People Provide Extraordinary Service"**



**May 17, 2010**

## **Eddie Harrell, Jr.**

**President & CEO, Columbus Urban League**



Eddie Harrell, Jr. is the seventh President and CEO of the Columbus Urban League — a post he assumed in April 2006. The Columbus Urban League, founded in 1918, is an affiliate of the National Urban League and is one of the oldest affiliates in the United States. The Columbus Urban League serves thousands of people every year in the following areas: Career Development, Education, and Housing.

Since the beginning of Mr. Harrell's tenure at the Columbus Urban League, the organization has grown to a budget of \$11.5 million from \$2.7million, and the staff has grown from 40 to more than 100 strong. In addition to serving as President & CEO of the Columbus Urban League, through an appointment by Governor Ted Strickland, Mr. Harrell serves as Chairman of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. He has served on the Ohio Civil Rights Commission since July of 2008.

Prior to joining the Columbus Urban League, Mr. Harrell served as the Executive Director of I KNOW I CAN and Project GRAD Columbus. These two programs, with a combined budget of \$7.4 million, work hand in hand to provide Columbus City School District students with a quality public education that prepares them to enter college. Both programs also provide financial assistance for high school graduates from the Columbus City School District. Under Mr. Harrell's leadership, I KNOW I CAN grew from awarding \$1 million in Last Dollar Grants to awarding \$1.7 million. While at I KNOW I CAN, growth in Last Dollar Grant funding was spurred by an endowment in excess of \$22 million. During his tenure, Project GRAD expanded from the Linden McKinley area to include the Marion Franklin area as well, thereby doubling the number of students served.

In 2000, Mr. Harrell was recognized as one of the outstanding "Forty Under Forty" community leaders in Central Ohio by Business First.

Before working for I KNOW I CAN and Project GRAD Columbus, Mr. Harrell held various management positions with The

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|  | <b>Thank you</b><br><b>Mark Poeppelman</b><br>for greeting us today.          |  |
|   | <b>Thank you</b><br><b>Cortez Bogard</b><br>for providing today's invocation. |   |

| <b>Scheduled Committee Meetings</b> |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b><u>May 17</u></b>                | <b><u>May 24</u></b>       |
| Attendance & Retention              | Boast                      |
| Membership                          | Boost                      |
| Music & Arts                        | Career Guidance Public     |
| Wills & Legacy                      | Affairs                    |
| Y.C.P.O.                            | Regatta                    |
|                                     | Service Leadership Program |

## Today's Menu: House Salad, Penne Pasta with Grilled Chicken Breast, Broccoli, Sun Dried Tomatoes & Mushrooms, Basil Pesto

Noon to 1 p.m. luncheon meeting at The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

### President's Corner



#### Membership Month

Our excellent membership committee headed by **Kathleen Roberts** has decided to endorse the Membership Month of May as designated by Kiwanis International.

This membership month started last Monday, May 10 and will go through June 7. This means that you should bring a guest each of these four Mondays. Remember how vibrant it was in April when we had 100 folks at the Monday meeting? We can duplicate that each Monday in May and first of June.

While we are doing well with new members this year we must continue to grow the Club. So far we have 17 new members through May 11. With a good five months left, we can double that number. As an incentive for each person to bring a guest, we will have a drawing for a free lunch for the member at the next meeting. Just think, you could get a month of totally free lunches just by bringing a friend and potential member.

We are enriched by the diversity of new members coming in and we are enriching those coming in by our experience, commitment to service, and leadership. **BE PART OF THE MEMBERSHIP MONTH EFFORT!**

### Largest ever ...



After four years, the WCMH-TV4 annual 'Shed-It Day' continues to grow. This spring's event on May 1 saw more than 5,000 vehicles drive through the parking lot of the Schottenstein Center to drop off 200 tons (400,000 pounds) of sensitive, personal papers to be shredded. It was the largest event so far.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus again played a major role in the success of this event by providing volunteers to help unload vehicles and carry boxes to the Shred-It trucks. WCMH-TV4 will provide a donation back to us for our efforts as we work to stay within our operating budget and keep dues from rising.

Another 'Shred-It Day' will be scheduled in the fall. However, with an extended home football schedule, the Schottenstein Center may not be available as the site. We will keep you posted.

### Calendar of Events

5/20 – Third Thursday Social – at the Knotty Pine

5/31 – No Meeting – Memorial Day

6/05 – Summer Reading program kickoff event

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Kroger Company. Prior to taking over the helm at I KNOW I CAN, he served on the organization's Board of Directors, first as a student member then as a full member, and finally on the Executive Committee. He now serves on the Otterbein College Board of Trustees (Governance, Advancement, & Finance Committees), as well as the Board of Directors for COSI (Center of Science and Industry), Columbus City Schools Education Foundation, I KNOW I CAN, and KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program). Additionally, he serves as Co-Chair of the Diversity Focus Area for the City of Columbus 2012 Bicentennial Commission. He has previously served on the Boards of Youth For A Positive Image, Greater Linden Development Corporation, Otterbein College Alumni Council, Columbus City Schools Equity Task Force and the Columbus Workforce Alliance. He is a member of the Capital Square Rotary Club and currently serves as an Adjunct Faculty member at Franklin University.

Mr. Harrell received a B.A. in Business Administration from Otterbein College and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Ashland University. Mr. Harrell received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Otterbein College Alumni Association in 2002.

Mr. Harrell and his wife, Valerie, reside in Columbus with their two children, Kayla and Eddie III.

Thank you to the following members who gave up a few hours of their Saturday, braved the rainy weather and helped make the day a huge success:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Bob Barnes</b>      | <b>Susan Black</b>    | <b>David Brainin</b>    |
| <b>Paul Bohlman</b>    | <b>Andrew Carver</b>  | <b>Ted Coons</b>        |
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| <b>Dave Keller</b>     | <b>Jocelyn Krosky</b> | <b>Jade Metcalf</b>     |
| <b>Mark Poeppelman</b> | <b>Mark Swepston</b>  | <b>Dave Weibel</b>      |
| <b>Bob Wiseman</b>     |                       |                         |

And a big thanks to the Circle K members, spouses and children who helped us out as well!

## Area Kiwanis clubs hold golf outings ...

The University Kiwanis Club will be holding its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Golf Outing on Saturday, June 12. Registration will begin at 11 a.m., with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. It will be held at the Mentel Memorial Golf Course located at 6005 Alkire Road, Galloway, OH 43119-9088.



The event is open to all Kiwanians and guests. The \$70 entry fee includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, golf carts and prizes. It will be a scramble format.

Dublin Kiwanis Club will be holding its annual golf outing on Monday, June 21 at York Country Club. This event will cost \$95 per player. More details on this event will be available soon.

If you are interested, please contact **John Gambaiani** of the Golf Committee. We will try to coordinate a foursome or two from our Club for each event.

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## Slow down, you drive too fast ...

We all know driving faster consumes more fuel. The amount can be significant. There are fuel savings calculators available to help you determine how much you can save. <http://www.mpgforspeed.com> is one site for you to use. You can calculate savings based on your vehicle's mpg rating, your typical commute and the current cost of fuel.



**The bottom line:** Plugging in numbers that apply to myself, I found that if I normally travel at 75 mph, I could save \$277.40 per year if I slowed down to 60 mph - and I would only be making my total commute 3 minutes longer. Lets see, that would be enough to cover the cost of my annual Kiwanis dues plus several lunches.

So I guess we can say, "Slow down and support Kiwanis."

~~~ Scott Doellinger

## Deep thoughts ...

- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.



COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY

## All hands on deck ...

Each year, the Columbus Metropolitan Library kicks off their award-winning Summer Reading Program with a big event. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Regatta Committee is planning a hands-on activity for the hundreds of children and parents who attend the kickoff, in hopes of building awareness of Kiwanis, the Columbus Kiwanis Corporate Regatta and our commitment to the Summer Reading Program. Additional volunteers will be needed around the library to help with the overall program.

If you would be interested in helping with this event, please contact Regatta Co-chair **Mike Haemmerle** at [mike@abbingtononline.com](mailto:mike@abbingtononline.com).

## Join us for 'Third Thursday' ...

It's nothing formal, just an opportunity to kick back and relax with some fellow Kiwanians. This month's 'Third Thursday' social event will be held May 20 at the Knotty Pine Restaurant (1765 West Third in Grandview) beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Jim Savage, owner of the Knotty Pine, generously donated the beverage service for this year's Kiwanis Auction. Having our 'Third Thursday' social event at his facility is a nice way for us to say "Thank you" for his support. Let's have a great turnout and show him we care!

Attendees do receive an attendance credit and this is a great place to bring potential members who might like to meet people before further pursuing membership.

## Kiwanis International Convention ...

Plan now to attend the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, June 24-27. Attend one convention, and you will have a new appreciation for the magnitude of this great organization and how far-reaching and impactful we are throughout the world.

Former U. S. Secretary of State Colin Powell will be the opening session speaker. In addition to Jay Leno, who has been booked for entertainment, a ticketed event includes a Kiwanis Breakfast with Jerry Mathers, known to most as "Beaver Cleaver" on television's "Leave It To Beaver" series. All events will be in The Convention Center. Go to [www.KiwanisOne.org/convention](http://www.KiwanisOne.org/convention) to register on-line.



## No meeting ...

Just a reminder that we will not be meeting on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

We hope you will enjoy your holiday weekend and that you will pause for few moments to keep the men and women of the armed forces, both past and present, in your thoughts and prayers.

## Misha Zinkow honored ...

In 1983, **Misha Zinkow** and Elka Abrahamson were married, and two years later, they were ordained rabbis at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. Today, they are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordination. They live in Bexley and are the parents of four.



Both are Reform rabbis, Zinkow, a senior rabbi at Temple Israel on the East side, while Abrahamson is vice president of leadership programs for the Wexner Foundation. Their marriage has been strengthened because of the shared career and the understanding that comes with it, they said. Zinkow calls it "spiritual compatibility." "You can't compartmentalize the work," he said. "Sharing the professional and personal journeys with someone who shares those passions gives us a natural bond."

Temple Israel honored the couple this past Saturday at a special ceremony.

## Candle sales on fire ...



Just two days after White Castle launched the sale of its steam-grilled-on-a-bed-of-onions-scented candles, the fast-food chain's online store

[www.houseofcrave.com](http://www.houseofcrave.com) received a record number of sales and officially sold out of the candles Tuesday evening.

"We're thrilled with the overwhelming customer response to our one-of-kind White Castle candle," said **Jamie Richardson**, vice president of corporate relations. "White Castle fans from around the country have responded so enthusiastically that our online inventory sold out in record time. Best of all, net proceeds from all candle sales will be donated to Autism Speaks."

"It's the ultimate gift for Castle lovers everywhere," Richardson added. Candles were sold for \$10 each to commemorate the 18th annual celebration of National Hamburger Month.

Established in 1921 and the nation's first fast-food hamburger chain, White Castle has been the official sponsor of National Hamburger Month since 1992.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

05/17 – **Mike Edwards**  
05/17 – **Gerald Williams**  
05/20 – **Jerry Maddox**  
05/22 – **Mark Swepston**

I was worried that my mechanic might try to rip me off. I was relieved when he told me that all I needed was turn-signal fluid.

## Will Rogers said ...

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

"I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top."

"If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging."

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