

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 18, 2009

John Peterson

Ohio State Football Recruiting Coordinator



Spring practice is complete and fans are talking about the 2009 Ohio State football team. Who will fill the holes left by this past year's graduating seniors? Who will rise to the occasion and play at or beyond their capabilities. How will the Buckeyes fare on the national scene?

John Peterson is in his sixth year as a member of the Ohio State coaching staff. An Ohio State graduate and former starter on the offensive line for the Buckeyes, Peterson returned to his alma mater in April, 2004 in the dual role of tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator. He has established himself as an excellent position coach as well as an outstanding evaluator of talent.

A native of Middletown, Ohio, Peterson was a four-year letterman for the Buckeyes between 1987 and 1990, starting at guard as a senior. During his tenure, the Buckeyes made trips to the Cotton, Hall of Fame and Liberty bowls. He graduated from Ohio State in 1991.

Peterson was a high school All-American at Middletown and was named as the state's "big school offensive lineman of the year" as a senior in 1986. He also broke the 28-year-old Middletown High School shot put record that had been held by Ohio State's legendary basketball All-American, Jerry Lucas. John was inducted into the Middletown High School Hall of Fame in 2001 and the Butler County Hall of Fame in 2007.

Peterson and his wife, Michelle, a native of Middletown and a graduate of Ohio University, have two sons, Austin and Cole. Michelle's uncle, Jerry Harkrader, played football for the Buckeyes in the mid-1950s.

Please join us today and learn more about this year's team. Everyone in attendance will receive two free tickets to the September 12 Ohio State vs. USC game (just kidding, of course; just wanted to see you were reading this).



Thank you
**Susan Black and
Jim Skidmore**
for greeting us today.

Membership growth begins with an invitation. Why not ask a friend, a co-worker, a client or a neighbor to join us for lunch today? Share the Kiwanis experience.



Thank you
John Miller
for providing today's invocation.

Calendar of Events

5/25 - No Meeting - Memorial Day

5/31 - Children's Miracle Network Phone Bank

6/2 - Trustee meeting at Scioto CC

Scheduled Committee Meetings

May 18

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

May 25

**Memorial Day
No Meeting**

Today's Menu: House Salad, Salmon with Parsley Pesto

President's Corner



Even beyond our outstanding service opportunities, our Club is fortunate to have a beautiful room each week where we can meet fellow Kiwanians for an eloquent full-service, white linen lunch, good fellowship and an excellent speaker. As more of our members work farther from

downtown and demand for our members' time continues to increase, it is understandable that we do not have 100 percent attendance of our members each week. In fact, we are averaging just over 50 members in attendance each week, the same as the last several years. I am glad our attendance is not in decline, but I know that number would only go up if just a few of us got back into the "routine" of attending.

Every member is welcome when their schedule permits them to attend, and your effort in attending is appreciated. Even if you haven't stopped by in a while, when you do, I know your badge will be in the case, you'll receive a warm welcome and enjoy your lunch. When our attendance is strong, we have the continued ability to recruit the very best speakers, retain our beautiful meeting space at the ACC ballroom and make personal and business connections between our members. If those reasons are the icing, knowing that each Monday we are laying the groundwork for service to our community has to be the cake.

'Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances.'

-- Department of Social Services,
Greenville, South Carolina

Needed: Pre-owned laptop

Each week, thanks to the ongoing and tireless efforts of our Program Committee, we get to enjoy an excellent speaker. Often they enhance their presentation with a Power Point program that requires both a laptop and a projector. When these needs arise, we have to make arrangements for someone to bring their laptop. The past few years, we have been fortunate to have Club presidents who were thoughtful enough and generous enough to bring their personal laptops when needed, or to have speakers that were understanding enough to bring th

We would like to have a Club-owned laptop we can keep secure at the Athletic Club, along with the projector we already own. This would alleviate potential equipment problems and enable us to assure our speakers that we can accommodate their needs if they bring their presentation on a thumb drive.



If you are in the process of upgrading your computer and you are looking for a place to donate your old laptop, please consider your Kiwanis Club. Obviously, we need something reliable and capable of handling our varied needs. While beggars can't be choosers, we can describe the type of laptop we need to get the job done effectively:

- Configuration: 50 gig hard drive/1 gig memory
- XP or Vista: 15 pin video connector
- 2 USB ports minimum
- Less than 3 years old

If you can be of help, or know someone who can, please contact Paul Bohlman.

Q - What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic?
A- Sanka.

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Register your Kroger Plus card ...



Kroger has eliminated the Kroger Cares program and instituted their new Kroger Rewards program. Similar in concept, non-profit organizations can earn money based on the spending levels of their members. To participate in the program and to help raise money for the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, you will need to register your Kroger Plus card and affiliate it with our Foundation.

To register, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. When prompted, you will need to enter our code of 80249 so that you can search for and select the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation as your designated beneficiary. The amount of money we receive on a quarterly basis will be determined using the total dollar volume generated by all of our members.

Get ready to sail ...

The Regatta Committee is gearing up for their big event scheduled for Monday, August 17 at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Better yet, why not enter a yacht and why not help us get others involved as well? Perhaps your company would like to enter the race, or you have a client you think would be interested. Perhaps you would like to pool your efforts with some other Club members such as those who all have the same first name, have the same profession, live in the same neighborhood, work in the same building. A good example of this has been our four members who were in the Coast Guard. There are endless possibilities, but it starts with you ... committing to making it happen, either by yourself, through your company, through one of your connections, or through your fellow Kiwanians.

This promises to be one of the largest Regattas ever. Our Honorary Chair this year is Mark Swepston, from Atlas Butler Heating and Cooling. The committee already has a TV celebrity lined up to help host the event, and there are many other activities and surprises being worked on.

If you would like to get involved in the committee, please contact Kathleen Roberts and/or Mike Haemmerle. Please note that there is information on the Kiwanis web site, including our brochure and sign-up form.

Can't participate? How about being a sponsor? Remember, 100 percent of the funds raised through the Auction and the Regatta are used to fund the many grants we give to various non-profit groups each year. We need your support to continue changing the world "one child and one community at a time."

Children's Miracle Network ...

If you have young children or grandchildren, you are probably aware of the benefits of having an excellent facility like Nationwide Children's Hospital in our midst. Each year, through the efforts of Children's Miracle Network, our local hospital provides unfunded medical care to thousands of children from central Ohio.

On Sunday, May 31, our Club will be participating in the annual Children's Miracle Network telethon. We will be serving as part of a phone bank, receiving phone calls, recording financial pledges and securing proper invoicing information. We will also be on television, giving our Club some additional exposure within the community.



If you are interested in helping with this very worthwhile project, please contact **Paul Bohlman** or **Scott Lindsey**. Of course you will earn another credit toward your gold service star and you will get an attendance credit as well. We must know of your interest by Friday, May 22, so that the Hospital can send you the appropriate information packet.

Trustees to meet ...

The monthly meeting of the Kiwanis Trustees will be held on Tuesday, June 2 at the Scioto Country Club. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. All those attending are also invited to remain for fellowship and dinner. Please let secretary Paul Bohlman know by Friday, May 29 whether or not you will be attending and/or staying for dinner.

May 25 - Memorial Day – No Kiwanis meeting

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping," by Nella L. Sweet, carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead." (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920.)

While Waterloo New York was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in General Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first. What is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.



Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890, it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.]

Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored or neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

As an organization steeped in community involvement, it is fitting for us to forego our weekly meeting so that all of our members can honor our American heroes in their own individual ways. Enjoy your holiday weekend, be safe and be responsible. See you on June 1.

Q - What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?
A - A stick

Q - What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall?
A - Dam!



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

05/20 - *Jerry Maddox*
05/22 - *Mark Swepston*
05/25 - *Jim Skidmore*

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