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May 24, 2010

# Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. **Columbus City Attorney**

Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. was appointed Columbus City Attorney by Columbus City Council in January 2003. That November 2003, he was elected to finish the unexpired term. Subsequently he has been twice re-elected, with his present term ending December 31, 2013.

Born on April 12, 1944 at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, Pfeiffer was raised in Columbus, Ohio where he attended Columbus Public Schools through the ninth grade, before attending and graduating in 1962 from the University High School, a school which was associated with the Ohio State University.

Between his 1966 graduation from Oberlin College with a degree in Government, and his 1972 graduation from the Ohio State University College of Law (cum laude, Articles Editor of the Law Journal and Senior Advisor on the Moot Court Governing Board), Pfeiffer enlisted in the United States Army. He did his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and both his advanced individual training and his six-month Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery, Pfeiffer was assigned to Ft. Bliss, Texas, from which he volunteered for service in Vietnam. Immediately upon leaving Vietnam in 1969 as a First Lieutenant, Pfeiffer returned to law school at Ohio State (where in 1966 he completed one quarter before leaving for military service). While serving in the United States Army, Pfeiffer was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and two Bronze Stars.

Pfeiffer began his career as an attorney with the law firm of Paul F. Beery Co. LPA, a practice specializing in motor carrier law. In 1973, Pfeiffer was appointed Majority Counsel in the Ohio House of Representatives, where he worked until March 1980 before resigning as Executive Assistant and Counsel to Speaker Vern Riffe to run for Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney. Following his defeat in that election, he worked as a solo practitioner before becoming, in 1983, a partner in the law firm of Bricker and Eckler.

In 1982, Pfeiffer was elected to the Ohio Senate where he served for nine years. He he was elected in 1991 as the first judge of

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Thank you Linda Kay and Scott Doellinger for greeting us today.





Thank you Alan Weiler for providing today's invocation.

## **Scheduled Committee Meetings**

## May 24

**Boast Boost** 

Career Guidance **Public Affairs** Regatta Service Leadership Program

## June 7

Behavioral Health & Wellness Homeless **International Relations** Senior Citizens

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

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



## President's Corner

## **Chipping Away at the Edges**

While I was at a meeting at Cornell a few weeks ago, I was privileged to hear a talk by Nicholas Kristof and his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, authors of <u>Half the</u>

Sky about women in the developing world.

Nicholas is an op-ed writer for *The New York Times*, and Sheryl is a former long-time foreign correspondent for the *Times*, in addition to being a Cornellian. I highly recommend this book to everyone to read. It is a story of how women around the are enslaved, sold into prostitution, have no access to maternal health, etc., and how small grants can, and do, make a difference to entrepreneurial women throughout the developing world. That small help can lift them and their families out of poverty.

Nicholas said, "We cannot solve massive problems, but we can chip away at the edges." He told the story of 'how all the starfish washed up on a beach.' A child threw one back into the water. A man came along and said, "You can't save them all." The child replied, "It made a difference to that one starfish."

Some of our actions to help those less fortunate have mixed results. But that action, regardless, enriches us to know that we are a connection and a fulfillment in a larger cause. All of this is so Kiwanian--to change the world by "chipping away at the edges."

Let's keep chipping?

## No meeting ...

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

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

There are two theories to arguing with a woman: neither works.

~~ Will Rogers

## Calendar of Events

5/27 – Boys and Girls Club – Reading Buddies

5/31 – NO MEETING – Memorial Day

6/08 – Trustee meeting at Scioto Country Club

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the Environmental Division of the Franklin County Municipal Court, a position he held for 11 years before becoming Columbus City Attorney.

Pfeiffer lives in Columbus, Ohio with his wife, the former Janet Preskenis. They have three children: Sacha (1971), Sonya (1973) and Seth (1976). Pfeiffer grew up in the First Congregational Church, and is a member of that church. His wife is a member of the Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. Pfeiffer serves on the Boards of the Ohio State Legal Services Association; the Brass Band of Columbus; the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation; the African American and African Studies Community Extension Center Advisory Board; and is the former President of the Ohio Municipal Attorney's Association.

## Readers needed ...



Since you are reading this newsletter you recognize the value of such a seemingly simple skill as reading. But not everyone has the skill or is given the chance to strengthen their skills when they are in their formative years.

That is where we come in, because we have the ability to help a small group of Columbus children enhance their reading skills. Through a relationship with the Columbus Boys & Girls Club on South Gift Street, we can spend one hour on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month helping students practice their reading.

We begin at 4:30 p.m. and you may work one-on-one or with a small group. To sign up, please contact Jack D'Aurora at **jdaurora@behallaw.com**. Our May sessions are on Thursday, May 20 and May 27. Why not sign up for both?

Why is there a light in the refrigerator and not in the freezer?

## Trustees take action ...

The Trustees of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus met on Tuesday, May 11 at Scioto Country Club. The following is a summary of the reports made and actions taken:

**Financials** - All are within normal: we have spent about 1/3 of the committee budgets, YTD.

**Regatta** – This year's goal is to raise \$30,000 and we already have \$11,000 in-hand.

**Auction** – We should clear over \$42,000 for the Foundation.

**Membership** - Tina Mathews of White Castle was approved for membership. She brings our YTD new member count to 17

**Scholarship** – The committee has judged applications and decided on the following:

- \$2,000 The Antrim Renewable Scholarship goes to Geraldine Oguni of Northland High School
- \$1,500 The Paul Lewis Scholarship goes to Melissa Tewart-Darwin of Whetstone High School.
- \$1,500 Our Speaker Scholarship goes to Jacob Manser of Columbus Alternative High School.
- \$1,000 Goes to Kwame Aldoo of Mifflin High School
- \$1,500 The Ken and Mary Keller Scholarship goes to Krystal Harrison of Centennial High School.

**Mentors** – The program is working well, but we need more members to serve as mentors. If you're interested, contact Dave Fenner.

**Environment/Agriculture** – The kiosk approved last month has been installed.

**Homeless** - Eight Kiwanians worked at Manna Café, serving over 160 people.

**Social -** A social fundraiser is being planned with the help of George Ruff, David d'Herete and Ellwood Lewis.

**Good Cheer -** Ohmer Crowell updated us on Dick Tice's recovery.

#### **Behavioral Health and Wellness:**

\$750 for Columbus Area, Inc for day camp for 3rd-6th graders

\$750 for United Methodist Children's Home transportation for kids needing psychological counseling

**Service Leadership Program** - Circle K at Capital in good shape with officers and funding in place for next school year.

Senior Citizens - \$900 contributed towards a van for seniors

**Youth Opportunity** - Approved \$1,000 for High School for the Deaf for an anti-bullying program.

**Key Club** is underway at the Boys and Girls Club with a fund-raiser car wash.

**College Fair** is September 27 at the Vets. The higher rental cost should be covered by income from colleges.

## The greening of Kiwanis ...

As members of Kiwanis we pride ourselves on providing service to others, but sometimes we may be doing a disservice. Are there ways we can make our everyday activities more environmentally friendly? Here are a few thoughts:

When printing meeting minutes, treasurer reports or other materials for distribution, print on both sides of the paper.

For small agendas or reports, cut and paste the information at the top of the page onto the bottom of the page before printing. Cut the page in half to distribute, thus reducing the overall use of paper.

Avoid printing. Use electronic media, like this newsletter, to avoid the use of paper altogether.

Avoid driving. Must there be a face-to-face meeting? Use telephone conference calls or e-mail discussions to share updates and reach decisions.

Share a ride. Pick someone up when going to a meeting, cut gas consumption in half, or more. Going across town? Why not walk or take the bus?

If you must drive, use an automobile that gets 35 mpg or more.

Avoid disposables. Select food items that do not require plates and utensils. Serve drinks in souvenir cups that will be taken home and reused and continue to deliver a message. Select items (napkins, paper plates, etc.) made of recycled materials.

Let's make the best Kiwanis Club the greenest Kiwanis Club!

~~~ Scott Doellinger

## Church bulletin bloopers ...

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Dear Mr. Bohlman,

Thank you (Kiwanis) so much for the generous donation to the Manna Cafe meals at Broad Street United Methodist Church. All of our usual cooks were occupied that day so we had a pizza party. Thanks to a generous donation from Donato's, we were able to feed everyone for \$300. It was the first time we fed pizza and they really enjoyed it. We served a relish tray, tossed salad, dessert, fruit drinks and potato chips (donated) along with it. There were Kiwanis volunteers to help with the serving which we really appreciated. We look forward to working with Kiwanis again in August.

> Most sincerely, Emily Schornstein

## You know you're from Ohio when...

- 1. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor on the highway.
- 2. "Vacation" means driving through Hocking Hills or going to King's Island.
- 3. You measure distance in minutes.
- 4. Down south to you means Kentucky.
- 5. You know several people who have hit a deer.
- 6. You know what's knee-high by the Fourth of July.
- 7. Stores don't have bags; they have sacks.
- 8. All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable or grain.
- 9. You know what "cow tipping" or "Possum Kicking" is.
- 10. You only own 3 spices: salt, pepper and ketchup.
- 11. You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
- 12. The local paper covers national and international headlines on one page but requires 6 pages for sports.
- 13. You think that deer season is a national holiday.
- 14. You know all 4 seasons: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter and Construction.
- 15. You know what a real buckeye is, and have a recipe for
- 16. You don't think of Florida first when someone mentions
- 17. You think pro football teams are supposed to wear orange!
- 18. You've heard of 3.2% beer.
- 19. You live less than 30 miles from some college or university.
- 20. The phrase "Lake effect" strikes terror in your heart.

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#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

05/25 – Jim Skidmore



### BIRTHDAY'S NEXT WEEK

06/01 - Susan Black

**06/01 – Jim Wootton** 

06/03 – Alan Weiler

06/04 - Karen Hochstad

06/04 – Dick Rogovin

06/06 - Gregg Robins

## Volunteers needed ...

Saturday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., is the 2010 Kick-off of the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Summer Reading Program. The Regatta Committee is



coordinating a table where children can color a sailboat and parents can learn more about the Regatta. We need volunteers for the table and to help in other event

areas. To sign up, please contact Mike Haemmerle at mike@abbingtononline.com.

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