

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"



June 7, 2010

Bill Lhota

Central Ohio Transit Authority

William J. Lhota was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) in September 2004. COTA is the public transportation provider in central Ohio.

Following retirement as a senior executive from American Electric Power (AEP) in December 2001, he formed LHOTA SERVICES in January 2002. LHOTA SERVICES was a sole proprietor business focusing on arbitration, mediation and energy consulting, as well as consulting, teaching and lecturing on business and engineering ethics.

While at AEP, Lhota was responsible for the power transmission and distribution systems in 11 states. He spent 37 years at AEP, serving in numerous management positions at Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power, both subsidiaries of AEP, in addition to the AEP Service Corporation.

Throughout his career, Lhota has had extensive experience in public policy and labor relations. Early in his career, for four years, he had day-to-day responsibility for public policy in Washington, D.C. and in Ohio. In all subsequent positions, in addition to his other duties, he directed both national and state public policy. Lhota has worked with organized labor throughout his career and he was instrumental in establishing cooperative relations between AEP and its labor unions.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1964 from The Ohio State University and a Master's Degree in Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978. He is a registered professional engineer and surveyor in Ohio, and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) and the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers.

Lhota created and managed AEP's original corporate governance program, has extensive experience in ethics and is a member of the Board of Directors for the National Institute for Engineering Ethics (NIEE); a past Chair and member of the NSPE Board of Ethical Review. Lhota is also Director and Chair of the Board for Ohio's Bureau of Workers' Compensation,



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 **Thank you Chris Pflum and David Korodi for greeting us today.** 

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 **Thank you Kathleen Roberts for providing today's invocation.** 

| Scheduled Committee Meetings                                                                                |                                                                                          |
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| <b>June 7</b>                                                                                               | <b>June 14</b>                                                                           |
| Environment & Agri.<br>Golf<br>Interclub<br>Reception/Invocation<br>Scholarship<br>Youth Opp. / Citizenship | Behavioral Health and Wellness<br>Homeless<br>International Relations<br>Senior Citizens |

## Today's Menu: House Salad, Sauteed Salmon, Smoked Tomato Relish

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

### President's Corner



As we look to the future, we have completed our most successful fund raiser ever at our April 23 Auction, so ably co-chaired by **Lisa Jolley** and **Joyce Waters**. Almost \$43,000 will go to the Columbus Kiwanis

Foundation to be given back to the community.

But we are never a Club to rest on its laurels! We now need to look forward to another fun and successful fundraiser. We only have two, and this is the second.

The Regatta will be held on Monday, August 16, in lieu of our regular meeting at the Athletic Club. It is chaired this year by our team of **Mike Haemmerle**, **Jerry Durham** and **Dave Keller**. If you are new to our Club, watch for the meeting times and try to attend if for no other reason than to get a flavor for all the planning that goes into it. And definitely think about becoming a Skipper. As usual, we will have large tanks of water at the Columbus Public Library and we will be "selling" yachts to be raced. The winner will designate a charity to which the Foundation will contribute \$1,000.

And a large part of the money raised will support the Library's Summer Reading Program. Thousands of kids sign up for that program which enhances their ability to succeed in life. The kick-off for that program will be June 5. And we will be planning some extra participation at the Library. It's not too late to sign up for the June 5 participation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

So do get involved in the Regatta, especially if you have not been in on the planning and fun before. Kiwanis is all about the camaraderie that we have with each other, whether we are raising money for wonderful programs like the Library, participating in events at non-profits that we find so rewarding or having fun at both types of events. So commit to be more involved and come to the Regatta Committee and the Regatta event. You'll be glad you did.

See you there.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

### Calendar of Events

6/08 – Trustee meeting at Scioto CC

6/12 – Boys & Girls Club Key Club car wash

6/17 – Third Thursday social event

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Ohio's workers' insurance fund providing medical and compensation benefits for work-related injuries, diseases and deaths; Director and Chair of the Audit Committee for Green Mountain Energy, the largest and fastest growing provider of less-polluting electricity to residential and business customers in the United States; Director and Chair of the Risk Committee for Huntington Bancshares Inc., a large regional bank holding company located in Columbus; Member and Chair for the State of Ohio Board of Building Appeals in the Department of Commerce; Advisory Director of Twenty First Century Communications, a national phone service provider; Labor arbitrator for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (currently on inactive status); and Past Chair and current Board member of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority. The Authority administers an airport system comprised of Port Columbus International Airport, Rickenbacker Airport and a reliever airport, Bolton Field. Port Columbus is a large regional airport serving approximately seven million passengers annually. Lhota is also Past Chair and current member of the Executive Committee and the Board of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

### A note of thanks ...

*Dear Friends:*

*Thank you so much for your gift of \$750 for the creation of the "Kiwanis Kabs" program. You are making a difference by bringing care, nurture and treatment for hurting children and their families. Our agency is grateful that you made the decision to invest in a bright future for some of Ohio's neediest children.*

*Sincerely,*

*William Brownson, Interim Executive Director  
United Methodist Children's Home*

I used to think I was indecisive,  
but now I'm not so sure.

## Tracking perfect attendance ...

With the end of May comes the completion of two-thirds of the 2009-10 Kiwanis Administrative year. In order to be "on-track" for perfect attendance, one should have earned at least 32 attendance credits through May. Forty-eight attendance credits are required to achieve perfect attendance. The following is a listing of members (more than 1/3 of our Club membership) who appear to be on track for attaining their 2009-10 perfect attendance tabs.

**Over 48 credits (already there, congratulations):** Paul Bohlman, Char Collister, Ron Cook, Ohmer Crowell, Scott Doellinger, Jerry Durham, Chad Endsley, Lisa Jolley, Scott Lindsey, Fil Line, Bill Newman, Jamie Richardson, Kathleen Roberts, Jim Skidmore and Joyce Waters.

**40-47 credits:** Tim Barhorst, Susan Black, Tom Christman, Jack D'Aurora, Neil Distelhorst, Bob Eberhart, Dave Fenner, Perry Fisher, George Manser, Jeff Rayis, Brian Seitz, Tom Sherrill, Dick Tice, Dave Timmons, Nick Tomashot and Bob Wiseman.

**33-39 credits:** Bob Banasik, Phil Beltz, Tom Hayden, Ellwood Lewis, Ray Pauken, George Ruff, Jay Schoedinger, Mark Swepston, Sam Vogel, Larry Walters, and Dave Weibel.

**32 credits (right on track):** Jade Metcalf

**25-31 credits:** Ed Deering, John DeSando, Mike Edwards, David Kandel, Linda Kay, Ken Keller, David Korodi, Fred Miller II, Rob Mackey, Dan McCormick, and Troy Terakedis.

**20-24 credits:** Lara Baker, Adam Biehl, Ted Coons, Laura Donahue, John Gambaiani, Leslie Huntington, Mike Leymaster, Candace Novak, Christopher Pflum and Alan Weiler.

**Below 20 credits:** All other members.

This is based on what has been reported by committee chairs, to date. If you are a committee chair and have not yet submitted an attendance roster for a previous meeting or event, please do so soon! We need to make sure all participation is recorded and proper recognition is given.

There is still ample time for *all* members to earn sufficient attendance credits to achieve their perfect attendance. Remember, attendance credits are awarded for attending committee meetings, events, service projects, inter-clubs, District and Division meetings, and so forth. It is not impossible to earn 48 credits in the 12 remaining weeks! Just get involved in your Club.

## Lessons learned from Mom ...

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

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## Kiwanis Night at the Crew ...

The Ohio District Kiwanis Division 10-W will be coordinating a Kiwanis Night at The Columbus Crew on Saturday, July 24. It will be an evening game (7:30 p.m.) against the Houston Dynamo.



Cost of admission is \$22 per person and that includes one south end seat, one Sugardale hot dog, one popcorn and one Pepsi product. Please see **Paul Bohlman** for an order form, or print one off from the "Forms" section of the web site. Orders must be submitted to the Crew by Friday, July 22.

## Green Golf, Golf Green . . .

Many of us like to play golf, but do we play it GREEN? Here are a few tips to keep in mind.

- 1- Walk instead of using a cart. You will get more exercise and you will avoid the 'pollution-spewing' golf cart.
- 2- Encourage the course to use electric carts since they pollute less.
- 3- Use recycled products like balls and rawhide tees.
- 4- Buy drinks in reusable, or at least recyclable, containers.
- 5- Be willing to play on dormant brown grass during summer dry periods.
- 6- Support courses that conserve resources of water and fertilization and promote wild life areas.
- 7- Patronize local courses easily reached by carpooling.

~~~ *Scott Doellinger*

Cris Gillespie spotted ...

When Past President **Bob Wiseman** went to Charleston, S.C. for business, he found some time to have breakfast with Past President **Cris Gillespie**. When they met at Page's Okra Grill in Mt. Pleasant, a suburb of Charleston, Cris rode up on his new toy ... a Yamaha V Star 1300.



Bob reports that Cris is doing well and that he sends his best wishes to all of his Kiwanis friends back in Ohio.

A note of thanks ...

On behalf of the Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association's board members, members and residents of Columbus Colony. I would like to extend our appreciation for your willingness to donate \$900 towards the purchase of a new van with a wheelchair lift.

As you know, the average Columbus Colony resident receives services in their home, which allows them to live independently as they get older. Many of them depend on walkers, scooters and wheelchairs to get around. Throughout the year, the residents plan field trips and without a van with a lift, we are unable to include those who have scooters or wheelchairs. We want all of our residents to have the opportunity to go out and enjoy themselves in their golden years.

Your donation is most appreciated. Thank you again.

*Sincerely,
Richard Huebner, OSDAA President*



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

06/07 – **Bill Newman**
06/07 – **Sally Volpe**
06/08 – **Paul Bohlman**
06/08 – **Katherine Herron**

Kroger Cares ...

Thank you to the following members for their collective use of their individual Kroger Plus cards. Together they helped generate a 4th-quarter rebate check from Kroger totaling \$198.69.

Bob Banasik, Mike Becker, Susan Black, Paul Bohlman, David Brainin, Neil Distelhorst, Chad Endsley, John Gambaiani, Scot Lindsey, Fil Line, Misty Singer Mahefkey, Mike Stevenson and Nancy Whetstone.

You can register your Kroger Plus card by going to www.krogercommunitreward.com – there is no charge to participate and every purchase you make helps us raise money.

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