

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"



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Ed Lentz Columbus Historian

Ed Lentz has been teaching, writing and exploring the history of Central Ohio for more than forty years. As a historian, he has served as an archivist for the Ohio Historical Society from 1969 to 1982 and directed Columbus Landmarks Foundation from 1983 to 1988. He teaches history (with a specialty in Ohio history) at various local colleges and universities, writes for local newspapers and consults in history and historic preservation. Ed holds degrees in history from Princeton University and The Ohio State University. He is married, with two children, and is active in a number of neighborhood and civic groups..

Lentz's book on Columbus, *Columbus: The Story of a City*, is part of the *Making of America* series published by Arcadia Publishing, which is the leading publisher of local and regional history books. His compelling narrative, coupled with vivid historic images, is an enlightening, informative portrayal of the central Ohio area. The combined books of the series celebrates individual communities and their contributions to our national character. Together, the books record America's epic story town by town, city by city.

As It Were: Stories of Old Columbus is another one of Lentz's works. This intriguing volume offers valuable insights into the city's past, from the founding of Columbus in the early 1800's through its rapid growth after World War II. Lentz tells Columbus' stories with verve, humor and a sense of the ironic, making his books a joy to read. *As It Were* should appeal to informed general readers interested in Columbus' past. There is very little in the way of worthwhile publications dealing with Columbus's history; Lentz's volume helps fill that void. The essays dealing with twentieth-century developments, including a valuable one on the evolution of shopping centers, are especially welcome. This book is also suitable for use in courses in Ohio history. Its graceful, informal style should hold the interest of its readers while informing them of events central to Central Ohio's past. Throughout, Lentz is careful to place Columbus' history fully in context of state and national developments. While certainly not the last word on the history of Columbus, *As It Were* is a very welcome addition to the field of Ohio history.

In the introduction to his book *Columbus: The Story of a City*, Lentz writes that "more than 30 years ago I accompanied two remarkable men one day to lunch in the restaurant upstairs at the old Union Department Store, where City Center is today. One of them was Ben Hays, a longtime columnist of the Columbus Citizen Journal, and the other was Doral Chenoweth, the Grumpy Gourmet-to-be of the Columbus Dispatch. Ben Hays showed me how much there was yet to learn about the history of this city, so I learned it. Later, Doral Chenoweth convinced me to write about it for the popular press, so I did that, too."

Join us for lunch today and relive the history of Columbus.



Thank you **Tom Hayden** and **Lisa Jolley**
for greeting us today.



Calendar of Events

06/22 – Deadline to purchase Clipper tickets

06/24 – Kiwanis International Convention begins

07/09 – Afternoon at the ballpark

Scheduled Committee Meetings

June 15

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

June 23

Boast
Boost
Career Guidance
Public Relations
Sponsored Youth

Today's Menu: House Salad, Roasted Turkey Breast

President's Corner



Who is going to be the next great member of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus? We have so much talent in the Club already, it's a wonderful thing indeed to see our Club grow with energetic new members who are ready to jump in and contribute to the service we are performing in the community already. Membership, however, is an effort that never ends and requires all of us to take part. At the June Trustee meeting, when I asked how many members planned on bringing in at least one new member to the Club this year, I was happy to see ten hands go up. Everyone should be thinking of their co-workers, colleagues, fellow church members, neighbors and friends as people who will add to our mission.

Every service project is an opportunity to bring a friend and introduce them to the Club. Every speaker should be an opportunity for you to ask someone to come by for lunch. Not ready to follow up with someone just yet? Talk to **Lisa Jolley**, Membership Chair, who will make it easy for you to introduce the Club to your prospect. The worst possible outcome is that the person says no and we are right back where we started. The best possible outcome? We have yet another new energetic member "bringing service into focus." So look for that next great member - they might be one conversation away!

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

~~ Thomas Jefferson

Deadline reminders ...

We're all busy and sometimes best intentions aren't enough to make sure things get done in a timely fashion. That's why we need reminders. So here goes:

Reminder #1 – If you are interested in purchasing a blue Kiwanis Club of Columbus polo shirt, your order and your money must be in hand by Tuesday, June 16. Details were in last week's newsletter and can also be found on the web site. These shirts will be ideal to wear at various community service events and committee activities. They will help the general public identify us as Kiwanians while giving you something stylish to wear.

Reminder #2 – What could be more relaxing than an afternoon at the ballpark? On Thursday, July 9, we will be attending the Clippers vs. Indianapolis baseball game. First pitch is at noon. How can you resist a ballpark frank and a cold beer for lunch (assuming you're not going back to work after the game)? Tickets are \$10 each and you are welcome to bring your significant other, children, grandchildren, business associates, etc. The more the merrier. These games are selling out, so we need to purchase tickets early. If interested, please have your money (checks made out to Kiwanis Club of Columbus) to **Paul Bohlman** by Monday, June 22.

Kiwanis International Convention open to all members ...

The 94th Kiwanis International Convention is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 through Sunday, June 28 in Nashville, Tennessee. It is open to all Kiwanis members and you can still register. Check out the Kiwanis International website for details. Many of the events can be purchased ala carte, so why not take a short vacation and visit Nashville?



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You're an EXTREME 'Redneck' when....

1. You let your 14-year-old daughter smoke at the dinner table in front of her kids.
2. The Blue Book value of your truck goes up and down depending on how much gas is in it.
3. You've been married three times and still have the same in-laws.
4. You think a woman who is out of your league bowls on a different night.
5. You wonder how service stations keep their restrooms so clean.
6. Someone in your family died right after saying, 'Hey, guys, watch this.'
7. You think Dom Perignon is a Mafia leader.
8. Your wife's hairdo was once ruined by a ceiling fan.
9. Your junior prom offered day care.
10. You think the last words of the Star-Spangled Banner are 'Gentlemen, start your engines.'
11. You lit a match in the bathroom and your house exploded right off its wheels.
12. The Halloween pumpkin on your porch has more teeth than your spouse.
13. You have to go outside to get something from the fridge.
14. One of your kids was born on a pool table.
15. You need one more hole punched in your card to get a freebie at the House of Tattoos.
16. You can't get married to your sweetheart because there's a law against it.
17. You think loading the dishwasher means getting your wife drunk

Regatta gearing up ...

The second of our two annual fundraisers is the Kiwanis Corporate Regatta scheduled for Monday, August 17 at the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

This is an event you will not want to miss. Now is the time to purchase your yacht ... either as a corporate entry, an individual entry or as a collaborate entry. Yes, many Kiwanians have found unique ways of pooling their efforts to underwrite the cost of a yacht and here are some other ideas that you might consider: members with the same first name; members with the same profession; members with the same alma mater; members who live in the same neighborhood; members who are left-handed; members who have red hair; members who have the same hobby (gold, running, gardening, etc.). There's really no end. And of course entries are not limited to members. Why not challenge people you know? Let's get as many people involved with this great event as we possibly can.

And remember, this is a great spectator event. Let's make sure we have a great turnout of friends, families and neighbors. Lunch that day will only cost \$5 and tickets will be on sale in advance at a slight discount.

Additional details and registration forms can be found on our Kiwanis website. Or, contact co-chairs **Kathleen Roberts** and **Mike Haemmerle**.

Pre-paid meal plan ...



Tired of fumbling around for money every Monday as you sign in for our weekly meeting? One way to avoid that is to pre-pay for your lunch on a quarterly basis. This is not only more convenient, but it is cost effective, as well. Pre-paid meals are only \$10 each, rather than the standard \$11.

The third quarter deadline, July 1 is approaching. Due to several holidays and off-site meetings in the third quarter, you will only be paying for nine Monday luncheons. Therefore, the quarterly meal plan will only be \$90. Checks should be made out to the Kiwanis Club of Columbus and submitted to secretary **Paul Bohlman** prior to July 1.

Joint meeting scheduled with Rotary ...



It used to be an annual event, holding a joint meeting between the Kiwanis Club of Columbus and the Columbus Rotary Club. There is some tremendous history between these two great organizations and we will be reviving this great tradition on

Monday, August 31.

Of course, such a meeting will take some coordination. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency and will begin, like our meetings, at noon. Since this is a fifth Monday of the month, there are no committee meetings scheduled. Each of us will pay at the door when checking in. Please let Club secretary **Paul Bohlman** know if you will be attending, as we will need to give them a head count in advance so that they, and the Hyatt Regency, can properly prepare.

More detailed information will be available as we get closer to this event, but we wanted to make sure you get it on your calendar **now!** We want to have a strong showing ... our normal lunch attendees, plus many of you who can only attend occasionally. Let's show the Rotary Club who the best organization is by having a great turnout by Kiwanians.



We hope this event will renew this tradition and that next year we will be able to host them at the Athletic Club, where we will have "home field" advantage.

Summer schedule ...

The summer brings some abnormalities to our regular pattern of Monday meetings. Please mark the following on your calendar:



July 6 – No meeting – in observance of Independence Day

August 17 – Corporate Regatta – meeting off-site at the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

August 31 – Joint meeting with Columbus Rotary at the Hyatt Regency

September 6 – No meeting – in observance of Labor Day

Of course, there will be future reminders in upcoming newsletters, but it is always good to have these items on your calendar in advance, so you that can plan accordingly.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



06/14 – *Fil Line*

06/15 – *Walter Kropp*

06/17 – *Benjamin Stalter*

Green fishing? Not a 'Fish Story' ...

Fishing can be a great sport, a great way to relax, or a great way to relate to children. But the use of traditional fishing gear hurts the environment. Lead sinkers frequently get lost and the lead is added to the ecosystem. This is causing reproduction problems in loons and eagles that eat fish because they have lead in their bodies from feeding in an ecosystem contaminated by lead. Fishing line takes over 500 years to decompose. Lost line or line cut off entangles animals or is ingested with food, causing death. Lost lures also lie about as litter.

So go fishing, but try the green way!

1. Use a bamboo pole, to avoid petroleum-based rods.
2. Use steel, or other weights.
3. Manage fishing line, never leaving any behind. Or, use bio-degradable line. It is full-strength for 9 months, and gone in 5 years.
4. Use natural bait. Fish eat it up, and it decomposes naturally.
5. Try barb-less hooks of steel that will rust away. You have to be a better fisherman to use them, but they hurt the fish you are going to release, less.

~~ Scott Doellinger

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