

# 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"*



June 22, 2009

## Ronald J. Mills

### Executive Director of the Solid Waste Authority



Ronald (Ron) J. Mills is executive director of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO). In that position he oversees all SWACO operations, including the Green Energy Center (which turns landfill methane into vehicle fuel); the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill; three municipal solid waste transfer stations and associated transfer fleet; oversight of two yard waste composting facilities; an office paper collection recycling program; the second largest residential drop off recycling program in the nation (200 locations); and a household hazardous waste collection and recycling program.

Mills believes in building strong public-private partnerships that benefit the community and bring economic development from what society has in the past considered 'trash.'

Highlighting that attitude is SWACO's Green Energy Center. In partnership with FirmGreen Inc., SWACO has opened the facility which converts landfill methane into Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to fuel vehicles.

SWACO is one of 52 single- and multi-county solid waste management districts established under Ohio's solid waste management program. The primary goal of that program is reducing reliance on landfills for solid waste disposal in Ohio. SWACO is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio and is responsible for preparing, updating and implementing a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (principally Franklin County, but also including parts of five adjacent counties).



Before his appointment in 2007 to the executive director's position, Mills served as assistant executive director of SWACO. During his career, Mills has also worked as a senior associate for Malcolm Pirnie Engineers, a compliance officer for the Illinois EPA and a field enforcement officer for the U.S. EPA.

Mills holds a B.A. and M.S. from Southern Illinois University.



Thank you  
**Alan Weiler** and **Irina Barhorst**  
for greeting us today.



## Calendar of Events

07/06 – NO MEETING

07/07 – Trustee meeting

07/09 – Clipper game

## Scheduled Committee Meetings

### June 22

Boast  
Boost  
Career Guidance  
Public Relations  
Sponsored Youth

### June 29

Fifth Monday  
No Committee Meetings  
  
Recognition of  
Hixson Fellows and  
1916 Society Members

***Today's Menu:* House Salad, Sauteed Tilapia, Pineapple Sauce**

## President's Corner



Have you ever been part of something special? Some group that has inspired you to do better, do more or just plain do something good? I know I am part of a special group right now, and if you are reading this, you probably are as well. Kiwanis Club of Columbus is truly "Bringing Service Into Focus,"

and you are a part of it. The choice of slogans for this administrative year is somewhat ironic, because the breadth and depth of our service continues to branch out in new and exciting directions. We serve so many needs, and serve them well!

Our Club offers service through large, once-a-year projects like the College Fair, Entrepreneurial Forum, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Make a Difference Day. At the same time, smaller, more intimate and ongoing projects like the Heart-to-Heart Canteen, sponsored youth programs and our partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus keep us engaged all year 'round. Service takes the form of sensible funding in many committees, where YCPO, Drug, Alcohol & Mental Health and Scholarship Committees spend much of their service time reaching out and funding worthy people and projects. Then there is a major funding initiative like the Shaken Baby Syndrome Bib Project or our support of the Columbus Metropolitan Library Summer Reading Program through our Regatta. If a Kiwanis members can't find a service project to their liking, they aren't looking hard enough!

The interesting thing I have found is that although deeply fulfilling, our service is not what makes our Club special. It is our weekly meetings, our unique traditions and our legacy of care and concern for each other as well as for those we serve, that make us special. I know each week I will hear an outstanding speaker and be guaranteed an interesting lunchtime conversation with

## Ten volunteers needed ...

The Boys and Girls Club of Columbus has a special request for our Club at 10 a.m. on Monday morning, June 22. We urgently need about ten volunteers!

The Department of Justice has selected the Boys and Girls Club to be a "featured site." DOJ Representatives, along with the national media, will



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

be on site to observe their programs. Boys and Girls Club would like to have Kiwanians there for the "mentoring" element of their presentation. This should last a "couple" of hours, making it tight to attend our regularly scheduled meeting. However, if we know you are planning to attend lunch, we will make sure we keep a meal back for you.

Please let Club secretary **Paul Bohlman** know if you can help out with this event. It will qualify for service star credit, give you an attendance credit and potentially give our Club some great national exposure.

friends old or new. Our Club offers the chance for new projects to flourish while others are honed to be ever more effective. Throw in a good dose of fun and a noontime baseball game and there is a strong social component as well.

Exceptional people make up our Club, and we continue to work toward our common service goal of "changing the world, one child and one community at a time." That "one child" is each face we encounter during our service and that "one community is right here where we are truly making a difference - all in the name of a very special Club!



## Kathleen Roberts

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I have been a Kiwanian since 1994 in Dayton. What I enjoy the most are the volunteer service projects (Manna Café, Shred-It Day, etc.) and our major projects, especially the Regatta that I have co-chaired for two years, our Shaken Baby Syndrome effort (aka “the bib project) and The Kiwanis Radio Players.

I have two wonderful adult children, both college grads, married and secure (we think) in their jobs. I’ve worked at the OFIC for 12 years. Other volunteer commitments are my church in Huber Heights (Sulphur Grove United Methodist) where I am a long-term choir member, sing in the Holden Chapel Singers quintet and serve as communications chair. Other projects close to my heart are Lifeline of Ohio (I am a kidney donor), VOICEcorps (lead reader for a live Friday morning, hour-long radio business program), audio describer for Accessible Arts and frequent Guardian for Honor Flight (WWII vets to Washington, D.C.).

## Pauken honored ...



Longtime Kiwanian **Ray Pauken** (since 1984) was one of 14 individuals inducted this year into the Columbus Musicians Hall of Fame. The mission of the group is to honor those musicians age 60 and over who have made significant contributions to the musical heritage of central Ohio.

Ray, central Ohio’s ‘Banjo Man,’ has been entertaining regular crowds for about 50 years in biergartens, at school board meetings, at elementary school carnivals, in junior high school classrooms, on college campuses, at senior centers, at countless food festivals, at neighborhood ice cream shops and delis, at family reunions, at parties every St. Patrick’s Day, at wakes and weddings, and at other fancy affairs. For nearly two decades Ray and John Farley entertained regular crowds at Plank’s Bier Garten. Ray has also entertained at many Kiwanis functions and is a regular in our Valentines Day productions. He has an amazing repertoire of songs ... where else is a person going to sing and dance to *Bill Bailey*, *Those Were the Days*, *New York New York* and *Elvira*, all in the same hour?

The induction ceremony was held at the Columbus Maennerchor on Saturday, June 6. Congratulations, Ray!

## This makes nine ...

Kiwanian **Jade Metcalf** and wife Christy are the proud parents of Ella Reese Metcalf, born at 8:36 am on Thursday, June 11. Ella weighed in at 8 pounds one-half ounce and was 20 inches long. Big sister Lindsay is also proud.



This makes the ninth child born this administrative year to a member of our Club. On top of that, there have been a number of grandchildren. When Kiwanis International said “grow,” I’m not sure this is what they had in mind!

## Water, water everywhere ...

We are fortunate that central Ohio has adequate water supplies for now. As population continues to grow and weather patterns change, that may not always be the case.

So now is the time to start to save! Here are some water-saving tips:

- **Dishwashers** built before 1994 use \$30\* more per year.
- **Clothes washers** older than 10 years use \$145\* more per year.
- **Faucets** that do not have a low flow, cost \$80\* more per house per year.
- **Showerheads** that flow faster than 2.5 gallons per minute, cost \$80\* more to use per year.
- **Toilets** (The biggest user of water in homes) built before 1993, cost \$90 more to use per year.

Notice I have talked about saving dollars and not gallons? It just makes economic sense to save water. You might be saving a planet, too.

\*Savings include the energy cost to heat water.

~~ Scott Doellinger

## “Best Caddie Come-backs”

**Golfer:** Think I’m going to drown myself in the lake.

**Caddy:** Think you can keep your head down that long?

**Golfer:** Do you think my game is improving?

**Caddy:** Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now.

**Golfer:** Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?

**Caddy:** Eventually

## Cris Gillespie checks in ...

In a recent e-mail, past Club president **Cris Gillespie** writes: "How ya doing? I wanted to report a couple things. Dede and I will be moving shortly into our new condo ('town Home,' as they are known here) and that address is 2864 Treadwell St., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466. I was determined to make the Fall PP dinner, but October 22 is not the best date for me to schedule a trip back – I'm still working on it. I'd love to see everyone!



Because everyone else took one step backwards, I will be going 'through the chairs' at the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club. So in October, I'll become vice president, then president-elect, and so on. I like this club a lot, but leadership is lacking a little. Of course, with me, that will continue another year or so."

## More past president news ...

Past president **John DeSando** is again in the news. "*It's Movie Time*," hosted by John and Kristin Kramer, received the Award of Distinction in the 2009 Communicator Awards from the International Academy of the Visual Arts. The Communicator Awards is the leading international awards program honoring creative excellence for Communications Professionals. Founded by communication professionals over a decade ago, The Communicator Awards received over 9,000 entries from companies and agencies of all sizes, making it one of the largest awards of its kind in the world." Congratulations John.

But wait, there is more! John and Kristin are starting a new show called "*On the Marquee*." It will air on Fridays on WCBE

90.5 FM radio at 3:01 p.m. and at 8:01 p.m. Why not tune in and get the inside scoop on the latest movie releases and DVD's? It is insightful information that will keep you well informed and able to join in almost any dinner conversation. Plus, you get to listen to past President **John DeSando** wax eloquent.

Kristin Dreyer Kramer likes a good laugh

John DeSando likes chatty dramas

**You'll like the mix!**  
*It's Movie Time*

Fridays at 3:01PM and 8:01PM on WCBE 90.5 FM  
For more on this week's releases and the latest DVDs, listen to the new podcast *On the Marquee* at [wcbe.org](http://wcbe.org)

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



06/22 – *Tim Jochim*  
06/23 – *John Brady*  
06/23 – *Jean Evans*  
06/26 – *Pete Reiber*

## Last call ...



If you enjoy baseball, casual afternoons, relaxing with friends, and/or the taste of an ice cold beer, you won't want to miss our outing to the Columbus Clippers game.

We are planning to attend the noon game on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 each, but because these infrequent afternoon games are so popular, we need to buy our tickets early. In fact, *today* is our deadline. We must have your check or cash in hand by today (Monday, June 22) so that the tickets can be purchased - no exceptions.

So join us at the new Huntington Park as the Columbus Clippers take on the Indianapolis Indians. Barring extra innings, you'll be back to the office by 3 p.m. ready to finish out the afternoon and head home for dinner.

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