

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 29, 2009

Cindy Farson

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging



Cindy Farson has been the Director of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for 15 years. Located in Columbus, the agency administers aging programs in eight counties and administers over 70 million dollars annually. This year, Cindy is completing her 30th year in aging services. The first 15 were with the Buckeye Hills Area Agency on Aging in Marietta, where she developed rural aging programs and was an advocate for needs in the Appalachian region. She has a Masters degree in Public Administration.

Developing aging services and expanding awareness of aging issues has been the focus of her career. She has directed or partnered in numerous innovative aging projects, including Ohio's Option for Elders demonstration; Ohio's Medicaid Consumer Directed Care pilot called Choices, which began as an RWJ grant with Scripps Gerontology Center; the Prescription for Care Pharmacy, funded by the Columbus Medical Association Foundation; and Franklin County's \$26 million Senior Levy. In 1996, she was named "Advocate of the Year" by the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging and received the Muriel Bertsch Award from the Ohio Association of Senior Centers in 2008.

Past professional associations include being President of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and a board member for five years, where she advocated for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and testified at Congressional hearings. She was a member of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization's Homecare Professional Technical Advisory Committee, served on Administration on Aging technical committees and was a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging. Cindy was the first President of the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging in 1988 and served again in 2007-2008. She now is a member of the Attorney General's Elder Abuse Commission and the 2012 Commission for the City of Columbus.

Cindy Farson has served on many community boards and in service organizations, such as the American Red Cross; Ohio University's Public Broadcasting Advisory Council; Rotary; the United Way Health Vision Council; and Employment for Seniors, Inc. Other volunteer commitments have been with the League of Women Voters and acting as a volunteer guardian for nursing home residents.



Thank you **Kathleen Roberts**
and **Michael Becker**
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Lisa Jolley
for providing today's
invocation.

Calendar of Events

07/06 – NO MEETING

07/07 – Trustee Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

07/09 – Kiwanis at the Clippers - noon

Scheduled Committee Meetings

June 29

Fifth Monday
No Committee Meetings

Recognition of
Hixson Fellows and
1916 Society Members

July 6

NO MEETING

**In observance of
Independence Day**

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

President's Corner



Our newsletter is adorned each week with a Kiwanis International Distinguished Club logo. This was earned in the 2007-2008 administrative year by meeting all of the goals set for each club by KI. The goals are broken down by category: service leadership education and growth. You can't become "distinguished" without achievement in all three. In many ways, the distinction is irrelevant to our overall mission. The service goals are much too modest for a club of our capabilities and do not even attempt to measure how we are making a positive difference in our community. I did set attaining distinguished status again as a major goal for our Club, however, because meeting the goal means that we are growing as a Club. I am ecstatic to report that we will meet this goal and be recognized as 'distinguished' again this year!

Here is a description of how we achieved this goal again this year: for the service requirements, we fulfilled our responsibilities to our Service Leadership (Sponsored Youth) Programs; we chartered a new SLP - the Ridgeview MS Builders Club; and we participated in a branded Young Children Priority One project. For the leadership education requirements, Secretary Paul and I participated in the Club Leadership Education training session (Paul could have taught a master's class in this); we give our new members the KI new member orientation and our Club will be represented at Midyear Education Day, the KI Convention and the Ohio District Convention.

Finally, the tough one - growth. We had unusual attrition at the beginning of this year, but I am pleased to report that, thanks to the efforts of many members under the direction of membership chair **Lisa Jolley**, we will vote on at least our 25th and 26th new members at the July Trustee meeting, assuring membership growth for our Club and distinguished club status as well. First-year members of

our Club have been especially helpful, sponsoring six new members so far this year. Continuing our membership push is the only way for our Club to perpetuate itself and continue the much-needed service we provide. Please help us keep our momentum by inviting a guest and introducing them to Kiwanis. Each of us can take pride in our accomplishments as we add to the legacy of Ohio's greatest service club!

Club Trustees to meet ...

The monthly Trustee meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, July 7 at the Scioto Country Club. The meeting is open to all members of the Club, with Trustees and committee chairs expected to attend. This is where the official business of our Club is conducted, and all members are encouraged to attend periodically to gain a better insight of our processes.

Following the meeting, you are welcome to enjoy some additional fellowship by staying for dinner. Meals at Scioto Country Club are priced very moderately. If you are planning to attend, please let Club secretary Paul Bohlman know by July 5, so that proper arrangements can be made with Scioto Country Club.

Foundation Board to meet ...

The Board of the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation will meet on Monday, July 13 at 1:05 p.m. in the main dining room of the Athletic Club of Columbus ... in other words, immediately following the regularly scheduled luncheon meeting of the Club.

All Club members are welcome to attend, as you are also members of the Foundation. The Board will be discussing, among other things, the funding level for the Club's 2009-10 administrative year.

A letter from Grandma ...

Grandma is 88 years old and still drives her own car. She writes:

Dear Granddaughter,

The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a 'Honk if you love Jesus ' bumper sticker ...

I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting. So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good He is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus, because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed.

I found that lots of people love Jesus! While I was sitting there, the guy behind me started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, "For the love of God, go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus!

Everyone started honking! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love!

There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach. I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. My grandson burst out laughing. Why, even he was enjoying this religious experience!!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed.

So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared. So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!!

Will write again soon,

Love, Grandma

Roster of new members grows ...

Every organization needs to bring in new members in order to sustain itself and to grow. Our Club is no different, except for the fact that we have been doing it very well during this administrative year. With three months to go, here is a list of new members we have already approved during this administrative year:

Rebecca Asmo	Teri Ault
Cortez Bogard	Susan Brehm
Andrew Carver	Jack D'Aurora
Martin Gaudiose	Matt Gerhardt
Paul Haggard	Yuri Harrington
Tom Hayden	Karen Hockstad
Bob Irwin	Bryan Jeffries
David Korodi	Robert Mackey
Pamela Makowski	John Miller
Joe Neff	Candace Pflum
Shawn Thompson	Jacalyn Slemmer
Roy Smoot	Ben Stalter
Joyce Waters	

But we can't rest on our past laurels. We must continue to share the benefits of Kiwanis with those we work, live, worship, play and communicate with.

Register your Kroger Plus card ...



Have you registered your Kroger Plus Card yet? If not, why not take a few minutes to do so? It could mean some substantial money for our Columbus

Kiwanis Foundation.

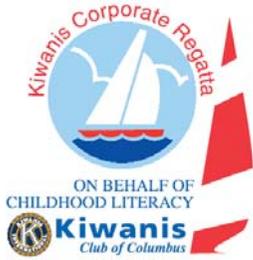
Once registered, Kroger will keep track of purchases made by members and friends of our Club and then on a quarterly basis, dole out a proportional amount of the \$5 million they plan to donate.

The registration process is quick, easy and free. Just go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register. When asked for our organization's code, type in 80249 and hit 'Search.' That should bring up the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation. Everything else should be self-explanatory and easy to follow. Once registered, your grocery spending will begin earning us money.

If you do not have access to a computer, but would like to participate, please contact **Paul Bohlman** for some special instructions.

*When you can't change the direction of the wind,
adjust your sails.*

Regatta navigating choppy waters ...



In a year when the economy is in the daily headlines, it is difficult to get companies, individuals and groups of people committed to supporting local charities. Yet that is the challenge ahead of us as we strive to sign up participants for the 2009 Corporate Regatta.

This year's event is scheduled for Monday, August 17. As usual, it will be held at the Columbus Metropolitan Library beginning at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served around noon. There are still plenty of sponsorship opportunities available, from a yacht entry at the \$500 level, all the way up to the Commodore level at \$10,000. Of course, there are many steps in between, and each level provides increasing amounts of promotional exposure for your firm or organization. For all of the details, check out the Kiwanis web site and the entry form.

Our goal this year is for this event to raise \$33,000. We need your help! Perhaps your company or organization will want to step up. Or perhaps you would like to chip in and co-sponsor a yacht with some friends, neighbors, co-workers or fellow Kiwanians. For example, in the past we have had the Coast Guard veterans join together and the Kiwanis past presidents join together to enter yachts. Why not put together a group comprised of some other common tie? Be creative. Are there left-handed people who want to unite? How about redheads or people named "Mike?" There are no rules, just opportunities to have fun and to support a really great cause.



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**"By the time a man realizes that
maybe his father was right,
he usually has a son
who thinks he's wrong."**

-- Charles Wadsworth

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



06/29 – Dave Pritchard
07/02 – Jim Shively
07/04 – Cris Gillespie
07/05 – John Gillam
07/07 – Dave Keller
07/09 – Richard Castrop

**"Expecting life to treat you well because
you are a good person is like expecting an
angry bull not to charge you because you
are a vegetarian."**

-- Shair R. Barr, humorist

Celebrate ...

One of our nation's most renowned holidays is the Fourth of July. It is a day of celebration as we remember our glorious history and our forefathers' successful struggle for independence.



We wish you and your family a safe, happy and memorable Fourth of July. Please note, in remembrance of this great day, the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will forego its weekly meeting on Monday, July 6.

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