

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"



July 13, 2009

Mike Schoedinger Family Business Center President

Michael Schoedinger is president of Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service in Columbus. He is a 6th-generation owner of the firm, a licensed funeral director and embalmer, Certified Pre-planning Consultant (CPC), and Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP). He is a graduate of Upper Arlington High School and graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a B.S. in Organizational Behavior and a B.S. in Personnel and Employee Relations. He is also a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, where he served as class president. He is an Eagle Scout and winner of the Business First "40 Under 40" award. The company is one of the largest privately owned funeral companies in the United States, operating 11 chapels, one cemetery, and four crematories.

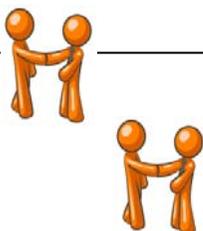


Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service has been awarded the Family Business of the Year Award for Central Ohio and was second runner-up for the National Family Business of the Year Award. They have also won the Business Integrity Award from the BBB, and *CEO Magazine's* Best Places to Work in Central Ohio. While providing the very best in funeral service is their main priority, they know how important it is to devote community time outside of the funeral home. Each member of the Schoedinger family remains active in civic and service clubs, church and other organizations that directly touch our community, such as the YMCA; the Salvation Army; Red Cross, Junior Achievement; Rotary, Masons; Kiwanis; First Community Village; Young Presidents Organization; Recreation Unlimited; Hospice; Upper Arlington Leadership; Leadership Columbus; and the Columbus Zoo.

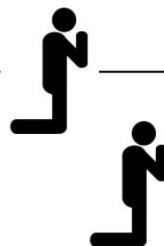
Michael is currently on the boards of the American Red Cross, Junior Achievement and the Columbus Rotary Club, all of which he was a past chairman of the board. He serves as a board member of COSI and the Family Business Center of Central Ohio, and is on the Governing Board of First Community Church.

An Upper Arlington resident, he recently celebrated 10 years of marriage to his wife Lisa and has a daughter, Kathryn, and a son, Jack. In his spare time, Michael enjoys family activities, playing golf and racquetball.

Michael is the nephew of long-time Kiwanian, past president and life member Jay Schoedinger. Join us today for an enjoyable meal and an informative presentation.



Thank you **Dave Korodi**
and **Larry Walters**
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Brad Fisher
for providing today's
invocation.

Calendar of Events

8/14 to 8/16 – Ohio Kiwanis District Convention

8/17 – Columbus Corporate Regatta

10/05 – Columbus Kiwanis College Fair

Scheduled Committee Meetings

July 13

Drug, Alcohol &
Mental Health

Music & Arts

July 20

Attendance & Retention

Youth Opportunity &
Citizenship

Today's Menu: House Salad, Classic Beef Lasagna

President's Corner



I am very excited about the future of our Club's Sponsored Youth programs. Kiwanis International has named these Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) and President-Elect Char has aligned next year's committee name with the KI branding. No other activity combines community service,

leadership training and the reward of

seeing the next generation engage in the larger world better than involvement in SLPs. SLPs are separate clubs with officers, committees and members that have a sponsoring Kiwanis Club that provides advice and support. The project ideas are brainstormed, planned and executed by SLP members with the appropriate support and guidance of their sponsors and advisor. Just as the truth often streams out of our youngsters, ambitious projects can follow as well - they just haven't been told that they "can't" do something yet.

So what are the SLPs? Kiwanis Kids is an organization for students between the ages of 6-12. These elementary school-aged children can also be part of the "Bring Up Grades" (BUG) and "Terrific Kids" projects. Builders Club is the middle school leadership program. Under the leadership of Fil Line, our club chartered the Ridgeview MS Builders Club this year and they will elect officers and start a school-wide recycling program in the fall - with 88 charter members! Key Club is the high school Kiwanis program. Internationally, there are over 250,000 Key Clubbers - almost as many as "traditional" Kiwanians. We sponsor the Hannah Neil Key Club and the Ohio School for the Blind Key Club. Finally, Circle K is the SLP for college students. We currently sponsor Capital University Circle K and will be rebuilding that club in August after several long-time members have graduated.

Each of these sponsored SLPs has the potential to

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Regatta only one month away ...

It seems like only 11 months since we held our last Corporate Regatta and did such an outstanding job in raising money for the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation in support of the summer reading program of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Guess what? It was only 11 months ago! So, that means, our 2009 event is only one short month away!

There is still time for you, your company, your association, your group, your neighborhood, or your family, etc., to join the fun by purchasing and racing a yacht in this exciting, one-hour, double-elimination event. It is scheduled for Monday, August 17 at the Columbus Metropolitan Library (Grant Street). We will begin assembling and serving lunch at 11:30 a.m., with the races beginning at noon. For more details, to become a sponsor or to become an entrant, contact **Mike Haemmerle** or **Kathleen Roberts**. Or, visit our web site at www.columbuskiwanis.org to print out a copy of the information and entry brochure.

To the highest bidder ...

Here's a great way to entertain some clients, recognize some employees, treat your grandchildren, or have some fun with a few friends – bid on a Huntington Park package for four this Monday at the Kiwanis meeting. We will have two packages to auction off. Each package will include:

- four box seat tickets with access to the Tansky Club
- four Huntington Park hats
- and two parking passes.

Retail value ... priceless (well, almost). Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, so, bid often and bid high.

The game is on Wednesday, August 19th versus the Toledo Mudhens at 7:05pm.

The gender of your computer ...

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. 'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la casa.' 'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?' Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.



The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model..

The women won.

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

- George Burns

Kiwanis members have served our country ...

To date 21 members of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus have reported their service dates and their branch of service, and one who was escorted by another member of the Club is acknowledged as having served in WW II. Those members are:

Don Boyd
Herbert Flint
Ellwood Lewis
Bill Newman
George Ruff
David Timmons

Thomas Christman
Bob Gardner
George Manser
Ray Pauken
Thomas Sherrill
Roy Young

Ronald Cook
John Hollback
Paul Metzger
Michael Ranney
Jim Skidmore

Mike Edwards
Larry Icenogle
Robert Murchake
Bob Reynolds
Mike Stanley

These represent both enlisted ranks and officers, and service within the Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard.

From these men we have recorded approximately 145 years of service to our great country. These members should be honored for their respective tours of service for their dedication to the freedoms we so enjoy. There are probably others within our membership who have also served in the military, and if you are one of those, please send your information to Jim Skidmore so that you, too, can be remembered and honored by our Kiwanis Club.

Many of us learned the principles of honoring our flag while we were in the service and have not kept up with some of the changes in federal law. For instance, the current federal law says that as soon as the music to the Star Spangled Banner begins, we should stand at attention and salute the flag. A recent change in the law permits veterans to offer the military salute even when not in uniform when saluting the flag, whether it be for the National Anthem or just when the flag passes by in a parade.

Let us keep the pride in our country, for our members who have served in the military services and show our respect for our flag.

The bottle of wine ...

For all of us who are married, were married, wish you were married or wish you weren't married, this is something to smile about the next time you see a bottle of wine:

Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road.



As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car.

Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally.

'What in bag?' asked the old woman.

Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, 'It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband.'

The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said: 'Good trade.'

President's Corner continued -

accomplish meaningful service on their own. The benefits to us as a sponsoring club are obvious - the reward of passing on our service values to the next generation all while securing a new crop of future leaders and community servants under the Kiwanis umbrella. Our ties with Columbus City Schools will only deepen with these relationships, and new partners like Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus may have future opportunities as well. When we speak of changing the world, one child and one community at a time, what better place to start than with these outstanding students?

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

07/16 – *Joseph Mesenburg*
07/17 – *Oscar Thomas*
09/19 – *Michael Griffith*

Support their efforts ...



Pelotonia is a bicycle race and fundraiser to benefit the OSU James Cancer. It will be held on August 29th.

Support fellow Kiwanians **Scott Lindsey** as he rides 50 miles in memory of **Joe Brunetto**, and **Lisa Jolley** as she rides in honor of **George Manser**.

Visit www.pelotonia.org for details, or to make a pledge.

Golf ...

- An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.
- If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt' you might wish to reconsider this game.
- Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls.

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