

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"



August 3, 2009

Barb Acton Childhood League

Barbara Acton serves as the executive director for The Childhood League Center.

Founded in 1945 by a group of visionary women, The Childhood League Center provides early education and therapeutic services to nearly 120 children with special needs -- ages 12 months to 6 years -- along with their typically developing peers in an inclusive setting. The Center serves children with a wide range of developmental delays in multiple areas, including communication, fine and gross motor, as well as social, emotional and behavioral skills. For many children, delays are directly related to a medical condition. Medical conditions include: cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, spina bifida, autism, ADHD, hearing and vision impairments, brain injuries and conditions related to premature births, multiple births and alcohol and drug exposure. In addition to the children enrolled in the Center's daily programs, The Childhood League Center is one of only 11 *Help Me Grow* providers in Franklin County, currently serving nearly 275 children ages birth to three, identified as 'at risk of developing a delay,' and their families. Support includes regular home visits, parent education and resource referrals.



The Childhood League Center's professional staff and Childhood League members partner with families and the community to ensure the optimal growth and development of our community's young children. A staff of 48 uses a team-based, integrated services model of education and includes a team of teachers in each classroom; occupational, speech and language, and physical therapists; nursing services; social workers; a child and family therapist; and transportation services. The children benefit from a 3:1 child/adult ratio, transportation to and from the Center, half- and full-day classes, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, therapeutic horseback riding, physical education, physical therapy, an outdoor learning center and family support services.

Ms. Acton received her bachelor's degree in elementary and special education from Capital University, and her master's degree in educational policy and leadership/educational administration from The Ohio State University. As an advocate for children, Ms. Acton also taught first grade at The Columbus School for Girls for five years, and has served as a consultant to the Child Development Council of Franklin County and to the Ohio Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood. Prior to her current role at the Center, Barbara Acton was director of the Program for Young Children (PYC) at Columbus School for Girls where she worked from 1993 to 2002 with a group of educators deeply committed to the ideals of the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

A lifelong educator and advocate for all children, Barbara Acton is committed to promoting each unique child's optimum development. Her professional work reflects a wealth of experiences, successful collaborations and visionary leadership.



Thank you **Paul Metzger** and
Perry Fisher for greeting us today.



Thank you **Tom Sherrill**
for providing today's invocation.

Calendar of Events

8/14 to 8/16 – Ohio District Convention (Dayton)

8/17 – Kiwanis Corporate Regatta

8/31 – Joint meeting with Columbus Rotary

Scheduled Committee Meetings

August 3

Youth Opportunity
Environment & Agriculture
Golf
Scholarship

August 10

Drug, Alcohol and
Mental Health

Today's Menu: House Salad, Sauteed Tilapia, Pineapple Salsa

President's Corner



There is a Kiwanis Club that has almost 200 members, a rich tradition dating back to the beginning of Kiwanis and has a noon meeting with lots of committees, a sophisticated organizational structure and is struggling to continue to move forward with "on-line"

communications while still trying hard to keep the "member experience" the same for all of its members. Do you know the club? Of course! It is the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, Virginia, founded in 1920.

One benefit of having an International Convention is bringing together club leaders from all around the world - some of them have a lot in common with our Club. Unlike our fellow Ohio Division 10-W clubs, of which we are by far the largest, the Roanoke Club has experienced many of the ups and downs we have over the years. Club President Andree Brooks hands out pins for service project participation; they've made the sometimes-painful leap into e-mail and web-based communication for most of the members; and are trying to get the word out about all that they do in the Roanoke community. They've consolidated several similar missions of the club into fewer committees to focus their energy, and tried their hand at modern public relations and marketing to baby boomers and young professionals.

The bottom line is that they are always willing to examine how they are structured to best accomplish their service mission. I think we are progressive and flexible enough to do so as well, but also smart enough to hold on to the traditions and values we have traditionally held dear as a Club. As we use each administrative year to look at "why" we do something a certain way and not just do it "because that's the way we

District Convention in Dayton ...

The 91st annual Ohio District Convention is scheduled to begin Friday evening August 14 and run through Sunday morning August 16. The bulk of the meetings and presentations will occur on Saturday.

Our Club will have a good representation, but there is always room for more. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Kiwanis International, exchange ideas, learn how other Clubs work and network.

You can register on-line by visiting the Ohio District website at www.ohiokiwanis.org. Attending the annual convention fulfills one of the requirements for being a distinguished member during this administrative year.

Joint meeting with Rotary ...

What used to be an annual tradition is being revived ... at least for this year. On Monday, August 31, we will be joining the Downtown Columbus Rotary for a combined meeting. It will be held at the Ohio Regency at our normal noon lunch-time.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will need a definite headcount by Wednesday, August 26. Please let Paul Bohlman know if you will, or will not, be attending this meeting.

always have done it," it's nice to know there are other clubs with our same issues and maybe some best practices we can add to our arsenal. I hope that in our Club structure, we are well positioned to learn from our own history while making decisions for the future that impact so many that we serve.

U.S. Coast Guard Founded ...

On August 4, 1790, Congress authorized Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton's proposal to build ten cutters to protect the new nation's revenue (Stat. L. 145, 175). Alternately known as the system of cutters, *Revenue Service* and *Revenue-Marine* this service would officially be named the *Revenue Cutter Service* (12 Stat. L., 639) in 1863. The cutters were placed under the control of the Treasury Department. This date marks the officially recognized birthday of the United States Coast Guard.

We salute those members of our Club who served our country as members of the U.S. Coast Guard: **Ray Pauken, Ellwood Lewis and Mike Edwards.**

Regatta lunch tickets on sale ...

To help facilitate the program the day of the Corporate Regatta and to minimize the amount of money being exchanged that day, we will be selling Regatta lunch tickets in advance. In fact, if you buy your meal ticket in advance, we have a special offer for you – buy one ticket for the full \$5 price and you will receive a second ticket for free.

The incentive is designed to do two things: First, to convince you to buy your tickets early. The more we can pre-sell, the easier things will be the day of the event; and second, and perhaps more important, we would like you to bring a friend, a co-worker, a potential new member, etc. The larger the crowd, the more fun the event will be. Please note, the extra ticket should be used to invite a guest, not to bring another Kiwanian!

Kent Justice from WTTE Fox 28 will be on hand with television cameras to capture the action and to interview participants. So, why not bring your whole family, your office staff, or your church group? You simply cannot beat the price and the entertainment will be great.

Directory info and photos ...

Is your information listed in our on-line directory accurate? Is your photo current? If not, now is the time to update one or both. The contact and background information can be updated by you as items change. If you are uncertain how, or unable to do this, please contact secretary Paul Bohlman for assistance.

If you need a photo, or wish to replace the one you currently have, please plan to attend this week's meeting. Kiwanian **Jim Shively** will be available to snap a professional photo at no charge to you. He will be set up at 11:30 a.m.



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Knowledge test ...

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score, or the leader, until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
- 4.. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

~~~ answers on page 4

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## Trustees to meet ...

The August meeting of the Kiwanis Trustees will be held on Tuesday, August 4 at the Scioto Country Club. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end by 7 p.m. Those wishing to stay longer for fellowship and dinner are encouraged to do so. Meals at Scioto Country Club are surprisingly reasonable so we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. You can order directly from their menu.

We need to provide Scioto Country Club with a head count so that they may properly prepare for us. If you will be attending, please let secretary Paul Bohlman know by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 31.

This is the next-to-last meeting of this administrative year. Let's finish the year strong, with a good turnout, as we wrap up and finalize our membership growth and committee expenditures.

*Some people would be completely naked  
if humility were their only clothing...*

## Executive Forums a big hit ...

Many central Ohio executives are turning to TechColumbus' Executive Forums to help find the answers to various operational issues, and to build a strong network of trusted peers, as well.

Kiwanis president-elect **Char Collister** facilitates four forums, including CEO, CFO, Innovation and Contact Center. She was recently quoted in *Business First* newspaper as saying, "People have told me they love the informal format. The smaller group is conducive to a trusting atmosphere and open discussion on a wide range of topics." The forums are confidential, and range from five to 15 participants. "The large company participants like to offer assistance to the smaller companies, but they also recognize that smaller companies have a nimbleness for implementing change that larger companies don't have. So they learn a lot from each other," she said.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus has a working relationship with TechColumbus. If you are interested in participating in any of the forums, you may contact Char.

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## Golfers go the extra mile ...

Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls... a recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud; almost feel like a hybrid!

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## Golf Committee sets outings ...



The golf committee, under the leadership of **John Gambaiani**, has two golf outings set up for August. All Club members are welcome to come out, relax, have some fun and enjoy the fellowship. The dates and locations are as follows:

- **August 6** (12:12 and 12:20 tee times) at Glenross Golf Club, located at 231 Clubhouse Drive; Delaware, Oh (740-657-3752) [www.glenrossgc.com](http://www.glenrossgc.com).
- **August 25** (after 1:00 tee times) at Brookside Golf and Country Club, 2770 W. Dublin-Granville Road (S.R. 161); Worthington, OH

Please contact John if you would like to play and to get further details regarding costs, facilities, etc. Participation is limited, so please call John as soon as possible so that he can firm up the appropriate tee times and groups.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



08/04 – **Herb Flint**  
08/04 – **Ray Pauken**  
08/04 – **J. David Ryan**  
08/05 – **Jacalyn Slemmer**  
08/07 – **Don Boyd**  
08/07 – **Robert Mackey**  
08/07 – **Bucky Wertz**

Did you hear the one about the patient who sat down with his doctor to hear the diagnosis?

**Doctor:** "I have very bad news, you have cancer," pause, "and there's more, you have Alzheimer's."

**Patient:** "Well, at least I don't have cancer."

**"The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials."**

~~ Chinese proverb

## Answers to knowledge test ...

- 1- Boxing
- 2- Niagara Falls (*The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.*)
- 3- Asparagus and rhubarb
- 4- Strawberry

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