

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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Larry Metzger Columbus Board of Realtors

The Columbus Board of REALTORS® (CBR) is a not-for-profit professional trade association. Founded in 1908, CBR is comprised of more than 7,000 real estate professionals engaged in residential sales and leasing, commercial sales and leasing, property management, appraisal, consultation, real estate syndication, land development and more.

The Columbus Board of REALTORS® provides leadership for the REALTOR® community by protecting the interests of its members, promoting their value to the real estate consumer, setting high standards for professional practice and advocating private property rights.

Larry Metzger has been the chief executive officer of the Columbus Board of Realtors since November 1985. Prior to that, he served as the executive vice president of the Lexington (Kentucky) Board of Realtors (11/82 - 10/85) and the executive vice president of the Decatur (Illinois) Board of Realtors.

Larry grew up in Illinois and attended Illinois State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in economics. He earned his master's of science in educational administration from the Eastern Illinois University in Normal, Illinois, where he also finished work for a degree in accounting. In August of 1985, he earned his Certified Association Executive (CAE) certificate.

Throughout his career, Larry has been actively involved on the local, state and national level of the real estate industry, having served on, and chaired, a variety of committees. He is actively involved in our community, serving as a director on the Board of Directors of the Columbus Housing Partnership and Junior Achievement. He is the recipient of the Community Service award from the Community Shelter Board, and has actively served on a number of political advisory boards including, Matt Habash for Columbus City Council, Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner, Deborah Price re-election committee, and John Kasich for President Steering Committee. He is also a member of the finance committee of the Franklin County Republican Party.

Larry is a member of the American Society of Association Executives; the Ohio Society of Association Executives; the Columbus Rotary; the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce; the Athletic Club of Columbus; the Capital Club; the Country Club at Muirfield Village; the Vanderbilt County Club, Naples, Florida; the Franklin County Republican Party and the Ohio Republican Party.



Thank you **Dave Weibel**
and **Matthew Gerhardt**
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Jade Metcalf
for providing today's
invocation.

Calendar of Events

8/17 – Corporate Regatta

8/31 – Combined meeting with Rotary

9/07 – no meeting – Labor Day

Scheduled Committee Meetings

August 10

Drug, Alcohol and
Mental Health

Music & Arts

August 17

Corporate Regatta
No committee meetings

*Remember to go to the
Columbus Metropolitan
Library on Grant Street.*

Today's Menu: Salad, Pecan-Crusted Chicken Breast, Apple Raisin Chutney

President's Corner



Char Collister is presiding over today's meeting and will do so as our Club's 97th president starting in October. She is a strong leader, a dedicated community servant and has a passion for our Club that will serve us all well during the 2009-10 administrative year. For those of you

who don't know her yet, I wanted to offer some background on our president-elect.

Char attended Cornell University's prestigious Hospitality College before obtaining a master's degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. She has a wealth of valuable business experiences in strategy, sales and long-range planning in addition to her management experience. She has worked for industry giants AT&T and AEP and now is principal of her own consulting firm. The Collister Company provides businesses with consulting services that include planning and direction for marketing and sales process improvement. Char is well connected throughout the city and has chaired several boards, including Rosemont, First Community Church and First Community Foundation. She currently sits on the Board of the Columbus Cancer Clinic/LifeCare Alliance and The Wilds. Those who have served with Char know that meetings will be professionally run and driven towards results. With our hands and our resources, this drive will serve us well as we truly make a difference in the community.

Char's husband of 45 years, Mike, is retired from Crane Plastics. Their son, Scott, is an attorney in Cincinnati and their daughter, Kim, works for Sunoco Logistics in Philadelphia. Both are married and Char and Mike have four beautiful grandchildren. Char has been an active member of Kiwanis since 1991, chairing several committees, memorably "deputizing" us all in the name of the Membership Committee. I have appreciated her

support and assistance this year in dealing with so many of the administrative functions necessary for a club our size. I hope you share my enthusiasm for Char's upcoming administration and look forward to another exciting year for Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

Help serve the homeless ...

It is sometimes hard to believe that within our great city we have a growing population of homeless people who need to be fed on a regular basis. For the past few years we have been periodically donating the food and then volunteering to help prepare and serve dinner to approximately 350 people.

On Wednesday, August 26, we will again have such an opportunity.

Location: Broad Street United Methodist Church at the corner of Broad St & Washington Avenue (501 E Broad Street – www.broadstreetumc.net).

Parking: After business hours parking is free at the State Auto parking lot right across the street from the church.

Times:

4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. - need 4 volunteers on site to help with last-minute food preparation.

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. - need the remaining 6 or 7 volunteers to arrive prior to serving the food

If you are interesting in helping, please contact Homeless Committee chair **Dave Keller** for additional details and to sign up.

Did you ever notice ...

The Roman numerals for forty (40) are 'XL.'



“Shred-It Day” changes venue ...

For the past few years, the Kiwanis Club of Columbus has volunteered to help run “Shred-It Day.” This semi-annual event is sponsored by WCMH-TV4, and it has grown quite successfully over the years. The next “Shred-It Day” is scheduled for Saturday, September 26.

Yes, Buckeye fans, that is the same day Ohio State plays Illinois in the Shoe! That is why this “Shred-It Day” will be held at the Columbus Zoo, rather than the familiar Schottenstein Center. Because we know many of our members may be pre-occupied with the game that day, we wanted to get the word out early, so that we can begin recruiting volunteers to help with “Shred-It Day.” As in the past, we need to fill two shifts; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided around the noon hour for both shifts. Each shift will consist of 10 volunteers ... and that can be comprised of Kiwanians, spouses, family members, friends, etc. This is an excellent community service project, as we help thousands of people destroy confidential documents such as bank statements, tax returns, old checks, etc.



Please let **Paul Bohlman** know if you would be interested in volunteering. Please note that you will receive an attendance credit and a service star credit for each shift you work.

Third Thursday get-together ...



This month’s Third Thursday get-together will be held on August 20 at the Champps Restaurant off of Rte 23 North in Worthington (161 E. Campus View Blvd). Secretary **Paul Bohlman** was the winner of a drawing that will provide us with

a free appetizer for every three people we have, between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. So get there early, grab a drink, have some food and enjoy the company of your fellow Kiwanians. Guests are welcome. Bring your significant other, a co-worker or a potential new member. Please let Paul know if you will be attending and if you will be bringing anyone so that he can give Champps a ‘heads up’ on how big an area to reserve for us.

Regatta lunch tickets ...

Next Monday, August 17, is our 2009 Kiwanis Corporate Regatta, an event you will not want to miss. In fact, it’s an event you should bring a guest to. Not only will he or she have fun, but your guest(s) will have an excellent opportunity to see Kiwanis at work ... having fun with a hands-on project that raises money for a multitude of beneficial projects throughout the Columbus community.

To encourage you to bring a guest, we are pre-selling lunch tickets and offering a special deal. Lunch tickets are \$5 each, but if you purchase one in advance, you will receive a second one for free. So why not treat your office staff to lunch? Bring a couple of business clients with you or how about your spouse, children or grandchildren? Just remember to purchase your tickets in advance!

Volunteers needed on August 12th ...

The Youth Opportunity Committee is looking for 6 volunteers on Wednesday, August 12 to help on a one-day field trip to Camp Lazarus by 40-45 students from St. Stephen’s Community House’s after-school program. The trip is being funded by the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation. Providing adult supervision will further show our Club’s support for the Learning For Life Program.



Volunteers would need to arrive by 9:45 a.m., and the program will end by 3 p.m. The students will be in groups rotating from rowboats, fishing and archery, with a break for lunch and an animal presentation from the Ohio Wildlife Center. Each group of students will have a representative from St. Stephen’s and a camp staff facilitator to run the activity. Kiwanis volunteers would assist each program activity by helping students with lifejackets, fishing poles, etc. Volunteers can also help with lunch and passing out materials. Lunch will be provided.

Camp Lazarus is located on State Route 23, approximately nine miles north of I-270. Members are welcome to invite others to assist. If you are interested, please contact Kiwanian **Nikki Thomas** for additional information and to sign up. She can be reached by e-mail (nithomas@bsamail.org) or by cell-phone (614-746-2212).

Membership dues ...

If you attended last Monday's meeting or the August Trustee meeting, you would have been handed an envelope by Secretary **Paul Bohlman** that contained a letter from incoming President **Char Collister** and your invoice for your 2009-10 annual dues. If not, you will be receiving yours in the mail.

For the past six months, Char has been diligently working behind the scenes to line up her team of committee chairs. She has recruited a nice combination of new and tenured faces to head up the various aspects of our Club. But what makes everything successful is your participation; for the Club is about people coming together to accomplish what each of us can only dream of doing individually. Now is the time to get involved with a committee. Either join one for the first time or recommit to one you have worked with before. Your involvement means our success.

Of course, the first step to another successful year is for everyone to pay their 2009-10 annual membership dues. Unlike many other things in life, the annual membership dues have NOT increased. However, it is important that they be paid in a timely fashion since these are the funds utilized to run the Club. The initial deadline is September 15th and we are hopeful ALL dues will be paid in full prior to October 1, the official start of the new administrative year. Hopefully, by getting the dues notice out early, there is sufficient time for many of you to process the invoice through your company. Those who pay their dues from a personal account can certainly write a check today and send it in by September 15th. We hope this process runs smoothly, with minimal need for follow-up.

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

~~Thomas Jefferson

One month free membership ...

It's not too late to recruit a new member for this administrative year. In fact, right now is great because new members will only have to pay the \$125 initiation fee and no pro-rated dues. They will however, have to pay the full 2009-10 annual membership dues on or before October 1.

Why not use this concept as a way to finalize the deal? "Join now and get one month free!" Who can refuse a deal like that? Of course, that's not your main selling point, but it could be the item that moves someone to a favorable decision.

"Fall seven times, stand up eight." *~~ Japanese proverb*



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

08/12 – *Robert Gardner*

08/13 – *Troy Terakedis*

08/16 – *Dave Korody*

Marriage seminar ...

While attending a marriage seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes.' He addressed the man, 'Can you name your wife's favorite flower?' Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's Pillsbury, isn't it?'

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail."

~Nelson Mandela

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