

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."

Impacting Lives - "Packing Parachutes" for People We May Never Know.

August 25, 2008

Joe Testa

Franklin County Auditor



Franklin County Auditor Joe Testa has served in that capacity since 1992. Prior to becoming Auditor, he served as Franklin County Recorder from 1985-1992. Additionally, Joe is a member of the adjunct faculty at Columbus State Community College and teaches a competitive strategy course at The Ohio State University. A graduate of the University of Central Florida, Joe holds a Master of Human Resources from The Ohio State University. A U.S. Navy veteran, he received the Vietnam Service Medal and is active in veterans' organizations.

Joe has a long history of community service, including founding Cornerstone Academy Community School. A current member and past president of the Columbus Literacy Council, chairman, Geographic Information System (GIS) Scholarship Fund, 1997-present Member, Metropolitan Human Services Commission, 1990-1992 Operation Feed "Placesetter" Chairman, 1989-1991 Franklin County Child Abuse and Child Neglect Advisory Board, 1987-1990 Chairman, 1887 Courthouse Model Project, 1988 Division Chairman, Franklin County Government Operation Feed, 1988 Trustee, Walnut Heights Civic Association, 1984-1985 Coordinator, Neighborhood Block Watch Program Division Chairman, Franklin County Government United Way, 1985 United Way Campaign Coordinator, Account Executive, 1979-1984 Vice President, Association of Near Northside Businesses, 1980 American Red Cross (i.e. First Aid, CPR), 1979-1985; and Church Volunteer (Lector, Financial Development Committee), 1974-present.

Joe lives in Grove City with his wife Sally. They have twin sons and three grand children. Please welcome Franklin County Auditor Joe Testa as today's speaker and give him a warm Kiwanis welcome.



Thank you
Sally Volpe & Irina Barhorst
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Mark Swepston
for today's invocation

Calendar of Events

09/01 – No Meeting – Labor Day

09/02 & 09/04 – Book cleaning project

09/09/08 – Trustee Meeting - Columbus Club

Scheduled Committee Meetings

August 28

Youth Oppor./Citizenship
Attendance/Retention
Career Guidance
Public Relations

September 1

No meeting due to
Labor Day Holiday

Today's Menu: House Salad, Chicken Breast with Dijon Mustard Sauce

UBS Financial wins Regatta



In a highly competitive, well-fought battle, UBS Financial, captained by Kiwanian **David D'Herete**, emerged victorious in the 2008 White Castle Corporate Regatta for Childhood Literacy, held Monday

August 18 at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Over 40 contestants vied for the title in the double elimination contest that raised over \$30,000. Honors for the "Best Decorated" yacht went to Codex Tech Systems and Kiwanian **Wes Strickling**.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to the committee members, volunteers, sponsors, participants and guests who made the event such a huge success. A special thanks goes to the Columbus Metropolitan Library, and their staff, for again hosting this event and handling many of the event-day logistics.

September Trustee Meeting ...

The September Trustee meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus is set for Tuesday, September 9 at the Columbus Club. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. Dinner, for those wishing to stay, will be served around 7 p.m. at a cost of \$40 per person. Advance reservations are required. You will be billed afterwards.

The meeting is open to all members of the Club. All trustees are expected to attend and committee chairs are highly encouraged. This is the last meeting of a very successful administrative year and we will have numerous loose ends to tie down. We hope you can join us.

A note of gratitude ...

You may want to share with the Club that we will not only be able to purchase a new cambro with the donation ... there will also be sufficient money to purchase the parts needed to repair one of the existing cambros. On behalf of those we serve and the Salvation Army, I again want to thank the Kiwanis Club of Columbus for this generous donation, as well as all the continuing volunteer help we enjoy from you.

~~ Jack Kerr

Book cleaning project continues ...

Tuesday, September 2 and Thursday, September 4 are the next two dates for working on our huge book cleaning and sorting project. Under the guidance of **Lisa Jolley**, we are making great progress and the end is getting near. But we need your help. The more hands on deck, the more we get done. So why not plan to attend, help with a great project, earn an attendance credit, and enjoy the company of your fellow Kiwanians?

Each session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and run until 7:30 p.m. at the Volunteers of America warehouse located at 5640 West Broad Street (1 block west of Hilliard-Rome Road). Please contact Lisa Jolley if you will be attending one or both of the sessions. She can be reached at 614-545-3244 (w), 614-563-6291(c).

Please wear comfortable work clothes and plan to get dirty. We can also use boxes for sorting the books by age group. If you have any, please bring them.

And a special thanks goes to **Fil Line** and his family for manning the Heart to Heart Canteen.



Saturday October 4th, 2008

- Rain or Shine -

Noon to 4 p.m.

Join millions of volunteers who are working with various Make A Difference activities nationwide. In Columbus, the Good Neighbors of Central Ohio will host the 10th annual picnic for the homeless community of the greater Columbus area.

Good Neighbors (*Neighbors Engaged in Giving the Homeless Better Opportunities, Respect, and Strength*) works to build bridges of understanding in our community by reaching out to the homeless annually and helping them prepare for winter.

Good Neighbors, with local support, offers a day of fun, food, and entertainment for our guests, volunteers and supporters in Columbus' most historic park – Goodale Park.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus will again be taking photos and providing them free of charge to the homeless. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We need a number of volunteers to help take photos, run the printers and help the homeless design their picture frames. Contact Make A Difference Day Chair Jim Shively for more details.

For more information regarding the Good Neighbors Picnic, visit <http://www.goodneighborspicnic.org>.

Get involved – Join a committee ...

The work of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus is done at the committee level. Whether it is an administrative function, a fund raising function, or a community outreach function, every committee can use more members. After all, many hands make light work.

As a large Club, we are fortunate to have a number of very active committees. There is something for everyone, along with plenty of opportunity to get involved, learn, take on leadership roles, develop organizational skills, give back to the community and more. For a list of Club committees, chairs and contact information, please visit our web site.



**Go Buckeyes ...
beat Youngstown State!**



Please don't forget that we have \$100 grocery cards for Giant Eagle and \$5 re-loadable grocery cards for Kroger! Help support our Club operations and keep our dues low by shopping with a Giant Eagle



or Kroger grocery card. You can purchase a card (or multiple cards) at any Monday meeting.

Labor Day = No Meeting



Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade, Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

In honor of Labor Day, there will be no meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus on Monday, September 1.

Columbus offspring to celebrate ...

Ninety years ago, members of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus sponsored the founding of the Newark Kiwanis Club. Now in its 90th year, they will be hosting an anniversary celebration on September 11 at Creative Catering in Hebron, at 6 p.m. (reception). Cost is \$25 per person.

Past Presidents Ted Coons and Paul Bohlman will be attending the event, and it would be great to have an even stronger delegation make the short journey over ... perhaps enough for an interclub. Reservations must be in by September 3.

Community service opportunities ...

WCMH-4 Television will be hosting its annual Health & Fitness Expo on September 13 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and 14 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Exhibit Hall C of the Greater Columbus Convention Center. They are in need of volunteers to help with a variety of tasks during the event. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Paul Bohlman. The event is free to the public.

On another note, mark your calendars for the next Shred It Day. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 1 and will run from 7 am to 3 p.m. They will have three shifts set up. For each shift we have 10 volunteers working, our Club will receive a \$250 donation. More details and sign up opportunities will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars and save the date.

New Ohio District Governor elected ...

Over 125 of the 261 Kiwanis Clubs throughout the state of Ohio were in attendance at the 2008 District Convention held August 15-17 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. Kip Crain was elected District Governor and will take office on October 1. Kip is from the Wooster Club. In addition, Don Parker from the Hilliard Club, was elected District Governor-elect.

Kiwanis continues to be a viable organization throughout the world and is particularly strong in the Ohio District. Yet we have considerable untapped potential toward becoming a more recognized force, therefore making the overall promotion of the Kiwanis movement and membership growth critical areas of emphasis in the coming years.

Another reminder ...

You may get a little of tired of this message, but we can not emphasize enough the value of every member paying their annual Kiwanis dues on or before October 1.

Fiscal responsibility is a character trait inherent in leaders and successful people. They fulfill their financial obligations in a timely manner, showing their commitment to the cause or organization. They are the ones who know the importance of managing their resources and controlling their costs. They also understand the importance of our Club operating in a fiscally responsible manner. Paying your dues on a timely basis allows us to maintain an adequate cash flow and allows our officers to focus on the goals and objectives of the Club (rather than collections).

If you have not yet paid your dues, we hope you will do so today!!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



08/25 – Riccardo Ruotolo

08/29 – Paul Baumer

08/30 – John Fisher

08/30 – David Kandel

Next week (no meeting)

09/06 – David Fenner

09/06 – Mike Gladfelter

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus

P.O. Box 20334, Columbus, OH 43220-0334

Phone: 614-764-8082

e-mail: office@columbuskiwanis.org

website: www.columbuskiwanis.org

CLUB OFFICERS

Sam Vogel	President
Ken Keller	Past President
Scott Lindsey	President-Elect
Char Collister	Vice President
Fred Miller II	Treasurer
Paul Bohlman	Secretary/Editor

CLUB TRUSTEES

2008	2009
Scott Lindsey	Char Collister
Larry Icenogle	Jean Evans
David Keller	Mike Haemmerle
Kathleen Roberts	Fred Miller II
Misty Singer-Mahefkey	Jeff Rayis