

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.

September 8, 2008

Joe Blundo

Columbus Dispatch

Joe Blundo's column, "So to Speak," appears in the Life section of *The Columbus Dispatch*. It is a mix of humor, human interest and information.

Among his favorite topics is "Columbusness" -- the peculiarities that make Columbus what it is. Such as why we rush to the grocery store and buy all the milk and bread when a half inch of snow is in the forecast.

He also likes to write about crazed Buckeye fans, bizarre entertainment acts and oddball collectors, such as the guy who keeps a million used lottery tickets in his basement.

He began writing the column in May 1997. In 2002, he won the National Society of Newspaper Columnists contest for humor writing in large newspapers, and in 2004 he was named Best Columnist in Ohio by the Associated press.

A collection of his columns has been published in a book "Dancing Dads, Defective Peeps, and Buckeye Misadventures."

Joe has been at *The Columbus Dispatch* since 1978. He started as the night police reporter. He also has worked at the *Dispatch* as a suburban reporter, copy editor, assistant metro editor, Accent editor and Home reporter.

Joe started his career at the *Parkersburg Sentinel*, where he worked from 1976 to 1978 as a reporter. A native of New Castle, PA, he is a 1975 graduate of Kent State University. He lives in Worthington. He and his wife have two children.

Please join us for lunch and an entertaining presentation by columnist Joe Blundo.



Thank you
Jim Skidmore
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Susan Black
for today's invocation

Calendar of Events

9/09 – Trustee meeting – Columbus Club

9/15 – Jym Ganahl – TV Weatherman

9/22 – Foundation Meeting – 08/09 Club budget

Scheduled Committee Meetings

September 8

Drug, Alcohol &
Mental Health
Perspective Members
Senior Citizens
Sponsored Youth
International Relations

September 15

Membership
Environmental & Agri.
Inter-Club
Spiritual Aims
Music & Arts
Boost
Y.C.P.O.

Today's Menu: **House Salad, Sauteed Chicken Breast, Raspberry Balsamic Demiglace**

News & Notes:

• August 31, 2008 marked the official retirement date of Kiwanian **Jim Skidmore**. Jim was with the Office of Legal Services at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Ask Jim about his new toy ...



• After scuba diving in Mozambique, Kiwanian **Willie Grove** traveled to Amsterdam, where he attended the UBS Global Circle of Excellence meeting. This is the highest recognition at UBS globally, and Willie was selected to this exclusive small group in his first year with UBS. Last year, past President **George Ruff** was inducted into this council.

Childhood literacy & Kiwanis ...

If you are reading this, you are fortunate. Many people have never had the opportunity to learn how to read, and many children are not encouraged to develop a vital skill many of us take for granted. The Kiwanis Club of Columbus is proud to support the Columbus Metropolitan Library and its award-winning Summer Reading Program. For more than ten years we have aggressively supported this program, one that reaches tens of thousands of children each year.

Part of today's program will include the presentation of a check to the Library for the partial funding of the 2009 Summer Reading program. This check is a direct result of the outstanding success we had with this year's Corporate Regatta, and is just another example of the impact our Club has on the Columbus community.

Storage space needed ...

Do you have some storage space you can make available to the Club? We are looking for a dry place to store the three swimming pools (folded and boxed) we use for the Corporate Regatta. We only need access to them once per year. If you can help, please contact Kiwanian Jerry Durham.

Promote your business, while showing your support ...

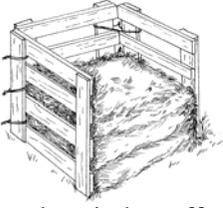
We are a large club with access to numerous local resources. But do you really know the products and services being offered by our members and their respective companies? Probably not. That's where our weekly newsletter and our web site come in.

Advertising space is available for very modest prices in both our newsletter and on our web site. And the more you advertise, the cheaper it gets. For details and pricing, contact incoming Boost Chair **Perry Fisher**. Plus, proceeds help go to help defray the costs of publishing and maintaining our ongoing communication efforts. It is a great way to support our Club!

Annual Dues ...

Thank you to all those members who have faithfully submitted their 2008-09 annual Kiwanis dues. If you have not yet submitted your payment, please remember to do so **BY September 30th**

Composting!



Compost is partially decayed organic material. It is very good for improving the typical clay garden soil in central Ohio. It can also be used as mulch, thus reducing the need for watering plants!

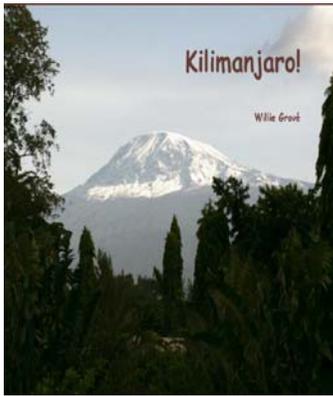
You can buy it, usually in plastic bags, or you can make it for almost nothing. Most of us have an endless supply of free organic material we normally pay to get rid of. Tree leaves are probably the largest source of organic matter. But there are many others, including grass clippings and food waste like corn husks, melon rinds, coffee grounds and tea bags. The list can be extensive.

Successful composting keeps the organic materials moist, not wet, and aerated so that they do not become septic. If they start to rot, anaerobic bacteria will produce smelly methane gas. Follow the directions on a composting bin or just pile up the materials in a corner of your yard. Be sure to turn them over once a week to once a month, watering when necessary. Placing a fence on three sides allows you to stack-up the materials and shovel them easier.

ROT-ON!

-- by Scott Doellinger

Grove` Book Now Available ...



Several months ago we reported on a trek to the top of the world by Kiwanian **Willie Grove`**. Now, you can purchase his book. It's a story of the dangers, the challenges and the triumphs of a group of ten friends, led by the able guides of Tusker Trail, on a nine-day adventure to the top of Africa and back down. The profits from this book will benefit the Kilimanjaro Porters Assistance Project (KPAP). The cost of printing each book is \$76.95. The sale price of \$86.95 includes a \$10.00 donation. For more information on KPAP, please visit <http://www.kilporters.org>. Large Format Landscape 13x11 inches (33x28 cm) 102 pages Published: First Edition July, 2008, Second Edition – August, 2008. This book is available on-line at <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore>. Enter Kilimanjaro! in the search box. For more

Information, contact wgrove@newtrekkeradventures.com or visit his website at www.newtrekkeradventures.com.



Kiwanians ... we serve ... literally!

When help is needed, Kiwanians are there. That's the way it was on Wednesday, August 28, as seven Kiwanians (**Holly Goodstein-Stokes, Scott Lindsey, Jerry Kuyoth, Fil Line, Dave Keller, Chad Endsley, Bob Barnes** and (not pictured) **Kathleen Roberts**) answered the call by President-elect **Scott Lindsey** to help serve food to the homeless at the Manna Café at Broad Street United Methodist Church. The group served approximately 120 people. In addition, through our Homeless Committee and a \$500 contribution, the Kiwanis Club of Columbus has provided almost a month's worth of food.



*Go Buckeyes ...
beat the Trojans!*



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"Leadership is comprised of two things, character and strategy. And if you have to be without one, be without strategy."

-- H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Retired General



At Kiwanis Club of Columbus
Service is the Air We Breathe

At Atlas Butler
We Service
The Air *You* Breathe



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New Members ...

The sign of a strong organization is growth, and we are proud to introduce three individuals approved for membership at the August Trustee meeting:

Nicole Thomas – Ohio Business Week
Troy Terakedis – CFO, Pinnacle Data Systems
Nicholas Tomashot – Attorney, Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLC

Please welcome these new members by helping them get involved with Club and committee activities.

Not sure who the new members are? If you see someone you don't recognize, introduce yourself. Even if he or she is a "veteran" member, you will have made them feel more welcome, and you will now know one more Kiwanian.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



9/08 – Scott Doellinger
9/08 – Misty Singer-Mahefkey
9/09 – Beth Dorsey
9/11 – Bob Wiseman
9/12 – Adam Biehl
9/12 – David Brainin

September Trustee Meeting ...

The September Trustee meeting will be held at the Columbus Club. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. Reservations are due in to Secretary Paul Bohlman by Friday noon, September 5.

Distinguished Member 2007-08

Do you qualify for Distinguished Member status? To qualify, a member must fulfill three criteria:

- 1- Recruit two new members
- 2- Participate in six service projects
- 3- Attend a mid-year or District Convention

Qualifying members will receive a lapel pin and be recognized at the 2009 Kiwanis International Convention. If you have met the criteria, please let President Sam Vogel know.

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