

# 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"*



September 14, 2009

**Avi Kagan**

**Columbus Jewish Community**

*Shaliach, emissary*

For the last 30 years, the Columbus Jewish Federation, in collaboration with the Jewish Agency for Israel, has sponsored the Community Shaliach. The Shaliach, or emissary, serves as an educational and cultural liaison between the central Ohio Jewish community and the people of the State of Israel. The Shaliach plays an integral community role by promoting and facilitating community celebrations and collaborations around Israel-related activities and issues. The Shaliach serves in the Columbus Jewish Community for a term of three to four years. Avi came from Israel in August 2007.



Avi has a B.A. in Developmental Aspects in Education and an M.A. in Educational Management, and he has been active in Israeli community services for over 25 years.

His last position was that of a regional director at the National University Student-Tutors Project "perach" (flower). The project simultaneously serves the needs of underprivileged public school students, while providing scholarships and experience to the university students. Avi was in charge of some 4000 tutors, who worked in his region in about 150 schools and various other educational projects. He managed a staff of 80 people, with a scholarship budget of more than \$4 million.

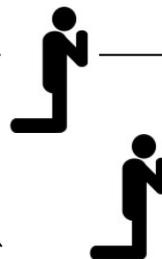
Like most Israelis, Avi served in the IDF -The Israeli Defense Forces. Military service is mandatory for all Israelis after finishing high school - three years for males and two for females. He served from 1986-1990, in the Nahal (Pioneer Combat Youth). During his tour of duty in the IDF, he served as a squad commander, a navy paramedic and a paratrooper. As a reserve duty soldier for more than 20 years, he continues to serve as a commander and a company-paramedic in the paratroops corps. He has participated in some combat, including the 2006 Lebanon war, when he served with his battalion in Lebanon.

Avi lived on a kibbutz in the Galilee for two years - a kibbutz is a cooperative (co-op) settlement unique to the state of Israel. The kibbutz's main industry was agriculture.

He came to Columbus with his wife, Amira, and his three children, Ori (12), Yoav (11) and Roni (5).



Thank you **David Korodi**  
And **Janie Bailey**  
for greeting us today.



Thank you  
**Roy Smoot**  
for providing today's  
invocation.

## Calendar of Events

9/14 – Division 10-W Council Meeting

9/15 – Trustee Meeting – Scioto Country Club

9/19 – Ohio District Installation Banquet

## Scheduled Committee Meetings

### September 14

Health and Wellness  
Scholarship  
Youth Opportunity

### September 21

Attendance & Retention

## *Today's Menu:* House Salad, Chicken Marsala

### President's Corner



Kiwanis-branded Service Leadership Projects (SLPs) are our long-term marketing advantage for recruiting new members - men and women who want a hands-on experience in helping to mold tomorrow's youth. But that, as they say, is just the tip of the iceberg.

At the KI Convention in Nashville, I met members from an Orlando club that has 35 members and sponsors a stunning seventeen SLPs! How can they possibly do this? The answer is, they have members who work for the suburban school district and they enjoy the complete support of the Superintendent. So new schools in their district open with an SLP imbedded. Their reward as a club? They grew to 50-plus members, sponsored a new club which "took" 20 members and seven SLPs from the original club, and now both clubs continue to grow and attract new members. I think it is a positive and inspirational story.

Do I expect us to sponsor tens of SLPs? Of course not, but our "reasons" for not doing so in the past seem a little weak compared with the successes achieved by a much smaller club. "Our Monday lunch meeting is a barrier to having educators as members." True, but we are not barred from working with educators on their turf and our schedule. "Our ability to have volunteer advisors at SLP meetings is stretched thinner with every SLP we sponsor." As we grow as a club, our capacity to serve SLPs should grow as well. "We don't have an 'in' with a prospective Columbus City Schools campus." Fil Line was "Principal for a Day" at Ridgeview Middle School and by keeping his eyes open and making new contacts as a Kiwanian, a new partnership was formed. Moreover, every Boys & Girls Club we work with could someday be an SLP - the model is always evolving and flexible.

"I don't have time to commit to all of those SLP meetings." None of us do, which is the strength of our club. If we decide as a group to commit to making SLPs a success and we all give a little of our available time, I know the program will succeed. A team effort is the key - not only will it change the lives of our SLP members, but the lives of our Club volunteers as well. I know firsthand - as a charter member and President of the Columbus Alternative High School Key Club, I was introduced to the world of Kiwanis. When I was asked to join our Club, my past exposure made it an easy choice.

So how do we move forward? I genuinely believe that you will read this and want to help. So take the bold step - attend a Service Leadership Programs Committee meeting. Sign up with a friend to attend two SLP meetings as an advisor. Help brainstorm new ideas on what projects might be available for our SLP members. Find a way to include our SLP members in one of your committee's projects. Talk to the 2009-2010 SLP Committee team - Chair Rita Edwards or Coordinators Natalie Coles, Andrew Carver, Jade Metcalf or Fil Line. Do what you can, but please do it. Our Kiwanis International defining statement is brilliant in its scope and simplicity, because each of us can change the world. How? By positively influencing just one child.

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



07/16 – Dave Timmons  
07/17 – Bob Barnes  
07/17 – Richard Brooks  
07/17 – Brad Fisher  
07/20 – William Grove`  
07/20 – Mike Laymaster

**"Some people dream of success...  
while others wake up and  
work hard at it."**

— Author Unknown

## Kiwanis Networking ...

Several years ago, a local law firm requested our club member **Fred Miller** to assist in preparing a business plan and raising capital for a client that had identified a unique method for isolating the effects of vibration and shocks generated by mechanical and seismic activity that is referred to as the SEICON SYSTEM™. With assistance and counsel of fellow Kiwanian **George Manser**, Fred soon was involved in various aspects of Seicon, Limited.



Recently, Seicon and Ohio Steel, another local company, announced a strategic partnership

under which Ohio Steel will manufacture and market the Seicon designed Steadywash™ platform that reduces the transmission of vibration generated by front-loading washing machines by as much as 95%. The substantial benefits of reduced energy usage and water consumption gained from using a front-loading washing machine is often offset by the noise and discomfort caused by the machine's vibration during its high-speed spin cycle. This can be particularly true when the machine is on the second floor or on the first floor when the home has a basement. You can learn much more about Steadywash™ by visiting the web site at [www.steadywash.com](http://www.steadywash.com).

Seicon and Steadywash™ actually could be considered a Kiwanis project, as George and Fred soon involved **Bob Banasik**. Bob then introduced Seicon to another Kiwanian, **Jim Baron**, who agreed to provide technical assistance. Jim ultimately designed the Steadywash™ platform by incorporating Seicon's technology to reduce the effects of the washing machine's vibration on a house. His design has resulted in two pending patents that are directly related to the platform. Jim also was extensively involved with Ohio Steel in designing the initial production prototype and the final production model. He currently is designing supports for HVAC units, air compressors, and electric generators that will substantially reduce the effects of vibration on surrounding structures. Seicon is also in the process of testing motor mount supports for use in the marine industry. Many Kiwanians have assisted in the development and nurturing of Seicon including **Bucky Wertz, Fred Miller II, Herb Flint, Bob Wiseman, John L. Miller, Fil Line, Charlotte Collister, Dave Gallit, Jamie Richardson** and **Dave Fenner**, so it is easy to see the company as a Kiwanis project.

Kiwanis' primary role is helping improve the world in which we live by serving the children of the world. However, the Club also fosters lasting relationships that may lead to many other endeavors. Seicon, Limited is fortunate to have been one of those endeavors that many Kiwanians were willing to share their many degrees of expertise to further this enterprise. If you have an interest in talking about the Seicon technology, certainly contact **Fred Miller** or **Jim Baron**.

## Membership dues: Due this week ...

Many of our members have already paid their 2009-10 annual Kiwanis membership dues and we thank them for being prompt and taking care of this vital process. If by chance you have not yet paid your dues, please note that the deadline is this Tuesday, September 15.

While there is no penalty for paying late, you can save your Club money and your Club officers considerable time and effort by paying on time. After the 15<sup>th</sup>, follow-up notices and phone calls will begin. These activities, while productive in collecting the outstanding dues, are counter-productive in that they divert the resources and attention of our Club leaders and squander the limited time they have to give to making our Club such a success.

So please, pay your dues. Today would be a good day to bring your check to the meeting or to drop it in the mail. Yesterday was even better!



**Quiznos  
is a Regatta  
supporter!**

**Stop-by for lunch any day!**  
(except during Monday meetings)  
**88 East Broad Street**

## Schneider Downs promotes Mackey ...

Kiwanian **Robert E. Mackey** was promoted to the position of manager, internal audit and risk advisory services by his firm, Schneider Downs, one of the top 60 largest public accounting firms in the U.S. Mackey joined the firm in February 2008 after eight years of experience in public accounting, industry and consulting. He holds a Master of Financial Economics from Ohio University and a Bachelor's degree from Capital University.



Rob has also been elected as 2009-10 Corresponding Secretary for the Institute of Internal Auditors, Central Ohio Chapter.

Rob, and his wife Kerri, live in Columbus. He has been a Kiwanian since December of 2008. Please join us in congratulating Rob.

## Christmas in September...

We have enjoyed the voice of Kiwanian **Larry Icenogle** as a member of What the Heck Four and now you can enjoy him as part of The Alliance Chorus. They have released their new CD, "Harmonies for the Holidays," just in time to 'take the edge off' the dog days of summer with thoughts of falling snow, sleigh bells, Christmas presents under the tree and the story of a baby born in a manger.

The CD is available for sale through Larry at a cost of \$15 if he can hand deliver it, \$17 if it must be mailed. If you would like to listen to a sample of it, you can go to <http://files.me.com/gadenino/blncza.mp3>. To order your very own copy, contact Larry at (740) 964-9459.



*The Alliance Chorus*

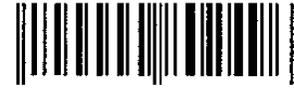
## "Kroger Rewards" pay out ...

We have received our first check from the revised "Kroger Rewards" fundraising program. The check was for a total of \$281.05 and was based on the purchases of just 10 Kiwanians. Think how much we could raise for the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation if just a third or a half of our members registered their Kroger Plus cards for the program.

Thanks go to Kiwanians **Susan Black, Paul Bohlman, David Brainin, Neil Distelhorst, Chad Endsley, John Gambaiani, Lisa Jolley, Scott Lindsey, Misty Singer-Mahefkey** and **Nancy Whetstone** for supporting this program.

To register your **Kroger Plus Card**, just go to [www.Krogerrewards.com](http://www.Krogerrewards.com) and click on "sign in / register" button near the top. To complete the process, you will need to know our organization code of 80249. There is no cost to register.

Or, you can simply take your Kroger Plus Card and this bar code to your local Kroger to have them register you. Please note that by registering in this manner, the Kiwanis name will not appear on your grocery receipt.



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Please make certain your information is accurate in the Kroger Plus Card Database before registering. This can be checked by calling 1-877-576-7587.



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"Ask me about the Keystone Group"

You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.

What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.

You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

~~ Adrian Rogers, 1931

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