

"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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Ben Marrison, 44, is the editor at *The Columbus Dispatch*. A native of Ashtabula, Ohio, he began his journalism career in Toledo at *The Blade* covering numerous beats, including Toledo City Hall, the utility industry, county government and nonprofit agencies.

He left Toledo for Cleveland in 1990, to begin working for *The Plain Dealer*. He began working in the suburbs exploring fraud and abuse in various municipalities, and within 18 months was promoted to cover City Hall. There, he exposed widespread abuses of city government, including theft by city council members and contract steering by the mayor and his staff. He was assigned to the Columbus Bureau of *The Plain Dealer* in October, 1994 and was named bureau chief in January 1996.



He joined the Dispatch in February, 1999 as Managing Editor/News. In that position, he led the newspaper's news-gathering and story production on a day-to day basis.

He became editor in November, 1999 and is now responsible for all sections of the newspaper, with the exception of the editorial page.

Marrison is a 1985 graduate of Bowling Green State University majoring in journalism and minoring in economics and computer sciences. He has won awards for investigative reporting and feature writing. He is president of the Associated Press Society of Ohio, is a member of the Bowling Green State University Hall of Fame and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Kiplinger program in Public Affairs Journalism at OSU.

Marrison and his wife, Ellen, live in Pickerington with their four children.



Thank you
Nicole Thomas
& **Fil Line**
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Jack Buttler
for today's invocation

Calendar of Events

10/23 – Division 10-W Council meeting

11/01 – Shred It Day

11/2 – Interclub opportunity
University Club Pancake Breakfast

Scheduled Committee Meetings

October 20

Attendance & Retention
Homeless
Membership
Music & Arts
Spiritual Aims

October 27

Boast
Boost
Career Guidance
Public Relations
Sponsored Youth

Today's Menu: **House Salad, Roasted Turkey Breast**



President's Corner ...

Our year of service is off to a fast start and I encourage all of us to keep that momentum going.

We provided simple, but meaningful, service as part of the Good Neighbor picnic. Under the leadership of chair **Jim Shively**, we offered free portraits of the individuals and families who took part in the picnic. The same children, who would not have enough money to buy school portraits, left the picnic with a smiling portrait in a self-decorated frame. For the volunteers who manned the decorations table, helped print out the pictures as fast as they came in or lent a friendly smile to the proceedings, it was certainly a memorable day as well.

Against the relative quiet of the Good Neighbor Picnic, the 29th Annual Columbus Kiwanis College Fair was a loud, swirling sea of excited and excitable high school students, meeting college representatives from around the country. This significant effort was headed by **Nancy Whetstone**, with the help of a very large and active committee. Forging partnerships with Columbus City Schools, I Know I Can and WWHO-TV ensured that we would not only reach our target audience, but be able to get them face-to-face with their potential future.

Did every student take advantage of what we offered them and take a step towards college? Of course not. But for those who did, and the lives and communities that will be changed as a result, it means our Kiwanis Club continues to impact young lives in a positive and life-affirming way.

Over 4,000 individuals served by our hands-on volunteers just days into our new administrative year is truly "bringing service into focus."

Committee Chairs ...

Looking to get new members involved in your committee? New members are the lifeblood of our organization. They bring enthusiasm, new ideas, fresh perspectives and a desire to be involved. So why not reach out and invite them to work with your committee?

A list of new members can be found on our web site in the 'member only' section under "Member Resources." Armed with their names, you can look up their individual contact information and extend a friendly invitation to get involved. Why not start today?

Scholarship committee to meet ...

A special, unscheduled meeting of the scholarship committee will be held this Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the Athletic Club of Columbus. If you are on this committee, or would like to get involved, please plan to attend.

Franklinton Interclub ...

Interclubbing is a great way to network, get ideas, meet new people and learn more about Kiwanis. Plus, you get an attendance credit. An interclub is defined as four members of our Club attending the meeting or function of another Club. Each year we try to do several interclubs with each of the clubs in Division 10-W.

Such an opportunity exists on Wednesday, October 22, with the Franklinton Club. They meet for lunch at noon at the Downtown Connection Restaurant. Please contact interclub chair Jim Skidmore (267-9491) to make a reservation, get directions, etc.

Division 10-W Council meeting ...

The quarterly meeting of Ohio District Kiwanis Division 10-W is scheduled for **Thursday, October 23** at Der Dutchman in Plain City. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., at a cost of \$16 per person. Reservations must be turned in by Friday, October 17. You will be billed afterwards for the amount of the dinner. The meeting will be hosted by three Kiwanis clubs and you will therefore receive three attendance credits. For reservations, please contact **Paul Bohlman** at pbohlman@aol.com or 614-738-0069, on or before October 17.

President's Party ...

Come help us celebrate the many successes of President **Sam Vogel's** administrative year. One of the many highlights of the evening will be the on stage musical talents and satirical skills of the **Kiwanis Players**, a nondescript group of wannabes, should've-beens and could've-beens, who are guaranteed to keep you delightfully entertained.

The event is black-tie optional, and will be held at the Lakes Golf and Country Club, 6740 Worthington Rd, Westerville, OH. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:15 p.m. Presentations and the show will begin at 8:00 p.m. You will have your choice of dinner entrees (roasted salmon, petite filet & grilled chicken breast, or pasta primavera). All members and their guests are invited to attend.

Please note that reservations and payment are due in **NO LATER** than October 28.

Venturing out ...

One of the benefits of membership in Kiwanis is getting to know people on a professional basis and doing business with them. Two of our members have recently ventured out on their own and could certainly use our support.

Mike Gladfelter - is still in the printing and promotional item business, but he has left American Solutions for Business and started MJW Graphics, Printing & Promotions.

John Gillam has left AFLAC and is now working as a graphic consultant for Pro Sign & Graphics. They specialize in vehicle wraps and specialty signs.

Their contact information can be found in the 'member only' section of the web site.

All you can eat pancakes ...



One of the Division 10-W goals this year is to increase the level of interactions between the 13 clubs of the division. What better way to show support than to participate in each other's fund raisers?

On Sunday, November 2, the University Club will be hosting its annual pancake Breakfast at the Wellington School located in upper Arlington (Reed Road, just north of Fishinger).

The cost for the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast is \$5 per person. The event will run from 8:30 am. to 1 p.m., and is a great place to stop in after church or before heading out shopping, hiking, cycling or whatever you have planned. Bring your whole family.

Be sure to sign, in so you get an attendance credit, and possibly an interclub credit (if we have 4 or more).

Shooting for the stars ...

President Scott Lindsey has set the bar high, and is anxious to recognize those Kiwanians who rise to the occasion.



During this administrative year, we would like to have 20 Kiwanians participate in 20 different service projects. Sound tough? Perhaps, but one week into his administration, we have already completed two projects - our Make A Difference Day event at Goodale Park, and our 29th Annual Kiwanis College Fair.

The following people received silver-star lapel pins with the Kiwanis logo emblazoned in the center, for participating in one or more of these events.

Bob Barnes	Paul Bohlman
Vicki Bowen	Danielle Chatfield-Beres
Jerry Durham	Bob Eberhart
Rita Edwards	Mike Haemmerle
Cary Hanosek	Lisa Jolley
Scott Lindsey	Fil Line
Jade Metcalf	Fred Miller, Sr.
Bob Murchake	Candace Pflum
Jamie Richardson	Kathleen Roberts
Jim Shively	Troy Terakedis
Nicole Thomas	Larry Walters
Nancy Whetstone	

Congratulations and 'thank you' to all of these fine volunteers!

The Lessons of life ...

Great truths that little children have learned:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a dust-buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

Great truths that adults have learned:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

Great truths about growing old:

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

The four stages of life:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

Success:

- At age 4 success is . . . Not wetting your pants.
At age 12 success is . . . Having friends.
At age 17 success is . . . Having a driver's license.
At age 35 success is . . . Having money.
At age 50 success is . . . Having money.
At age 70 success is . . . Having a driver's license.
At age 75 success is . . . Having friends.

At age 80 success is . . . Not wetting your pants.

Did he really say this???

Ray Nagin, the Mayor of New Orleans, was asked his views on Roe versus Wade.

He said that he didn't care how people got back to their houses.



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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/22 – Ned Barthelmas

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