

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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Herb Asher

O.S.U. Political Scientist



With the political campaigns in full swing and the Presidential elections just ahead, we are all immersed in politics. It is one of the things that makes our country great – the ability to debate issues and to freely elect the individuals we want to lead us and represent us.

This campaign season has been unique, and indeed historic. We will, for the first time in U.S. history, be breaking either the color barrier or the gender barrier. The campaigns have raised and spent record amounts of money, and have utilized today's technology to reach groups of voters, and potential voters, who were never engaged before.

To bring much of this into focus, we are pleased to have Dr. Herb Asher as today's speaker. Dr. Asher is a professor emeritus of political science and counselor to the president at The Ohio State University. He is a well-known commentator on current political events, writing numerous books on political polling and the like. One of the foremost authorities on Ohio politics, he has been interviewed by a host of news organizations that include CNN and CNBC.

Dr. Asher studied at Bucknell University (B.S. in Mathematics, graduated cum laude and with general honors) and at the University of Michigan (M.A. and Ph.D. in political science). Among the numerous books and articles which Dr. Asher has authored are: American Labor Unions in the Electoral Arena, (co-authored with Eric Heberlig, Randall Ripley, Karen Snyder) 2001; Polling and the Public: What Every Citizen Should Know, fifth edition, 2001; "The Media and the 1996 Campaign" in Re-election 1996: How Americans Voted, 1998; "The Perot Campaign" in Democracy's Feast, 1995; "Popular Support for Congress and Its Members" (co-authored with Mike Barr) in Congress, the Press, and the Public, 1994; Presidential Elections and American Politics: Voters, Candidates, and Campaigns Since 1952, fifth edition, 1992; "The Three Campaigns for President" in Presidential Selection, 1987; Causal Modeling, second edition, 1983; also published in a Japanese edition; and "Voting Behavior Research in the 1980s: An Examination of Some Old and New Problem Areas" in Political Science: The State of the Discipline, 1983.

Dr. Asher serves as faculty advisor to several student organizations, including the Undergraduate Student Government, the College Democrats, and two fraternities. He also serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Hillel and formerly served as faculty advisor to the College Republicans. Dr. Asher is a former member and chair of the Ohio Ethics Commission, and a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Community Research Partners, a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Metropolitan Club and former president of the Ohio State University Faculty Club.

Please join us for lunch this Monday and for a very informative and enjoyable presentation.



Thank you
Lisa Jolley
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Jade Metcalf
for today's invocation

Calendar of Events

11/01 – Shred It Day – OSU Schottenstein Center

11/03 - Sherry Geldin – Exec. Dir. Wexner Center

11/07 – President’s Party – The Lakes Golf Club

Scheduled Committee Meetings

October 27

Boast
Boost
Career Guidance
Public Relations
Sponsored Youth

November 3

Environment & Agriculture
Golf
Interclub
Reception
Scholarship
Youth Oppor. & Citizenship

Today's Menu: **House Salad. Sauteed Salmon**

Barhorst baby comes bouncing in ...



And then there were three!

At 11:46 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, Alexander Samuel Barhorst entered the lives of proud parents, and Kiwanians, **Tim and Irina Barhorst**. Alexander

weighed in at 5 lbs. and 13 oz at a length of 20 inches. Mother and son are doing great ... Dad’s head is still spinning, but hopefully he’ll gather his wits soon.

Irina’s mother Nina Mikhailovsky, visiting from Russia, was also by her side when Alexander entered the world. Congratulations Tim & Irina! We’re all anxious to see some pictures.

Perfect attendance recognized ...

Attendance at weekly meetings, committee meetings, and Kiwanis events is not mandatory, but highly recommended, for it is only by showing up and participating that you get the full value of your membership. Reports submitted by **committee chairs** indicate the following individuals earned the honor of “Perfect Attendance” during the 2007-08 administrative year that ended on September 30. Please join us in congratulating, and thanking, the following people:

Susan Black
S. Ronald Cook, Jr.
Robert Eberhart
Mary Lee Hammond
Jerry Kuyoth
George Manser
David Pritchard
Brian Seitz
David Timmons

Paul Bohlman
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David Kandel
M. Fil Line
Raymond Pauken
Jay Schoedinger
Richard Tice
Robert Wiseman

This week’s etiquette tip ...

The term R.S.V.P. comes from the French expression "répondez s'il vous plaît", meaning "please respond". If R.S.V.P. is written on an invitation, it means the invited guest **must** tell the host *whether or not they plan to attend the party*.

It does not mean to ‘respond only if you're coming,’ and it does not mean ‘respond only if you're *not* coming’ (the expression "regrets only" is reserved for that instance). It means the host needs a definite headcount for the planned event, and needs it by the date specified on the invitation.

Why is it inconsiderate to *Not* RSVP? An incomplete list of respondents can cause numerous problems for a host, including difficulty in planning food quantities, issues relating to minimum guarantees with catering halls, uncertainty over the number of party favors and difficulties in planning appropriate seating, among other things.

So the next time you see R.S.V.P. on an invitation you receive, please call your host and respond promptly. It’s the proper, respectful and professional thing to do.

If you believe you earned the prerequisite 48 attendance credits and your name was not included, please contact Club secretary Paul Bohlman.

“Shred It” Day ...

Opportunities for serving our community while simultaneously benefiting our Club financially, are very rare. But “Shred It” Day accomplishes just that. In addition, it will provide participating members with an opportunity to earn another silver service star.

For each group of 10 volunteers, our Club will earn \$250. “Shred It” Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 1. We are committed to helping fill two shifts - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - with 10 or more people per shift. The later shift is in urgent need, because clean-up must be completed in order to accommodate an evening event at the Schottenstein Center.



Please let Paul Bohlman know which shift you will be interested in working. We need to turn the names in to NBC4-TV by **Tuesday, October 28**.

This is the 10th “Shred It” Day conducted by NBC4 TV. Over 845 tons of paper products have been shred and close to \$25,000 has been raised for Nationwide Children’s Hospital since the program began in May 2004.

Food for thought ...

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here, I'll go on a head."

Don't miss it ...

If you have never been to one of our Kiwanis President's Parties, now is the time to go. This year's event will be held at the Lakes Golf & Country Club and promises to be a memorably entertaining evening.

A beautiful setting, an excellent meal and an outstanding cast of performers will all add to the aura as we celebrate the many successes (and perhaps a few mishaps) of the 2007-08 administrative year under the leadership of Sam Vogel.

Reservations have been sent and **RSVPs are due in by October 28**. Please be sure to indicate your meal selection.

Have you met them yet?

Here are a few of our new members. If you have not yet had the pleasure of meeting them, please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them to our Club.

Candace Pflum

Candace is a former member of the Dayton Kiwanis Club and is employed by Manpower Professional. A graduate of Wright State University, she enjoys playing tennis and cooking.



John Gillam

John has rejoined our Club after being gone for several years. He is the son of past president Bill Gillam. John is a graphic consultant with Pro Sign & Graphics.

Nick Tomashot

Nick is the CFO of Pinnacle Data Systems. He is an OSU and Duke graduate, has two children and enjoys family time, reading and walking.



Contact information on each of them can be found in our on-line directory, in the “members only” section.

The President's Corner ...



As October draws to a close, the work of our Club's committees is in full swing. Our success in providing service to central Ohio is determined by the different committees and their leaders. Each of these small work groups has its own mission and own focus on some aspect of our service. From Young Children Priority One, focusing on the very young, to the Senior Citizens Committee, focusing on the needs of our retired seniors, there is a committee touching every community in need in central Ohio.

In addition to the satisfaction inherent in service, there are other benefits to committee membership. Many members report their closest friendships were formed while working on a committee. These small working groups also give you new points of contact within the larger club. The most important benefit may be the ability to directly shape and develop new projects, as they are formed. For the leaders we have as members, today's ideas can become tomorrow's far-reaching project, with a little collaboration from your committee.

If you still haven't joined a committee, contact me or any officer, trustee or committee chair, and talk about what matters to you. Even better, check the bulletin and sit down at a scheduled committee meeting. "No reservations required, service immediately available."

53rd International Festival ...

Where do 10,000 people go each year to experience the wide variety of cultures throughout the World? They go to the International Festival, scheduled for the weekend of November 8 & 9 at Veterans Memorial Hall.

Our Club will again be co-sponsoring and manning a booth at the Festival (with the Northern Columbus Club), promoting the fact that Kiwanis is an international organization. We will be distributing information about Kiwanis, identifying potential members and helping them win prizes by stamping their "passports."

Here is another great opportunity to earn a silver service star. We will need people to help man the booth each day. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Please contact Jerry Kuyoth at 614-273-3588, or kuyoth@ncrccd.org to sign up for a shift.

"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as unsolvable problems."

- John W. Gardner

Promote your company/organization while supporting our Club ...

Do you know all of your fellow Kiwanians? Do they know you? Probably not! Are there business and networking opportunities going untapped? Probably so.

One way to overcome this is to advertise in our weekly Bulletin. Ads are inexpensively priced to encourage members to promote themselves, their company and their services.

Contact Perry Fisher for details at 614.228.8084 or pfisher@perryfisher.com.



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

10/23 - Robert Eberhart

10/29 - Jeffrey Ralph

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