

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"

November 24, 2008

Reverend Dr. Tracy R. Keenan

Sr. Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church



The Reverend Dr. Tracy Keenan is the senior pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, a congregation of 700 members located in Upper Arlington, Ohio. A native of Pittsburgh, she received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Duquesne University, a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She served at three Pittsburgh-area Presbyterian churches where she was also active in Interfaith Ministries and Presbytery commissions. She spent two summers in Belfast, Northern Ireland as a Volunteer in Mission.

She supplements her preaching skills with great musical talent. She has recorded original workshop music and she will be the music leader for the national gathering of Presbyterian women next summer.

Tracy was called to Covenant in 2004 where she enthusiastically lends her musical background to ministry and to the Church at large, leading seminars and worship leadership for various Synod, Presbytery and seminary events. She is presently serving on the Committee on Ministry for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. She has greatly energized and inspired the Covenant congregation and was recently recognized in a *Columbus Dispatch* article on dynamic preachers.



Tracy is married to Jim Mehler, pastor of Central Presbyterian in downtown Columbus. They have two grown daughters.

Please join us for fellowship, a terrific meal and an inspirational presentation as we celebrate the joys of Thanksgiving week.



Thank you
Perry Fisher & Jade Metcalf
for greeting us today.



Thank you
Paul Baumer
for today's invocation

Calendar of Events

11/27 – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

12/01 - Washington C.H. Christmas Auction

12/10 & 12/11 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Scheduled Committee Meetings

November 24

Boast
Boost
Career Guidance
Public Relations
Sponsored Youth

December 1

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

Today's Menu: House Salad, Smoked Chicken Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes, Spinach, Red Onions, Garlic White Wine Sauce



President's Corner ...

Last week, several Club members served as "principal for a day" in Columbus City Schools. I was assigned an elementary school in which almost all of the children qualify for food assistance, and the neighborhood does not have a good reputation. I really had no idea what to expect from the administration, the teachers or the students. Since the only recent experience I have with elementary school is with my son, who is in second grade at a school deemed "excellent" by the state's grading system, I naturally expected to compare and contrast the two.

Meeting with the administrators, staff and students was both inspiring and heartbreaking. The administration was experienced, engaged and caring and the "regular" principal was respected by students and staff alike. The building was modern and friendly and outfitted with a large multi-use computer lab. The students welcomed me by looking me in the eye and shaking my hand. The teachers were enthusiastic and moved right into their lessons for the day. To my surprise, there was little difference between what happened inside that building and what my second grader may be experiencing at the same time. However, as the day went on, I realized there was a huge difference in these kids' education and there was no easy fix for the problem.

A couple of fourth and fifth graders looked like they had been up all night, faced with who knows what in the neighborhood. Others just didn't quite have their uniforms clean or together, maybe a job that was just too much at home. I talked to teachers who had to track down parents to get them to have a conference about their child, and it was clear that most of the kids learned only during the day and in the safe oasis of the school. Busy parents with second-shift jobs or other family barriers are societal problems outside of the school that are contributing greatly in holding these kids back.

I, for one, will return to "my" school for the day to deliver

new games for the "morning circle" kids who get a free breakfast and start the day together in a safe, warm and loving atmosphere. I will also contribute to the school's "store," where kids who have done something good are rewarded with a choice of prizes. I will do this as a 'thank you' from our Club for allowing me to share a day with them. We will continue to see if one of our own Kiwanis-branded programs would be a fit there, as well. In the meantime, we are laying the groundwork for a partnership with our local Boys and Girls Clubs, so that we might be a small part of the solution and make an impact for some of these children. If we can provide other positive opportunities for any of the precious children I led as their "principal for a day" or children similarly situated, I will truly have something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.



New Ohio District office ...

The Ohio District, Kiwanis International is moving its office to a new Columbus location, thanks in part to Kiwanian **Fil Line**, who helped them locate the new property. The new address is 6161 Busch Blvd, Suite 220, Columbus, OH 43229-2554.



Please note that they will no longer be using a Post Office Box, and you should begin using the new address immediately. This would apply for Ohio District Kiwanis, Ohio District Key Club and Ohio District Circle K. Their phone numbers are also changing as of November 15th. They are as follows: (614) 848-5000 local, (888) 827-8196 toll free (888) and 397-4457 FAX.

Good friends are like stars.....You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Black begins new venture, wins scholarship ...



Kiwanian **Susan Black** is making big changes in her life. After 15 years in non-profit fundraising for various organizations around the state of Ohio, including most recently as Vice-President/Chief Advancement Officer at St. Vincent Family Centers, she is going out on her own with a new consulting business. Allene Professional Fundraising will offer a variety of strategic services to non-profit organizations both large and small that want to begin, to expand or to improve their fundraising efforts.

“Often non-profit organizations need the expertise of a senior-level development professional but they can’t afford one full-time. My services, provided on either a project or retainer basis, will allow more organizations to improve or expand their fundraising without the expense of a full-time professional,” she said.

Susan has expertise in all areas of professional fundraising, but considers her experience in grant writing and grants management to be her strongest suit. Clients to date have included United Methodist Children’s Home, The Wellness Community of Greater Columbus and the Center for Healthy Families.

As a vote of confidence in her abilities and future, the Board of the Central Ohio Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals has awarded Susan a 2008 “Hand Up” Scholarship to attend the International Conference of AFP in New Orleans in late March, 2009. The scholarship will cover the full cost of attendance. “Attending the conference will be an awesome opportunity to learn the latest approaches to fundraising and to attend the Consultant’s School held on the first day. I’m truly honored to be a recipient of this scholarship,” she said.

Be sure to ask Susan about her new business at the next Kiwanis meeting.



Please don’t forget that we have \$100 grocery cards for Giant Eagle and \$5 reloadable 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.



Trustees to meet ...

The December Trustee meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held at Scioto Country Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions.

Following the meeting, you are invited to stay for dinner and fellowship. Dinners are ordered from the menu and start as low as \$12. You will be billed for your dinner afterwards by our Club secretary.

This is where the business of our Club is conducted - Foundation expenditures are approved, new members are voted on and a considerable amount of information is distributed relative to the operation of our Club.

Reservations are needed so that we may provide Scioto Country Club with a firm head count. Please let **Paul Bohlman** know by Friday the 28th if you will be attending the meeting, and if you will be staying for dinner.

In Memoriam ...

Sumner Dent Williams, age 84, of Reynoldsburg, died November 9 at the Manor at Whitehall. We knew him simply as “Dent” and for many years he served our Club admirably as Club Secretary.

Born April 15, 1924 in Bridgeport, Ohio, son of Dorothy Williams. He is survived Edna, his loving wife of 61 years, sons Steve, Kerry (Betsy); daughter, Lisa (Steve); grandchildren, Kelly (Tom), Aaron (Loni), Jason (Lisa), Alix (Micah), Zachary, Stephen, Erik, Kaitlin, Trevor, Jordan and Jacob.

During World War II, Dent served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Metcalf (1942-1946) and received many honors. He graduated from Ohio University in 1949 with a B.S. in Journalism and worked as a reporter for the *Columbus Citizen* newspaper. Dent retired after many years as Public Relations Manager at Rockwell International (formerly North American Aviation).

In addition to being a member of our Kiwanis Club, Dent belonged to the National Management Association and Ohio Press Club. He loved reading, gardening, woodworking and a challenging crossword puzzle. He was humble, faithful, unselfish and kind, a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was the strength and heart of his family and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to his family.



The Kiwanis Club of Washington Court House will be holding its annual Christmas auction on Monday, December 1, 2008 at the Washington Country Club, 703 State Route 41 SW, Washington Court House.

Dinner begins at 6:30 - cost \$12.00/person.

The auction will follow dinner. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle for a retired Longaberger Christmas basket.

Interclub reservations must be received by Friday, November 29, 2008. Reservation can be made by e-mailing me at jimkayo@roadrunner.com or calling 740-335-1612.

Come join the fun and fellowship! If you have never attend our auction, you have missed out on an entertaining auctioneer and evening.

Enlist in the Army for a two hour tour of duty ...



Wednesday, December 10
Thursday, December 11

11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Join the Kiwanis army of volunteers ringing bells for the Salvation Army on these two days. Check in at the Athletic Club of Columbus around 11:00 a.m. and be assigned to a street corner with another Kiwanian or guest.

For more information or to sign up, contact past president Bob Wiseman at wiseman@burkholderflint.com.

THE LAWS OF ULTIMATE REALITY & Law of Gravity

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner. & Law of Random Numbers If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers. & Variation Law If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now. & Law of the Theater At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

Hats off ...



One of the most critical parts of bringing in new members is making them feel welcome and making them feel like an integral part of the Club as soon as possible. One of the tools we use to accomplish this is the "Beat The Blues" program that requires new members to complete six simple tasks, such as serving as a greeter, providing the invocation, attending a Trustee meeting, joining a committee, etc. Each time they complete a task, one of their six blue dots is removed from their name badge.

Hats off to the following new members who have recently "Beat The Blues:"

Chad Endsley
Nick Tomashot
John Gillam

Please congratulate these new members when you see them, and when you see others sporting blue dots, offer to help them get involved.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11/24 - Michael Stanley
11/29 - Robert Setterline, III

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