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"Bringing Service Into Focus"

December 1, 2008

Nannette Maciejunes

Executive Director, Columbus Museum of Art

Nannette V. Maciejunes was named executive director of the Columbus Museum of Art in November 2003 after serving as the acting director for a year and as chief curator for ten years. She received the 2006 Governor's Award for the Arts in Ohio in the category of Arts Administration. She has been at the Columbus Museum of Art since she began as a curatorial research assistant in 1984, with a brief absence when she served as curator of collections and exhibitions at The Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis.



Ms. Maciejunes attended Stanford's Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders—Arts in 2006 and the Getty's Leadership Institute for Museum Management in 1999. She graduated summa cum laude from Denison University with a B.A. in art history and an M.A. and further graduate studies toward a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Her area of scholarly expertise is early 20th-century American art and

European Modernism. Maciejunes was born in Columbus and grew up in Bexley or, as she puts it, "lower Bexley, below Main Street." Both parents were Columbus Public Schools educators, her mother an elementary school teacher and later a guidance counselor and her father a high school teacher who also became a guidance counselor and later director of adult basic education for the district.

Her parents had interests outside of education that are reflected in their only daughter's career. "My mother loved art," Maciejunes recalled. "My mom's house was filled with these weird little reproductions you used to be able to buy at Sears and places like that. We had lots of art books." Her father loved history. Rather naturally, when young Nannette, all of 17 and not permitted by her father to join the Peace Corps as she longed to do, went off to college at Denison University in Granville, she became an art history major. When she graduated, Maciejunes applied to graduate school at a number of places, and was accepted into the prestigious program at the University of Chicago. But by then she had fallen in love with her husband, George Maciejunes, a deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. She elected to stay in Columbus and continue her education at Ohio State University.

"This museum has been here more than 125 years, and it has survived and prospered against incredible odds," says Maciejunes. "I think that nonprofit institutions, places like museums, are really sort of improbable creations, and we demand so much of them. We want them to be this kind of treasure house, repository of great things. We want great educational programming that can challenge us, that makes us think in new ways. We want to come to the museum for beauty and comfort. A lot of people view museums actually the way they find solace and comfort ... in their church or synagogue or mosque. Museums are these very special places in our lives anymore and they're far more than just treasure houses."

Thank you
Irina Barhorst
for greeting us today.







Calendar of Events

12/08 - Talle Bamazi - Artist

12/09 - Trustee meeting - Scioto Country Club

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

Scheduled Committee Meetings

December 1	December 8
Environment & Agriculture	Assimilation
Golf	Business & Public Affairs
Interclub	Drug, Alcohol & M.H.
Reception	Homeless
Scholarship	International Relations
Youth Opp. & Citizenship	Senior Citizens

Today's Menu: House Salad, Salmon with Parsley Potato



President's Corner ...

Today is my mother's birthday. As a homemaker in the 60's and 70's, she lovingly raised me and my three sisters. We were fortunate to grow up in a two-parent household, with engaged parents who were steady influences.

As a father of two, I can now appreciate, as well as admire, my parents' seemingly endless patience with us. My parents were college sweethearts at Purdue University. My mother graduated from Ohio State after my parents were married and they returned to my father's hometown. Mom benefited from her college education greatly, becoming a critical thinker, while being well prepared for a teaching career before she turned her attention to us kids. Mom's college education was far from assured in high school. The daughter of my wonderful grandparents, a grocer and hairdresser, she pieced together several scholarships, including one from a local service club in her suburban Chicago hometown, in order to make it to college. It is a story that just wouldn't have happened without her receiving that scholarship.

How many of our projects touch lives in unexpected ways? We'll probably never know. I would like to think that in a moment of frustration, maybe a simple message on an infant's bib can calm a frantic caregiver. Working in partnership with others, students can think of themselves as future entrepreneurs for the first time. A student can be introduced to a representative of his future college. A child may receive a new book to call her own. A scholarship is given that turns the dream of college into reality. The ripples of any of our service initiatives may turn indirectly into positive waves for many.

I am proud to be a part of an organization that continues to invent new, effective service projects that can indeed touch so many lives.

Trustees to meet ...

The December Trustee meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held Tuesday, **December 9** at the Scioto Country Club. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

You are also invited to stay after the meeting for fellowship and dinner. Scioto Country Club will bill individually so that you may order from the menu. Meals start as low as \$12.

Reservations <u>must</u> be made to Secretary Paul Bohlman (pbohlman@aol.com) by Friday, **December 5**.

The Kiwanis Store ...



As adults, most of us have everything we *really* need, so what do we tell our kids, and others when they ask, "What we would you like to have for Christmas?" Something

that is useful, something that is affordable and something that is good quality?

The answer may be at the Kiwanis store. Whether it be a piece of clothing, a piece of jewelry or something for your office, the Kiwanis International store has something for everyone.

Plus, they have the added convenience of being able to shop on-line. So why not pass along the web site for the Kiwanis Store – http://store.kiwanis.org/? You may even give them a few items you have had an eye on. Who knows, maybe Santa will be listening!





Hilltop Kiwanis to auction paper ...

The Hilltop Kiwanis will be holding their annual Christmas

Newspaper Sale and Auction on Thursday, December 4 at the Crossroads United Methodist Church (1100 S. Hague Avenue). The silent auction will start at 11 a.m. and run through noon. There will be over 200 items to bid on, including car washes, oil changes, plants, candy, ceramics, candles, pictures, OSU items and much more.

The live auction (including the first paper) will begin at noon. Newspapers will be sold throughout the evening, with teams going door-to-door. They will also be sold on Saturday morning.



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.

University Club hosts West High Ensemble...

The University Club will be conducting their annual Holiday Program on Wednesday, December 10. They will be hosting the West High Ensemble, with the entertainment beginning at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be served immediately following the entertainment.

The event will be held at First Community Village. Reservations and requests for addition information should go to Ms. Brandi Hobart at brandimbowen@hotmail.com. The cost of the dinner has not yet been set.

Save those pop tabs ...

Throughout the course of a week, a month or a year, we each directly, or indirectly, throw away hundreds of aluminum pop tabs on the various cans we drink from. What if we could collect all of those tabs and put them to good use?

The Key Clubs in Division 10 have an ongoing contest to see who can collect the most pop tabs. They are weighed, recycled and sold, with the proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House. Let's help our Division 10-W Key Clubs win. Bring your tabs to a Club meeting and we will get them forwarded on for credit.

Mea Culpa ...

We inadvertently left two well deserving Kiwanians off the list of members who earned their perfect attendance tab for the 2007-08 administrative year. They are:

Bob Banasik – 27 years **John Gambaiani** – 21 years

Please join us in congratulating each of them.

One of the responsibilities of the committee chairs is to submit attendance reports for their committee meetings and activities. It is only through these reports, and the attendance cards you sign each Monday, that we are able to track each individual's attendance.

Help us with our Club's "Birthday Gift" ...



Each year, the Kiwanis International Foundation encourages each club to join their birthday club by donating the equivalent of \$5 per member (\$900 total)

for us). This contribution *from the Club* is one of the many requirements for earning the status of Distinguished Club.

This is not a budgeted item. Therefore, if we are to earn the Distinguished Club points associated with this particular criterion, we must do it on our own. Earning these points will make achieving Distinguished Club status considerably easier for Scott Lindsey's administration.



Thus, we are passing the proverbial hat. If you would like to make a contribution toward this end, please let us know. Checks should be written to the Kiwanis

Club of Columbus, so that we can re-package them into a single check written by the Club. Of course, cash is welcome, as well.

This is the season for giving, so perhaps you will consider placing the Kiwanis International Foundation on your shopping list. If so, please let us know by December 15th.

It's bell ringing time ...



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 a.m. and be assigned to a street corner with another Kiwanian or guest. And you can bring guests as well - a co-worker, family member, neighbor or friend. The more, the merrier...

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

Food for thought ...

- Is the man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray now a seasoned veteran?
- Does a backward poet write inverse?
- In democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.

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Meet our newest member ...

Who is our newest member? Well that's up to you. It could be one of your co-workers, a neighbor, a friend or a relative. All it takes is for you to ask.

And who knows, he or she may be waiting for the opportunity but has been too shy to ask you, or didn't know how to go about get involved.

Membership is not just the responsibility of the membership committee. It is incumbent upon each and every one of us to spread the word about Kiwanis. Wear your pin, talk about the things we are doing, ask someone to come with you to lunch, a committee meeting, a Club activity, share your newsletter and so forth. You might be surprised how many people will respond favorably.

As the fifth-oldest Club in Kiwanis International and the largest in Ohio, we have the bragging rights. So let's start bragging!



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

How about that? There are no birthdays this week ... so wish each other a happy Un-birthday!

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