

# 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"*

December 8, 2008

## Talle Bamazi

Artist



A visionary, born in Kara, Togo West Africa, and a painter who can best be described as an artist with more than a canvas, Talle Bamazi has a story; and a mission which is to engulf society in the ways of the West. He set out to show the world that Africa means more than violence – that it has a soul and a purpose. He uses his gift of the brush to educate, instruct and to give people a sense that the past is worth studying; for the past dictates the future.

Arriving in New York in 1995, with absolutely no understanding of the English language he embarked upon what was the most challenging adventure of his life. His quest for knowledge led him to the New York Student Art League, where he educated himself on American culture in order to infiltrate his vision into a world full of cultural differences. He continued his education at the New York Academy of Art, and graduated with a master's degree. This endeavor fueled the desire to take his goal of cultural harmony to a wider audience by using a gallery as a way for his vision to prosper. He brought the vision to life by creating a gallery where African and African American artists can display their souls through art.

He achieved this goal in Columbus in 2003, in founding KIACA Gallery to function as a place of culture – a place where the past can be preserved. His artwork shows the passion of his beloved Africa. You will see in his paintings a history, a soul, a time that once had been forgotten now is being told and remembered. He has chosen to use the many obstacles in his life and his passion for African culture as the inspiration for his art. Yes, to tell the story of his beloved land, the motherland, the land that has experienced suffering, pain, loss, and triumph is his mission. Today Talle Bamazi continues his quest to realize, expand and even surpass his artistic vision.

### ARTISTIC STATEMENT

*"I have tremendous pride and passion for the culture of my beloved Africa. All praises to God and my ancestors for my artistic ability. My belief is that my ancestors, through God, have chosen me to share this gift with the world. I accept and embrace this gift by honoring them with my work. Art and breathing share the same space and time for me, and I welcome the challenge the trials and tribulations of the creative process." – Talle Bamazi*



Thank you  
**John Gambaiani and Dave Pritchard**  
for greeting us today.

Help us achieve a second consecutive year as a Distinguished Club by supporting our efforts to raise \$900 for the Kiwanis International Birthday Club Program. See Paul Bohlman for details and/or to donate.



## Calendar of Events

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

12/15 - Scott Howson - Columbus Blue Jackets

12/22 - Columbus Children's Choir

## Scheduled Committee Meetings

### December 8

Assimilation  
Business & Public Affairs  
Drug, Alcohol & M.H.  
Homeless  
International Relations  
Senior Citizens

### December 15

Attendance & Retention  
Membership  
Music & Arts  
Spiritual Aims  
Wills & Legacy

***Today's Menu:* House Salad, Pecan-Crusted Chicken Breast, Apple Raisin Chutney**



### President's Corner ...

Secretary Paul and I recently had the chance to represent the Club at the Kiwanis TAG (Together Achieving Growth) Summit in Delaware, Ohio. The seminar gave clubs in three Ohio Divisions the opportunity to share ideas and listen to new

ones as presented by our Ohio Division leadership, as well as a representative from Kiwanis International. Although there are many struggling Kiwanis clubs, I am happy to report that ours is not one of them. We are doing many things "right" to support growth - we provide high-quality meetings with interesting speakers, networking and social opportunities. We certainly provide opportunities for service, which should be the bottom line for every Kiwanis Club. New members are attracted for a variety of reasons, which adds to our diverse mix of interests and results in a wide range of projects. And, we have members ready to welcome new Kiwanians and make sure that they can make the most of their membership.

So how can we improve on what we're already doing? To begin, we must continue the significant efforts of the committees who are called on each week to keep our meetings running smoothly - Program, Reception, Spiritual Aims and Music and Arts come immediately to mind. Then, too, we must encourage and thank Secretary Paul and the Newsletter editing "staff" for doing a wonderful job of communicating upcoming programs and projects each week. So, too, everyone who is submitting articles to Paul for inclusion in the Newsletter. In addition, the Membership, Attendance and Retention and Assimilation committees must be praised for working hard to reach out to potential new members and allow them to thrive in their new club. I'm grateful that all of these important pieces have fallen into place, but none will allow us to grow without the final piece of the puzzle - new potential members. This is where we all become part of the solution. I have been very happy to see the number of guests we've had over the last two months, and even happier to see the rate at which they are becoming

new members! Thanks to the many members who not only invite others but also make them feel welcome at our meetings. If you know of someone who might benefit from membership in our Club, ask them to join you for lunch. At the very least, we know they will enjoy themselves. At most, they might be the next great new member of our Club.

### 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 614-358-2130 (w) or wiseman@burkholderflint.com.

### Trustee Meeting ...

Final call: The December Trustee meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be held at Scioto Country Club on Tuesday, December 9, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Optional fellowship and dinner will follow the meeting. Reservations must be in to Secretary Paul Bohlman by this Friday, December 5.

## Give a gift that will continue to give ...



That's right, give a co-worker, a client, a neighbor, the paperboy, and others a Kroger Gift Card for Christmas, and our Club will benefit from both your generosity and their ongoing use of the card. The initial cost of the card is only \$5, and it comes with \$5 already loaded on the card. You can then go to any Kroger store and load more onto the card in any denomination you would like. If you use a credit card to add additional money on each Kroger card before giving it as a gift, your credit card may also earn points or mileage, thus allowing you to benefit as well.

But the most important thing is to let the recipient know that the card is re-loadable, and that he or she can take it to any Kroger store to add additional dollars to it. Each time they do so, 5% comes back to Kiwanis to support the programming of our Club.



Congratulations to **Sam Vogel** and his administrative group for being recognized as a Distinguished Club by Kiwanis International. This distinction is well-earned and is the result of many people working together throughout the 2007-08 administrative year. More than 80 points were earned against the various criteria established by Kiwanis International.

Our challenge is to win this award two years in a row. We are off to a great start. Keep up the good work!

## Pritchards help in El Salvador ...

Kiwanian **Dave Pritchard** and wife Dorothy traveled to the Central American country of El Salvador in September to assist in a humanitarian engineering project. A group of professional engineers in Central Ohio has established a chapter of Engineers Without Borders in Columbus. EWB is also affiliated at the national level with the American Society of Civil Engineers. EWB's primary goal is to help the citizens of developing countries by applying



engineering principles to solve problems of economic development, public safety and welfare in a sustainable way. This new Central Ohio Chapter of EWB has undertaken a project to improve conditions in the El Salvador town of San Pedro Puxtla, where the poorest area of town is without adequate and safe street access, sanitation, water supply, or refuse disposal. Seven members of EWB from Columbus visited this community for a week in late September for an assessment of the community's needs. Work there included topographic surveys, interviews and testing of water sources. The assessment team identified an immediate need for safety railings along the existing dangerous access path, and a long term need for a road, drainage systems, flood diversion, water supply and trash pickup. Since the assessment visit, the most immediate need, a safety railing, has been constructed. Current work on the project includes design of the road and drainage system, cost estimates, planning the construction sequence and raising funds for materials and construction. **Dave Pritchard** is assisting the project in the area of water supply and flood control, and Dorothy is working in community need assessment. Information on the project and how to become involved can be found on the Central Ohio EWB website, [www.ewbco.org](http://www.ewbco.org).

## Leverage your Giant Eagle card ...



There's no question that using a Giant Eagle gift card is a convenient way to shop and an easy way to support our Club. But at this time of the year, it can really save you money ... here's how:

- 1- Identify the stores you are going to go shopping in - Best Buy, WalMart, etc.
- 2- Determine how much you think you will spend in each store.
- 3- Purchase an appropriate number of Giant Eagle gift cards (\$100 increments) from Paul Bohlman on Monday to cover the amount identified in step 2.
- 4- Go to Giant Eagle and buy the individual gift cards for the stores where you will be doing your Christmas shopping, and use your Giant Eagle gift cards to purchase them.
- 5- Using the Giant Eagle points you got from buying the gift cards, fill your car with gas.

Report back on how much you saved per gallon. Let's see if anyone can spend enough to earn a free tank of gasoline. Whoever saves the most on gasoline will win a prize (receipt needed for verification).



### Sad passing....

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly.

He was 71. Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive 'roll model' for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

If this made you smile for even a brief second, please rise to the occasion and take time to pass it on and share that smile with someone else who may be having a crumby day and kneads a lift.

The Thought To Ponder Today ... In Loving Memory of the Doughboy, never take life too seriously. Nobody gets out alive, anyway...

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### Third Thursday set for December ...

All members are invited to participate in the monthly "Third Thursday" social event scheduled for December 18 at the Old Bag of Nails located at 18 N. Nelson Road (just north of Broad Street). Please RSVP to **Scott Lindsey**.

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Somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you. And the more you spend in blessing the poor and lonely and sad, the more of your heart's possessing returns to you glad.

- John Greenleaf Whittier

### Foundation Board to meet ...

The Columbus Kiwanis Foundation Board of Trustees will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 15, immediately following our Club's normal luncheon meeting.

**Keep your name and your company  
in front of  
your fellow Kiwanians!**

**Purchase a business card ad.**

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### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/08 - Bob Banasik

12/13 - Ron Manser

12/14 - Dan Ward

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