

# 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 15, 2008

## Scott Howson

General Manager, Columbus Blue Jackets



Scott Howson was named the second general manager in Columbus Blue Jackets history on June 15, 2007 and oversees all aspects of the club's hockey operations efforts. Howson came to Columbus after spending seven years with the Edmonton Oilers. He joined the Oilers in June 2000 as assistant to the general manager and was named assistant general manager a year later. In that role, he was responsible for all aspects of the club's hockey administration, including player contracts, certain personnel decisions, the collective bargaining agreement, its American Hockey League affiliates and the salary cap. During his six seasons with the Oilers, the club posted five-straight winning campaigns from 2000-06, averaged 37 wins and 89 points per season, topped 90 points four times and advanced to the 2006 Stanley Cup Finals, where they were defeated in seven games by the Carolina Hurricanes.

Prior to his arrival in Edmonton, Howson spent six years with the Oilers' American Hockey League affiliates. As general manager of the Cape Breton Oilers from 1994-96, he oversaw the franchise's move to Hamilton in 1996 and was the Bulldogs' general manager from 1996-03. During that time, he led Hamilton to a pair of berths in the Calder Cup Finals (1997, 2003) and a conference semi-finals appearance in 2002.

Born on April 9, 1960 in Toronto, Ontario, Howson played three seasons in the Ontario Hockey League as a forward with the Kingston Canadiens from 1978-81, serving as team captain and earning OHL All-Star honors. Following his junior career, he signed a free agent contract with the New York Islanders and spent the next five years playing at various levels throughout the organization.

During his rookie season in 1981-82, he was named the International Hockey League's Rookie of the Year after registering 55-65-120 in 71 games with the Toledo Goaldiggers. He was the league's second-leading scorer that year and helped Toledo capture the league championship. Howson also won a Central Hockey League title with the Indianapolis Checkers in 1982-83. He made his NHL debut with the Islanders during the 1984-85 season and tallied 4-1-5 and two penalty minutes in eight games. He added 1-2-3 and two penalty minutes in 10 games the following season before retiring as a player at the end of the 1985-86 season.

Howson earned his bachelor's degree in 1987 from York University in Toronto and is a 1990 graduate of the university's Osgoode Hall Law School. He and his wife, Antoinette Mongillo, are the parents of a son, Max, and daughters, Rebekah and Joanna.



Thank you  
**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

12/22 - Columbus Children's Choir

12/25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS

12/29 – No Meeting

## Scheduled Committee Meetings

### December 15

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

### December 22

Boost  
Boast  
Career Guidance  
Public Relations  
Sponsored Youth

**Today's Menu: House Salad, Meat Loaf and Mashed Potatoes**



### President's Corner ...

Kiwanians **Paul Baumer, Bob Eberhart, Larry Icenogle and Dave Kandel** have been entertaining us as the "What the Heck Four" for several years. They have performed numerous times as representatives of our Club, entertaining at sporting events,

retirement communities, schools and even while delivering singing valentines. Everyone seems to have the same positive reaction to their barbershop harmonies. Of course, their music comes with a lot of practice and preparation time - just ask their wives. The payoff comes when the music begins.

Someone mentioned to me that they are a perfect signature for our Club, and I have to agree. In a club full of wonderful musical talent and all sorts of unique service projects, these four stand out as our ambassadors. Thanks for your special service that always brings a smile!

### Entrepreneurial Challenge set ...



Put your knowledge and experience to good use at the "Kiwani Entrepreneurial Challenge" on **Friday, February 20** at Columbus State Community College.

Join fellow-Kiwanians for a fun-filled day working with high school students from central Ohio, as they explore all areas of entrepreneurship. "Advisors" of all ages and experience levels are needed to work with a team of students, as they create an idea, develop a mini-business plan and present their idea to the group. Your day will begin with training at 7 a.m. and conclude at approximately 2 p.m., and it will go fast!

Lunch will be provided. For more information, or to register, please contact **Brad Fisher** at [brad@fisherwealth.com](mailto:brad@fisherwealth.com).



### No meeting ...

**Reminder:** There is **NO** meeting on Monday, December 29 due to the holidays.

### A Lying Down Green Tip ...

Most Americans sleep on a mattress. As a result over 20 million mattresses are thrown away each year, enough if stacked to reach 375 times higher than Mount Everest! What to do

- Always try to give still usable mattresses to agencies, as the Salvation Army or Good Will Industries.
- Delay having to throw out your mattress by cleaning your mattress with baking soda sprinkled on the surface leave it for as long as possible and then vacuum off the dirt and moisture.
- Rotating and turning the mattress twice per year also helps it last.
- Many cities will not accept a mattress in the normal pick-up, and may require special pick-up notification.
- Many landfills are no longer accepting mattresses so investigate old mattress removal when purchasing a new mattress.

Obviously, disassembly and recycling of bedding materials is the only sustainable solution.



## Division 10-W to meet, Ohio Kiwanis Governor to visit ...

The quarterly meeting of the Kiwanis Division 10-W Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at The Four Seasons Columbus. This is located in Hilliard at 4643 Trueman Blvd. The meeting will be combined with Division 10-E and will serve as the official visit of Ohio Kiwanis Governor Kip Crain and his wife Becky.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a president's roundtable with Kip. Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m., with the rest of the agenda following dinner. Cost for the meal is \$24 and it will consist of spring greens salad, roasted chicken with Marsala wine and mushroom sauce, roasted redskin potatoes, vegetable melange and chocolate cake.

Deadline for reservations is **Friday, January 9**. Reservations are **REQUIRED** for this event. If a person doesn't have a reservation, there is no guarantee that they will have a meal. Please let Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know if you plan to attend. You will be billed for the meal following the event.

The meeting will be hosted by the Westland, Grove City, Northern Columbus and Columbus Northland Clubs, thus generating *four* attendance credits for all those attending.

### Looking for a tax deduction?



With the end of the year fast approaching, there is still time to make some strategic decisions that will help lower your tax obligation for the year. One of those is increasing your charitable donations, and what better cause can there be than our own Columbus Kiwanis Foundation?

Any size gift is welcome, but you may want to consider joining the **1916 Society**. This Society was organized five years ago through the generous efforts of past president **George Manser**, to honor our Club's founding in 1916. Now over 60 members belong, and you can too.

Membership involves a \$1,000 contribution to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, and that donation can be paid over four years in \$250 increments. Why not make the pledge this year, make your first installment (or more) and take advantage of the tax credits you will earn? It is a win-win situation.

For additional ideas on how you can support the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, please contact our Wills & Legacy Committee Chair, **Dave Weibel**.



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.



### Welcome new members ...

At the December meeting of the Kiwanis Trustees, the following individuals were approved for membership in the Kiwanis Club of Columbus:



**Rebecca Asmo** - Director of Development, Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus. Rebecca is a graduate of Georgetown University and has lived in Columbus for four years. She enjoys museums, reading and travel.

**Matthew Gerhardt** - Vice President, US Bank - Matthew received his Bachelors Degree at The Ohio State University and his MBA at Xavier. He is a 27 year resident of Columbus who enjoys travelling, history and outdoor activities.

**Paul Haggard** - Community Affairs Manager, Sterling Commerce - Paul is a graduate of Ohio Dominican and has lived in Columbus for 20 years. Paul's interests are his family, religion and community service.

**Robert Mackey** - Internal Audit and Risk Management Services, Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. - Robert is a graduate of Capital University and Ohio University. He is a 12 year resident of Columbus who enjoys cooking, listening to his record collection and bowling.

### Announcing key dates ...



Throughout the year our Club conducts many events and activities that rely heavily on the participation of our members. Therefore, it is important that these dates be set early so that you can get them on your planning calendar in order to avoid conflicts. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the following:

Friday, February 20 - *Entrepreneurial Challenge*  
Friday, May 15, 2009 - *Charity Auction*  
Monday, August 17, 2009 - *Corporate Regatta*  
Monday, October 5, 2009 - *College Fair*



**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 12/17 - Michael Becker
- 12/18 - Torri Warner
- 12/19 - Kathleen Roberts
- 12/19 - Joyce Waters

**What were they thinking?**

**'Half this game is ninety percent mental.'**  
*--Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark*

**'It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.'**  
*--Al Gore, Vice President*

**'I love California . I practically grew up in Phoenix .'**  
*-- Dan Quayle*

**'We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need ?'**  
*--Lee Iacocca*

**'The word 'genius' isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.'**  
*--Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.*

**'We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people.'**  
*-- Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor*

**'Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances.'**  
*--Department of Social Services, Greenville , SC*

**'Traditionally, most of Australia 's imports come from overseas.'**  
*--Keppel Enderbery*

**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.

**Let's say thank you ...**

They are at our meeting every week quietly and efficiently going about their jobs without us even knowing. They move quickly and silently between the tables, keeping a watchful eye for who fills in the gaps and who still needs a meal.



The wait staff of the Athletic Club is an integral part of our Monday meetings. They help make everything run smooth. Each year, during the Holiday Season, we take up a small collection and present to them on behalf of the Club. It's a small way of say 'thank you' for another year of outstanding service. Please note, our Monday meal price includes a tip for the wait staff. This is above and beyond that ... it is truly a Christmas offering.

This Monday and next Perry Fisher and Jim Skidmore will be accepting donations as you arrive and sign in. We hope you will feel compelled to support this voluntary effort.

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