

# 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."

**"Where Ordinary People Provide Extraordinary Service"**



December 21, 2009

## The Columbus Children's Choir Middle School Honors Chorus and The New World Singers

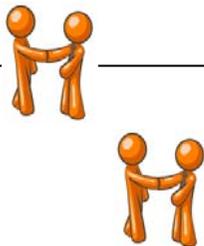
The Columbus Children's Choir (CCC) and its parent body, The Columbus and Central Ohio Children's Chorus Foundation, were formally established in 1995. Prior to this time the Choir had been known as the Columbus Symphony Orchestra Children's Chorus. Dr. Sandra Mathias was the founding director of the Choir and currently serves as its Artistic Director.

In 1997, the Columbus Children's Choir was made up of 150 children comprising three ensembles. In the 2005-06, 10th anniversary season, approximately 300 children were singing in ten choirs, collectively referred to as Columbus Children's Choir. In addition, two Young Musicians' Classes are held for children in grades K through 2.

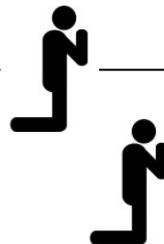
Children become members of the Choir through audition and are assigned to one of the ensembles based on age and musical ability. Weekly and bi-weekly rehearsals are held at Broad Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Columbus, and at the Choir's satellite locations in Pickerington and New Albany.

Today, we will have two groups perform for us. The Middle School Honors Chorus is a partnership program of the Columbus Children's Choir and the Columbus City Schools. Teachers select up to 10 of their outstanding 6th, 7th, and 8th grade singers to be members of the chorus. They rehearse for six weeks and sing on the Holiday Concert of the Columbus Children's Choir. They return in January for two weeks and sing at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. This year's choir is being sponsored by the Franklin County Neighborhood Arts Program of the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

The New World Singers of the Columbus Children's Choir is the top choir in the eight choir organization. Many singers have been in the choir for four to six years, moving up through preparatory choirs. The New World Singers annually sing with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra at their Holiday Pops concerts. The choir has toured Russia, Canada, and Eastern and Central Europe. In the Spring of 2007, they were selected to sing at the national conference of the American Choral Directors' Association and the Organization of American Kodály Educators.



Thank you **Perry Fisher**  
and **Lisa Jolley**  
for greeting us today.



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for providing today's  
invocation.

## Calendar of Events

12/25 – Merry Christmas

12/28 – **NO CLUB MEETING**

01/01 – Happy New Year

## Scheduled Committee Meetings

### December 21

Attendance/Retention  
Membership  
Music & Arts  
Wills & Legacy  
Young Children Priority One

### December 28

No Meeting today  
Enjoy the  
Holiday Season

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

## President's Corner



One of the institutions inaugurated by Past President **Scott Lindsey** last year is the “service star” awards. These awards reinforce our Club’s emphasis on service. When a member volunteers for a Kiwanis service project for the first time, he/she is awarded a silver star.

When a member has an accumulation of volunteering for a total of six service projects in any given administrative year (Oct.1 through Sept. 30), that person receives a gold star.

I often see our members wearing their stars. It is a great deal of pride to see the recipients wearing them and it is a great source of pride to our Club to see that so many have earned both silver and gold stars.

So if you don’t have both the silver and gold star, be sure to volunteer for the service projects that we have coming up. Particularly this week before Christmas we have two opportunities: Our regular third Thursday reading at the Boys and Girls Club from 4:30 to 5:30 and then our help with the Holiday party at the Franklin County Developmentally Disabled Childcare Center. Sign up with Rebecca Asmo for the Boys and Girls Club and sign up with Jeff Rayis for the Franklin County Party.

And be sure to wear you silver and gold stars. They say who you are and how you are committed.

The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness.  
You have to catch it yourself.

*- Benjamin Franklin*

## Do it yourself ...

You can’t always rely on your family or friends to get you the Christmas present you *really* want! That’s why sometimes it is best to just do it yourself ... splurge a little, and spoil yourself with something special, like a Kiwanis Polo shirt.

Oh sure, you might not think you need another polo shirt, but how can any self-respecting Kiwanian show up at a service project without one? Don’t you want people to know you are a Kiwanian? Do you want to be the only Kiwanian at the event not wearing our colors?

We only need a few more purchases before we have enough to submit a custom order. Details are on the home page of the web site. And while it might be too late to get your shirt wrapped and placed under the tree, it’s never too late to dress fashionably. So please submit your form and money by the January 4 meeting so that we can proceed with our final order.

## Reservations due in ...

Reservations are due in by Monday, January 4th for the January 14<sup>th</sup> Division 10W Council meeting. This will be a joint Division 10 Council meeting for the official visit of Governor Don Parker. It will be held at the Berwick Party House at 3250 Refugee Road and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner menu has not yet been published but we should have it prior to our next newsletter and it will be published then. The cost will be \$20 per person and you will be billed afterwards. Because this is a multiple Division meeting, each attendee will receive multiple attendance credits and interclub credits.

If you plan to attend, please let Club Secretary Paul Bohlman know as soon as possible so that he can reserve the proper spaces for our Club. This is a great opportunity for networking by meeting people from other clubs.

## A special offering ...

Week in and week out we are quietly and efficiently served our meals by the wait staff of the Athletic Club. They move seamlessly through the room, carefully tracking down those with the hot meal, versus the chef's salad, versus no meal at all.



Each year, as we celebrate the holiday season, we take up a collection from amongst our members to recognize the fine service these men and women perform. As you enter the dining room this week, please consider making a contribution to this effort. We will present the total amount collected during today's meeting. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Outside a dog, a book is man's best friend.**

**Inside a dog, it's too dark to read.**

*-- Groucho Marx 1890-1977*

## Quarterly pre-paid meal plan . . .

Are you a regular "attender" of our weekly meetings? Are you looking to save a few bucks? If so, why not sign up for the quarterly pre-paid meal plan?

There are 13 scheduled meetings in the first quarter of 2010, and by paying **in advance**, you receive a \$1 per week discount – that is, you pay only \$130 for \$143 worth of meals, a savings of \$13.

To participate, however, the \$130 payment must be received on or before January 4, 2010. From then on, when you sign in each week, Linda will check your name off the pre-paid list and you will not have to worry about carrying cash or having the correct change. It just can't get much easier ...



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## Not what it seems to be ...

A man was driving when a traffic camera flashed. He thought his picture was taken for exceeding the speed limit, even though he knew he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly but again the camera flashed.

He thought this was quite funny so he slowed down even further as he drove past the area, but the traffic camera flashed yet again. He tried a fourth time with the same result. The fifth time he was laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he got five traffic tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.



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**"Ask me about the Keystone Group"**

Happy Anniversary

**Tom & Sandy  
Sherrill**

December 27  
**40 years**



"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

*~~Thomas Jefferson*

## An interview with Jay Schoedinger ...

Sponsored by Perry Fisher\*

John A. Schoedinger joined Kiwanis following service in the Jaycee's, which he joined right after graduation from the Cincinnati Mortuary College in 1963. Schoedinger Funeral Service is a fifth-generation institution in Columbus, of a family long invested in the Columbus community. Jay wanted to be a Kiwanian because his brother was a Rotarian.



Funeral directors since 1855, Jay's American ancestors set a strong tradition of service, both with their customers and the community.

Jay says his best Kiwanis day was when, as President in 1988, his administration bought a full-size transportation van for the Senior Citizens of Columbus. Jay is modest when asked about his career; when asked about his work, he just points to a family heritage of service, of which he is naturally proud.

Jay enjoys his hobby of collecting antique toys and Lionel trains, so much so that he remains young at heart. Married 46 years to Joyce, Jay has raised three children and has eight grandchildren ranging from four months to 17 years of age.

A ready smile, and sometimes a joke, awaits your Monday morning greeting from this loyal Kiwanian.

*\* The boost committee is offering members the opportunity to sponsor interviews with other Club members to be printed in the Newsletter for \$25.*



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### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/25 – Neil Distelhorst  
12/27 – J. Patrick Doyle

### Questions that haunt ...

- Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
- If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
- How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

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