

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 22, 2008

The Columbus Children's Choir



The Columbus Children's Choir (CCC) is a treble voice choir comprised of the finest independent community children's choral program. It was founded in 1996 with the support of the Columbus and Central Ohio Children's Chorus Foundation.

Over the last decade, the Columbus Children's Choir has grown from three to nine choirs. Singers in grades three through twelve are selected to participate by audition. Conductors place the singers in either the Isabella, Niña, Pinta, Concert Boy, Senior Boy, Santa Maria, or New World Singers, depending on their personal musical development and skill. In addition, singers may select to participate in the International Ensemble or the Pickerington Satellite Choir. Children in grades

K-2 are encouraged to join one of the Young Musicians Classes.

Each year the Columbus Children's Choir presents a three-concert series as well as other special performances throughout the season, both in and around the Central Ohio area. The Kiwanis Club of Columbus has had a long-standing relationship with the Columbus Children's Choir, and we have always enjoyed their special Holiday performance at our pre-Christmas meeting.



Today's entertainment will be directed by Sandra Mathias, Ph.D. and Professor of Music at Capital University. In addition to her teaching, she directs the Women's Chorus, the Capital in Hungary Program and serves as the Director of the Kodály Institute at Capital. She received her B.S. in Music Education from the State University of New York at Fredonia; Master of Arts (with Orff concentration) from Ball State University; Kodály Certificate from the Kodály Center of America; and Ph.D. in Music Education from The Ohio State University.

Dr. Mathias is the former conductor of the Columbus Youth Choir at Capital University and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra Children's Chorus. Currently, she is the Artistic Director of the Columbus Children's Choir and Conductor of the New World Singers, the premiere performing and touring choir of this organization.

Members are always encouraged to bring their families to this special meeting to enjoy the season and the talents of these wonderful children. In order to insure the appropriate number of meals, please let us know the number of guests you will be bringing.



Thank you
Kathleen Roberts
and **Fil Line**
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

12/25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS

12/29 – No Meeting

01/05 - Tanny Crane - Crane Plastics

Scheduled Committee Meetings

December 22

Boost
Boast
Career Guidance
Public Relations
Sponsored Youth

December 29

No
meeting
this week

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



President's Corner ...

Thanks to all of our volunteer bell ringers who took to the streets on December 10th and 11th to raise money for the Salvation Army, continuing a long-standing Club tradition. I think the bell sounds festive and is a wonderful part of the holiday

landscape. The sound is also a reminder, however, that there are people in need all throughout our city and that the Salvation Army helps in a variety of ways.

As I stood in the damp, brisk December weather, my heart was warmed by one donor who dropped a dollar into the bucket and stated "this is for my AA meeting - 16 years clean and sober." Another individual deposited a couple of coins and a charm; she stated "I don't have much, but I have a job and this has been lucky - maybe it will bring luck to someone else." Truly amazing!

Certainly, many of the well-dressed professionals that walked by contribute in other ways, or at other times, to their favorite charity. For others, this may be a once-a-year charitable contribution. The humbling lesson for me each year is that there is no way to predict who might be the day's biggest donor and who might need the Army's services before the holidays are over.

I'm glad to take my very short turn with the bucket and bell and happy to see another rewarding partnership for our Club.

Pre-paid lunch program enrollment open ...

Many of our members take advantage of the "pre-paid luncheon" program as a way of supporting the Club, making their Monday lunch registration a little easier and saving some money.



By pre-paying, you don't have to worry about having enough cash with you on Monday, or wait to have change made. This also speeds up the line for others.

The first quarter of 2009 (January through March) has 13 Monday meetings. By pre-paying, you save \$1 per week, or \$13 for the quarter. The \$130 payment however is due in full by January 5, 2009.

Checks should be made out the Kiwanis Club of Columbus and submitted to Paul Bohlman. If you need an invoice in advance, please let Paul know.

Guest list needed ...



We don't normally need to know if you are bringing guests to our luncheon meeting, but this week (December/22) is different. Please let us know by Friday how many guests you will be bringing. We want to make sure we have enough meals ordered. Just e-mail pbohlman@aol.com.



No meeting ...

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

Buying a new TV? It could be an energy HOG!

The 275 million televisions in the U.S. consume the power output of **10** coal-fired power plants! New TVs frequently use more power than old sets due to their size. **So what do you do to save energy?**



1. **Purchase a smaller television.** The larger the TV, the more energy it will use. You may have to sit a little closer, but most rooms do not need a huge screen. Small TV's are also less expensive.
2. **Know your technology.** Technology is advancing fast and of the three primary screen technologies plasma is the most energy-consuming at .33 watts per square inch. LCD screens consume .28 and DLPs come in at only .13 watts per square inch.
3. **Purchase an Energy Star-rated TV.** They will use up to 30% less energy than a non-rated set.
4. **Unplug your TV when not viewing.** A television with remote capabilities is always partially on. Plug the TV into an outlet controlled by a light switch, or use a surge protector power strip that can be conveniently accessed.
5. **Turnoff the 'quick start' option.** Just like unplugging the set, this will eliminate the use of power when the television is turned off. The television however, will take slightly longer to start, but not so much longer that you will be inconvenienced.
6. **Turn down the brightness.** Most televisions are set at the highest brightness level to offset the high light levels in retail stores. In the normal light, or electric light of your home, the picture brightness can be adjusted downward. It is the equivalent of a light on a dimmer switch and reduces power consumption.
7. **Purchase an Energy Star-rated digital-to-analog converter,** if you are maintaining an analog set. If every set used an Energy Star box, the pollution equivalent of 100,000 cars would be prevented.

~~ Scott Doellinger

Great time to recruit ...

The holiday season is a great time to spread the word about Kiwanis and to recruit new members. Here's why:

1- People are in a friendly and generous mood. They are receptive to stories about the many good works we as a Club are doing to improve our community, 'one child at a time.'

2- Office parties, neighborhood gatherings, and family events give you the opportunity to talk to people you don't often see or socialize with. Talking about Kiwanis can open up a great dialogue.



3- With the start of a new year, people are interested in new beginnings. What better way to start the year off than by getting involved with an organization like Kiwanis?

So wherever you go throughout this joyous holiday season, wear your Kiwanis pin proudly, spread the word about what we do and give those you come in contact with the opportunity to enrich their lives by joining our Club. Let's kick off 2009 with huge class of new members.

Holiday tipping ...

How much is enough and how much is too much? Many of us are faced with this dilemma during the holiday season, as we ponder giving tips to various individuals who provide service to us throughout the year. *Consumer Reports* shows the following:

	<u>% who give</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cleaning person	65%	\$50
Child's teacher	59%	\$20
Hairdresser	56%	\$20
Child care provider	52%	\$38
Manicurist	51%	\$20
Newspaper carrier	45%	\$20
Barber	40%	\$15
Building superintendent	33%	\$25
Pet care provider	30%	\$25
Mail carrier	29%	\$20
Lawn care worker	28%	\$25
School bus driver	26%	\$15
Fitness instructor	22%	\$25
Sanitation worker	14%	\$20
Kiwanis Club Secretary*	100%	\$0



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.



Bell Ringing Campaign A Success ...



For the 33rd consecutive year, the Kiwanis Club of Columbus came through for The Salvation Army. Kiwanians and friends braved the cold, damp weather to fill 42 bell-ringing slots on December 10 and 11. We collected \$2,262.69, which bettered the total from last year by \$709.24.

Thanks to the following people for ringing this year: Dave Weibel, Perry Fisher, Dave Beeman, Bill Gilliam, Sam Vogel, Mike Edwards, Kenna



Miller, Nick Tomashot, Dan Lacey, Larry Walters, Lisa Jolley, Katherine Jolley, John Gambaianni, Mike Becker, Dick Tice, Char Collister, Scott Lindsey, Dave Pritchard, Mike Haemmerle, Andrew Carver, Jack Buttler, Kathryn Baron, Jim Baron, John Gilliam, Yuri Harrington, Troy Terakedis, Kathleen Roberts,

Jeff Rayis, Mike Griffith and Dave Fenner.



And special thanks to the following Kiwanians who rang bells both days: Jim Shively, Jerry Durham, Paul Baumer, Jim Skidmore, Fred Miller and Paul Bohlman.



The **Thomas B. Sherrill**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Program is one of our Club's most enduring traditions. Over the years we have raised well over \$100,000 to help The Salvation Army help people in need right here in central Ohio.

Let's say 'thank you' ...

For the second week in a row, Jim Skidmore and Perry Fisher will be heading up our effort to collect donations on behalf of the ACC wait staff.



This is our way of saying 'thank you' for another year of outstanding service during our Monday meetings. These funds are above and beyond the tip amount included in our weekly fees, and are designed to demonstrate our appreciation during the Holiday Season. We hope you feel generous.

The totals collected last week and this will be ceremoniously presented to the wait staff today.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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

A little marital humor ...

An armed hooded robber bursts into the Bank of Ireland and forces the tellers to load a sack full of cash.

On his way out the door with the loot, one brave Irish customer grabs the hood and pulls it off, revealing the robber's face. The robber shoots the guy in the head without hesitation.

He then looks around the bank to see if anyone else has seen him. One of the tellers is looking straight at him and the robber walks over and calmly shoots him in the head also. Everyone by now is very scared and looking down at the floor. "Did anyone else see my face?," the robber asks.

There are a few moments of silence. Then one elderly Irish gent, looking down, tentatively raises his hand and says: 'I think me wife may have caught a glimpse'

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