

The Bulletin



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Impacting Lives - "Packing Parachutes" for People We May Never Know

PHILIP H. URBAN
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
GRANGE INSURANCE COMPANIES

As President and CEO of Grange Insurance since 1999, Phil Urban has overseen a period of very strong growth for the company. Since 2000, Grange revenues have nearly doubled, from \$716 million to a projected \$1.35 billion for 2007, with more than \$2 billion in assets. He reaffirmed the company's longstanding commitment to the independent agency distribution system, then introduced a concept that has been embraced by all associates: "EODB," or "Ease of Doing Business." This mantra has been a guiding force in the company's push to enhance products, create partnerships, improve technology and positively impact the communities in which it operates – a longstanding tenet of the Grange corporate philosophy.



Grange's growth includes a corresponding increase in policyholder surplus, giving added financial security to the company's customers and ensuring that it is always there to "keep the promise," no matter how large the claim.

Phil joined Grange after serving as President and CEO of Guaranty National Corporation, a Denver-based personal lines carrier. His more than 25 years of insurance experience also includes stints with Great American Insurance Company, Berkshire Hathaway and Progressive Insurance Corporation. Phil currently serves on the Property & Casualty Insurers Association of America Board of Governors and chairs the Ohio Insurance Institute.

Active in the community, Phil has served as past secretary-treasurer of the Columbus Zoo and was chairman of Experience Columbus. He currently serves as chair of the United Way Leading Edge campaign, as treasurer of the Downtown Development Commission and chair of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center campaign committee. A Dayton native, Phil earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Miami University in Oxford and an MBA from The Ohio State University.

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Come and hear Phil Urban at our Monday meeting on January 28th.

THANK YOU, JADE METCALF &
FRED MILLER II, FOR GREETING TODAY

THANK YOU, TONY BURNS,
FOR PROVIDING THE INVOCATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 4 Tom Hoaglin, CEO
Huntington National Bank

February 5 Trustee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Athletic Club of Columbus

February 7 10-W Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Berwick Party House

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

This Monday

Public Relations
Youth Opportunity/Citizenship
Attendance/Retention
Career Guidance

Next Monday

Scholarship
Business & Public Affairs
Membership
Golf

Menu for Today: Sauteed Salmon, Dill Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables

Cold weather got you down? Want to get away?

Brrrr! It's cold outside ... the winter winds are howling, there are snow flurries about! But think summer ... pools, warm breezes and Super Soakers. Ah, yes!

Now that I have you primed, I'm inviting you (yes, you—the reader) to join our 2008 Regatta Crew. Our White Castle-Kiwanis Club of Columbus Regatta will take place Monday, Aug. 18, on the grounds of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Proceeds from this event help sponsor the Library's Summer Reading Program and our efforts to increase children's reading in our community.

Our next meeting for the 2008 Regatta Crew will be Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 a.m. at the White Castle, corner of Henderson and Kenny roads. We will adjourn on or before 8:30 a.m. Over famous White Castle coffee and other treats (but your treat!), we will make preliminary plans and choose assignments for this major project. Please join us. If you are unable to attend, but want to participate, please contact Chair Kathleen Roberts (roberts@ofic.org) or co-chair Marty Jenkins (mjenkins@tampabay.rr.com).



Those making initial plans for the 2008 White Castle-Kiwanis Club of Columbus Regatta Aug. 18 at the Columbus Metropolitan Library are (seated, from left) Jamie Richardson, White Castle Director of Marketing (and fellow Kiwanian); Kathleen Roberts, Regatta Chair; Marty Jenkins, Regatta Co-Chair, and (standing, from left) Ken Keller, Kiwanis Immediate Past President; Sam Vogel, Kiwanis President; Donna Zuiderweg, Library Director of Development (and Kiwanian); Patrick Losinski, Library Executive Director, and Kerry Bierman, Library Director of Community Relations and Development.



Youth Opportunity Committee Meeting on Monday ...



There will be a Youth Opportunity Committee meeting on Monday, January 28, at 11:30 a.m., prior to our regular Kiwanis luncheon meeting. The agenda is to review and approve several expenditures. Committee chairman Jerry Kuyoth will not be there, unfortunately, but he has provided Loralee with the materials that are up for discussion by Committee members.

What The Heck Four popularity growing

Take four guys who love to sing, mix in some old classics with tight harmonies, add military-style discipline with a dash of corny comedy, and what do you get? You get What the Heck Four - the Downtown Kiwanis Quartet!

The Quartet has been busy these last few months taking their melodious harmonies to assisted living facilities, nursing homes, private parties, President's parties, Clippers games, business meetings and even a few of our lunch meetings.

The WTH4 usually charges a nominal fee to sing, which is turned back to the Club to support day-to-day operations, but oftentimes the quartet performs for free as a service to the community.

"All of us enjoy getting together and making those tight Barbershop harmonies ring," said David Kandel, chair of this year's Music and Arts Committee. "Larry Icenogle is the quartet's artistic director, "Baritone Bob" Eberhart's our attorney who keeps us out of litigation and Paul Baumer provides the group with spiritual guidance and a firm Bass foundation," Kandel said.

Audiences have responded enthusiastically. The Quartet is working on expanding its repertoire and seeking new venues in which to perform. Next up? A "Sweetheart Breakfast" at Crossroads United Methodist Church on Feb. 9, then an appearance at our annual Valentine's Day show at our Monday meeting the 11th, followed by the delivery of Singing Valentines the morning of the 14th!

Reserve your singing Valentine today!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. If you're looking for a unique and memorable way to show your sweetheart just how much you care, you've come to the right article.

What The Heck Four is rehearsing at this very moment to polish its 'singing Valentine' repertoire, which is guaranteed to melt hearts and spark flames of passion — (where matters of the heart are concerned, hyperbole is permitted).

Here's the deal: What The Heck Four will deliver a 'singing Valentine' to your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For \$60, your Valentine will be treated to two lush songs of love and devotion, a rose and some chocolates. All proceeds will go into the Club coffers.

There are still some spots left, so just fill out the Singing Valentine form and fax it to David Kandel, at (614) 223-4017. Don't send any money yet, because we have to see just how many locations we will be able to visit during the allotted time. Once all the logistics are figured out and your "appointment" is confirmed, then we'll take your money! If you need a form, e-mail David Kandel at dk1238@att.com and he'll send you one. Forms will also be available at our Monday meetings.

Meet our newest member, Laura Donahue ...

Laura Donahue comes our way via Arthur Helldoerfer, Executive Director, YMCA Housing. Art has been a member since 1998, but we hardly get a chance to see him on Mondays due to his work schedule. However, Art stays up with all the Club news via the newsletter. Art is as excited as we are with this year's youth projects, such as the Entrepreneurial Challenge, the Bib Project and our scholarship programs, and he wanted more active YMCA involvement with our youth projects. Art believes he found the right person for the job and hence he is sponsoring Laura Donahue for membership in our Club.

Laura graduated from the University of Delaware with a B.S. in Psychology. She also went on to get her Master's in Social Work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. Her interests are geared to social service projects, especially in regards to substance abuse, animal welfare and the homeless. She looks forward to getting her hands dirty and being involved with our various projects. Please welcome Laura Donahue to the Club!



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