

The Bulletin



"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world - one child and one community at a time."

August 27, 2007

At Kiwanis Club of Columbus, Service is the Air We Breathe

Cameron Mitchell, President Cameron Mitchell Restaurants

Columbus native Cameron Mitchell got his start in 1979 as a dishwasher at a local steakhouse. During a chaotic shift change a few years later while working as a line cook, Mitchell had an epiphany. He realized he loved the restaurant business and he knew it would be his lifelong career.

After his shift, Mitchell sat down with a pen and a piece of paper to map out his future. He was so excited about his new-found career he woke up his mother at 1:30 a.m. to share his goals: He wanted to attend the Culinary Institute of America (CIA); become an executive chef by the age of 23; a general manager by 24; a regional manager by 26; a vice president of operations by 30; and the president of a restaurant company by the ripe-old age of 35.

Shortly before graduating from the CIA in 1986, the 22 year-old Mitchell was hired as sous chef at a well-known Columbus restaurant company, The 55 Restaurant Group. A few short years and several promotions later, at the tender age of 26, Mitchell was tapped as the company's operations manager. He climbed the corporate ladder until he ran out of rungs.



But, when you reach for the sky the way Cameron does, that was inevitable.

With an entrepreneur's energy and relentlessness, a professionally honed palate, and a keen sense of concept development and how it plays in the marketplace, Cameron has grown Cameron Mitchell Restaurants from a single unit in 1993 to 31 units and nine different concepts in eight states, exceeding \$150 million in sales.

Such success has brought Cameron accolades in both business and culinary arenas. He was named an Entrepreneur of the Year in Ohio by Ernst and Young; Small Businessperson of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration; one of "50 New Taste Makers" by Nation's Restaurant News; a finalist in Fortune's "100 Best Places to Work For" 2007 list; he received a High Performance Restaurant Leadership award from Restaurant Business; the 2005 Richard Melman Concepts of Tomorrow award from Restaurant Hospitality Magazine; and the prestigious Silver Plate award from the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association.

Among Mitchell's countless charitable contributions, most notable is his service on the board of the Columbus' Children's Hospital Foundation. In 1999 he and his wife, Molly, founded Sera Bella, the foundation's premier fundraising event, which they continue to chair. To date, proceeds have exceeded \$2.5 million. Please come and welcome Cameron Mitchell to our Club on August 27th.



Thank you, Angela Marinakis, for providing the invocation.
Thank you, Gregg Robins, for greeting today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 3	NO MEETING Labor Day Holiday
September 4	InterClub with Grove City Amazing Grace Christian Church
September 11	Trustee Meeting, The Lakes Golf Club

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

This Monday	Next Monday
Public Relations	
Youth Opportunity/Citizenship	NO MEETING
Attendance/Retention	

Menu for Today: Chicken Breast with Tarragon-Chardonnay Sauce, House Salad



(photo courtesy of Jim Shively)

FIRST ACROSS THE FINISH

Team UBS takes home the trophy. Using the self-sacrifice and skills of a bicycling peloton, Kiwanians Wille Grové, David D'Herete (with son Eli), George Ruff and Jack Buttler flank Club president Ken Keller as they accept the winning check for their victory in last Monday's White Castle Regatta on behalf of Childhood Literacy, presented by Kiwanis Club of Columbus. The team then won a second time that day by donating the \$1,000 check to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation.



President's Corner

While few of us were looking, a miracle was taking place. I'd like to stop for a moment to appreciate it.

Last June, Kiwanian Natalie Coles, Ohio Development Director for the Hannah Neil Center, had a vision. Why not bring the Kiwanis experience to her resident population of adolescent boys (12 to 18 years of age) who had been the victims of domestic violence and abuse? The boys' ages were right for the establishment of a Key Club, to be sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

Natalie contacted this year's Sponsored Youth chair, Jerry Kuyoth, who went to Hannah Neil to meet with the boys and discuss the formation of a club. The Hannah Neil Center is the oldest charity in Columbus and today is owned by Michigan-based Starr Commonwealth. When the boys responded positively, Jerry walked the Center through the paperwork. In due course a club advisor, Kenny Sellers, was selected and an officer corps for the new Club was elected and inducted.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Sellers and members of the new Club were our guests for the Jim Tressel luncheon. A week ago Friday, some 25 members of the new Key Club showed up in response to Lisa Jolley's call for volunteers to help clean and sort books at Volunteers of America. And this last Saturday, eight members of the Club and their advisor worked the second shift of Shred-It Day.

Never before in my Kiwanis experience have I been on hand for the start-up of a new club. Not in recent years has it been possible for us to consider sharing community service projects with high school-age students whose Club we proudly sponsor. To Natalie and Jerry and Mr. Sellers and the members of the new Key Club, thank you for letting us share in your miracle.

Don't forget that we have \$100 grocery cards for Kroger and Giant Eagle!



What a success ...

A great big 'thank-you' to all of those who helped with the 'cleaning of the books' project a week ago Friday. They had a great night and a super turnout, and they packaged up a large number of books. Many of them went to the Tom Fennessey Backpack Project that is happening this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. We also had two staff and nine kids from the new Hannah Neil Center K-Club, thanks to Club member Natalie Cole and 7 people from Civiton. Thanks to everyone who showed up!



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Dave Keller

How fine is Fil Line?

Fil came through for the Club this month. He volunteered himself and his family to work the Heart-to-Heart Canteen this Sunday. Holly Goodstein Stokes appreciates such volunteerism. The next Heart-to-Heart is **September 23rd**. Contact the office or Holly at holly.goodstein@nationalcity.com for more information.



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Birthdays

Aug 24	Rabbi Misha Zinkow
Aug 25	Riccardo Ruotolo
Aug 29	Paul Baumer
Aug 30	John Fisher
Sept 1	Misty Singer-Mahefkey
Sept 6	David Fenner
Sept 7	Daryll Rardon
Sept 8	Scott Doellinger
Sept 9	Mike Gladfelter

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