

The Bulletin



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

September 10, 2007

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

Steve Votaw, CEO Directions for Youth & Families

Steve Votaw has been the CEO of Directions for Youth and Families since July 1, 2002. Directions for Youth & Families (DFYF), whose mission is "to empower families and their children to make sound choices and achieve promising futures," has provided services to Columbus and Franklin County residents for over 100 years through its predecessor organizations, Crittenton Family Services and Directions For Youth.

Prior to July 1, 2002, Votaw served as Executive Director of Directions for Youth since 1993. He had five years' experience in administering community mental health and substance abuse programs for the City of Cleveland and the Mills Center in Marysville. He has also worked extensively with substance-abusing teens and severely mentally disabled clients.

Votaw received a B.A. from Kent State University and a Master of Science degree from Youngstown State University. As CEO of Directions for Youth and Families, he oversees an agency that annually serves more than 6,000 kids and families through more than 20 different programs that fall into three categories: counseling and clinical; parenting/early childhood; and prevention and education. Directions for Youth and Families has a budget of \$8 million and a staff of some 140 members.

Votaw currently serves on the Jonathan Alder School Board. In the past, he has served as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Juvenile Justice; the Ohio Attorney General's Victim of Gang Violence Task Force; the Ohio Department of Mental Health Cultural Competency Assessment Team; and the Franklin County Juvenile Justice Planning Unit.

Votaw lives in Plain City with his wife and four children.



Thank you, Jim Baron , for providing the invocation.
Thank you, Irina Barhorst & Mark Horstman, for greeting today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11 Trustee Meeting, The Lakes Golf Club

September 17 Denvy Bowman Ph.D., President
Capital University

September 24 Ken Keller
Report to the Club

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

This Monday	Next Monday
Drug, Alcohol & Mental Health	Environment & Agriculture
Homeless	Boost
International Relations	InterClub
Senior Citizens	Music & Arts
Sponsored Youth	Spiritual Aims
	Career Guidance
Prospective Members Meeting 11:15	Young Children Priority One

Menu for Today: Breast of Chicken, Raspberry Balsamic Demiglace, House Salad

Committee News ...

In the past week, the Club office has received several 'thank-you' notes from organizations that we have helped support in the last month. Below are their comments.

Senior Citizens Committee



Chairman David Brainin received several acknowledgements, as follows:

"This letter is to acknowledge receipt of the Kiwanis Club contribution in the amount of \$900 for the purchase of a laptop computer. We are grateful for your support of our program of placing older adults in gainful employment."

The laptop will be used with the LCD Projector that Employment for Seniors already has, to provide presentations in the community to publicize the program.

"We'd like to thank you and the Kiwanis Club of Columbus for providing the funds necessary to purchase fans for the "Beat the Heat" campaign. Our community is fortunate to have such caring people like you."



The money allowed LifeCare Alliance to purchase 100 fans to distribute to low-income seniors who are at grave risk of heat stroke or heat exhaustion, and those seniors who receive meals-on-Wheels.

"Thank you very kindly for the Kiwanis Club of Columbus' donation of \$500 for our Older Adults Program. We are very grateful that you and the others on the Senior Citizen's committee considered our request."

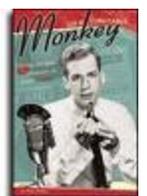
The Older Adult program offered by Northwest Counseling Services was in need of filing cabinets for the social workers funded by monies from the recent levy aimed at serving low-income seniors throughout Franklin County.

Member News ...



Loralee Wilkes has decided to go back to using her maiden name Buttler. That is a 'two-t' Buttler, just like her dad, Jack Buttler. Please note the name change.

If you have not heard already, our Club's Prez has hit the book circuit. Ken recently finished publishing his book, "Monkey on a Turntable: Living on Love and Leftovers in Local Radio." The book is full of amusing tales and familiar names. From 1959 to 1964, Ken worked as a broadcaster and in other jobs for radio and TV stations in Columbus, such as WTVN, WBNS, WMNI, WOSU and WRFD.



Youth Opportunity Committee News ...



President's Corner

No service club with the need to retain and grow its membership willingly makes changes to its dues structure.

Still, there comes a time when not addressing club financial needs becomes an act of irresponsibility. This is one of those times.

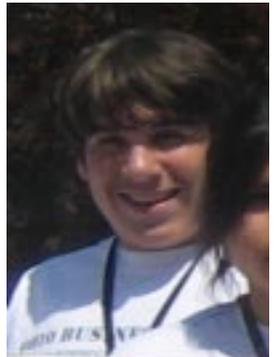
Our Club dues were last set in 2002, in the waning days of Paul Bohlman's administration. At that time, annual dues were established at \$275. In addition, an early payment discount of \$25 was established for members who paid their dues by October 1.

At the last Trustees meeting, the decision was made unanimously to recommend to the membership the abolishment of the \$25 early payment discount. Annual dues of \$275 are unaffected. Pursuant to the notice of intention to hold a vote on the matter that was e-mailed to the membership on August 16, we will be voting yes or no to abolish the discount during next Monday's meeting.

I would like to briefly re-state the reasons for this proposed action. First, dues and initiation fees are the primary way, indeed almost the only way, by which our Club can pay the costs of administration (office and expenses, Director of Member Services {Loralee}, etc.) Second, since the dues increase of 2002, Kiwanis International has required all clubs to pay an additional \$15 per member per year. Third, during this same time, the U.S. CPI has risen 15 percent, according to the University of Michigan Library. Fourth, in an effort to contain costs, we've reduced our paid staff from two to one (thank you, Paul Bohlman, for serving unpaid), but we cannot continue to absorb additional costs without profoundly altering our Club's culture. Finally, the additional income generated by the abolishment of the discount is needed to balance the 2007-08 Club budget.

Please make a special point to attend Monday's meeting and vote your conviction in this matter. We'll also be honoring this year's Legion of Honor winners.

The Youth Opportunity Committee, on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, was proud to sponsor three local high school students to attend one of the Ohio Business Week Foundation's week-long entrepreneurial programs held this past June at Ohio Dominican University and Youngstown State University. Under the guidance of a business professional who serves as a mentor, the students formed companies, elected officers and developed business, financial and marketing plans. The "companies" competed in the Emerging Entrepreneur Project Competition (say that three times fast!) and learned invaluable research, communication and teamwork skills. Here's what our students had to say about the programs:



- "I applaud you (Kiwanis) for your generous donation ... I really enjoyed myself and it was the best educational business venture that I could have ever had"
- Nichole Hickman, Junior, Independence High School
- "The speakers and experiences at Ohio Business Week have taught me a great deal about business, people and myself"
- Cory Mehaffey, Freshman, Whetstone High School
- "One thing I have learned and experienced is to work with other people... I enjoyed myself and would love to come back"
- Y'mUnique Boles, Freshman, Briggs High School

Through sponsorships of programs like Ohio Business Week, our Club is truly changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Mike Haemmerle, Chairman, Youth Opportunity Committee

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



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Sep 12	Adam Biehl
Sep 12	David Brainin
Sep 16	David Timmons

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STEVE VOTAW, CEO
 DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

Ohio's largest Kiwanis Club
 meets Mondays at noon
 at the Athletic Club of Columbus