

The Bulletin



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October 22, 2007

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

Thomas C. Griesdorn, President and General Manager WBNS-TV and The Ohio News Network

Tom Griesdorn came to Columbus from Cleveland, where he served as Vice President/General Manager of CBS affiliate WOIO-TV and WUAB, a UPN television station owned and operated by Raycom Media. A native of Maria Stein, his career included a stop in Detroit, where he served for eight years as Vice President and General Manager of the top-rated ABC affiliate, WXYZ-TV. Prior to his success at WXYZ-TV, Griesdorn worked as Controller of Radio and Television Properties for ABC in Detroit, and as Manager of Sales and Financial Controls at WLS-TV (ABC) in Chicago.



A graduate of The Ohio State University, Griesdorn began his career working for Huntington Banks in Columbus. He is a board member of the Ohio Association of Broadcasters; the United Way of Central Ohio, also serving on its Campaign Committee; and the North Market of Columbus. He is also a member of the CBS Affiliates' Advisory Committee and the Ohio Privacy/Public Record Access Study Committee. Griesdorn and his wife Hyla have two daughters, Carrie and Catie.

He will speak to our Club about the upcoming switch to digital TV. Congress passed a law in 2005 that requires all television signals to be broadcast in a digital format by February 17, 2009. After that date, 'analog' television sets and those without a built-in digital tuner will no longer function. Currently, 15.9% of the households in Ohio do not have the capability to receive a digital TV signal. However, there are several steps viewers may take to be ready for the nationwide 'switch to digital TV' in 2009. Griesdorn will speak more in depth about that switch and will be able to answer club members' questions about their options. Come to the meeting on October 22 to learn more about this interesting technology.



Thank you, Jack Buttler, for providing the invocation.
Thank you, Larry Icenogle & Mike Haemmerle, for greeting today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 21	Party for the I-Next Club - 3-5 p.m. at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe - \$15 per person
October 29	Andy Doehrl, Executive Director Ohio Chamber of Commerce
November 5	Scott Howson, General Manager Columbus Blue Jackets

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

This Monday	Next Monday
Youth Opportunity/Citizenship	
Public Relations	Honor Hixson & 1916 Society
Attendance/Retention	
Career Guidance	

Menu for Today: Roasted Sirloin and House Salad

It has to be done ...

Everyone knows the old saying, "You're only as strong as your weakest link." Our Club's website is new and improved and is going to be very helpful to members. In order for it to be even more so, and especially once Lorelee leaves her position with Kiwanis, we members need to be able to 'fend for ourselves.' However, very few of us have gone into the new web site to set up our 'permissions.' If we don't do that, then Club members will not be able to contact each other, like we could in the days of the hard-copy Membership Directory.

Lorelee proposes the following: To assist Club members in 'getting started' with the new Web site directory, SHE will enter everything currently listed in the last (2006-07) membership directory UNLESS you contact her and tell NOT to do so, because YOU will enter your own data. What a deal, eh?!

Remember, it's because of member concerns about privacy that 'the burden of proof is on the individual member' to make available ONLY that information he/she wants other Club members to have. For the quickest fix, contact Lorelee. Or, to tailor YOUR information the way that YOU want it displayed, just log in to the Web site with your User ID and your password, and update your personal data accordingly.

And finally, our Club website now has the ability for members to download forms they may need, such as membership applications and committee attendance sheets.

Please, take just a few minutes to set up your profile. If you have problems, call Lorelee. If you did not get your User ID, or you forget it, or if you want to change it, all you have to do is send Lorelee an e-mail with 'what you want your User ID to be,' and what you want your password to be, and she can easily accommodate your request.

Members Only - [Click Here](#)



President's Party around the corner ...

This year the President's Party is going to be on Friday, November 2nd, at Scioto Country Club. Many of you will start to receive your invitations for this event in the upcoming week. If you have not attended one of these events in the past, you should really consider attending one of these events. Let's face it: Who better to 'roast' than Ken Keller? He has done a lot of wonderful things this year for our Club and the entertainment that night is going to be one to remember, as are they all. Come join us and experience a good time you will never be able to forget.



International Festival volunteers needed ...

This year's Columbus International Festival takes place on Saturday and Sunday, November 3-4. For the past several years, our Club and the Northwest Club

have staffed a booth at the festival and shared the expense of doing so. A booth has been reserved again this year, and I hope that some of us can help with staffing the booth.

Saturday shift times requiring one or two Kiwanians are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 1-4 p.m.; 4-7 p.m.; and 7-10 p.m. We really need to fill that 7-10 p.m. slot with our Club members. Sunday shift times are 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

This is an enjoyable event, and one you will find both interesting and entertaining as you sample the food and culture of our increasingly nearer neighbors. If you're interested, contact Perry Fisher at 228-8084 or pfisher@perryfisher.com

Gold Star performer ...

Past president and current Club secretary Paul Bohlman was honored at the recent Ohio State Alumni Leaders Conference, when the OSU Sorority and Fraternity Society he helped establish was recognized as a Gold Star winner and he personally was recognized as an outstanding Alumni Society Volunteer. That award is annually given to an individual "who has provided superior leadership and to his Society and the University."



Way to go, Paul. Your fellow Kiwanians are proud of you!

Charity Auction Committee up and running ...

Our Club's annual charity auction will take place in April of 2008. The theme of the auction will have something to do with 'children.' The leaders of that Committee are Lisa Jolley and Brian Seitz, and they've already got some exciting ideas. If you're interested in taking part in one of our biggest fundraisers, while getting to know and work with many of your fellow Kiwanians on a closer basis, please contact Lisa or Brian.



left to right: Sam Vogel, Kathleen Roberts, Jim Wootton, Brian Seitz

Green-Tip of the Week Brought to you by the Environment and Agricultural Committee

How to wash a car 'green,' regardless of its color ...

First off, place a nozzle on your hose which will enable you to use water pressure to help remove grime. Next, use a trigger-grip nozzle to shut off the water quickly, which will conserve water. You should use an organic soap like 'Biokleen All Purpose Cleaner,' which cleans well and degrades quickly into non-harmful compounds. And finally, park your car on the lawn so you water the grass as you wash the car. TRUE RECYCLING!



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