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The Bulletin



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

December 10, 2007 Impacting Lives - "Packing Parachutes" for People We May Never Know

**ANN SCHIELE, PhD, RN
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Dr. Ann Schiele, Ph.D., RN, is president and dean of Mount Carmel College of Nursing, which has one the largest baccalaureate nursing programs in the state of Ohio. Providing nursing education for more than a century, Mount Carmel offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, a Master of Science (MS) program with a dual specialty Adult Health and Nursing Education, an On-line Nurse Refresher Program and a Dietetic Internship Program, among other programs.



Dr. Schiele, who was the driving force in transitioning Mount Carmel from a Diploma program to a fully accredited College in 1990, has been recognized as one of central Ohio's leading women. She received the YWCA Women of Achievement Award for her outstanding accomplishments in the field of higher education and nursing.

Dr. Schiele received her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the Ohio State University, as well her master's and bachelor's degrees, both in Nursing. She holds leadership roles in numerous professional organizations, including the Central Ohio Breathing Association (COBA), Maryhaven, Inc., and Children's Hunger Alliance. She is active with the Ohio Council of Deans and Directors; The Ohio Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; the Higher Education Council of Columbus; the National League for Nursing; and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Come and enjoy Dr. Schiele's presentation as we welcome her to our Club on Monday the 10th!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 17 Columbus Kiwanis
Christmas Program

December 24 Christmas Holiday
No Meeting

December 31 New Years Holiday
No Meeting

SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

This Monday

Homeless **CXCLD**
Senior Citizens
Sponsored Youth
International Relations
Drug, Alcohol & Mental Health

Next Monday

Environment & Agriculture
Young Children Priority One
Spiritual Aims
Membership
Music & Arts
InterClub
Boost

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



A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light, I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight. My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, My daughter beside me, angelic in rest. Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, Transforming the yard to a winter delight. The sparkling lights in

the tree I believe, completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep, Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep. In perfect contentment, or so it would seem, So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near, But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear. Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, And I crept to the door just to see who was near. Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night, A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old, Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold. Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled, Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

'What are you doing?' I asked without fear, 'Come in this moment, it's freezing out here! Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve, you should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!' For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift. Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts. To the window that danced with a warm fire's light, Then he sighed and he said 'Its really all right, I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night.'

'It's my duty to stand at the front of the line, That separates you from the darkest of times. No one had to ask or beg or implore me, I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.

My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,' He sighed, 'That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers.' My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam,' And now it is my turn and so, here I am. I've not seen my own son in more than a while, But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag, The red, white, and blue... an American flag. I can live through the cold and the being alone. Away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet, I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat. I can carry the weight of killing another, Or lay down my life with my sister and brother.

Who stand at the front against any and all, To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall.' 'So go back inside,' he said, 'harbor no fright, Your family is waiting and I'll be all right.'

'But isn't there something I can do, at the least, 'Give you money,' I asked, 'or prepare you a feast? It seems all too little for all that you've done, For being away from your wife and your son.'

In his eyes welled a tear that held no regret, 'Just tell us you love us, and never forget. To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, To stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead, To know you remember we fought and we bled. Is payment enough, and with that we will trust, That we mattered to you as you mattered to us.'

The Kiwanis Message ...

Past president Ken Keller is still spreading the good news about Kiwanis, as you can tell from this note:



"Mary and I recently attended the Columbus Symphony's "Holiday with the Pops" concert at the Ohio Theatre. As I was waiting in the line that forms behind the ushers, one of the volunteer ushers spied the "K" pin in my lapel and asked, "Does that stand for KFC?"

"No," I replied, "Kiwanis International. Do you belong to a service organization?"

"Well, she said, "I was in the military."

"Thank you for serving," I said, "but Kiwanis is a community service organization, similar to Rotary or Lion's Club. We're pledged to serving the children of the world. Would you be interested in learning more about it?"

She said she would, and I was able to direct her to our website."

As Ken's note shows, we all can — and should — wear our Kiwanis pin wherever we go. Then, if someone asks us about it, the simple act of answering their questions becomes an invitation to learn more about us. Remember, we can't sell what we don't advertise. Wear your Kiwanis pin every day.

The e-mail problem ...

Due to the ongoing issues with our Internet service provider, if you try to "reply" to one of Lorelee's e-mails from the office instead of creating a new e-mail, your message will NOT get to her at the office. You MUST create a new e-mail, and whenever you type in the Kiwanis office e-mail address, you must use the office@columbuskiwanis.org address, and NOT the office@gmail.com address.



Another loss ...

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus has lost a good friend. Dick Coldren passed away on Tuesday, November 27. Dick spent his entire 33-year career in education with Columbus City Schools. After his retirement in 1990, he worked with our Club on the annual College Fair for more than 10 years. While not a member of our Club, Dick frequently attended meetings as a part of the College Fair planning process.

He was an enthusiastic supporter of Kiwanis' efforts to expose literally thousands of students in Columbus City Schools to the college experience. He will truly be missed. A scholarship fund for needy students has been established at

Gahanna Christian Academy, 817 N. Hamilton Rd., Gahanna, OH 43230, for anyone wishing to recognize Dick's work with our Club.



Next to Christy Clark on her left is Dick Coldren. They are attending one of the many school board meetings where the Club was recognized by the Columbus Public Schools for our efforts with the College Fair.

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Dec 14	Dan Ward
Dec 16	Sally CaJacob

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