

Kiwanis Downtowner



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**Happy
Birthday**



**November
Birthdays**

1st Mark Cooper
21st Neal Leffel
30th Jeff Funkhouser

Upcoming Meetings

TUESDAY, November 3, 2015

SPEAKER: Jeffrey Mims, Jr.

PROGRAM: "What is Common Core?"

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231

City Commissioner Jeffrey Mims, Jr. will be joining us to fill us in on what exactly is "Common Core" State Standards Initiative. Commissioner Mims was the Third District Representative for the Ohio School Board and is past president of the Dayton Board of Education (2008-11), after retiring from Dayton Public Schools with more than 35 years of service, serving recently served as Director of Government and Community Relations and Compliance.

Program Chair: Anthony Whitmore
Introductions: Harry Bradbury

Invocation: Kelly Brown
Greeters: Laura Erbaugh, Mark Cooper

No Meeting on November 10 - Service Week

YOU
are the



**To Kiwanis
Membership
Growth
Propose a New
Member
TODAY!**

Invite someone to come
as your guest to the next
meeting and
check out Kiwanis

TUESDAY, November 17, 2015

SPEAKER: Michelle Riley

PROGRAM: "The Foodbank "

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231

Michelle Riley, CEO of the Foodbank Dayton will be with us to share the mission of the foodbank and what they do to help individuals in our community through their various programs.

Program Chair: Diane Graham
Introductions: Neal Leffel

Invocation: Bobby Beavers
Greeters: Chuck Sousa, Jeff Funkhouser



In celebration of Thanksgiving we will be holding a food drive service project to support the foodbank. So bring in canned goods and non-perishables to be given to Michelle when she speaks.

***Some of the items needed for the backpack program are individual snacks/treats and individual packaged juice boxes made from 100 % juice .**

No Meeting on November 24 - Service Week

Meetings in Review

Beavers gave the year in review and then passed the gavel to Mark Cooper. John DeVilbiss started off the program



October 6: Our speaker for the day was International Trustee John DeVilbiss. Harry Bradbury received a certificate honoring him as Kiwanian of the Year and New Member Mindy Simes was introduced. Bobby Beavers gave the year in review and then passed the gavel to Mark Cooper. John DeVilbiss started off the program by inducting all the officers and board members present as this was our Annual Meeting where all the new officers terms begin. He then told us about his journey as a Kiwanian starting back in 1967 when he joined after being a Lions Club member for over a year. Once in Kiwanis he worked his way up through the ranks serving his club through committees and as a club leader. He then became the Lt. Governor in 1975-76. Served as District Treasurer and then as Ohio Governor in 2010-2011. He then had the opportunity

to run as an International Trustee in Tokyo but lost that year by 45 votes. He was encouraged by several people to run again this past year during the convention in Indianapolis and won. He spoke to us about the process with lots of paperwork and speech giving to delegates before the convention. One thing he learned through the mistakes of others was don't rely on the teleprompter when giving your speech. As International Trustee he counsels three districts: Capital District, Montana District and New Jersey District. He must attend numerous meetings and many conference calls throughout the week. He ended with a personal story about a woman he helped many years ago who ran out of gas and how he met up with her much later and she recognized him and thanked him for what he had done so many years ago out of kindness.



K-Donations from Neal Leffel for his joke of the day.



October 20: Our speaker was Monnie Bush, President & Founder of The Victory Project. The Victory Project was founded in 2007 but didn't become active until 2009 as they spent 18 months doing research and development. Monnie is a former police officer and during that role he was taken back by the lack of support many families had. No male role models and often single moms turned to law enforcement officers to enforce discipline. Monnie left law enforcement in 2004 and went into the corporate community but he felt compelled to start a mission to serve young men. The Victory Project operates on the 3E Curriculum: Education (tutoring); Entrepreneurship (1st job—through Victory Landscape Management LLC); and Enlightenment (Bible study & dinner every night as a "family"). The most important thing with these youth is consistency. Youth in the Victory Project Program are not "made" to be there they have to want to be there and participate. In fact there is a waiting list with over 30 people on it and interview process for students to participate in the program. Each youth who participates signs a one-year membership agreement. The Victory Project takes no government funding and no per diem per client funds. This allows them to express and share their faith openly. Their goal is to create an environment with love and accountability with a chance to develop your passions and talents for these young men. They also are trying to break the cycle of dependence on government support and poverty and violence that this youth currently live in. On the business side of The Victory Project is the landscape business that they work on the weekends—they currently have 50 contracts to manage landscaping and a tree farm to maintain. Working is the reward for these youth if they meet their goals during the week then they get to work on the weekend and make some money. The students receive help setting up a PNC savings account where they can put their pay. Last year The Victory Project issued 40 W-2s to the youth who are in their program and all but 11 of these were the ONLY ones in their household who received a W-2 for employment. What's Next: They want to increase capacity for youth; add additional businesses; franchise the concept in other areas; and start a girls program. What can WE do to help: Prayer, volunteer and give. They need tutors for homework assistance or volunteer to bring in a meal for the 6:00 p.m. dinner. They are at their facility Monday–Saturday 12-8 and are open every day of the year except Christmas Day.

K-Donations: From Neal Leffel for his joke and from Kelly Brown as her birthday celebration was the last one with a 4 in it. Harry Bradbury gave a K-5 to tell how he recently celebrated his 85th birthday. Chuck Sousa gave a K-5 to announce his retirement on Halloween from the Senior Resource Center.

Annual Book Drive to Benefit Brighter Futures Collecting Children's Board Books



We have begun our 8th annual Board Book collection for Brighter Futures under the Help Us Grow Program. **Collection will take place October 1st—December 15th**

Brighter Futures is a comprehensive nurse home visiting program for low income, first time pregnant women. Specially-trained nurses regularly visit mothers and family members in

their homes during pregnancy and teach prenatal care. After the birth, they emphasize parenting skills and healthy infant and child development.



We will be collecting Board Books for young children to read and enjoy with their parents. Nurses in the Brighter Futures program leave the books during their visits so that parents can share fun learning moments with their children. Last year we collected around 400 books! Can we match or exceed that total this year? **Let's shoot for 700 books to distribute to the children!**



We will be making the presentation of books to Pam Albers, Executive Director of Brighter Futures in January...so we have plenty of time to collect a record number of books. Books should be new or used in good condition.

Board books are the thick cardboard type books for small children. **(No paper pages!)**

Don't want to shop? Then just make a donation to the program and Chuck Sousa and his wife, Sheila will shop for the books for you.

Drop off your books or donations at one of our meetings or at the Kiwanis office.

New Member Profile



Melinda "Mindy" Simes is the Accounting Manager for Reliable Construction Services. Her professional experience also includes Human Resources, computer programming and she is a writer and published author. Mindy was born in Portsmouth Ohio and during her lifetime has lived in the Middle East and trav-

eled to Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. Mindy holds a BA from the University of Cincinnati as a political science major with a minor in economics. Mindy's volunteer experience includes: Dayton Habitat for Humanity, The Foodbank, Non Partisan Voter Registration, School Classroom support, Dayton Concours d'Elegance, and fundraising for Ronald McDonald House and other various charities. Mindy currently resides in the Dayton area and has one adult daughter, Shelby.

Welcome to Kiwanis Mindy!



Have a Happy Thanksgiving



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

November 3	Jeffrey Mims, City Commissioner “Common Core”
November 10	Service Week
November 12	Kiwanis Foundation Meeting at Flagel Huber Flagel 3:00 p.m.
November 17	Michelle Riley, The Foodbank
November 17	Board Meeting
November 24	Service Week
December 1	Wrapping Gifts for our Holiday Service Project
December 5	Holiday Service Project at The House of Bread
December 8	Service Week
December 15	Holiday Fellowship & Caroling
December 15	Board Meeting
December 22	NO MEETING—HOLIDAYS
December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
December 29	NO MEETING—HOLIDAYS
January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 5	Erin Wilson, Dakota Center
January 12	Service Week
January 19	TBD
January 26	Service Week

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Mark Cooper-President
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Harry Bradbury-Assistant Secretary

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Diane Graham
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2015-2018

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