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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER

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2024 Events/Activities

Saturday, April 6 (rain 4/13)	Spring Clean-up Nunn Scout Building
Monday, April 8	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon
Saturday, April 20	Spring Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, April 27	Take Back Drugs Event – East Prairie School
Monday, May 13	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon
Saturday, May 18	Stamp Out Hunger with USPS. & Tuscola Rotary

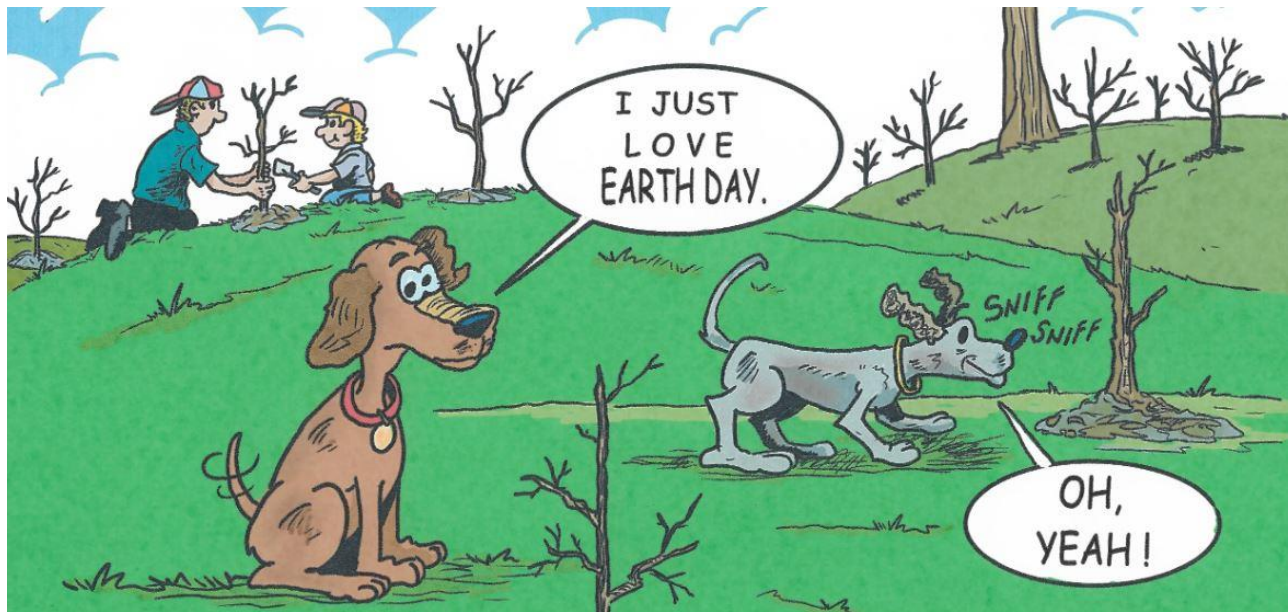
Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

April 3	Linda Glenn
April 10	Tim Hoel
April 17	Candy Hudson
April 24	April Kauffman
May 1	Lyn Kohlbecker
May 8	Jean Leonard
May 15	Judy Landeck
May 22	Jerry Leonard
May 29	Carol Martin
June 5	Jeff Martin
June 12	Dave Moody
June 19	Suzanne Moody
June 26	Val Morgan
July 3	MEETING CANCELED
July 10	Lori Nichols

July 17	Dennis Opperman
July 24	Maribeth Opperman
July 31	Jerry Reynolds
August 7	Tentative – Flesor’s Closed?
August 14	Ian Rominger
August 21	Patty Russell
August 28	Tentative – New Member Recruitment meeting
September 4	Kevin Nolan
September 11	Marci Shoemaker
September 18	Glen Simpson
September 25	Sandy Simpson

If your program date does **not** work for you, please arrange a swap and notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so the calendar can be updated.

**Don’t forget to give Janet Butler your Volunteer Hours
at the end of the month!**



Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2024

- Attendance

34 – Members

1 – Guest – Summer Phillips

- Birthdays – None

- Braggs – David Butler, Janet Butler, Pat Damler, Debbie Graber, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel, Sue Wisovaty, and Doris Young

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Burwash

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry Results – We served 279 meals (270 adults and 9 children) for a gross total of \$4,695.00. 126 vehicles went through the line.

Easter Egg Hunt – Sign up for the egg hunt has begun...online and hardcopy.

Upcoming Events:

Nunn Scout Bldg. Clean-up – April 6

Spring Pancake Breakfast – April 20

Drug Take Back – April 27

Program:



Darla Gardner introduced her speaker, Summer Phillips from the Douglas County Health Department. Summer is the Director of Outreach, Public Information

Officer, and Social Platforms Manager.

Summer discussed several programs that she directs at the health department:

-Tobacco Cessation for Teens – It is estimated that 40% of our teens are vaping daily. Nicotine is as addictive as heroin and opioids. One vape equals smoking four cigarettes. This program is helping teens stop vaping and currently has a 77% success rate.

-Education to Not Start Tobacco Use

-Retailers Education for those businesses that sell tobacco products.

-Health Education Outreach

-Cannabis Pain Management

-NARCAN – a medicine that rapidly treats an opioid overdose in an emergency

situation. 77% of opioid overdoses are

accidental and many are from taking a prescribed opioid such as hydrocodone.

Patients may take a dose too soon or forget that they have taken a dose causing an

overdose. NARCAN doses – two to a box – are available at the health department.

Many locations such as businesses, churches, etc. have NARCAN onsite for emergency use.

Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2024

- Attendance

37 – Members

4 – Guests: Early Birds Interclub – John Alley, Dan Basnett, Makenzie Simpson, and LTG Doug Warren

- Birthdays – 3/18 Chris Brown
- Brags – David Butler, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel and Dennis Opperman.
- Free Lunch Winner – Cathy Buckley
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry Final Results – The total for meals and donations were \$4,695.00 with expenses of \$1,398.75, for a grand net total of \$3,296.25. Fantastic job!

Fish Fryers – Based on the fish fryer committee's recommendation, the Board approved the purchase of two fryers at \$1,242 each.

Storage Unit – The Board approved the cost to rent a storage unit and insurance for its contents to store the two new fryers and all the Kiwanis project and fundraiser materials. The club appreciates that Alan Shoemaker has allowed the club to share a storage space with him at no cost, however the time has come that the club needs more space. Alan had a storage unit coming available and a two-year lease was signed. See enclosed Board meeting minutes for more details.

Teachers Grant Program – The Board approved the expansion of this program to include North Ward and to increase the grant maximum to \$500 effective with the 2024 Fall start of school.

Kiwanis International Convention – The Board appointed Pete Buckley and Jeannie Craddock as the club's voting delegates at the KI business meeting on Saturday, July 6 in Denver.

Upcoming Events:

Nunn Scout Bldg. Clean-up – April 6

Spring Pancake Breakfast – April 20

Drug Take Back – April 27

Program: Egg Stuffing



More photos on club website

Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2024

- Attendance

30 – Members

0 – Guests:

- Birthdays – 3/20 Jeff Martin, 3/22 Wayne Ward, 3/24 Dennis Opperman, 3/24 Tyler Harvey, 3/25 Lorie Murphy
- Braggs – Maureen Bergeson, Dale Boyer, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Debbie Graber, Kim Higgins, and Tim Hoel
- Free Lunch Winner – Ginger Boyer
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Mega-Interclub Meeting – Champaign-Urbana is hosting a mega-interclub meeting on April 11 at the Champaign Holiday Inn. The meeting/dinner is to celebrate the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation, the I-I district's greatest project. Social hour at 5p, dinner at 5:45p, and program at 6:15p. Registration is online. You can pay the \$20 per person when you register online or choose to pay at the door. Let Kim Higgins know if you are attending.

Egg Hunt Results – Over 200 children were served at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The weather was mild, and not too windy during the setup and the hunts. 97% of the children resided in Tuscola.

Upcoming Events:

Nunn Scout Bldg. Clean-up – April 6

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Program:



Kim Higgins presented an interesting program, as she always does. This program was about squirrels. There are about 300 species of squirrels in the world. In our area we see mostly gray squirrels. Squirrels have orange teeth that never stop growing just as beavers have. They do not hibernate but are less active in winter.

Olney Illinois is known for its white albino squirrels. They are protected by law.

Visitors to Olney are advised to squirrel watch early in the morning for the best viewing of the local white squirrels. There is an annual squirrel and cat count each Fall. Interested visitors can go to Olney and participate.



Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2024

- Attendance

29 – Members

6 – Guests: Mattoon Interclub-Caroline Cloyd, Jim Glenn, David Schilling, Greg Thompson, and our speakers Lilly Filicky and Jeannie Filicky

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Maureen Bergeson, David Butler, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, and Dennis Opperman

- Free Lunch Winner – Paul Wisovaty

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Reminder of Mega-Interclub Meeting – April 11 at the Holiday Inn Champaign. See your email regarding the event's details or contact Kim Higgins.

Upcoming Events:

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Program:



Lily and Jeannie Filicky

Debbie Graber introduced our speakers, the owners of Lily & June's Party Planning Services. Their business is located on Sale Street next to Sierra's Place.

They provide party planning services for:
Baby showers
Birthday parties
Bridal showers
Graduation parties
School events
And more.

They provide balloons, balloon displays, party favors, goody bags, centerpieces, decorations, and more.

To contact them, message them on Facebook or call 217-840-0766. Generally, they need 1-2 months leadtime.

Annual Fish Thaw/Fish Fry – February 29/March 1, 2024



Many More Photos on Club Website

Easter Egg Hunt – March 16, 2024



More photos on club website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2024 MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Pantry on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 11:58am by President Kim Higgins with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an “X”:

David Butler – Webmaster	X	Carol Martin (2026)	AB	Guests:	
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jeff Martin (2025)	AB	Pete Buckley	X
Jeannie Craddock – Pres Elect	X	Ian Rominger – VP	X	Carol Burwash	X
Pat Damler (2024)	X	Glen Simpson (2024)	X	Val Morgan	X
Kim Higgins – President	X	Julie Slaughter (2026)	X		
Tim Hoel – Past President	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	X		
Candy Hudson – Treas	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Consent Agenda –

-Minutes of February Board Meeting

-Secretary’s Monthly Reports –Hours reported were 532 volunteer hours. The top volunteers were Jeannie Craddock and Elaine Bryant.

-Treasurer’s Monthly Reports –For balances ending February 12, 2024, the club was \$10,240.73, and for the foundation \$25,185.83.

David Butler made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Jeannie Craddock seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the reports are included in Board Meeting Documents under “Board Reports” in the “Members Area” of the club website.

2. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
(none)	\$99.54 Reimburse Janet Butler for egg hunt age 2 prizes.

Pat Damler made a motion to approve the above disbursement. Cindy Wood seconded the motion, and it was approved.

3. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Key Club – Catie Gibson with 6 service hours was named Key Club Volunteer of the Month for January 2024.

2. Builders Club – Jeannie reported that Builders Club is going well with new Faculty Advisor Robyn Stone. The club is planning on club shirts for members, putting up a Builders Club bulletin board at EP, and selling scented pencils. Jeannie advised that the Builders Club would appreciate our club covering the cost of poster board for the new bulletin board. David Butler made a motion to approve up to \$50 for the poster board. Julie Slaughter seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. K-Kids – The club held a successful bake sale. Funds will be used to treat teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.
4. Fish Fry – The total for meals and donations were \$4,695.00, serving 279 meals. Expenses including newspaper ad was \$1,398.75 for a net gain of \$3,296.25. Fantastic results! Great job! Jeannie and Julie will hold a debriefing meeting.
5. Easter Egg Hunt – March 16 – Janet reported that the flyers for the North Ward students were delivered this morning. Carol Burwash and Janet are holding an egg hunt committee meeting immediately after the board meeting at the Butler home to prepare for Wednesday’s egg stuffing. Everything is on track including the weather, so far.
6. NW Project Proposal - Glen Simpson reported that Principal Wallace and Superintendent Alexander are in favor of the covered walkway at NW for student pick up. Currently, the project is on hold until the school district selects a new architect. The project will require the approval of the school board, the architect, and the regional office of education.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fish Fry Purchase – Kim reported the cost for the fryer that Wayne and the committee recommends is \$1,242 + shipping. After discussion, Ian Rominger made a motion to purchase two fryers. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved. Kim will check on the shipping cost. The fryers will either be shipped to one of our Board members or possibly picked up by a Board member. To be determined.
2. Storage Unit – As Tim Hoel’s suggestion, Kim contact Alan Shoemaker about a storage unit for the club. Alan offered a discounted rate of \$90 per month for a 12X24 unit with a one or two year agreement. The Board agreed that we should procure renter’s insurance to cover the contents of the storage unit. David Butler made a motion to accept Alan’s proposal with a 2 year agreement and procure renter’s insurance to cover the contents. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved. The plan is for the club foundation to pay for one year in advance.

3. Pancake Breakfast – April 20 – Discussion centered around what sausage and pancake mix to use. It was agreed that the Jimmy Dean sausage was fine. However, the Board agreed that Krusteaz Pancake Mix would be specified for its better texture and flavor.
4. KI Convention – Denver, CO July 3-6 Janet Butler reported that the club is entitled to 2 voting delegates at the business meeting. After discussion, Janet made a motion that incoming LTG Pete Buckley and President Elect Jeannie Craddock be named the delegates, and if Jeannie would not be attending the convention that secretary Janet Butler would serve a delegate. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved. Jeannie will let Janet know if she will attend the convention before the deadline to name the delegates.
5. Teachers Grant Program – After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion to add North Ward teachers as eligible for grants, to raise the maximum amount to \$500, and for the Board to review/update the program/application for rolling out the revised program to the three schools in August 2024. David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved.
6. Take Back Drugs Disposal Event – Val Morgan proposed the club again partner with law enforcement to collect prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and needles. Suggested date is April 27 from 9a-Noon. Kim Kiggins made a motion to proceed with the event. Julie Slaughter seconded the motion and it was approved. Val will contact law enforcement's help, set date/time, location, etc.. Janet will draft a 2024 flyer and email to Val.
7. Kiwanis One Day event – Tim Hoel suggested that the club do a Spring Clean-up with Tuscola Scouting for the Nunn Scout Building. Tentatively, April 6 with a rain date of April 13 8a-Noon was suggested. Pat Damler made a motion to approve Tim's suggestions. Julie Slaughter seconded the motion and it was approved. Tim will contact Jeremy Leonard to confirm a date/time. Tim will email Janet with a list of items to bring and a online sign-up can be done.
8. Kirby Foods Club Charge (Green Card) Account – Candy Hudson reported that Kirby Foods is now requiring a list of 4 members who can use the club's green card for charging items. Candy must provide their form with the names and signatures. The Board selected those members who most often have to purchase items for events and projects. David Butler made a motion for Jeannie Craddock, Kim Higgins, Julie Slaughter, and Cindy Wood be authorized to charge at Kirby Foods. Jeannie seconded the motion and it was approved. Jeannie is a keeper of one of the green cards. Candy will keep the second green card to make it available to the other three members. Candy will submit the completed form to Kirby Foods.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, April 8 , 2024 at noon at The Pantry.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



April 22, 2024

Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:
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