



# Kiwaniis®

## CLUB OF TUSCOLA

**NEWSLETTER**  
**NOVEMBER 2023**

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and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tuscolakiwanisclub](https://www.facebook.com/tuscolakiwanisclub)

### 2023 Events/Activities

Monday, November 13	Board Meeting – Ta’carbon
Friday/Saturday, December 1-2	Christmastown – Community Building
Monday, December 11	Board Meeting – Ta’carbon

### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

November 1	Doris Young
November 8	Janet Butler – Youth Protection Policy
November 15	Carol Beals
November 22	NO MEETING – Thanksgiving Week
November 29	Sue Wisovaty
December 6	Dale Boyer
December 13	Ginger Boyer
December 20	Club Christmas Party – Jeannie Craddock
December 27	Elaine Bryant
<b>2024</b>	
January 3	TBD – Flesor’s Closed?
January 10	Wayne Ward
January 17	Carol Burwash
January 24	Dave Butler
January 31	Janet Butler
February 7	Sharon Corum
February 14	Linda Damler
February 21	Mike Damler

February 28	Pat Damler
March 6	Darla Gardner
March 13	Llinda Glenn
March 20	Debbie Graber
March 27	Kim Higgins
April 3	Sherrie Hoel
April 10	Tim Hoel
April 17	Candy Hudson
April 24	April Kauffman
May 1	Lyn Kohlbecker
May 8	Jean Leonard
May 15	Jerry Leonard
May 22	Judy Landeck
May 29	Carol Martin

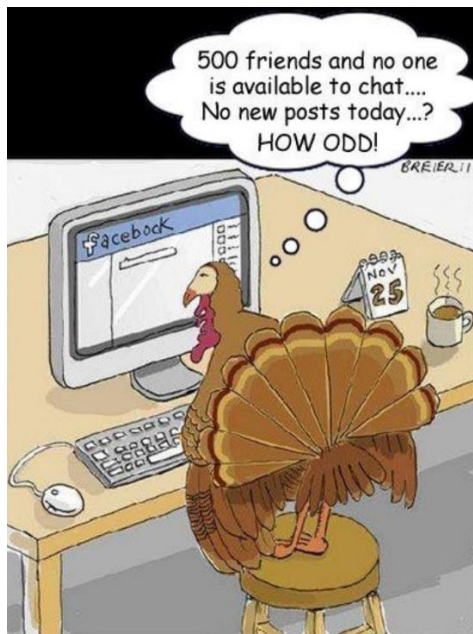
If your program date does **not** work for you, please arrange a swap and notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so the calendar can be updated.

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

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**Thanksgiving Day – Where are his friends? Mmmmmm!**



## Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2023

- Attendance

35 – Members

1 – Guests: LTG Doug Warren

- Birthdays – 10/4 Jean Leonard, 10/5 Dan Craddock

- Brags – Janet Butler, Jeannie Craddock, Linda Damler, Tim Hoel, and Val Morgan

- Free Lunch Winner – Glen Simpson

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Lt. Governor Presentation – Tim Hoel presented LTG Doug Warren with \$100 to help with Lt. Governor expenses, thanking him to continuing as LTG for 2023/2024.



New Member Inductions – Marsha Dawson, sponsored by Jeannie Craddock, and Kathleen Dyer, sponsored by her sister Sue Wisovaty, were inducted into the club by Lt. Governor Doug Warren and President Tim Hoel.



Upcoming Events/Activities:  
October 24 – Tuscola Boo Bash  
October 27-28 – Kiwanis Kids Day

### Program:

Lt. Governor Doug Warren retired the 2022/2023 officers and board members. He installed the new and continuing officers and board members for 2023/2024.

See page 7 for photos and details.

## Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2023

- Attendance

40 – Members

0 – Guests

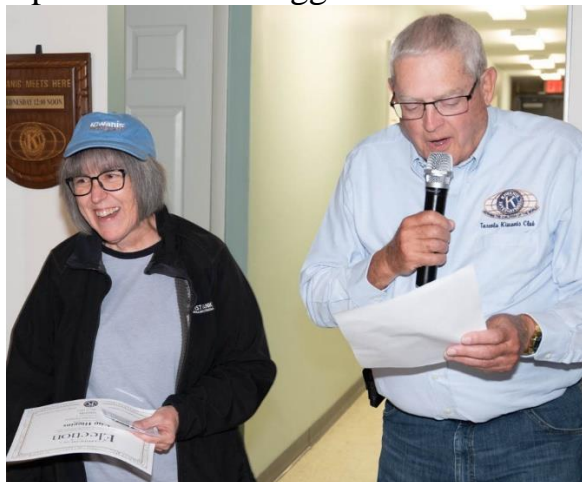
- Birthdays – 10/13 Laura Meyer, 10/17 Christopher Sutton

- Brags – Carol Beals, Linda Damler, and Tim Hoel

- Free Lunch Winner – Jerie Wills

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Installation of 2023/2024 President – Past Lt. Governor Jerry Leonard installed our new president Kim Higgins.



Farm Bureau Safety Day – November 2  
Online signup is available. Hardcopy signup sheet was circulated.

Board Meeting Updates:

-All criteria was met for 2022/2023 Distinguished Club status. Our legacy continues.

-Trunk or Treat will be held October 24 from 5p-7p. Dave Butler and Carol Burwash have volunteered to handle the event.

-Interclub Governor's Visit, Jacksonville November 5 2p \$10. A special program by Ken Whitmore will provide information about Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF).

-Division 27 (Decatur Early Birds, Decatur Golden K, and Tuscola) will be merged into Division 25 (Champaign-Urbana and Danville) effective October 1, 2024.

Upcoming Events/Activities:

October 24 – Tuscola Boo Bash

October 27-28 – Kiwanis Kids Day

### Program:

2022/2023 Club Awards:

Twenty-one Kiwanians were recognized and honored for Perfect Attendance. See list of names and years of Perfect Attendance on page 10.

Distinguished Service Award:

Dennis Opperman

Jerry Reynolds

Melissa Sanders

See photos on page 11.

Volunteer of the Year

Elaine Bryant

See photo on page 12.

Kiwanian of the Year

Candy Hudson

See photo on page 13.

Pies in Tim Hoel's face – see page 9

## Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2023

- **Attendance**

36 – Members

4 – Guest: Sally Williams, Charles Smith, and our speakers-Sue & Alex Elder

- **Birthdays** – 10/18 Jack Corum, 10/22 Sue Gavin, 10/23 Ben Mingo
- **Brags** – Carol Burwash, David Butler, Jeannie Craddock, Tim Hoel, Jean Leonard, Jerry Leonard, Dennis Opperman, Patty Russell, Charles Smith
- **Free Lunch Winner** – Jerry Leonard
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Governor’s Visit – Divisions 25, 26, 27 – Governor Tom Willis’ official governor visit is Monday, November 13 from 7p-8p at Papa Del’s Pizza in Champaign. No cost to attend. Notify Janet Butler by November 10, if you plan to attend.

Trauma Dolls – Maribeth reported that there are just eight dolls left. She distributed thirty-five dolls last week. She is looking for fabric cutters and sewers. Will probably plan a workshop sometime in January 2024. More information to follow.

Beth Linstead Thank You – Received a thank you note to the club from Beth for the Amador award.

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October 24 – Tuscola Boo Bash  
October 27-28 – Kiwanis Kids Day

### **Program:**



Paul Wisovaty introduced our speakers – Sue Elder and Alex Elder. Sue talked about the many programs that Road Scholar offers for their “Travel With Your Grandchild” tours. There are over 80 tours to choose from, organized by interests and/or destinations.

Sue and Alex attended such a tour “Aviation and Space Exploration” in Hutchinson, Kansas. Some of the activities that Sue and Alex participated in were building a Battle Bot and competing with others, plane simulator, making a rocket and launching, and more. Alex also had the opportunity to “fly” a space simulator and really fly a small plane with an instructor.

Sue highly recommends Road Scholar tours for traveling with grandchildren.

• **Attendance**

33 – Members

1 – Guest: Adam Lauwers, our speaker

• **Birthdays** – 10/31 Beth Linstead, 10/31 Darla Gardner

• **Brags** – Carol Burwash, David Butler, Sharon Corum, Jeannie Craddock, Pat Damler, Debbie Graber, Candy Hudson, Lyn Kohlbecker, Judy Landeck, and Maribeth Opperman

• **Free Lunch Winner** – Jerry Leonard

• **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

**Matching KNRF Donation** – Val Morgan is generously matching up to \$1,000, any donations designated for the district’s Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation. The deadline to donate is Wednesday, November 8. Give your donation check made out to Tuscola Kiwanis Club Foundation to Candy Hudson or Janet Butler. A KNRF donation check will be presented at the Governor’s Visit in Champaign on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**One Stop Christmas** - Advise members that an envelope for One Stop Christmas will be passed November 1 & 8 to help the Mattoon Kiwanis Club purchase socks/underwear for the children.

Upcoming Events/Activities:

**Program:**



Maureen Bergeson introduced our speaker, Adam Lauwers, son of Kiwanian Marsha Dawson. Adam is the UPS Hub & Airport Operations Manager at the Decatur Hub and

Peoria airport.

UPS started in 1907 in Seattle, Washington as United Parcel Service. Louisville, Kentucky is UPS’ world hub. It employs over 500,00 people, does business in over 200 countries, and flies over 2,000 daily flight segments. UPS is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest airline in the world transporting 24.5 million packages per day. It’s peak time is Thanksgiving through year-end. They hire 100,000 seasonal employees to handle the doubled volume of packages.

UPS also has a Healthcare Division. They are responsible for delivering temperature and time sensitive cargo such as COVID vaccines, human organs for transplant, etc.

**2023/2024 Officers & Club Directors – Effective 10-1-23**

**Officers**



**Kim Higgins**  
President



**Jeannie Craddock**  
President Elect



**Ian Rominger**  
Vice President



**Candy Hudson**  
Treasurer



**Janet Butler**  
Secretary



**Tim Hoel**  
Immediate Past President

**Club Directors**



**Dave Butler**  
Webmaster



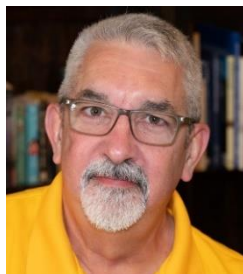
**Pat Damler**  
Term Expires 2024



**Carol Martin**  
Term Expires 2026



**Jeff Martin**  
Term Expires 2025



**Glen Simpson**  
Term Expires 2024



**Julie Slaughter**  
Term Expires 2026



**Cindy Wood**  
Term Expires 2025

**K-Kids Fall Picnic – October 2, 2023**



Beth Linstead receiving her I-I District Amador Medallion Award



More Photos on Club Website



Pies in the Face – October 4, 2023



More photos on club website  
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## 2022/2023 Perfect Attendance Recognitions

Twenty-one Kiwanians were recognized for perfect attendance as follows:

1 Year:

Jeff Martin

2 Years:

Jeannie Craddock  
Dave Moody

4 Years:

Jean Leonard

6 Years:

Elaine Bryant  
Maribeth Opperman

7 Years:

Linda Damler

9 Years:

Dennis Opperman

10 Years:

Pat Damler  
Topsy Mooday

11 Years:

Doris Young

12 Years:

Kim Higgins

13 Years:

Sherrie Hoel  
Jerry Leonard

14 Years:

Tim Hoel  
Candy Hudson

15 Years:

David Butler

16 Years:

Janet Butler  
Mike Damler

18 Years:

Carol Burwash

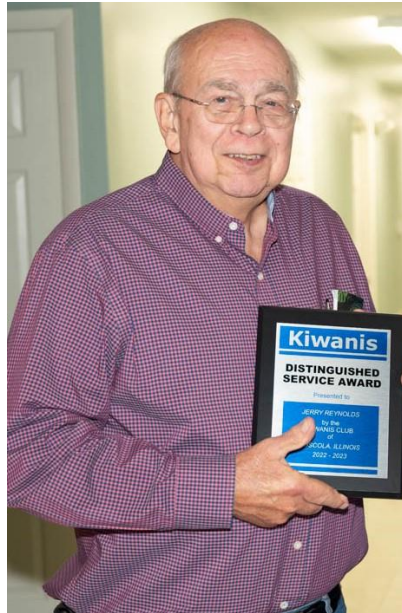
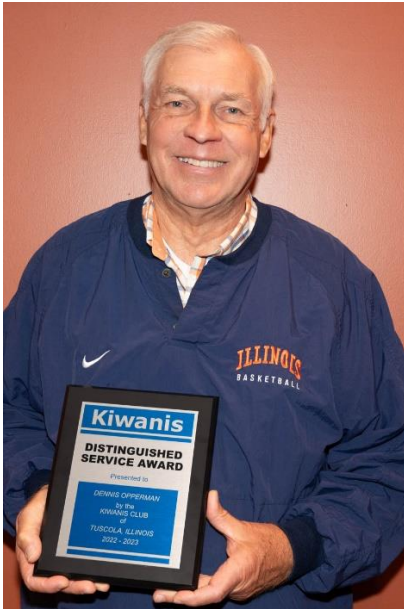
**35 Years:**

**Wayne Ward**



## 2022/2023 CLUB AWARDS

### Distinguished Service Awards



**Dennis Opperman, Jerry Reynolds, and Melissa Sanders**

### Paul Jones Volunteer of the Year



**Elaine Bryant**

# 2022/2023 Kiwanian of the Year

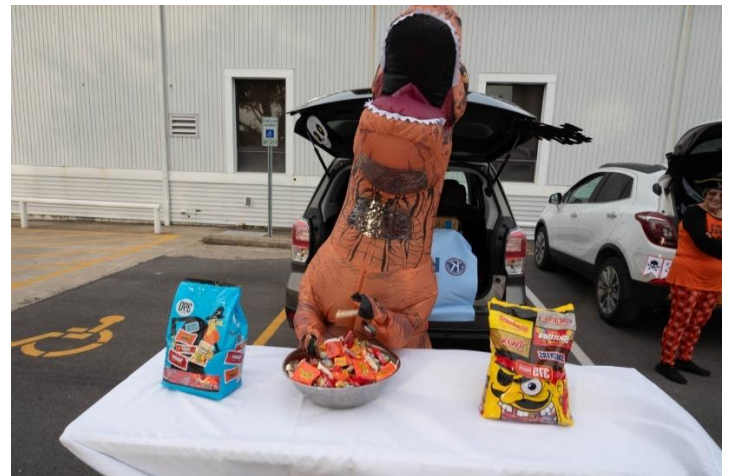


**Candy Hudson**

Boo Bash – October 24, 2023



Carol "Dino" Burwash



More photos on club website

**Kiwanis Kids Day – October 27-28**



More photos on club website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &  
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION  
2023 OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at Ta’Carbon Restaurant on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 12:00pm 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)	X	Guests:	
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jeff Martin (2025)	X		
Jeannie Craddock – Pres Elect	X	Ian Rominger – VP	X		
Pat Damler (2024)	AB	Glen Simpson (2024)	X		
Kim Higgins – President	X	Julie Slaughter (2026)	X		
Tim Hoel – Past President	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	AB		
Candy Hudson – Treas	AB				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of September Board Meeting – David Butler made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are included in Board Meeting Documents under “Board Reports” in the “Members Area.”
2. Secretary’s Monthly Reports – The Board meeting packet included the monthly volunteer hours report and the KI monthly report. Hours reported were 738 service hours. The top two volunteers were Jeannie Craddock and Tim Hoel. Ian Rominger made a motion to approve the reports as presented . Tim Hoel seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of Secretary Reports are included in Board Meeting Documents under “Board Reports” in the “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – The Board packet included copies of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports ending September 30, 2023, the Kiwanis end of fiscal year. The current balance for the club was \$14,271.07 and the foundation balance was \$16,153.11. David Butler made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Jeannie Craddock seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of treasurer reports are included in Board Meeting Documents under “Board Reports” in the “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
(none)	\$100.00 Donation to KNRF for new governor’s gift.

	\$149.60 Reimbursement to Janet Butler for Kiwanis Kids Days Tootsie Roll Mini Pops
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Tim Hoel made a motion to approve the above disbursements. Carol Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. New Member Recruitment Results – As of 9/30/23, the club’s membership was +1. All 2022/2023 Distinguished Club criteria were met.
2. Key Club – Jeannie Craddock reported that Jessie Hanner and she are working on changing the volunteer hours deadline so the presentation for the Key Club Volunteer of the Month could have less delay.
3. Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – The club netted \$1,067.99. Janet sent a Gift-in-Kind thank you letter to Country Salvage. It was agreed that we want to go back to the same pancake mix as we used before. Going forward into 2024, Kim Higgins will be the chairperson for the club’s pancake breakfasts, with guidance from Pat Damler when needed. For future breakfasts, the serving hours will be 7:30a-10:30a.
4. Kiwanis Kids Days – October 27 & 28 – Janet reported that the Tootsie Roll Mini Pops have arrived and delivered to Carol Burwash. Online signup is active. Hardcopy signup will be passed around beginning 10/11.
5. 2023/2024 Budget – Jeannie Craddock made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet also discussed the 2022/2023 budget to actuals, noting that actual was very close to the budget. The club and foundation are fiscally strong. (Copies enclosed.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Tuscola Halloween Boo Bash/Trunk or Treat - The library and city are holding the event Tuesday, October 24 from 5p-7p. Our club will be represented at Trunk or Treat. After the meeting, David Butler volunteered as chairperson. He needs just a couple of volunteers to help him. Contact David if you’re interested in volunteering. We have some candy leftover from Homecoming. If we think we need more, we’ll reach out via email to bring to our Oct 18 club meeting.
2. Governor’s Visit – Janet reported that the multi-division visit is November 5 at 2p in Jacksonville. She sent an email with all the details Oct 5. It’s about a 2 hour+ drive.



The program will be the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation. It's \$10 at the door. We have 4 members going so it qualifies as an interclub. Everyone is welcome. Janet must provide the planners with the Tuscola headcount by October 18, so if you plan to go, let her know no later than our club meeting on October 18.

3. New Project Proposal - Glen Simpson proposed a service project with the goal of improving the NW Student Pickup Station process, making it easier for everyone. The Board approved by motion from Glen and seconded by Julie Slaughter for Glen to form a committee and explore possible solutions, working with Principal Wallace and appropriate school staff and/or board.
4. Christmastown – The Board agreed that the club would again have a table at the Christmastown vendor event. Kim Higgins will check with Elaine Bryant and Debbie Graber to see if they want to co-chair the bake portion of the table.
5. I-I Divisions 25 & 27 Merger - It's official. As of October 1, 2024 our club will be in Division 25 with Champaign-Urbana, Danville, Decatur Golden K, and Decatur Early Birds. In this consolidation, there will be no clubs in Division 27. By January 31, 2024 the “new” division 25 must elect a new 2024/2025 Lt. Governor or the current Governor will appoint one. Doug Fink and Doug Warren have scheduled a division council meeting for January 14, 2024 at 1:30PM at the Tuscola United Methodist Church. Janet asked Board members to consider whether we will put forth any Amador nominations at the January council meeting. The decision will be made at the November board meeting.
6. 2023/2024 Distinguished Club Criteria - Gov. Tom Willis has issued the 2023/2024 Distinguished Club criteria. In addition to the usual distinguished criteria, Tom has added an additional level...Distinguished “MAD” (Making A Difference) Criteria. One of the requirements to meet the “MAD” criteria is to sponsor a new Kiwanis Club. The board will review and discuss at our next meeting. (Copy enclosed.)

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 13 , 2023 at noon at Ta'Carbon.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary



*Happy Thanksgiving!!!*

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