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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
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2023 Events/Activities

Monday, October 9	Board Meeting – Ta’carbon
Tuesday, October 24	Tuscola Boo Bash
Friday/Saturday, October 27-28	Kiwaniis Kids Days
Monday, November 13	Board Meeting – Ta’carbon
Friday/Saturday, December 1-2	Christmastown - tentative

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

October 4	Officer/Board Installation/New Members
October 11	Club Awards
October 18	Paul Wisovaty
October 25	Maureen Bergeson
November 1	Doris Young
November 8	Wilma Allen
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
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	Linda Glenn
March 20	Debbie Graber
March 27	Kim Higgins

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!**

Happy Halloween!



Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2023

- Attendance

32 – Members

3 – Guests: Dixie Mitchell-Ian’s mother-in-law, Ken Rominger-Ian’s father and Greg Evans, our speaker

- Birthdays – 9/7 Paul Wisovaty, 9/8 David Butler, 9/12 Ron Gardner and Alan Shoemaker
- Braggs – Pat Damler, Tim Hoel
- Free Lunch Winner – Pat Damler
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Homecoming Parade – Friday, September 22 - Line up 1:50p at Ervin Park. Members welcome to decorate golf carts to join the Kiwanis trucks/trailers.

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, September 23 – Online signup available or via hardcopy at club meetings.

K-Kids Picnic – Monday, October 2 – Online signup available.

Upcoming Events/Activities:

October 2 – K-Kids Picnic

October 24 – Tuscola Boo Bash

October 27-28 – Kiwanis Kids Day

Program:



Marci Shoemaker introduced our speaker, Greg Evans. Greg has opened a new shop, Evans Vacuum Sales & Service, in downtown Tuscola. He has been collecting vacuum cleaners since he was three years old. He began taking the vacuums apart and putting them back together. That led to his grandfather working with him to repair vacuums.

In 2009, Greg was flown out to California by Jimmy Kimmell to appear on Jimmy’s late night show. Greg demonstrated his ability to identify vacuum cleaners by their motor sound only. Jimmy’s gift to Greg was a Dyson Vacuum Cleaner.

Greg has a collection of over 2,000 vacuum cleaners. The oldest was made in the 1800s.

Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2023

- **Attendance**

36 – Members

10 – Guests: Kathleen Dyer, Sue Gavin, Dylan Kleiss, Ken Rominger, Mia & Daisy Liddy, granddaughters of Patty Russell, and Early Birds Interclub: Herb Dryer, Gene Guthrey, Bill Meyer, and Doug Warren

- **Birthdays** – None

- **Brags** – Maureen Bergeson, Jeannie Craddock, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, and Doris Young

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Topy Moody

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

Children’ Miracle Network – Mike Damler reported that the club will be donating \$200 to Children’s Miracle Network from recycling ink cartridges and cell phones.

New Member Induction – The club welcomed Ken Rominger, father of Ian Rominger, as our newest member.



Welcome, Ken!!!

Free Little Library – Ian Rominger reported that the newest Free Little Library is set up at RISE.

Upcoming Events/Activities:

October 24 – Tuscola Boo Bash

October 27-28 – Kiwanis Kids Day

Program:



Glen Simpson hosted a rousing version of “Family Feud.” Candy flowed to attendees for participating in the fun.

Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2023

Program:

- Attendance

29 – Members

1 – Guest: Sue Gavin

- Birthdays – 9/20 Les Evans, 9/21 Toppo Moody, 9/23 Sandy Simpson, 9/25 Carol Martin

- Braggs – Linda Damler, Pat Damler, and Debbie Graber

- Free Lunch Winner – Lori Nichols

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Do Co Health Dept – Will not be offering COVID or Pneumonia shots. Will be offering flu shots.

Upcoming Events/Activities:

October 24 – Tuscola Boo Bash

October 27-28 – Kiwanis Kids Day



Sandy Simpson hosted a game called “Anybody’s Guess.” Three tables tied with 111 points. Such fun!

Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2023

- **Attendance**

28 – Members

1 – Guest: Erica Gould from Kiwanis International

- **Birthdays** – 9/27 Tim Hoel, 9/28 Donna Motley
- **Brags** – Carol Burwash, Jeannie Craddock, Pat Damler, Erica Gould, Debbie Graber, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel, and Dennis Opperman.
- **Free Lunch Winner** – Topsy Mooday
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Pancake Breakfast Results – Thanks to everyone who helped with the pancake breakfast. We cleared a net of \$1,067.99. Great job!

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

Program:



Julie Slaughter introduced our guest Erica Gould from Kiwanis International corporate office in Indianapolis. She is a Development Officer for the Mid-Western U.S. Region and has been with KI for 1.5 years.

Erica discussed the past and present projects, grants, scholarships and activities of Kiwanis International Children's Fund (KI). The are club and district grants awarded twice a year, and for clubs with less than 35 members, mini-grants are awarded monthly. Each year, 5% of donations that are from a specific district are returned to that district.

KI's focus is on: Youth Health/Nutrition, Education/Literacy, and Leadership Development.

KI will be announcing a new global project at the 2024 International Convention in Denver, Colorado.



Homecoming Parade – September 22, 2023



More photos on club website

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

The meeting was called to order at Ta’Carbon Restaurant on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 12:00pm by President Tim Hoel with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an “X”:

Elaine Bryant (2023)	AB	Kim Higgins – Pres Elect	X	Guests:	
Carol Burwash – Past Pres	X	Tim Hoel – President	X	Julie Slaughter	X
David Butler – Webmaster	X	Candy Hudson – Treas	X		
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jeff Martin (2025)	X		
Cathy Chaplin (2023)	X	Glen Simpson (2024)	X		
Jeannie Craddock – VP	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	X		
Pat Damler (2024)	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of June Board Meeting – Carol Burwash made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Cindy Wood 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 486 fundraising and 524 service hours for total hours of 1,010. The top two volunteers were Tim Hoel and Elaine Bryant. David Butler made a motion to approve the reports as corrected and presented . Jeff Marin 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 11, 2023. The current balance for the club was \$13,889.85 and the foundation balance was \$16,533.61. Glen Simpson 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>
\$100.00 To: Doug Warren to assist with LTG expenses. Will be presented on 10/4.	\$105.00 Reimburse Janet Butler for membership recruitment lunches on 8/30
\$394.00 Reimburse Janet Butler for officer installation/club award plaques, pins, etc.	\$1,000.00 To Kiwanis Children’s Fund for Kiwanian of the Year Hixson award
\$ 48.46 Reimburse Janet Butler for Kiwanians of the Year items	

Carol Burwash made a motion to approve the above disbursements. Kim Higgins seconded the motion, and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Member Recruitment/Unpaid Dues – After discussion, it appears that the club needs tentatively 3 more new members (not counting new member Ken Rominger) to be +1 in membership and meeting the 2022/2023 Distinguished Club Criteria. Jeannie received confirmation that Marsha Dawson is joining. Follow-ups will be done from the list of potential members.
2. K-Kids Picnic – October 2 - Jeannie reported that 12 members have signed up to help with the picnic. No further volunteers are needed.
3. Builders Club Back to School Meeting – Jeannie Craddock reported that she will be taking special treats for the club’s first meeting.
4. Homecoming Parade – September 22 - Jeannie reported that she is still looking for a second truck to pull one of the trailers. She will reach out to Kiwanians for candy for the students to throw, supplementing if needed. There are funds in the club foundation budget for extra candy.
5. Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – September 23 – Pat reported that Country Salvage is donating sausage, pancake mix, and drinks for the breakfast. Kim will provide Janet with the contact name/address and approximate value so a thank you “gift in kind” letter can be sent.

6. Kiwanis Kids Days – October 27 & 28 – Carol advised Janet to order the same number of bags of Mini-Tootsie Roll pops as last year. Carol and Kim will provide the information for David to set up the online signup shortly after the pancake breakfast is done.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Members – Kim Higgins made a motion to approve Ken Rominger, sponsored by his son Ian Rominger, for membership in our club. Carol seconded the motion and it was approved. Ken will be inducted Wednesday, 9/13 if Ken and Ian both attend. Janet will email Ian.
2. 2023/2024 Budget - DRAFT – The board discussed the draft budget and the 2022/2023 Budget to Actuals reports. Janet answered any questions, and asked board members to give the reports a closer look before the October 9th board meeting when the budget will be discussed again and voted on for approval.
3. Kiwanian of the Year Award – When the Zeller Fellowship Awards were discontinued, the club started awarding a KI Hixson award. The I-I District’s foundation, Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF), has established an “Elble Award” at the same \$1,000.00 cost of a Hixson. 100% of KNRF’s funding comes from the I-I District’s Kiwanis clubs. Carol Burwash made a motion that going forward an “Elble Award” would be presented to our club’s Kiwanians of the Year. Jeannie Craddock seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Larry Forsberg – Candidate for KI Trustee – Past Governor Larry Forsberg wishes to run for KI Trustee and needs the district’s endorsement to do so. A special Zoom meeting has been called for Sunday, September 17 at 3:00PM to vote on his request. Carol Burwash, Pat Damler, and Kim Higgins agreed to be our club’s delegates and attend this meeting. Janet will register them online this afternoon. Each will receive an email that provides a login to the Zoom meeting shortly before 9/17.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, October 9, 2023 at noon at Ta’Carbon.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50PM.

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary



Don't Let the Goblins Get You!!!

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