



**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
**APRIL 2008**



**FLASH – Judy Sunderland, I-I District Governor has re-scheduled her visit! She will be our speaker at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Don't miss it!!!!**

**2008 Upcoming Events**

April 2, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
April 16, Wednesday	North Ward Library Reception – 7:45A-8:30A
April 19, Saturday (Tentative)	Kiwanis One Day Project – BETH's Place Clean-up
May 7, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
June 25-28, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, FL
August 7-10, Thu-Sun	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL

**Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments**

April 7	Jan Houser
April 14	Sherrie Hoel & Election of Officers/Board
April 21	Tim Hoel
April 28	Candy Hudson
May 5	Toni Jones
May 12	<b>Judy Sunderland – I-I Gov.</b>
May 19	Mitzi Kendall
May 26	No Meeting
June 2	Kara Kinney
June 9	Kiwanis Education Program
June 16	Judy Landeck
June 23	Ken Landeck
June 30	Betty Leonard

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**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your April Volunteer Hours  
before the end of the month!**

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**Meeting of March 3, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 30 members.

Clarice reported that the club had received “thank you” messages from Beta Sigma Phi for the Egg Hunt donation, SAMs Pantry for a club donation and Beth Reifsteck for the memorial donation made in memory of her mother.

Clarice reminded members that she still had Spastic Paralysis raffle tickets for sale. They are \$10.00 each. If you are interested, check with Clarice.

Pat Damler reported that IGA was charging us \$1.40 per pound (in 10 pound cases) for the fish. The 240 pounds of fish will cost \$336.00. The pricing for the Fish Fry will be \$4.00 for 12 and under, and \$7.50 for all others. Members are reminded to bring a dessert, but no crème pies. Fish Fry is Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Clarice briefly discussed a Kiwanis International program call Terrific Kids. She advised that Wayne had ordered more information from KI, and when received, the Board will discuss further.

Clarice reminded Board members that there was a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Opperman advised members that the FFA Chili Supper was Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5p-7p at Forty Martyrs Hall. There would also be a pie auction.



Our speaker today was Jerry Hall and his topic was “Increasing Club Membership.” Jerry represented our club at a meeting in Decatur held by Lt. Governor, Larry Bechtel. The Tuscola Club is #2 out of 35 divisions in membership growth. Our most successful technique in growing membership has been our annual membership dinners. We

have also gained new members from current members bringing guests to our meetings. We plan to continue with both approaches.

Another possible source of new members could be the K-Kids' parents. One club held a wiener roast for the K-Kids and their parents. Club members circulated among the group, talking to parents about Kiwanis, what the club is about and what organizations and activities that we support. Those people who showed some interest were invited to be a guest at a club meeting.

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### **Kids Say the Darndest Things!**

It was that time, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon. All the children were invited to come forward.

One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the minister leaned over and said, 'That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?'

The little girl replied, directly into the minister's clip-on microphone, 'Yes, and my Mom says it's a bitch to iron.'

*Author: Unknown*

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### **Meeting of March 10, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 33 members and 8 guests: Larry Bechtel, Lt. Governor and Decatur Prairie Land members Ann Brunson, Jerry Brunson, Donna Cleland, Betty Clemens, Mary Margaret Davison, Lucy Derlitzki and Helen Weatherford.

Judy Landeck reported that she was part of a group that went to Springfield. A copy of the Tuscola History Book was presented to Jesse White, Secretary of State, for the Illinois State Archives.

Janet Butler passed around a sign-up sheet for Share Food on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Janet advised that Share Food was offering New York Strip Steaks in March.

Larry Bechtel spoke briefly to the group, thanking the club for our membership increases. He shared a "good news" story with us from Decatur Golden K. This club sent out 150 invitations to a membership breakfast. So far they have had 38

people respond that they want to attend. The club has high hopes for adding several new members from this membership breakfast.

Pat Damler reminded members about the March 28<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry. Don't forget to bring a dessert. If you bring cookies, please put them in small bags. No cream pies. The arrangements for the Lion's street sign have been completed.

Clarice advised members that the Board is still working on a Kiwanis One Day project. Earl Pendergrass is checking with Kelsey's.

Clarice reminded members that she still has I-I raffle tickets available.

Wayne reviewed highlights of the March Board Meeting. For more information, see the March Board Meeting Highlights section of this newsletter.

Clarice reported that there would be President, Secretary and Treasurer training available in Mattoon on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.

Clarice reported that Sonny and Alex were having a free breakfast for Tuscany customers to celebrate their citizenship and their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tuscany in Tuscola. The free breakfast is Wednesday, 3/12 from 7:00 – 9:00AM.

There was no program today.

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When Aristotle, the brightest mind of antiquity, was asked the purpose of life, he said: "To serve others and to do good." Albert Einstein, the brightest mind of modern times, answered the same question by saying, "I must live for others, not for myself; only a life lived for others is worthwhile." We Kiwanians must be pretty smart too, because we think just like Aristotle and Einstein..

*From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions*

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### **Meeting of March 17, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 26 members and 2 guests, Wanda Whitsitt-guest of Jim Young and our speaker, Jim Young.

Clarice reminded members that the Tuscola schools would be closed Friday, 3/21, Monday 3/24 and Tuesday, 3/25.

Clarice reported that Kelsey's wishes to leave the Ambucs logo behind the mini-park on Main Street. Therefore the club is looking for another Kiwanis One Day project. If members have any ideas, please contact Clarice.

Pat Damler reminded members to bring a dessert to the Fish Fry on Friday, 3/28. She passed out flyers to post at businesses, churches, etc. Regarding thawing the fish, IGA will put the fish in their cooler on Monday. Pat will pick it up on Thursday. Members assisting with the fish thaw should be at Forty Martyrs Hall about 4:00PM. Members assisting with the Fish Fry should be at Forty Martyrs Hall about 3:30PM on Friday.

Clarice advised that there is the possibility of the club doing a fundraiser, "Mile of Quarters", to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Clarice asked for a volunteer to check into the details and possibly chair/organize the fundraiser.



Our speaker, provided by Edie Griffith, was Jim Young, a pilot volunteer with LifeLine Pilots, and his guest, Wanda Whitsitt of Champaign. Wanda founded the organization in 1981 with a mission to facilitate free air transportation through volunteer pilots for financially distressed passengers with medical/humanitarian needs.

Their slogan is: "The Shortest Distance Between Home and Hope."

It began as a small group of pilots in Illinois who envisioned helping people with emergencies to reach medical centers. Originally, there were 40 pilots coordinated by a group of volunteers. A total of 40 missions were flown the first three years. After five years, the group separated from a state agency in order to expand the service area outside of Illinois. Criteria were expanded to include financial need and logistical concerns as well as a time element.

After intensive consideration, a move was made to open an office at the Peoria, IL airport and broaden the scope of their activities in order to fulfill their mission. A steady growth in mission activity has underlined the importance of this decision. To date, over 1,000,000 passenger miles have been flown with a volunteer core of

over 500 pilots. The service area grew to include the 16 Midwest states and Colorado. LifeLine Pilots has a cooperative relationship with several other volunteer pilot organizations such as Angel Flights that allows them to facilitate missions beyond those states.

There is no cost for the people who are helped. To qualify for a LifeLine mission, a passenger must have a medical or humanitarian need far from home, have a financial need for assistance, be able to fly in a non-pressurized aircraft, be able to board the plane with minimal assistance, be able to sit upright in a standard aircraft seat, be willing to sign a liability release form and provide own transportation to and from the airport. When possible, LifeLine would prefer 3-4 days notice to arrange a mission.

Volunteer pilots are required to have a private license, instrument rating and a certified aircraft. The average cost of a mission to the organization is \$2,000.00. Jim shared several of his own mission experiences.

Another goal is to get the word out to city officials, hospitals and people that such services are available to those in need. To contact a Mission Coordinator, call 800-822-7972. For more information or to make a donation, call their office in Peoria at 309-697-6282 or go to their website at [www.lifelinepilots.org](http://www.lifelinepilots.org).

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### **Beer & Curlers**

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happened to pass by the beer, wine, and liquor section. One asked the other if she would like a beer. The second nun answered that, indeed, it would be very nice to have one, but that she would feel uncomfortable about purchasing it.

The first nun replied that she would handle that without a problem. She picked up a six-pack and took it to the cashier. The cashier had a surprised look, so the nun said, "This is for washing our hair."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter and put a package of pretzel sticks in the bag with the beer.

"The curlers are on me."

*Author: Unknown*

## Meeting of March 24, 2008

There was a total attendance of 38 members and 2 guests, J.P. and Macy, grandchildren of Dan & Patty Russell.

Pat Damler gave her final reminders for the March 28<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry. The volunteers helping with the fish thaw should be at Forty Martyrs Hall by 4:30PM on Thursdays, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The volunteers for the Fish Fry should be at the hall by 3:30PM on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Damler reported on an inter-club with the Decatur Early Birds. Jerry Hall, Ed Wachala, Paul Wisovaty and Mike attended.

Ed Wachala passed around a sign-up sheet for the next inter-club meeting.



Our speaker today was Darrell Helm. Darrell introduced the group to the world of SUDOKU Puzzles. Here is a little history of Sudoku:

"Su" means number in Japanese, and "Doku" refers to the single place on the puzzle board that each number can fit into. One way to describe the game is "Solitaire with numbers."

Although its name is Japanese, its origins are actually European and American, and the game represents the best in cross-cultural fertilization. Unlike many games which spring from one culture and are then absorbed by others, Sudoku's development reveals it to be a true hybrid creation.

The 18th century Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler apparently developed the concept of "Latin Squares" where numbers in a grid appear only once, across and up and down. In the late 1970's, Dell Magazines in the U.S. began publishing what we now call Sudoku puzzles using Euler's concept with a 9 by 9 square grid. They called it Number Place, and it was developed by an independent puzzle maker, Howard Garnes.

In the mid-1980s, the president of the Japanese puzzle giant Nikoli, Inc., Mr. Maki Kaji urged the company to publish a version of the puzzle that became a

huge hit in that country. Nikoli gave the game its current name, and helped refine it by restricting the number of revealed or given numbers to 30 and having them appear symmetrically. Afterwards the game became increasingly popular in Japan and started becoming a fixture in daily newspapers and magazines. Yet almost two decades passed before the game was taken up by *The Times* newspaper in London as a daily puzzle. This development was due to the efforts of Wayne Gould, a retired Hong Kong judge originally from New Zealand. He first came across a Sudoku puzzle in a Japanese bookshop in 1997, and later spent many years developing a computer program to generate them. In the fall of 2004, he was able to convince The Times to start publishing daily Sudoku puzzles developed using his software. The first game was published on November 12, 2004. Within a few months, other British newspapers began publishing their own Sudoku puzzles.

Once again, Sudoku's popularity crossed the oceans. By the summer of 2005, major newspapers in the U.S. were also offering Sudoku puzzles like they would daily crossword puzzles. It was old media in the form of newspapers that have done so much to spread Sudoku around the world. In the US, the *New York Post*, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *USA Today* offered Sudoku puzzles to their readers by September 2005. It has taken off in the U.S. from there.

Before starting a puzzle, here are some tips:

How to Play Sudoku?

Sudoku requires no calculation or arithmetic skills. It is essentially a game of placing numbers in squares, using very simple rules of logic and deduction.

Sudoku Objective

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in. The Sudoku games on SudokuDaily.net let you check your progress as you go, to help prevent going down a wrong path.

### Sudoku Solution Techniques

8			5	3	6	4	9	7
4	7	9	2	8		6	3	5
5	3	6				2	8	1
9	6	8	4	5	3			2
		3	1		7	8		4
			6	2	8	9	5	3
3	2	1				5	4	8
	8	4		1	5	7	2	9
	9	5	8	4	2			6

The first things to do in tackling a Sudoku puzzle is to scan the rows and columns to see where a certain number might go, given the 3 constraints listed above. For example, the fact that a 7 is required in the top right corner can be determined by first analyzing its 9 square sub-region. The only numbers missing in the region are a 5 and a 7. However, putting a 5 in the top right box would conflict with the 5 already in the top row and the rightmost column. The 7, on the other hand, would not conflict with any of the given numbers.

Once the 7 is filled in, deduction requires that only a 5 can go beneath it as all digits from 1 through 9 must be represented in the region. From there, one can turn to the two remaining open boxes in the right column - these must include a 2 and a 4 as the column's digits must represent 1 through 9. One of

these options, placing the 4 beneath the 1, would lead to a conflict with the 4 already in that horizontal row, so the only option for this box must be a 2. However, options for boxes are often not that easy to deduce. Another technique is to "pencil in" possibilities and then follow the possible solutions that emerge until a conflict is found. Often these conflicts appear after 2 or 3 numbers are penciled in, and one can return to the start and try the next option until something clicks.

The great thing about Sudoku is that every step makes the next step easier by narrowing possibilities. Every solved box makes filling the next box a little bit easier.

Here is an "Easy Level" SUDOKU Puzzle for you to try:

Fill in the missing numbers so every row, column and quadrant contains the numbers 1 through 9.

	2	4		3	6		7	1
	8			7		4		9
1					8	2		
						1		6
		2	6	4	9	5		
4		8						
		3	9					4
2		6		1			5	
7	4		3	8		6	9	

The Solution is at the end of the newsletter.

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## Fish Fry March 28th



Pat Damler – Our Leader. Great Job!!!!



Janet C., Pat, Tim, Carl



Dennis, Ed, Wayne



We Served 181 People!!!

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## Something To Think About

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

*Author: Unknown*

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## Meeting of March 31, 2008

There was a total attendance of 32 members and 2 guests: David Lough, guest of Jerry Hall and our speaker, Father Barry Harmon.

Pat Damler thanked everyone who helped with the Fish Fry. Guests were raving about the food...the fish, coleslaw, beans and what a great selection of desserts! We served 181 guests. The gross receipts were \$1,471.03. Great Event!!!

Jim Wood, chairperson of the nominating committee, handed out the proposed slate of Officers and Board members for 2008/2009. Jim's committee members included Carol Burwash, Steve Niemann, Carol Quinn and Gary Weber. Club members will be asked to vote at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

President..... Janet Butler  
President-Elect..... Kevin Nolan  
Vice-President..... Mike Damler  
Secretary..... Wayne Ward  
Treasurer..... Candy Hudson

Board Members:

Janet Cox  
Debbie Graber  
Don Miller  
Earl Pendergrass  
Dan Russell  
Gary Weber  
Clarice Hausman – Past President  
David Butler – Web Master

Clarice advised members that the Board was still working on finalizing a Kiwanis One Day Project. Doing an outside cleanup of BETH's Place is being investigated.

Wayne Ward announced that Judy Sunderland, I-I District Governor has re-scheduled her visit to May 12<sup>th</sup>.



Our speaker was Father Barry Harmon from Tuscola Forty Martyrs Catholic Church. Kim Higgins introduced Father Harmon. He had returned from a recent trip to Israel. Barry mentioned that he was a Key Club member when he was in high school.

Father Harmon went to Jerusalem with the archbishop of St. Louis as pilgrims. Barry shared many stories of various churches that were visited there. He spoke in some detail about Christ's Tomb. In the first century AD, the site of Christ's tomb consisted of a small, rocky rise just outside the Jerusalem city walls and a disused stone quarry into whose rock face tombs had been cut.

The hillside was dug away in the 4<sup>th</sup> century to allow a church to be built around the tomb. Burial chambers existed here in the 1<sup>st</sup> centuries BC and AD. They also visited the Nativity Church in Bethlehem.

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### **Highlights from the March 2008 Board Meeting**

- **February Monthly Report** – The report showed 476 hours of community service and 120 hours of fund raising.
- **Treasurer's Report** – The gross receipts from the Pancake Breakfast were \$702.00. After expenses, the net was \$198.00. Other expenses were \$150.00 for Key Club and Circle-K Outreach. Candy reported a balance of \$4,390.74 as of March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Penguin Project Donation** – The Penguin Project is the main project for Judy Sunderland, I-I District Governor. The Board approved \$100.00 donation to be presented to Judy when she visits our club.
- **Dues Payment** – There are 5 members that still owe the \$50.00 semi-annual dues that were payable in January. Wayne reported that he had sent 2 reminders with return envelopes to each of those members.
- **Terrific Kids Program** – The Board discussed the possibility of starting this Kiwanis International program in a local school. Wayne has ordered literature about the program from KI. Item was tabled for a future meeting.
- **Tax Exempt Status** – Wayne received a letter from the Illinois Dept. of Revenue advising that our information had been received and would be reviewed shortly.
- **Kiwanis One Day Project** – There was considerable discussion regarding a possible project at the Main St. mini-park including painting the Kelsey building wall to remove the Ambucs message and possibly add a Kiwanis logo/message. If this could be done, the club would be willing to take a more active interest in keeping up the small park with flowers, etc. Earl will check with Kelsey's about painting the wall so a decision can be made.

- Fish Fry – Thawing the fish was discussed. It was suggested to check with IGA to see if they would place the 240 pounds of fish in a refrigerated room a couple days before our event to allow it to start to thaw. Dave will check with Pat Damler or IGA about this possibility.

(Full text on club website)

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Sudoku Solution:

9	2	4	5	3	6	8	7	1
6	8	5	2	7	1	4	3	9
1	3	7	4	9	8	2	6	5
5	7	9	8	2	3	1	4	6
3	1	2	6	4	9	5	8	7
4	6	8	1	5	7	9	2	3
8	5	3	9	6	2	7	1	4
2	9	6	7	1	4	3	5	8
7	4	1	3	8	5	6	9	2

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New items on the website include: Fish Fry pictures.

Web Site Tip: If you bring up the members list and it does not format correctly the first time, click your “refresh” button and it should be fine.

Please provide any information, pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or website to: [dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) .