



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009

2009 Events

April 4, Saturday (Rain date Saturday April 18 th)	Kiwanis One Day Project – Spring Cleanup for BETHS Place – 8:00AM
April 8, Wednesday (New Date)	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
April 17, Friday	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
May 6, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
May 11, Monday	Meeting Designated as Annual Meeting for Election of Officers and two Board Member Directors
June 10, Wednesday (New Date)	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
June 25-28, Thur-Sun	Kiwanis Int'l Convention – Nashville, TN
August 6-9, Thur-Sun	I-I District Convention – Lincolnshire IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

April 6	Marge Conn
April 13	Darrell Helm
April 20	Dave Dobson
April 27	Jeannine Fortney
May 4	Debbie Graber
May 11	Jerry Hall
May 18	Katona Hall
May 25	No Meeting – Memorial Day
June 1	Clarice Hausman
June 8	John Davis
June 15	Paul Jones
June 22	Darcey Helmick
June 29	Kim Higgins

July 6	Sherrie Hoel
July 13	Tim Hoel
July 20	Candy Hudson
July 27	Judy Landeck
August 3	Ken Landeck
August 10	Betty Leonard
August 17	Jerry Leonard
August 24	Beth Linstead
August 31	Jaci Manzella

The program assignments have been scheduled out through the summer. If your date conflicts with vacation or summer plans, please let Janet Butler know as soon as possible. We will swap your date with another member for a date that works for you.

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

Meeting of March 2, 2009

There was a total attendance of 31 members and 1 guest, Casey Higgins, daughter of Kim Higgins and granddaughter of Paul Jones.

The pancake breakfast was a great success! Thank you, Gary Weber and Jaci Manzella for chairing the event. Thank you to everyone to assisted. We served 115 adults and 11 children. The club grossed \$960.00. Great job!

Ed Wachala passed around an inter-club sign-up sheet for the Decatur Early Birds on March 26th.

Janet Butler passed around a sign-up sheet for the special St. Patrick's Day meeting that the Sullivan club is having on March 16th at 6:00PM. An Irish meal will be served and Kevin McConnell, I-I District Governor Elect, will be the program speaker.

Wayne Ward reported that Rene Corcoran will be our Division 27 Lt. Governor for 2009/2010 and that our president, Janet Butler will be Lt. Governor for 2010/2011. Both were voted for unanimously by the Division 27 delegates.

Janet Butler reminded members to let Board members or club officers know about their ideas for our Kiwanis One Day project. Last year we did a spring clean-up for BETHS Place.

Club members turned in 34 pieces of clothing to be “Kiwanitized” with a Kiwanis patch and our club name. Janet Cox and Janet Butler will be delivering them to the vendor this week.

Janet Butler reminded Board members of the board meeting Wednesday, March 4th.

Next week’s program chair is Janet Cox, if jury duty does not cause her to miss the meeting.



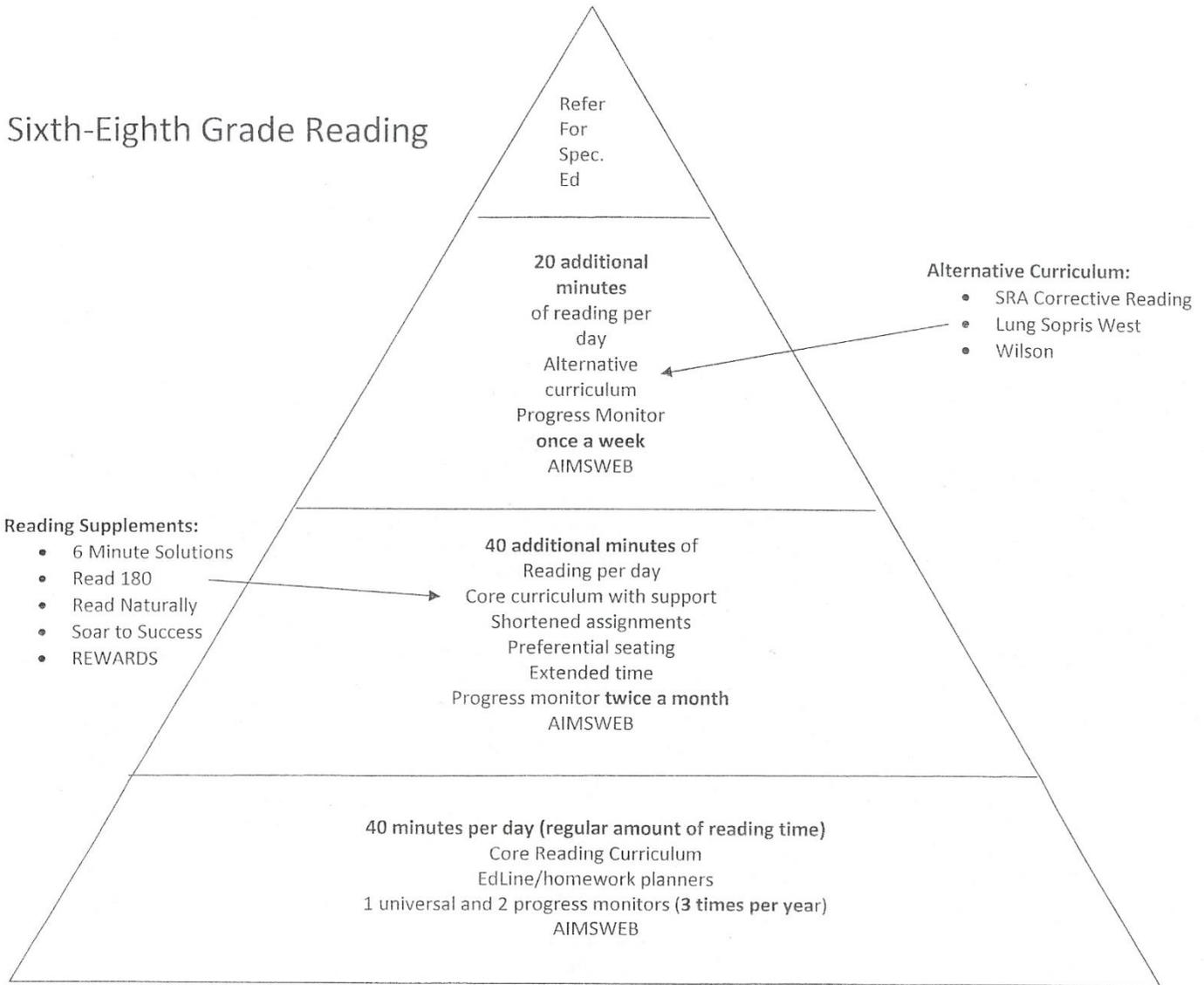
Member Cathy Chaplin, principal at East Prairie, presented the program today. Her topic was a new initiative at East Prairie called Response to Intervention (RTI). RTI is a method of academic intervention designed to provide early, effective assistance to children who are having difficulty learning. RTI was also designed to provide frequent progress monitoring and data-based decision making. RTI seeks to prevent academic failure through early intervention and frequent progress measurements. Students who do not show a positive response to effective interventions may be in need of special education. RTI assists schools in avoiding the old "wait-to-fail" method by providing

intervention as soon as children exhibit difficulty and only moving children to special education when necessary and appropriate.

RTI is a multi-tiered model that provides the level of assistance needed by each student individually. It is not a “one-size-all” approach to education. Tier 1 is the school core curriculum level, meaning that in this tier approximately 85% of the general student body should be able to meet grade level norms without additional assistance. The 15% of students who consistently cannot perform at that level are then given Tier 2 supplementary instruction services targeting the student’s problem areas. Of the students who are provided with intervention services at Tier 2, approximately 5% of them will continue to have difficulties. At this point in time, these students will then receive the increased Tier 3 intervention services. If sufficient progress is still not made, it may be appropriate to refer the student to Special Education.

Below is a sample of the Sixth-Eighth Grade Reading RTI model being used at East Prairie:

Sixth-Eighth Grade Reading



In 2010, another new initiative will be implemented called Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS). PBIS is also a tier system approach to establishing appropriate behavior criteria needed by all students in a school to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. Schools applying PBIS begin by establishing clear expectations for behavior that are taught, modeled, and reinforced across all settings and by all staff.

Thanks, Cathy. Great program!

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

A man asked his wife what she'd like for her birthday. "I'd love to be an eight again," she replied. On the morning of her birthday, he arose early and made her a bowl of Coco Pops and toast smeared liberally with jam.

He took her to Dreamworld and put her on every ride in the park....The Death Slide....The Wall of Fear....The Screaming Monster Roller Coaster. Five hours later she staggered out of the theme park.

Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. Right away they went to a McDonalds where her loving husband ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate milkshake. Then it was off to the movies for the latest Kiddies three hour epic cartoon, a hot dog, popcorn, all the Coke she could drink and her favorite chocolate candy.

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed onto the bed exhausted. He leaned over his precious wife with a big smile and lovingly asked 'Well dear, what was it like being eight again?'

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression changed to one of total realization. "I meant my dress size, you twit !!!"

The moral of this story: Even when a man thinks he is listening, he's still gonna get it wrong!

Welcome New Member – Carol Martin



Sponsor, Elaine Bryant and Carol Martin

Meeting of March 9, 2009

There was a total attendance of 35 members.

Janet Butler passed out club membership cards. The cards include member's name, member #, our club #, our division # and our district name. The back of the card lists the club's website, and the user ID and password for entering the "Members Only" area. Any members who did not attend this meeting will have their card mailed to them with the March Board meeting minutes.

The program assignments have been scheduled through the summer (end of August). Members who have program assignments between April and August were given a hand-out with their date. Any members who did not attend this meeting and have April-August program assignments will receive theirs with the March Board meeting minutes. If you cannot provide a program on your assigned date, please contact Janet Butler as soon as possible so your date can be swapped with another member.

Judy Landeck announced that the annual St. Patrick's Luncheon provided by the Tuscola Woman's Club was Friday, March 13th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at the Tuscola Community Building. There will be Ruben sandwiches, cheese-broccoli soup, Irish stew with many salads and desserts to select from.

Judy also announced that there was a Trivia Night scheduled again at the Tuscola Moose Lodge on Saturday, 3/14. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Next week's program chairperson is Mike Damler.

Janet Butler reported that no other club has stepped up and offered to do a Spring clean-up for BETHS Place. BETHS Place really appreciated our clean-up from last year so there was a consensus that we would do so again this year. The date is to be determined. A sign-up sheet was passed around asking members who can help to sign their names and indicate if 4/4 or 4/18 or both was workable for them. Clarice Hausman added that BETHS Place also has a storage unit that they would like help cleaning up/organizing. We will probably have enough volunteers to help them with that task as well. More information to come.

Janet Butler reported that 9 members have signed up to attend the special "Irish" meeting of the Sullivan Kiwanis Club on Monday, March 16th at 6:00PM at Mason Point in Sullivan. There will be an Irish meal and the program speaker is Kevin McConnell, I-I District Governor-Elect.



Janet Cox was unable to attend the meeting so Wayne Ward provided the program. From the monthly volunteer information, Wayne asked several members to describe what they do when they volunteer. Members talked about Buddy Walk, the PASS Program, MRC, SAM Pantry, Tuscola Healthcare Center, Peace Meals, Douglas County Museum, Nunn Scout building...just to name a few. Members learned a lot about members' volunteer activities. Great idea, Wayne!



Many members spoke; see our website for more photos

Smart TCHS Teacher!

Four Tuscola high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire.

Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper."

Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

Meeting of March 16, 2009

There was a total attendance of 37 members and 2 guests: Jack Maus, son of Jonda & Jason Mau and our program speaker, Pat Titus.

The members' clothing with the Kiwanis patch and club name were available at the meeting. Sherrie Hoel handed out the clothing and collected the money for Janet Cox. Thanks, Sherrie!

Janet Butler announced that the Kiwanis One Day Project will be a spring cleanup at BETHS Place on Saturday, April 4th at 8:00AM. The rain date is April 18th.

Janet Butler reported that the club is moving forward with a Kiwanis Relay for Life Team. Darrell Helm has generously agreed to be Team Leader. Darrell advised what information he is going to need to sign up the team members online at the website. Wayne Ward said that he had all the information Darrell needed on each member except shirt size. Team members need to let Darrell know what t-shirt size to order for them.

Pat Damler discussed the upcoming Fish Fry Supper. Sign-up sheets went around to members. Don't forget the Fish Fry is Friday, April 17th.

Janet Butler read an email from Patty & Dan Russell. They had attended an Ormond Beach Florida Kiwanis meeting. They should be returning soon to Illinois. We miss you guys!



A website update was provided by Janet Butler. At the bottom of the “About Kiwanis” and “About Us” pages, there are two new links. One link is to a fairly detailed document with information about our club. (See end of newsletter.) The other link is a new member form. So if you have someone ask you for information about our club, you can print off this new document and a new member form. Easy!

Each year the Tuscola teachers vote to recognize a person, group or organization for their contributions to the Tuscola Schools. Janet Butler announced that this year our club is being recognized. Jeannine Fortney and Janet will attend a banquet in Champaign to accept a commemorative plaque.



Mike Damler introduced his guest, Pat Titus. Pat is from Titus Farms in Arcola. This is a family hog farm that goes back three generations. The farm has about 50 sows and 800 piglets. Illinois is the #4 pork producer in the U.S. and is a \$2 billion industry. The pork industry in Illinois supports about 8,000 jobs.

There have been many changes in the pork industry. Pork producers have generally went from outside to inside, with an emphasis on barn cleanliness and good nutrition. The hogs are much leaner than 20-30 years ago. A litter can be 2 to 20 piglets. Titus Farms has a niche market where they sell club pigs. These pigs are about 80 pounds and are sold to grow. Many sales are made to 4-H members who will eventually show the hogs. Typically a hog is about 260-290 pounds when it is ready to go to market. The pork industry is important to Illinois.

2007/2008 Distinguished Member



Wayne Ward presented Janet Butler with a pin and letter for being recognized by Kiwanis International as a Distinguished Club Member in 2007/2008

The Spring Cleaning Ritual

Ah, Spring is here! Many a woman's thoughts turn to... HOUSE CLEANING! Yes, it's true! It is time to celebrate the honored ritual of spring house cleaning. It must be a primitive nesting instinct, the urge to renew and revive. Suddenly it becomes apparent that your house resembles a college dorm room. Here are a few of the tell-tail signs.

1. Your front door has more fingerprints than the FBI.
2. The dust mites are having an anniversary party under your bed.
3. You need a gas mask when you open the refrigerator.

4. The kids can't find their toys -- in fact they can't find the toy box.
5. The garbage disposal is coughing.
6. You can't turn on the ceiling fan without creating a dust storm.
7. There is something solid and black in the bottom of the coffeepot.
8. You can't decide whether to clean the windows or just buy mini blinds.
9. The piles of magazines may fall over and bury you.
10. It seems easier to move than to clean the house.

If any of these seem slightly familiar, you too may have or need spring cleaning fever.

Meeting of March 23, 2009

There was a total attendance of 34 members and 3 guests: Jan Allison and our program speakers Darcy Sementi and Kathy Pflum.

Members welcomed back Kevin Nolan who has been absent several weeks with a broken foot. Members were also updated on Earl Pendergrass who is recovering well from surgery and recuperating at Jarman Center.

Pat Damler passed around the Fish Fry sign-up sheets. Pat reminded members to bring desserts (except cream pies) for the supper. For those members assisting with the fish thaw, please be at Forty Martyrs Hall at 5:00PM, Thursday April 16th. For those members assisting with the fish fry, please be at Forty Martyrs Hall about 4:00PM. Prices will be the same as last year....\$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

Jeannine Forty reported that in March, the K-Kids' project benefited the Douglas County Animal Shelter. In April their project is to re-cycle everything they can from their own 4th grade classrooms. Jeannine also reported that North Ward librarian, Carolyn Adkins was very appreciative of the \$50.00 to purchase more "Rules" books.

Janet Butler reminded members of the BETHS Place clean-up at 8:00AM on Saturday, April 4th. Rain date is Saturday, April 18th. Bring your rakes, pruning shears, a couple of small saws, wheelbarrows, plastic lawn leaf bags, etc.

Darrell Helm, team leader for the club's Relay for Life team, reported that the team and its members would be entered online that week. He asked that any other members that wanted to be part of the team to let him know. Currently, the team members are: Janet Boyer, Janet Butler, David Butler, Marge Conn, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Jerry Hall, Debbie Graber, Clarice Hausman, Darrell Helm, Ben Mingo, Donna Motley, Ed Wachala, Gary Weber and Wayne Ward. We'd love to have more members on the team!!! Just contact Darrell.

Ed Wachala reported that he needed two more members to go with him and Jerry Hall to the inter-club with the Decatur Early Birds on Thursday 3/26. Betty Leonard and Debbie Graber volunteered to go.

Carol Burwash announced that members needed to finish up reading the book, "Rules" and sign Daffodil, the duck. Daffodil will be sent back to Mattoon soon to be part of a special day for Reading Across Mattoon.

Dennis Opperman announced that the United Church of Christ on Pembroke Street is having their chicken/noodle and sandwich luncheon on Friday, April 3rd from 11AM to 1PM.



Pat Damler introduced our speakers, Darcy Sementi, Director of the Hoeft Technology & Management Program at the University of Illinois and Kathy Pflum, social worker for North Ward. Darcy and Kathy introduced "Backpack Program", a program that with sufficient funding will be established at North Ward in Fall 2009. The purpose of Backpack program is to provide food over the weekend to student whose families are in financial need and qualify for free or reduced lunch, or for those families who are experiencing a crisis, such as job loss, and are in temporary need of support.

At North Ward 25% of the students come from low income families. Ninety-three students receive free lunch. Another thirty students qualify for a reduced lunch fee. The impact of hunger has health, behavior and academic consequences. The need at North Ward is real.

The Backpack Program was established in 2006 providing weekend food from Eastern Illinois Foodbank (EIF) to 100 students in Champaign schools. EIF was interested in expanding this program outside Champaign County. EIF serves 14 county areas including Douglas County. Existing programs supported by EIF are the North Ward Breakfast Program and SAM Food Pantry.

Funds are provided to EIF to purchase the food for the backpacks. Volunteers come to EIF to fill plastic grocery bags with the food. EIF delivers the individually bagged food to participating schools weekly. Each school is responsible for discreetly distributing the food to the children in need. North Ward would be responsible for operating of the program, identifying the neediest students and gaining parental permission.

What is in the backpack? Typically, the backpack items include: peanut butter, can of soup, canned fruit, single-serve entrees, single-serve cereals, juice boxes and snacks. If there are two children from North Ward in the program, both would receive the backpack food.

This program cannot be established at North Ward without financial support. The current cost for one child is \$150.00 per school year. North Ward's goal is to provide food for 30 children for a first year cost of \$4,500.00. Darcy and Kathy are seeking community and individual financial support. They are coming to community service organizations, like Kiwanis, asking for financial commitments. A three year financial commitment is required by EIF to start the program. All donations of any size will be appreciated; however Darcy and Kathy hope that service organizations will be able and willing to make a donation and commit to donating the same amount for a second and third year. They are also looking for individuals that will lead ongoing fund raising efforts.

The Board members will discuss this request at the next Board meeting. Members are asked to provide their thoughts on supporting this program before the next Board meeting. Members who wish to donate to this program individually, please make your check out to: Eastern Illinois Foodbank, and in the note section: Tuscola Backpack Program. You can provide your checks to Janet Butler, and she will deliver them to Kathy Pflum at North Ward.

ShareFood March 28, 2009



Tim & Janet sorting potatoes into individual orders



Tim & Janet loading a customer's food

Meeting of March 30, 2009

There was a total attendance of 40 members and 7 guests: Casey Higgins-daughter of Kim Higgins and granddaughter of Paul Jones (soon to be new member), Jane Wood-wife of Jim Wood, Tracy Bovee-granddaughter of Marge & Mark Conn and our program speaker, and an interclub from Clinton with Richard Kaufman-Past Lt. Governor, Rev. Don Ferrill, Tom Bray and Killian David. GREAT TURNOUT!

The club is now meeting in the back south room at Tuscany's, not the west room.

After the brags, Elaine Bryant played 20 Questions with the group. Members could ask yes or no questions to help guess what was in Elaine's bag. The item in the bag was the prize for the member correctly guessing the item. And the winner was.....Kevin Nolan, winner of an onion. Thanks, Elaine! Lots of fun for all.

Debbie Graber, Jerry Hall, Betty Leonard and Ed Wachala attended an interclub meeting with the Decatur Early Birds on Thursday 3/26. Debbie reported that our members enjoyed a good breakfast, meeting and program.

Janet Butler read a thank you note from Beta Sigma Phi for our \$100.00 donation towards the Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt expenses. Janet reported that over 2,500 eggs were stuffed with candy for the event, and that about 700 prizes will be given out.

Pat Damler reminded members about the Fish Fry on April 17th and the fish thaw on April 16th. She also reminded members to bring desserts.

Janet Butler reminded members about the Kiwanis One Day Project on April 4th at 8:00AM for a spring clean-up at BETHS Place. Noel Shoemaker and Jan Cunningham will be present to give us some direction. David Butler and Tim Hoel will bring power washers and tree limb cutting equipment.

Darrell Helm reported that 17 members have signed on for the 2009 Relay for Life Kiwanis team. If you would like to participate, please contact Darrell.

Janet Butler announced that our May 11th meeting is designated as our annual meeting to elect the 2009/2010 officers and two Board members for a 2-year term. The Board member terms of Debbie Graber and Earl Pendergrass is expiring. The Nominating Committee is being chaired by Dave Dobson with committee members Carol Burwash and David Butler. If you are interested in being an officer or Board member, please contact Dave, Carol or David.

Janet Butler announced that it is that time of year where Kiwanis International asks members to donate the cost of a meal to the Kiwanis International Foundation to help raise money for children. Each of us is asked to donate \$7.00, the cost of one of our lunches. Give your \$7.00 or more to our Treasurer, Candy Hudson. If you write a check, make it out to: Tuscola Kiwanis Club. After the end of April, Candy will send one club check to the foundation.

Mike Damler, chairman of the scholarship committee, announced that the following members would be serving on the committee with him this year: Carol Burwash, Topy Mooday and Alan Shoemaker. TCHS Honor Evening is on Thursday, May 14th at 7:30PM.



Our speaker, Tracy Bovee is the granddaughter of Marge & Mark Conn. She lives in Bloomington and has a private practice in Family Counseling. She works with family members and helps them re-connect in their relationships. Open and honest communications is key to healthy family relationships. Tracy discussed family relationships and how she goes about helping family members.

Tracy believes that family life is like an iceberg. A small portion of family life is shown to the world above the “water” and a much large portion of family life happens behind closed doors below the “water”. All families have dysfunctional traits and nurturing, healthy traits. Most families fall somewhere in the middle. When the scale tips too far to dysfunctional traits, there is a very troubled family.

Some of the traits of very troubled families include tension, discomfort, extreme politeness, secrecy, sadness, anger, little joy, cruel humor, etc. Some of the issues explored in therapy are communications, self worth of individuals within the family, rules of the family, boundaries, stress reactions, affection, etc. In contrast, some of the traits of a nurturing family are honesty, love, supportive actions, genuineness, good listening, interest in other family members, appropriate humor, vitality, relaxed, happiness, affection, etc.

In her work, Tracy has family members talk about their observation. She teaches good listening and talking skills. She encourages parents and children to talk honestly and openly about their feelings and fears. Some of the techniques she uses are role reversal and family sculptures. All these things help families to heal and to move to a nurturing, healthy family life.

The Chinese sage Confucius said: “It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness.” The world is full of want and suffering. But Kiwanians do not merely condemn humanity’s unmet needs. Kiwanians light their small candles of service, and together, these thousands of candles light up the world.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Highlights of March 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 4th by President Janet Butler, with the following members present: David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Clarice Hausman, Candy Hudson, Kevin Nolan and Wayne Ward.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of February 2009 Board Meeting – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Minutes approved.
2. February 2009 Monthly Report –The monthly report lists 548 hours of public service and 128 hours of fundraising (pancake breakfast) hours reported. Meeting attendance for the month was 67%. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month's minutes. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Candy Hudson provided copies of the report for Board review. The bank balance as of 3/4/09 was \$8,129.85. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month's minutes. Report approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursements – Janet Butler submitted a bill for \$94.23 for table decorations for the I-I District Mid-Year Convention. Janet also requested a check for the budgeted \$100.00 to Beta Sigma Phi for the Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt. Both requests were approved. Candy provided the checks to Janet.
5. Illinois State Registration With Attorney General – All Illinois Kiwanis Clubs must register this year with the Illinois Attorney General as “Charitable Organizations.” This has been required before, but basically ignored by Illinois Kiwanis Clubs. In order to register our club, Wayne was required to file a financial report for the past three years, submit the Club Incorporation papers and By Laws and a letter from Kiwanis International was also submitted to show that the club was tax exempt from Federal and State government. All this information was submitted with the application. A \$200.00 late filing fee along with a \$15.00 registration fee is required. A motion was made and seconded to issue the \$215.00 check and submit the paperwork. Motion approved.
6. Financial Audit/Review – David Butler reported that he had completed all of the bank statement review. He would review the funds collected at the regular meetings soon. No action taken.
7. Kiwanis International Convention – The club has a budget item of \$700.00 for attendance at the international convention. The registration fee for this year in Nashville is \$195.00. A motion was made and seconded to reimbursement Wayne Ward for his registration fee of \$195.00. Motion approved. If any other members wish to attend the convention, the club will pay the \$195.00 registration fee
8. Kiwanis One Day Project – The date that Kiwanis International has set for the “One Day Project” is Saturday, April 4th. The Board discussed returning to BETHS Place for a Spring clean-up again. This was satisfactory with the Board. Clarice will check with BETHS Place to see if any other group has planned to do the work.

9. Tuscola Force Softball Teams (U10 & U12) – Kevin brought up this traveling girls softball team that is made up entirely of Tuscola girls 10-12. They do not have any organizations that sponsor them, and they could really use donations for their expenses. A motion was made and seconded that we donate \$200.00 to these teams. Motion approved.

10. 2009 TCHS Scholarships – Mike Damler reported that the deadline for essays needs to be set a little earlier because the awards day will be in mid-May. It was determined that the club would give 4 - \$750.00 scholarships. One of the scholarships is designated for a Key Club member in memory of Gale and Mabel Hoel. Some additional Scholarship Award Certificates will be ordered from Kiwanis International.

11. North Ward Education Games – Jeannine Fortney advised that the “Wednesday Game Time” did not materialize. She still has the \$50.00 the club donated to purchase games. Jeannine has suggested that the \$50.00 be donated to the school to purchase additional copies of the book “Rules” for Reading Across Tuscola. The Board determined that the books were a good use of the money. A motion was made and seconded to purchase additional copies of the book “Rules”. Motion approved.

12. Relay for Life – Janet reported that 16 members indicated that they would be interested in being on a walking team for Relay for Life on Saturday, June 13th from 6:00PM to 6:00AM on Sunday June 14th. A leader will need to be determined at a later time.

13. Key Club Update – Probably no members will be going to the Key Club Convention in Springfield. Janet Cox, Janet Butler and Clarice Hausman will be meeting with Darcey Helmick for a planning session to discuss items such as recruitment, new officers for 2009/2010, training, etc.

(Full text available on club website)

New items on the website include: Two new links to the New Member Form and “More Information about Kiwanis and our club” at the bottom of “About Kiwanis” and “About Us” from the home page; meeting program photos, Key Club summary under “Programs” and the latest B.U.G. results under “Programs.”

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



WHAT IS KIWANIS?

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

There are about 16,000 clubs in 70 countries with more than 280,000 adult members and approximately 320,000 youth members. Each year clubs sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects and raise more than \$107 million.

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB

WHAT DO WE DO?

Kiwanis International, Kiwanis clubs and the Tuscola Kiwanis Club focuses on the needs of ordinary people and particularly local children. The Tuscola Kiwanis Club does service projects within our community, members volunteer for many good causes and we raise funds so we can help support programs and activities.

Here is a list of school related programs/activities that our club donates to and/or members volunteer:

North Ward –

Sponsor Tuscola K-Kids Club (4th Grade)

NW Assist – Kiwanis members volunteer to help students primarily with reading and math

Donate funds to the NW library for book purchases

PASS Program - Kiwanis Volunteers at Methodist Church

NW Breakfast Program - Kiwanis Volunteers

East Prairie –

Sponsor Kiwanis Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) Program

PASS Program - Kiwanis Volunteers (5th & 6th grade students)

Reading Program (current book “Rules”; members participate; members/club donate funds to purchase some of the books.)

Tuscola Community High School –

Sponsor Tuscola Key Club (the oldest and largest service program for high school students in the U.S.; Kiwanis at a high school level)

Kiwanis Scholarships (will be 4 - \$750.00 scholarships in 2009)

Track Meets – Kiwanis Volunteers

Below are some of the local programs that Kiwanis makes donations to benefit the school children of Tuscola:

Junior Football League, Little League Baseball, Torpedo Swim Team, Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt, Tuscola Force Softball Teams U10 & U12 (traveling girls softball teams), Tuscola Soccer League and Nunn Scout Building to benefit Tuscola Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts.

Below are some of the local, national and international programs we help support financially and/or through members volunteering:

BETHS Place, Children’s Car Seats, Children’s Miracle Network, Christmas Bureau, Circle K Outreach (Kiwanis at a university level), Douglas County Health Department Car Seat Checks, Kiwanis International Foundation, Peace Meals, SAM Food Pantry, Spastic Paralysis Research, Salvation Army and Trauma Dolls.

Fundraising is part of our activities. All moneys collected from a fundraiser attended by the public are and must be used for service projects, not club administrative costs. We have three primary fundraisers each year:

Pancake Breakfast – We hold a pancake breakfast, usually at Forty Martyrs Hall in February, asking for meal donations.

Fish Fry Supper – We hold a fish fry supper, usually at Forty Martyrs Hall in April, asking for meal donations.

Kiwanis Peanut Sales Days – For 2 days usually in September members solicit donations at Main & Sale Streets and at Tanger Mall entrance. Donors are provided peanuts which we order from Kiwanis International.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Tuscola Kiwanis Club meets every Monday (except major holidays) at noon at Tuscan's Pasta & Steak House. Meetings are adjourned by 1:00pm. We understand that not all members can attend meetings regularly, or that they may need to leave the meeting to return to work before 1:00p. The buffet is usually out for members by about 11:30am.

WHAT HAPPENS AT MEETINGS?

Meetings are a time of fellowship, information disbursement, planning, decision making and a program. Each week one club member is the Program Chairperson. Club members can provide the program themselves or invite a guest to the meeting to provide the program. If the club member invites a guest, the member pays for the guest's lunch of \$8.00. Club members are assigned alphabetically and based on the current size of our club, members are the Program Chairperson only once in a 13-14 month period.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

The cost for each meeting is:

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| \$8.00 | Lunch buffet, tip, \$.50 donation to spastic paralysis research and \$.50 towards club expenses/free lunch program. |
| | OR |
| \$2.50 | Beverage, tip, \$.50 donation to spastic paralysis research and \$.50 towards club expenses/free lunch program. |
| | OR |
| \$1.00 | \$.50 donation to spastic paralysis research and \$.50 towards club expenses/free lunch program. |

Purchasing a meal or beverage is not required

Annual Dues:

\$100.00 \$50.00 due in January and \$50.00 due in July; paid to the club.
(\$61.90 goes to Kiwanis International, \$25.00 goes to the Illinois-Iowa District and the club keeps \$13.10 for club administration expenses)

New Member Fee: \$75.00 Paid when application is submitted; one time fee.

HOW IS CLUB ADMINISTRATION HANDLED?

A Board of Directors meets once a month to conduct club business such as budgeting, approving cash disbursements, planning activities, etc. The Board of Directors is composed of: President, Immediate Past President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and 6 Directors. The Kiwanis fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th. New officers serve one year and take over on October 1st of each year. The Directors normally serve 3 year terms with two Directors turning over each year except the Webmaster position that is a standing member of the Board. The Board members and officers are nominated and elected by the club's general membership. The Board minutes are distributed to all members on a monthly basis. Any member is welcome to attend a Board meeting.

HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS?

We primarily communicate with members at the regular meetings, the monthly club newsletter, the club's website (www.tuscolakiwanis.org), the monthly Board meeting minutes and periodic mailings.

The monthly club newsletter and Board meeting minutes are posted on the club's website. The newsletter includes information about each regular meeting, Board meetings, club activities and programs and many photos of meetings, activities, programs, special events, etc. The website is updated at least weekly. Hard copy newsletters and Board meeting minutes are sent to members without email and/or high speed internet.

HOW ARE WE A PART OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL?

We are part of the Kiwanis family and a portion of our dues go to Kiwanis International and our District. Our club is in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa (I-I) District. Within that district, there are 33 divisions from Illinois and 14 counties in Eastern Iowa. Our club is in Division 27. Division 27 consists of 7 clubs: Clinton, Decatur Early Birds, Decatur Golden K, Decatur Noon, Decatur Prairie Land, Sullivan and Tuscola. There is one I-I District Governor and a Lt. Governor for each Division.