



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2010

2010 Events

Wednesday, April 7 th	Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's
Thursday, April 8 th	Fish Thaw Party, 3:30PM Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 9 th	Fish Fry Supper, Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 24 th	Kiwanis One Day Project – Spring Clean-up for BETHS Place
Wednesday, May 5 th	Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's
Saturday, May 8 th	Food Drive for SAM Pantry
Wed & Thu, June 9 th & 10 th	Garage Sale Set-up & Organizing, Forty Martyrs Hall
Fri & Sat, June 11 th & 12 th	Garage Sale, Forty Martyrs Hall
June 24 th – 27 th	Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas, NV
August 5 th – 8 th	I-I District Convention Bloomington-Normal Marriott, Normal, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

April 5	Jim Wood
April 12	Elaine Bryant
April 19	Dan Russell
April 26	Patty Russell
May 3	Andy Brzozkiewicz
May 10	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
May 17	Carol Burwash
May 24	Diana Phillips-Gray
May 31	No Meeting – Memorial Day
June 7	Janet Butler

June 14	Marge Conn
June 21	Janet Cox
June 28	Mike Damler
July 5	Pat Damler
July 12	John Davis
July 19	Dave Dobson
July 26	Jeannine Fortney
August 2	Debbie Graber
August 9	Clarice Hausman
August 16	Darrell Helm
August 23	Kim Higgins
August 30	Sherrie Hoel

For summer activities and vacation planning, the program schedule has been extended through August. If your program date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so we can arrange a date swap.

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

A Good Reason to NOT Check Your Email



"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."

Meeting Notes – March 1, 2010

- Attendance

29 - Members

1 – Guest: Ryan Kleiss, soon-to-be member

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry – Pat Damler reminded members that the Fish Fry would be Friday, 4/9 with Fish Thawing on Thursday, 4/8.

North Ward Award – Jeannine Fortney reported that North Ward School was recognized by the state of Illinois as a School of Academic Excellence.

Distinguished Club – Janet Butler presented our club with its 2008/2009 Distinguished Club certificate and patch. Once again the club met all criteria for this recognition. Janet presented Wayne Ward with his Distinguished Secretary pin for 2008/2009.

Children's Miracle Network – Mike Damler reported that he had received a \$100.00 check from the ink cartridge vendor. Proceeds will be sent for the Children's Miracle Network.

K-Kids Project – Jeannine reported that the K-Kids are collecting items and donations for the Douglas County Animal Shelter this week.

Interclub Meeting – Topy Mooday, Donna Motley, Gary Weber and Ed Wachala attended an interclub meeting at Danville. The program topic was about the financial state of Illinois.



Program:



David Butler conducted a fun program, asking members to identify cartoon characters.

Characters included Leghorn Foghorn, Daffy Duck, Woody Woodpecker, Astro-the dog from the Jetsons and many many more.

Members who were the first to correctly identify a cartoon character received a sweet reward.

Meeting Notes – March 8, 2010

- Attendance

- 33 Members

- 1 Guest: Ryan Kleiss, soon-to-be member

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Kiwanis One Day – April 24th from 8am-noon was set for the club's Spring Clean-up for BETHS Place.

Camp New Hope – Kevin reported that \$210.00 was collected to support Camp New Hope in Mattoon. A club check will be sent in that amount.

Interclub Meeting – David Butler, Janet Butler, Wayne Ward and Ed Wachala will be attending an interclub meeting on 3/10 at Decatur Golden K. Wayne Ward will be delivering the program about the I-I District's Spastic Paralysis Research project and the traveling gavel will be delivered back to Lt. Governor Rene Corcoran.

Program:



Wayne Ward presented a program about the History of Patterson Springs. Before settlers, Chautauqua Indians lived in the area. Patterson Springs

was named for a brick maker who produced over 200,000 of drainage tiles per year at the peak.

One of Patterson Springs' claim to fame were the Chautauqua Days celebrations began in 1906. There was an auditorium that would hold 5,500 people where famous people came to speak during the celebrations. President Taft spoke in 1916. There were camping facilities, all kinds of entertainment, concessions, a dining hall, an amphitheater, and swimming pool. After about ten years, the celebration was discontinued because of costs.

In 1926 Kennedy Brothers purchased 100 acres for an amusement park. There were pony rides, the swimming pool, a bath house for 400 people, dance hall, skating rink, carnival rides. On a typical Sunday there would be over 1,000 people there. During the summer WZD Radio would broadcast from there. In 1943 the amusement park closed.

In 1986 the pool closed. (It is now Wayne & Joann's flower garden.) In 1996 the Wards bought their current home. The water spring discovered in the 1850s is still flowing.

Meeting Notes – March 15, 2010

- Attendance

- 38 Members

- 2 Guests: Gail Page, wife of Ed Wachala and Barbara Lake

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry– Sign-up sheets were sent around for the fish fry on Friday, 4/9 and the fish thaw on Thursday, 4/8.

Kiwanis One Day Project – The date of Saturday, April 24th was confirmed for the Spring Clean-Up at BETHS Place. A sign-up sheet was passed around. If you do not get the opportunity to sign up, feel free to come on over at 8:00AM. Bring rakes, gloves, pruning shears, wheel barrows, etc. We should be done by noon.

New Member Induction – Ryan Kleiss is our newest member. Sponsored by Jerry Hall, Ryan works at Edward Jones with his dad, Jim Kleiss.



Welcome, Ryan!!!

Distinguished Members – Janet Butler and Wayne Ward were recognized as 2008/2009 Distinguished Members. Pins and certificates were presented to the two members.



Congratulation, Wayne & Janet!!!

Kiwanis Children's Fund – Wayne Ward was recognized as a Sustaining Donor of the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Wayne was presented with a certificate.

Traveling Gavel Delivered – At a 3/10 interclub meeting with Decatur Golden K, David Butler, Janet Butler, Wayne Ward and Ed Wachala delivered the traveling gavel back to Lt. Gov. Rene Corcoran. It took Rene at least 10-15 minutes to free the gavel which was delivered in a seed bag. Wayne Ward did a great job delivering the program about the I-I District's Spastic Paralysis Research project.



Lt. Gov Rene Corcoran

Program:



Ed Wachala presented a program about the History of World War II Displaced Persons based his personal experiences.

During the war, Germans shipped people from countries such as Poland and Belgium to Germany to work in the factories. Only 10% went voluntarily. During the war there were no marriages and no school for these people.

After the war, displaced persons had the choice of staying in Germany or returning to their home country. Ed's family decided to stay in Germany. Those who stayed in Germany were dispersed to many different locations and multiple times. Ed and his family were moved seven times in two years. People were moved primarily by rail and trucks.

Typical housing were large, multi-story buildings with four families to a room separated by blankets. Shared bathroom and shower facilities were available on each floor. Once a week there was the opportunity to stand in line for clothing and shoes. There were common kitchens to prepare meals for young children. A family member would come to the kitchen, pick up the food and take it home. For the others, people would stand in lines for food and share preparation duties.

Ed and his family tried to immigrate from Germany to Australia, England and the U.S., but were refused. Finally Ed and his family were sponsored by a woman in Wisconsin so they were allowed to come to the U.S. Ed spent six days and seven nights on Ellis Island. When they arrived in Goodman Wisconsin by train, there was no one there to meet them. They found their way to a local church. The Red Cross and members of the community helped Ed and his family find housing and work. They never did meet the woman who had sponsored them.

Meeting Notes – March 22, 2010

- Attendance

- 34 Members

- 3 Guests: Jim & Ethel Harbaugh and our speaker, Mats Selen

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Walk For Sight – Guest Jim Harbaugh invited our club to partner with the Tuscola Lions Club for “Walk for Sight” fundraiser on June 6th. Each club keeps 40% of the sponsorships collected. Jim asked for the club to get back to him as soon as possible.

Fish Fry – Pat Damler reviewed the Fish Fry sign-up sheets and asked if any members present needed to sign up.

Skip-A-Meal –Matching Donation Opportunity - Kevin announced the 2010 Skip-A-Meal program. Each Kiwanian is asked to donate a minimum of \$8.00. This benefits children through the Kiwanis International Foundation. If our club’s donation is received by 4-30-10 by KI, the Kiwanis International Foundation will match our donation dollar for dollar! So get those donations into Candy Hudson no later than our meeting, Monday April 26th.

Fish Fry – Pat Damler reviewed the Fish Fry sign-up sheets and asked if any members present needed to sign up.

Illinois Re-Districting - Kara Kinney offered petitions for a new procedure to draw Illinois District map boundaries. If 500,000 signatures are obtained, this will be on the November 2010 ballot.

Program:



Lyn Selen introduced her husband, Mats Selen who provided an inter-active presentation on “Eight Things You Should Know About the Universe.”

Members were given remote controls that allowed them to vote answers for questions that Mats asked. Mats shared many facts about our universe. On a typical clear night, you can see about 2,000 stars.

The Milky Way galaxy has about 200 billion stars. It take light about 100 years to get from one side of the Milky Way to the other side. It is estimated that there are 100 billion galaxies.

Most of the matter in the universe is unknown. The universe began about 14 billion years ago with the Big Bang and continues to expand. This expansion is speeding up due to dark energy. The universe will continue expanding until nothing is left...about 100 billion years from now. Today about 96% of the universe is a complete mystery due to what we don’t know about dark matter and dark energy.

Meeting Notes – March 29, 2010

- Attendance

- 34 Members

- 3 Guests: Micki Lucero, daughter of Pat Damler, Jack Maus, son of Jonda and Jason Maus and our speaker, Jeff Steiner.

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Skip-A-Meal – Members were reminded to make their \$8.00 donation to benefit children of the world. Our donations will be matched by the Kiwanis Foundation when it is received before 4-30-10. If you want to make out a check, make it to the Tuscola Kiwanis Club. One club check will be sent to Kiwanis International.

Help North Ward – A flyer was distributed with an opportunity to help North Ward School win a contest for new P.E. equipment. If you need a copy, contact Janet Butler.

Fish Fry – Pat reviewed the Fish Thaw and Fish Fry assignments, and handed out flyers to be posted in the community. If you can help with the fish thaw, please be at Forty Martyrs Hall about 4:00PM on Thursday, 4/8. The Fish Fry is from 4:30PM – 7:00PM. If you can help set up, be at the hall about 3:30PM.

Program:



Alan Shoemaker introduced our guest speaker, Jeff Steiner. Jeff is a blast inspector for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He also

goes to schools and groups providing Illinois geology and mineral education. Jeff brought a number of geological and mineral samples. Samples included:

Coal - The U.S. still receives 50% of its electricity from coal. About 40 million tons of coal is mined each year in Southern Illinois.

Limestone – Limestone is a leading valued resource in Illinois. The Tuscola Stone Company brings limestone out of the ground from a hole that is about 350 feet deep. This is the Tuscola Stone Company's 40th year. The limestone was found by Shakespeare Oil Company when they were searching for oil.

Silica Sandstone – Illinois is the number one producer of silica sandstone in the U.S. It is used in the manufacturing of glass, tooth polish, and in the oil & gas industry to name a few.

Tripoli – Illinois is the number one producer of Tripoli in the U.S. It is used in the manufacturing of plastics, caulk, polish to name a few.

Jeff brought a number of other samples to observe and touch such as pyrite sun, fluorite and fossilized root.

The World of a Kindergartner

A kindergartner was practicing spelling with magnetic letters on the refrigerator: cat, dog, dad, and mom had been proudly displayed for all to see.

One morning while getting ready for the day, he bounded into the room with his arms outstretched. In his hands were three magnetic letters: G-O-D.

“Look what I spelled, Mom!” with a proud smile on his face.

“That's wonderful!” his mom praised him, “Now go put them on the fridge so Dad can see when he gets home tonight.”

The mom happily thought that her son's Catholic education was certainly having an impact. Just then, a little voice called from the kitchen: “Mom? How do you spell ‘zilla’?”

March 2010 Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 3rd at 12:00p by President, Kevin Nolan, with the following members present: David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Sherrie Hoel, Candy Hudson, Jaci Manzella, Kevin Nolan, and Wayne Ward.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. February Board Meeting Minutes –A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
2. February Monthly Report –Wayne had submitted a preview copy of the report to the Board members for review. There were 112 service hours and 112 hours of fundraising. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – As of March 3rd, the checking account balance was \$4,751.55. Dues payment of \$5,773.00 was made in March. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. Requests for Disbursements – A \$100.00 payment had been received from the ink cartridge recycling vendor, so a check for \$100.00 was approved for the Children's Miracle Network. A budgeted \$100.00 check to Beta Sigma Phi for the Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt was approved for payment.

5. New Member Approved – The application from Ryan Kleiss for membership was unanimously approved. WELCOME TO THE CLUB, RYAN!
6. Garage Sale Fundraiser – Janet Butler reported that the committee, co-chaired by her and Elaine Bryant will be meeting before the next board meeting to determine what items will be requested from members for the June 11-12 garage sale.
7. Camp New Hope – An envelope was passed around to club members for 2 weeks. There was \$210.00 collected and Candy was authorized to issue a check in that amount to Camp New Hope.
8. Request for Assistance for Camp – Wayne had received a telephone call asking if the club could assist a college student from Tuscola on a group mission trip. After Board discussion, it was decided to reserve our assistance for younger children.
9. Kiwanis One Day – The Board set Saturday, April 24th for the spring clean-up at BETHS Place.
10. Key Club Request – The Key Club will have 3-4 attending the Key Club I-I District Convention in Decatur in April. The Key Club is requesting our club pay the cost of our Key Club Advisor and 2 members to attend. The estimated cost is \$711.00. A motion was made to approve this request and to budget \$1,000.00 for Key Club expenses in the 2010/2011 budget. The motion was seconded and approved.

(Full text available on club website)



It's Here!

New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos and traveling gavel interclub photos. Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or website to: dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org .(If you need a screen and/or projector for your program, contact David or Janet Butler.)