



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2012

2012 Events

Wednesday, April 11	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
Saturday, April 14	Wii Bowling with K-Kids – North Ward
Saturday, April 21	Kiwanis One Day Service Project – BETHS Place
Wednesday, May 9	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
Saturday, May 12	Postal Food Drive for SAM Pantry
Thu-Sat, June 28 to July 1	Kiwanis International Convention, New Orleans, LA
August 3 & 4 (set-up 8/1 & 8/2)	Kiwanis Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wed-Sun, August 8-12	I-I District Annual Convention, Springfield, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

April 2	Kevin Nolan
April 9	Mary Schultz
April 16	Alan Shoemaker
April 23	Janet Cox
April 30	Barb Moss
May 7	Pat Sturgis
May 14	Tom Sturgis
May 21	Robert VanCleave
May 28	No Meeting – Memorial Day Holiday
June 4	Ed Wachala
June 11	Wayne Ward
June 18	Gary Weber
June 25	Elaine Bryant
July 2	Jim Wood
July 9	Doris Young

July 16	Tammy Baer
July 23	Cathy Barnard
July 30	Carol Beals
August 6	Maureen Bergeson
August 13	Lorraine Best
August 20	Andy Brzozkiewicz
August 27	Joyce Brzozkiewicz

If your program date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so a date swap can be arranged.

**Don't Forget to Give Janet Butler Your April Volunteer Hours
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

How About Some Easter Humor...Use On Your Children/Grandchildren

What would you get if you crossed the Easter Bunny with an over-stressed person?
An Easter basket case!

How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
Egg-xercise and HARE-robics!

How does Easter end?
With the letter R!

How can you tell where the Easter Bunny has been?
Eggs (X) marks the spot!

Why does the Easter Bunny have a shiny nose?
Because the powder puff is on the other end!

How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur neat?
With a hare brush!

Why is Easter like whipped cream and a cherry?
Because it's always on a sundae!

Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2012

- Attendance

41 – Members

1 – Guests: Justin Reed, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Betty Leonard

- Birthdays – Pat Sturgis 3/4

- Braggs – Jan Chappell, Pat Damler, Jaci Manzella, Kevin Nolan, and Dennis Opperman

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry – Pat Damler passed around sign-up sheet for the Fish Thaw on Thursday, March 29 and the Fish Fry on Friday, March 30.

Wii Bowling with K-Kids – Jeannine Fortney and Beth Linstead are planning a Wii Bowling event at North Ward on Saturday, April 14. K-Kids and Kiwanis members are encouraged to participate. More details to follow.

Egg Hunt – In partnership with Rotary, Kiwanis will be hosting the annual Tuscola Egg Hunt. Clarice Hausman is chairing the event with committee members Carol Burwash, Janet Butler, Sherrie Hoel, Alan Shoemaker, and Rotarian Karyn Applegate. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Program:



Dennis Opperman introduced our speaker, Justin Reed, Volunteer Coordinator for Carle Hospice and Home Health Services. Justin's area serves 19 counties and he

currently has 90 volunteers, 2 from Tuscola.

Justin wanted to dispel some of the misconceptions about hospice care with some facts. The care is not just available the last few days of a person's life. In many cases, care is given over many months. Hospice care isn't just for cancer patients. Over 50% of hospice care patients are not ill with cancer; patients have such illnesses as emphysema, heart problems, etc. Hospice care can be in the hospital, nursing home or a home though 90% of hospice care is in the home.

Volunteers typically volunteer 1-2 hours a week doing such tasks as errands, mowing grass, assisting with mail, visiting with the patient so the primary caregiver can leave the home, etc.

Justin would like to have at least 2 more volunteers from Tuscola. If you are interested, contact Justin at 217-383-3151

Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2012

- Attendance

44 – Members

4 – Guests: Decatur Noon Interclub Charlotte Ballance, Shirley Elkins and Bob Emmons; and our speaker, Bruce Williams.

- Free Lunch Winner – Alan Shoemaker

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Carol Burwash, Jeannine Fortney, Jaci Manzella, Laura Meyer, Art Moss, Barb Moss, and Wayne Ward

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Easter Egg Hunt – In lieu of a regular program by Steve Niemann, the group will stuff plastic Easter eggs with candy/tokens at our March 26 meeting for the annual Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt.

BETHS Place Thank You – The club received a thank you note from BETHS Place for the \$150.00 donation.

Key Club Bowling Event – The Bowling fundraiser scheduled for April 1 has been cancelled.

Next Interclub – Topy has planned an interclub meeting with Decatur Golden K on April 11. If you would like to attend, please contact Topy.

Fish Fry – Fish Queen Pat Damler reported that everything was on track for the 3/30 Fish Fry. She will have flyers available next week.

Program:



Donna Motley introduced our speaker, Bruce Williams. He is from the Decatur Golden K Club and volunteered to be an ELIMINATE Project regional coordinator.

The ELIMINATE Project is Kiwanis' global campaign in partnership with UNICEF to help eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus from the face of the Earth. In about 40 third world countries, one baby dies every 9 minutes from tetanus. Three doses of tetanus vaccine, costing \$1.80, protects the mother, the baby and for ten years, future children from tetanus.

Bruce was pleased to see the fundraising efforts that our club is making for this project, as well as our Key Club.

ELIMINATE
maternal/neonatal tetanus



Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2012

- Attendance

43 – Members

2 – Guests: Marylee McGee and our speaker, Kim McGee

- Free Lunch Winner – Linda Damler
- Birthdays – Jerry Hall 3/20, Janet Cox 3/21, Wayne Ward 3/22 and Dennis Opperman 3/24
- Brags – Lorraine Best, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Darla Gardner, Debbie Graber, Candy Hudson, Toppo Mooday, Art Moss, Barb Moss, Kevin Nolan, Dennis Opperman, and Alan Shoemaker
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Postal Food Drive – The Board approved partnering with the Post Office to collect food for SAM Pantry. The event will be Saturday, May 12. Joyce Brzozkiewicz will again chair this event. More details will be forthcoming.

Fish Fry – Pat Damler passed out flyers to be posted around town.

Mid-Year I-I Conference – Our club will be honored by the I-I District and KI President Alan Penn for sustaining growth for several years at the mid-year conference. Jaci Manzella will be having lunch with Alan Penn at the 3/31 luncheon.

Program:



Vera Nauta introduced our speaker, Kim McGee. Kim and his wife Marylee recently opened a Bed & Breakfast in Patterson Springs. There are two bedrooms that share a bath upstairs.

The home was built in 1882 by Robert Patterson, the man for whom the area is now known. It is the childhood home of Marylee with her parents, Robert and Rosemary Nussel purchasing the home in 1952. Her father passed away in 1962, however her mother continued to live in the home until she passed away in January 2010.

The area is full of history. For a time in the early 1900s, the grounds in and around the Patterson home was the site of annual Chautauqua gatherings in the summer, attracting thousands of visitors from across the country.

Kim shared many details of the home's and the area's history. For more information or reservations, call 217-837-2685.



Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2012

• Attendance

44 – Members

2 – Guests: Joan Spence, mother of Sherrie Hoel & Janet Butler and Rotarian Dianne Seaman

• Free Lunch Winner – Patty Russell

• Birthdays – None

• Brags – Peter Buckley, Carol Burwash, April Kauffman, Jaci Manzella, Dennis Opperman, Alan Shoemaker, and Pat Sturgis

• News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Bronze Key Awarded – Dennis Opperman was presented a Bronze “K” Key for sponsoring new member, Maribeth Opperman.



Key Club Update – Seven Key Clubbers and Darcey Helmick attended the Key Club District Convention in Peoria in late March. They were awarded the 3rd Place Trophy for Single Service Project (the Valentine’s Day Dance fundraiser for ELIMINATE Project) and a 3rd Place Certificate for Highest Per Member Fundraising for the ELIMINATE Project. They were very excited as these were their first on-stage recognitions.

Congratulation! Great Job!

B.U.G. Program – Mike Damler passed out postcard packets for members to congratulate our 42 East Prairie students that brought up their grades.

Program:

Egg Stuffing. What a great group!!!!



More photos on our website

Fish Thaw & Fish Fry – March 29/30, 2012



Quilt Winner – Pat Damler

More Photos on our Website

Easter Egg Hunt – March 31, 2012



More photos on our website

Mid-Year I-I Conference – March 31, 2012



Jaci talks about Tuscola's growth at the I-I Governor's District meeting



Kiwanis International President Alan Penn with our president, Jaci Manzella



Darrell having some fun at dinner



Jaci Manzella, David Butler, Darrell Helm, Janet Butler, Mary Schultz, Wayne Ward

More photos on website

March 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Amishland Buffet on Wednesday, 3/14/2012 at 12:05 PM by President Jaci Manzella with the following Board Directors present:

	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Jaci Manzella – Pres.
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Sherrie Hoel (2012)		Steven Niemann (2012)
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Alan Shoemaker P-Elect
	Mike Damler – Past Pres	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.		
x	Pat Damler – V.P.	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of February Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Sherrie Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. February Monthly Report – Janet had provided Board members an advance copy of the monthly report to review. The number of volunteer hours was 704 hours and 107 hours of fundraising. David Butler made a motion that the report be approved and submitted. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 3/14/12 the current balance in the Treasury is \$ 9,806.95 including allocations of \$743.73 for the Eliminate Project and \$350.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Janet Butler requested reimbursement of \$195.91 for the Easter Egg Hunt prizes and Jaci Manzella of \$121.16 for the pancake breakfast sausage. Disbursements discussed included budgeted items: Circle K Outreach \$100.00, North Ward Breakfast Program \$200.00, Nunn Scout Building \$200.00, Peace Meals \$100.00, Forty Martyrs Church (building rentals) \$150.00 and SAM Food Pantry \$250.00. Sherrie Hoel made a motion to approve these reimbursements and budgeted disbursements, Alan Shoemaker seconded and it was approved.
5. Mid-Year Conference – Jaci reported that along with two other I-I clubs, Tuscola will be honored for membership growth at this conference. Jaci will have the honor of sitting with KI President Alan Penn at the luncheon. Our members made this possible. Great job!
6. Upcoming Events – Jaci reminded Board members of the following events: 3/30 Fish Fry, 3/31 Easter Egg Hunt, 3/31 I-I Mid-Year Conference, and 4/7 ACE workshop in Springfield. Jaci also reminded members that the 4/1 Key Club/Kiwanis Bowl-A-Thon is cancelled.

7. Skip-A-Meal – Jaci will kick off the Skip-A-Meal program at the 4/2 meeting, asking members to donate \$10 to the Children’s Fund, a fund of the Kiwanis International Foundation. Donating members paying by check, should make out the check to the Tuscola Kiwanis Club. Checks or \$10 cash should be given to Treasurer, Candy Hudson.
8. K-Kids/Kiwanis Wii Bowling Event – Saturday, April 21 is the confirmed date for a Wii Bowling event with the North Ward K-Kids and Kiwanis members. Time is to be determined. Janet will update last year’s sign-up sheet for the 4-2-12 meeting. Kiwanians, mark your calendars.
9. Kiwanis One Day – Previously the Board had agreed that this year’s project would again be a spring clean-up for BETHS Place. Jaci will check to see if the tentative 4/21 date works for BETHS Place. Once the date is confirmed, Janet will update last year’s sign-up sheet and start passing it around at the 4/2 meeting.
10. Postal Food Drive for SAM Pantry – After some discussion, Sherrie made a motion that the club participate in the U.S.P.S. food drive for SAM Pantry on Saturday, May 12. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved. Kim Higgins volunteered to follow up with the post office to assure that the Food Drive postcards would be sent out in advance to let residents know when to put out food.
11. Egg Hunt Update – Janet reported that everything was on track for the egg hunt. The prizes have been received. Clarice and Alan are procuring the candy so we will be ready to stuff egg at our 3/26 meeting. Based on estimated expenses and wanting to purchase next year’s prizes when Easter items are deeply discounted after Easter, the committee is asking Kiwanis and Rotary to donate \$200.00 each. Janet Butler made a motion to allocate \$200.00 from club funds for the egg hunt. Alan Shoemaker seconded and it was approved.
12. Library Summer Program Donation – Janet reported that the library was short of funds for their summer reading programs. After discussion, Kim Higgins made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the library for this purpose. Alan Shoemaker seconded and it was approved.
13. Dues – Candy reviewed the list of members who have not paid their \$50.00 dues that should have been submitted to her by January 31, 2012. Janet will send a friendly reminder to those members. List will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

14. Walter Zeller Award – With the Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International established a new award, the Walter Zeller Award. Clubs or individuals who donate \$1,250 to The Eliminate Project—paid one time or over two years—may become Walter Zeller Fellows (named in honor of the first donor to the Kiwanis International Foundation). Based on discussion, the Board members agreed that at our current rate of member donations plus a club donation, Tuscola would be able to donate that amount before the end of the Kiwanis year. So the question was “Do we donate the amount now to be honored at the Mid-Year Conference?” Pat Damler made a motion that if the deadline of February 29 had been extended, to send the \$1,250 now honoring the club, and if it was too late, to wait until before the I-I Convention in August to make the club’s Eliminate donation. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved. Jaci will contact Andrea Raycraft at the I-I office. [Update from Jaci: Too late to make the donation for the Mid-Year Conference. No action taken at this time. Update from I-I Mid-Year Conference: The award is for honoring an individual, not a club.]

15. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 11 at noon at the Amishland Buffet.

16. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:56 P.M.

Janet Butler
Secretary



And On The Third Day...

New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos and more. Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter 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.)