



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2013

## 2013 Events

Wednesday, April 10	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon
Saturday, April 27	Kiwanis One Day – BETHS Place Clean-up
Wednesday, May 8	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon
Saturday, May 11 (tentative)	SAM Food Pantry Drive with Post Office
Wed-Sun, June 26 – 30	Kiwanis Int'l Convention, Vancouver, Canada
Saturday, July 13	Kiwanis Club Leadership Training, Tuscola, IL
Thu-Sun August 8 – 11	I-I District Annual Convention, Naperville, IL

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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

April 1	Jerry Leonard
April 8	Jaci Manzella
April 15	Kathryn McCumber
April 22	Laura Meyer
April 29	Judy Heilich
May 6	April Kauffman
May 13	Art Moss
May 20	Barb Moss
May 27	<b><u>No Meeting – Memorial Day</u></b>
June 3	Donna Motley
June 10	Vera Nauta
June 17	Steve Niemann
June 24	Kevin Nolan
July 1	Dennis Opperman
July 8	Maribeth Opperman

July 15	Nancy Runge
July 22	Dan Russell
July 29	Patty Russell
August 5	Judy Landeck
August 12	Mary Schultz
August 19	Nick Sebastian
August 26	Alan Shoemaker

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

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

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### **Investment Advice**

A financial planner suggested to a wealthy client that he should invest in a circus.

The client expressed great surprise at such an unusual recommendation: "A circus? Why on earth would I buy into a circus?"

The financial planner replied: "Because of the elephants."

The client, puzzled even more, then asked: "The elephants? What is the connection between circus elephants and investments?"

The financial planner asked: "Well, do you know much it costs to feed an elephant?"

The client, slightly annoyed, responded: "No, of course I don't know how much it costs to feed an elephant."

The financial planner explained: "Well, neither does the IRS."

**Don't  
Forget  
April 15th**

## Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2013

- **Attendance**

44 – Members

2 – Guests: Tammy Ray and Amber Seip, our speakers

- **Free Lunch Winner**– Joyce Brzozkiewicz

- **Birthdays** – Pat Sturgis 3/4

- **Brags** – Lorraine Best, Pete Buckley, and Paul Jones

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

Upcoming Events – K-Kids/Kiwanis Wii Event, North Ward, March 18, 2PM; Fish Thaw, Forty Martyrs, March 21, 4PM; Fish Fry Dinner, Forty Martyrs, March 22, 4:30PM and Easter Egg Hunt, Ervin Park, March 23, 9AM.

### Program:



Amber Seip



Tami Ray

Debbie Graber introduced her guests, Amber Seip and Tami Ray. Amber is the owner with Ali Ray of Alpha Omega Power Training, which opened in February 2012 in Tuscola. She warmed up the group with a few exercises.



Alpha Omega has four and six week “camps” for groups, as well as individual personal training availability. Their mission is promoting a healthy lifestyle in the communities they serve through proper diet, regular exercise and a central focus on God. They welcome all levels of fitness.

For more information call 217-621-3682 or go to:  
[www.facebook.com/AOPowerTraining](http://www.facebook.com/AOPowerTraining)

Tami Ray is a licensed massage therapist and has offered her services since October 2012 at Alpha Omega Power Training. Massage is the manipulation of soft tissue. Massages can improve flexibility, circulation, concentration, sleeping, reduces stress and relieves pain. Several types of massage therapies are available.

For more information or to book an appointments, call: 217-621-3874



## Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2013

- Attendance

47 – Members

2 – Guests: Flavio Baffigo and Jim Kleiss, our speakers

- Free Lunch Winner – Flavio Baffigo

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Bill Bauer, Joyce Brzozkiewicz, David Butler, Ginger Campbell, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, Nick Sebastian, Alan Shoemaker and Jim Wood

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Key Club Thank You Notes – Several thank you notes were circulated to members thanking the club for its financial support for attendance to the district convention.

Postal Food Drive – Joyce Brzozkiewicz asked if the Board and members would participate in the May postal food drive to benefit SAM Food Pantry. Alan advised he would put it on the agenda for the 3/13 Board meeting.

## Program:



Rotarian Jim Kleiss



Flavio Baffigo

Candy Hudson introduced her guests, Jim Kleiss from Tuscola Rotary and Flavio Baffigo from Venezuela. Jim explained that Flavio was part of the Rotary Foreign Exchange Student program and was a senior at TCHS. Before a student is placed in an exchange home, there are extensive background checks completed. Jim's son will be a Rotary exchange student next school year in Mexico.

Flavio was born in Valencia, Venezuela and his father is a long-time Rotarian. He was apprehensive and a little afraid to come to the United States as an exchange student for a school year. His brother, who had this experience, encouraged Flavio to do it. And Flavio is so glad that he did.

Flavio said that it has been a fantastic experience of sharing and learning. Flavio is planning to be a doctor so many years of school ahead of him. Good luck!

## Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2013

- Attendance

42 – Members

1 – Guest: Erin Motley, granddaughter of Donna Motley

- Free Lunch Winner – Maribeth Opperman
- Birthdays – Jerry Hall 3/20, Janet Cox 3/21, Wayne Ward 3/22 and Dennis Opperman 3/24
- Braggs – Maureen Bergeson, Pete Buckley, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Tim Hoel, Jaci Manzella, Topsy Mooday, Donna Motley, and Robert Van Cleave
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

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Bring Up Grades – Mike Damler reported that since the club began the B.U.G. program at East Prairie, we have recognized 1,308 students beginning with the 2004/2005 school year. The latest results for 2012/2013 recognize 75 winners!

### **Program:**

Before turning over the egg stuffing to Bunny Queen Carol Burwash, Alan Shoemaker had his own egg hunt for

members. The winning members and guest that found eggs are: Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Janet Cox, Kim Higgins, Sherrie Hoel, Erin Motley, and Diane Pangburn. Patches, pins, a free Kiwanis meeting lunch and a free Rotary meeting lunch were the prizes.

And the stuffing began....Great job!!!!



Note: March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was canceled due to weather

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**K-Kids Event 3/18/13**



**More photos on our website!**

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**2013 Fish Fry**

**Thawing 3/21:**



**Fish Fry Supper...Mmmmmm 3/22:**



**More photos on our website!**

**2013 Easter Egg Hunt 3/23/13**



**More photos on our website**



## March 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Tuscola Downtown Diner on Wednesday, 3/13/2013 at 12:05 PM by President Alan Shoemaker with the following Board Directors present:

	Tammy Baer – V.P.		Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Donna Motley (2015)
	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Tom Sturgis (2015)
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.	x	Alan Shoemaker – Pres.
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		
x	Pat Damler – Pres. Elect	x	Jaci Manzella – Past Pres.		Guests: None

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. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our website.
2. February Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of volunteer hours was 520 for service and 111 for fund raising for a total of 631 hours. Jaci Manzella made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full reports are on our website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 3/13/13, the current balance in the Treasury is \$15,009.10. Tim Hoel made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Board reviewed disbursements suggested by Secretary Janet Butler. Tom Sturgis made a motion to increase the \$100 budgeted donations to Peace Meals and Tuscola Library to \$150. David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved. Budgeted/increased disbursements were approved as follows: \$500 to Key Club for convention expenses, \$150 to BETHS Place, \$150 for Peace Meals, \$300 to SAM Pantry and \$150 to the Tuscola Library for summer children programs. Janet Butler is to verify that summer children programs are being planned and funding is needed, and to advise Candy before the check is disbursed. Pat Damler made a motion to approve the disbursements. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. Dave Butler suggested that the club’s presentation check should be used for photo ops for the above donations. Board members agreed, and David will coordinate with Alan.
5. Dues Update – Collection of dues have went well. There are only seven members who still owe a dues payment of \$50.00. Secretary Janet Butler will follow up with the members.

6. Computers for Kids Fundraising – Chairperson Alan Shoemaker reported that his committee is still planning and meeting. Once some decisions are made and plans are confirmed, Alan will report back to the Board.
7. Music Programs Fundraising – Chairperson Tammy Baer was not able to attend the Board meeting. No update provided.
8. Fish Fry – Pat Damler reported that everything is on track for the March 22 Fish Fry.
9. Easter Egg Hunt – Janet Butler reported that Chairperson Carol Burwash has everything well in hand. Members will stuff the eggs at the club's 3/18 meeting.
10. New Club Bylaws – Janet Butler had sent Board members an advance copy of the newly drafted club bylaws for review. About 95% of the bylaws are set by Kiwanis International, and no Kiwanis club can change those portions. Janet reviewed the individual club portions and optional areas. Pat made a motion to approve the new bylaws as presented by Janet Butler, clarifying the intent in section M as discussed. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved.

The next step is to bring the new club bylaws to a club meeting for the members to consider and vote on. Alan Shoemaker has set the voting date for our April 15 meeting. A quorum (1/3 of the members – 30 members or more) must be present at our 4/15 meeting. A copy of the new club bylaws is enclosed with the minutes of this Board meeting so members can review in advance. Alan will ask for any discussion and/or questions before the vote is taken. To approve the new bylaws, 2/3 of the members present must vote for approval. Your club officers and Board directors are recommending approval of the new bylaws.

A copy of the new bylaws draft will be placed on our club website, sent via email to members with email addresses with these Board minutes and included with the 2013 April Newsletter. Those club specific areas will be highlighted/shaded so members can identify the areas that a club can customize for their club.

11. 2012/2013 Distinguished Club Criteria – The Board tabled this topic until the April Board meeting.
12. Club Aprons – Janet Butler reported that the 18 blue aprons are at the vendors, and should be delivered to Janet Cox before the 3/22 Fish Fry.

13. Kiwanis One Day –As our club’s Kiwanis One Day project, members will again provide a Spring Clean-up for BETHS Place on Saturday, April 27, contingent on that date being acceptable to BETHS Place. Tom Sturgis will check and advise if the date is OK. Related is a request from Lyondell asking about a possible service project that their employees can participate in on April 13. Pat Damler will contact them and invite their participation with us at BETHS Place on April 27. We have nothing scheduled for 4/13.
14. Skip-A-Meal – Skip-A-Meal donations are requested during the month of April each year. All donations go into the Children’s Fund at Kiwanis International to benefit children. Beginning with our April 1 meeting, Alan will request that members donate the cost of a lunch (\$9-\$11) for the Skip-A-Meal project. All donations should be given to Treasurer Candy Hudson, or in her absence Janet Butler. If donating by check, make your check out to: Tuscola Kiwanis Club. Candy will send one club check to KI from what is donated by our club members in May.
15. Postal Food Drive – Joyce Brzozkiewicz requested that we again partner with the U.S. Postal Service for a food drive for SAM Pantry in May. Discussion centered around if the food drive would be on a Saturday since the postal service is discontinuing letter deliveries on Saturday. Janet Butler made a motion to partner with the Tuscola post office contingent on Joyce checking to make sure the date is a Saturday. If it is not a Saturday, the Board will have to reconsider. Jaci Manzella seconded the motion and it was approved.
16. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the Downtown Diner at noon. For Board meetings only, the officers and Board directors will meet monthly at the Tuscola Downtown Diner.
17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Janet Butler - Secretary



*Spring...finally here!!!*

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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](mailto:dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org)

(If you need a screen and/or projector for your program, contact David or Janet Butler.)