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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015

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2015 Events/Activities

Wednesday, April 8	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, April 25	BETHS Place Spring Clean-up – Kiwanis One Day
Friday & Saturday - May 1-2	I-I 100 th Year Anniversary Event – Gurnee, IL
Wednesday, May 13	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thur-Sun – June 25-28	Kiwanis Int’l Convention – Indianapolis IN
Thur-Sun – August 6-9	Kiwanis I-I District Convention – Peoria, IL
Saturday, October 10	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

April 6	Bill/Carol Bauer
April 13	Carol Beals
April 20	Margo Blaudow
April 27	Maureen Bergeson
May 4	Elaine Bryant
May 11	Dan Russell
May 18	Patty Russell
May 25	NO MEETING – Memorial Day
June 1	Andy Brzozkiewicz
June 8	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
June 15	Pete Buckley
June 22	Carol Burwash
June 29	Jan Chappell
July 6	David Butler

July 13	Janet Butler
July 20	Marge Conn
July 27	Jack Corum
August 3	Sharon Corum
August 10	Linda Damler
August 17	Mike Damler
August 24	Pat Damler
August 31	John Davis
September 7	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 14	Dave Dobson
September 21	Jeannine Fortney
September 28	Darla Gardner

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 Volunteer Hours
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

All I need to Know About Life, I Learned from the Easter Bunny

Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.

Walk softly and carry a big carrot.

Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.

All work and no play can make you a basket case.

The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.

To show your true colors, you have to come out of your shell.

The best things in life are still sweet and gooey!



Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2015

- Attendance

48 – Members

5 – Guests: Soon-to-be-members Deon Chester & Heather Madden; Becky Kappes, and our speakers Alicia Pettyjohn and Susan Hall

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Bauer
- Birthdays – Pat Sturgis 3/4
- Brags – Janet Butler, Art Moss, and Dennis Opperman
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Kiwanis One Day Patch – Through the efforts of Tim Hoel, the club received a 2014 Kiwanis One Day patch for our clean-up of BETHS Place.

Fish Fry – Our Fish Fry is Friday, March 20. The sign-up sheets continue to go around. If you would like to participate and will not be able to sign up at a meeting, contact Pat Damler.

Program:



Darlene Wiesener introduced our speakers, Alicia Pettyjohn and Susan Hall. Alicia, from the American Cancer Society, is the liaison to the Douglas County Relay for Life. Susan Hall is the co-chair for the relay. Susan is a member of Becky's Buddies that throughout the year raises funds for the American Cancer Society.

Becky's Buddies raises money in a variety of ways. They make and sell jewelry at fairs, festivals, Christmastown, etc. They hold trivia night contests. Their next trivia night is March 28 at the Tuscola Community building.

The American Cancer Society has joined the 80% by 2018 Campaign with dozens of organizations that have committed to eliminating colorectal cancer as a major public health problem and are working toward the shared goal of reaching 80% screened for colorectal cancer by 2018.

This year Douglas County Relay for Life is June 6-7 from Noon to Midnight at TCHS. If you know a cancer survivor who would like to attend the survivor dinner, call 217-356-4861

Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2015

- Attendance

43 – Members

3 – Guests: Soon-to-be-members Deon Chester & Heather Madden; and our speaker, Alina Budd

- Free Lunch Winner – David Butler
- Birthdays – Char Synder 3/9
- Brags – Pete Buckley, Linda Damler, Pat Damler, Darla Gardner, Tim Hoel, Eloise Kennedy, Sharon Marsh, and Carey Wood
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities Sign-ups – Sign-up sheets are going around for the 3/20 Fish Fry and the 3/28 Easter Egg Hunt. If you won't have a chance to sign up at a meeting, contact Pat Damler for the Fish Fry and Carol Burwash for the Egg Hunt.

Program:



Carey Wood introduced our speaker, Alina Agalakova Budd. Alina was born and raised in Russia. Her parents are still there. Her father is a prominent nuclear physicist and her mother a distinguished university teacher.

When Alina was growing up, Russia was still a communist state. Lenin was a hero. There were free medical care and free education. There were few cars. Most transportation was by subway or bus.

Alina lived in Moscow in a high-rise apartment building. There are almost no single family houses there. The apartment was originally a communal apartment that her family with her grandparents shared with two other families. They were able to get the apartment for just their family. They were able to accomplish this due to the perks that her grandfather was afforded. He was a World War II veteran. He also had a free car from the government.

Generally the apartment buildings had stores on the ground floor. People had to stand in long lines for food, clothing, etc. To get even one item, a person had to stand in three lines---one to order, one to pay, and one to go back with a receipt and collect the items. Alina's family was able to buy some food items not readily available to everyone, like butter and sugar, because it was a perk earned by her grandfather's military service.

Once she started school, she was with the same group of children from first grade through eleventh grade. They all wore standard uniforms. Alina was popular because her uncle in Canada would send her gum. Gum was a treat and could be traded for other items. She was one of the last groups of students that received a college degree paid for by the government.

In 1991 the Soviet Union collapsed. The currency was devalued. Shortages led to rationing and even longer lines. People used and traded their ration tickets based on what their need was. Alina got a part-time job at a clothing market to help out. She met and married a U.S. missionary and moved to Arcola about 8 years ago. She is now a U.S. citizen.

Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2015

- **Attendance**

49 – Members

14 – Guests: Jane Wood, wife of Jim Wood, Mayor Dan Kleiss, Drew Hoel, Fred McDonald, and an interclub of 11 members from Decatur Golden K led by President Charles Smith.

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Mike Damler

- **Birthdays** – Carolyn McIntyre 3/16, Jerry Hall 3/20, Janet Cox 3/21, and Wayne Ward 3/22

- **Brags** – Linda Damler, Mike Damler, Tim Hoel for the Morgans, Eloise Kennedy, Sharon Marsh, Dennis Opperman, and Carey Wood

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

Playground Donation – For the new Ervin Park Toddlers' Playground, the club presented Linda Damler of Tuscola Community Foundation, Mayor Dan Kleiss, Rotary President Fred McDonald, and City Administrator Drew Hoel with donations totaling \$6,000. The donations were raised from fundraising and the generous donations from club members.

Great job, Kiwanians!!!



Tammy, Linda, Dan, Fred and Drew

New Member Induction – Lt. Gov. David Butler and President Tammy Baer inducted Deon Chester, our newest member, into our club. Deon was sponsored by Char Snyder.



Welcome, Deon!!!

Program:



Jim Wood spoke about the wines and vineyards in Illinois. Jim and his wife Jane has visited a number of Illinois wineries. The first

winery was in 1788 in Peoria. There are just over 100 wineries today.

Jim talked about a number of locations, and brought examples of not only wine, but wine related items like bottle openers, stoppers, decorative items, etc.



For more info, go to: <http://illinoiswine.com/>

Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2015

- Attendance

49 – Members

2 – Guests: Caleb Hain, grandson of Char Synder and Lauren Moss, granddaughter of Art & Barb Moss

- Free Lunch Winner – Kim Higgins

- Birthdays – Tyler Harvey 3/24 and Dennis Opperman 3/24

- Brags – Janet Butler, Marge Conn, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Carol Hausmann, Tim Hoel for Gary Weber, Judy Landeck, and Topy Mooday,

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry Results – Mike Damler reported that we served 189 adult meals and 5 child meals for a total of 194 meals. Meals brought in \$1,532.00. We received \$318.00 in donations. The 50/50 winner, Jack Allen, generously donated back his portion of \$86.50 so the club received \$173.00 from the 50/50. The grand total is \$2,023.00. Fifty-nine Kiwanians were in attendance. Lots of fun photos on our website. Great job, Kiwanians!! And we didn't run out of fish...great job, Pat Damler!!!

Kiwanis International Recognition – The club was recognized by KI for growing our membership in 2013/2014. We were awarded a Gold Level Impact Circle certificate, part of The Formula program to increase membership in Kiwanis. As this was Pat Damler's year as president, kudos to Pat!!

Kiwanis One Day Project – The club will again be doing a spring clean-up for BETHS Place the morning of Saturday, April 25. If you don't think you will be able to sign up at a meeting, contact Janet Butler and she will add you to the list.

Easter Egg Hunt – Alan Shoemaker, our Mad Hatter, obtained a \$450 grant from the City of Tuscola Tourism for advertising to promote the annual egg hunt. Thanks, Alan!

Program:

In lieu of a regular program, members and guests stuffed over 5,000 Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28.



Great job, everyone!
More fun photos on our website.

Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2015

- Attendance

51 – Members

5 – Guests: Jennifer Nolan-wife of Kevin Nolan, future Kiwanian Maggie Meyer-youngest daughter of Laura Meyer, Key Club members-Sydney Hoel and Courtney Brewer, and our speaker, Jim Voyles

- Free Lunch Winner – Janet Butler

- Birthdays – Ed Wachala 4/3

- Brags – Maureen Bergeson, Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, Darla Gardner, Laura Meyer, Linda Damler, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Art Moss, Maribeth Opperman, and Carey Wood

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Special Guest – There was a very special guest at our meeting today. Laura Meyer brought in her 3-week old baby daughter and future K-Kid, Key Clubber, and Kiwanian, Maggie Rose Meyer. So cute!



K-Kids Wii Event – A sign-up sheet for the K-Kids Wii event was passed. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, just come to North Ward School at 1:30p on Wednesday, 4/1.

BETHS Place Clean-up – The club will again be doing a spring clean-up for BETHS Place the morning of Saturday, April 25. A sign-up sheet was passed and will be again. If you don't think you will be able to sign up at a meeting, contact Janet Butler and she will add you to the list.

Kiwanis One Day Project - Tammy asked members to give feedback to club officers or directors, advising if we should continue to assist BETHS Place or are there any new ideas for this April service project.

B.U.G. Results – Mike Damler reported that 65 East Prairie students are being recognized as having brought up their grades from the 2nd 9-week session to the 3rd 9-week session. There were 8 second-time winners. Mike handed out postcard groups to volunteers to write a notes of congratulations and mail them to the students.

New Member Induction – Lt. Gov. David Butler and President Tammy Baer inducted Heather Madden, our newest members, into the club. She is sponsored by Jerry Hall.



Welcome, Heather!!!

Key Club Recognition – Mike Damler recognized Courtney Brewer and Sydney Hoel for their hours of service with Key Club. Each of them gave a brief report on what volunteer activities they were participating in.



Courtney Brewer



Sydney Hoel

Program:



Doris Young introduced our speaker, Jim Voyles. Jim is running for one of two seats on the Parkland College Board of Trustees. His opponents are Tim Johnson and

Brendan McGinty. The Board consists of 7 voting trustees and one non-voting student trustee.

Jim started his career as an English high school teacher in Decatur, became a Tuscola high school principal and later Tuscola District superintendent. He is also a decorated Vietnam veteran, winning the Bronze star with V device, and getting injured at that time.

Jim discussed why he wants to serve on the Parkland Board. First, he would be a trustee that is outside of Champaign County to better serve all 12 counties in the Parkland District. Secondly, he would represent the students going to Parkland with more connections to high schools and their students, and strong fiscal responsibility. Jim believes his background as an educator will bring a new perspective to the Board, keeping enrollment rising and holding down expenses.

Jim led the Tuscola school system, first as high school principal then as superintendent, for over 25 years. During that time, the students, staff and teachers prospered as the school systems excelled in all areas. During his leadership in Tuscola, the system met all its needs and built a surplus of over \$6 million.

There has been a steady increase in tuition the last few years at Parkland. Last year's deficit was about \$2 million with this year's looking like it will be somewhat over \$1 million. Jim's position is that continuing to raise tuition cannot be a successful solution to the problem. He advocates looking deep into expenses including all programs.

As a side note, Jim reported that our own Mike Damler has been the voice doing radio commercials for his campaign. He encourages everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, April 7.

Fish Thaw – 3/19/2015 & Fish Fry – 3/20/2015



Wayne Ward – Fish Fryer Extraordinaire!!



Many More Fun Photos on Club Website

Easter Egg Hunt – 3/28/2015



More Photos on Club Website

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB
2015 MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 12:02 PM by President Tammy Baer with the following officers, club directors, and guests present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres	X	David Butler – Vice Pres	X	Donna Motley (2015)
	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Pat Damler – Past Pres	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)		Jim Hausmann (2017)		Guests:
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas		Carol Burwash,
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Leonard – Pres Elect		Sherrie & Tim Hoel,
					and Jim Wood

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of February Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. February Monthly Reports – Janet Butler had emailed Board members copies of the monthly Tuscola Volunteer Hours report and the Kiwanis International monthly report for their review. There was a total of 816 service and 139 fundraising hours reported. David Butler made a motion to approve the reports. Pete Buckley seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copy of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 3/11/15, the current balance is \$18,924.32. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the report. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.” Candy reported that the total net amount raised at the Pancake Breakfast was \$619.84. This is about \$530 short of what was budgeted.
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements – Janet Butler requested reimbursement of \$41.16 for stamps purchased for the member playground mailing, Darcey Helmick via email requested disbursement of \$500 for Key Club to help with district convention expenses, and Candy Hudson requested disbursement of \$58.24 to Tuscola IGA for pancake breakfast items. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the request. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet also provided Treasurer Candy Hudson a \$200.00 check from Tuscola Chamber & Economic Development to assist with the Easter Egg Hunt expenses. A thank you note will be sent.

5. New Donation Request – The Board received a request for a donation to help a needy family obtain a Tuscola Library membership. For families outside the city, the annual cost is \$66.50 for a family membership. During discussion, it was mentioned that the budget included \$100 for the library, but that had been used to help fund summer library programs for children. There was consensus not to use this budget money. After further discussion, Janet Butler made a motion that the club sponsor one family membership for \$66.50 contingent upon library Director Devon Black selecting a family that has Tuscola school age children. David Butler seconded the motion. Candy will contact Devon, and if he is agreeable to these terms, Candy Hudson will issue the library a \$66.50 club check.
6. Spence Memorial Donations – Through the generous donations of Kiwanians and friends of Joan Spence and her family, \$1,632.00 was donated to our club. Janet Butler on behalf of the family requested that the Board consider using \$250.00 towards a Key Club designated scholarship, rounding up the club's playground donation to a nice round number, and keep the remaining money to fulfill budgeted commitments. These unexpected funds will more than cover the amount of money the club is short from our pancake breakfast putting the club in excellent shape regarding the 2014/2015 budget. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the family's request. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved.
7. Ervin Park Toddlers' Playground – The club raised and donated \$5,423.00 towards the playground. This included fundraising done at Christmastown and our Pancake Breakfast as well as all donation checks submitted by members. Janet Butler suggested that the club round up the donation to \$6,000.00. Tom Sturgis made a motion to round up the club's playground donation to \$6,000.00, as suggested. Donna Motley seconded the request and it was approved. Janet Butler volunteered to contact the city, Rotary and TCF to schedule a photo op check presentation during a regular meeting at which time the donations will be given to the TCF representative. It was agreed that no further solicitation or fundraising will be done for the playground.
8. Unpaid Dues – Candy Hudson provided a list of unpaid 2015/2015 January dues. Janet Butler took the list, will do some follow-ups and ask other Board members, as needed, to contact selected members regarding their unpaid dues
9. Fish Fry Supper – Pat Damler reported that everything was well in hand for the Fish Fry. The Fish Fry is scheduled for March 20, 2015, chaired by Pat Damler and assisted by Pat & Tom Sturgis. Curtis McDaniel will provide a second fish fryer and his assistance so we can increase our fish output. The event is held at Forty Martyrs Hall. Mark your calendars!

10. Easter Egg Hunt – Carol Burwash reported that everything was well in hand for the Egg Hunt. The sign-up sheet went around on 3/9 and will do so again on 3/16. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled Saturday morning March 28 at Ervin Park.
11. Kiwanis One Day Project – No Board members had been contacted by members suggesting the club doing a different Kiwanis One Day project. It was agreed that the project would again be a spring clean-up for BETHS Place. Tammy Baer volunteered to contact BETHS Place and see if Saturday 4/18 or 4/25 would work for them. Tammy will report back to the Board and members.
12. Personal Hearing Devices – David Butler reported back that it appeared that a technology hearing solution for members who have trouble hearing at meetings would be too expensive for the club to implement. The request to investigate had come to possibly assist Robert Van Cleave. During discussion, Sherrie Hoel and Janet Butler mentioned that they had a high-tech hearing aid that their mother had purchased in January 2015 and had worn only a few times. It was their intention to donate the hearing aid to charity, possibly the Audibel charity. Pete Buckley mentioned that Jeff Hanley from Audibel had mentioned that he worked with the VA to help veterans procure hearing aids. Sherrie and Janet volunteered to talk to Robert, and if he is willing, set up an appointment for him with Audibel for an evaluation. The hope is that he could use Joan Spence's new hearing aid, maybe with some adjusting and/or that Jeff would be able to work with the VA to procure a new hearing aid(s) for Robert. Sherrie and Janet will report back.
13. Nominating Committee/Elections – Jim Wood advised that he has two members that have agreed to be Club Directors on 10/1/15. He has a member in mind as a Vice President candidate, but has not yet contacted the member. Jim will present the slate of candidates on April 27, and the voting will take place at our May 4 meeting. If you are interested in serving as the club's 2015/2016 Vice President, contact Jim Wood.
14. Andy & Joyce Brzozkiewicz Eliminate Project Donation Challenge – Andy and Joyce came to the Board in February and said that they wanted to do an Eliminate Project Donation Challenge. Andy & Joyce offered to match The Eliminate Project donations (up to \$1,250) that are made by club members during a month. May 2015 was designated as the club's special Eliminate Project month. In late April, and during May members will be reminded of the challenge. Secretary Janet Butler will send hardcopy letters to members who do not/cannot attend meetings on a regular basis so that they can participate in the challenge, too. Let's fill those bottles in May and maximize Andy and Joyce's wonderful offer!

15. New Membership Applications – Deon Chester has submitted his membership application and \$75.00 new member fee. Heather Madden has submitted her membership application. Both are sponsored by Char Snyder. Pat Damler made a motion to approve Deon’s membership, and also Heather’s membership contingent on the club receiving her \$75.00 new member fee before she is inducted. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.
16. East Prairie Builders Club – Tammy reported that she had again spoken to Principal Carol Munson and discussed that the new Builders Club would be a school sanctioned group. Two teachers have tentatively agreed to be Faculty Advisors for the new club...Mr. O’Hearn and Mr. Huffman. There are more details to work out, however it appears that we will be successful in starting a Builders Club in the Fall. Tammy Baer and Margo Blaudow are our Club Advisors for the East Prairie Builders Club.
17. Skip-A-Meal – April is Kiwanis International’s Skip-A-Meal program. All donations from Skip-A-Meal are put into KI’s Children’s Fund. Members are asked to donate the cost of a lunch during the month of April. Signage will be put on the tables during April as a reminder. Tammy will also mention the request during meetings. If you would like to donate, our wonderful “lunch ladies” will have an envelope starting with our April 6 meeting. Or you can send your donation to: Candy Hudson, 102 River Oaks Road, Camargo, IL 61919.
18. 2015 TCHS Kiwanis Scholarships – Pat Damler reported for Mike Damler, chairperson for the scholarship committee that the scholarship applications have been delivered to TCHS and the submission deadline is Friday, April 27. The club budgeted for 3 - \$1,000.00 scholarships. Carol Burwash, Janet & David Butler, Janet Cox, and a Joan Spence memorial donation are funding a fourth Key Club designated scholarship. So four Kiwanis scholarships of \$1,000 will be presented on TCHS Honors Day, May 15.
19. 2016 Event Dates – Pat Damler asked the Board to think about having the club’s first Pancake Breakfast somewhat later in the year. The financial success of a breakfast is vastly affected by the weather, and the club typically has done its first breakfast of the year in February. Janet Butler & Carol Burwash also asked that the Fish Fry and Easter Egg Hunt not be scheduled back-to-back as it was in 2014. Pat asked that Board members look at the 2016 calendar and consider possible dates for the breakfast and fish fry. As Easter is Sunday, 3/27/16, the egg hunt will be Saturday 3/19 with a rain date of 3/26. Setting the 2016 dates was tabled for next meeting.

20. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting is April 8, 2015 at noon at The Smith House

21. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



He is Risen!

Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:
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