

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2006

Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting – August 2nd at noon at Tuscany's
 - Family Picnic – August 13th - eat at 5:00 PM – Wayne & Joann Ward's home
 - Membership Recruitment Dinner – August 31st at 6:30 PM – Jarman Center
 - Peanut Sales Days – Tentatively scheduled the 3rd weekend of September
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Upcoming Program Assignments

August 7	Carl Quinn
August 14	Ed Wachala
August 21	Wayne Ward
August 28	Carole Weber
September 4	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 11	Gary Weber
September 18	Paul Wisovaty
September 25	Jim Wood
October 1	Helen Bahls
October 8	Cindy Bickers
October 15	Janet Boyer
October 22	Rick Broch
October 29	Carol Burwash

Don't Forget to Pay Your Semi-Annual Dues of \$50 if still owed.
Don't Forget to Give Wayne Your July Volunteer Hours!

Laura Murphy Wins K-Kids Art Contest

Laura Murphy of Tuscola North Ward has won the K-Kids I-I District level art contest. Her faculty advisor is Beth Reifsteck and Kiwanis advisor is Paul Wisovaty.

The criteria included the presentation of a specific theme in a drawing. Her artwork is entitled "We build. It's A Worldwide Thing." A certificate from Kiwanis International will be presented to the K-Kid winners, who will be invited to the I-I District Convention in Dubuque, Iowa, in early August. If Laura is unable to attend this convention, the certificates will be presented at the beginning of the school year.

Meeting of July 10, 2006

There were 21 members and 1 guest, Jim Kleiss, our speaker, in attendance.

Wayne Ward and Ed Wachala reported on their trip to the International Convention in Montreal, Canada. Wayne and Ed, with their lovely wives, enjoyed the convention, though rain disrupted the I-I dinner and some of the outdoor Jazz Festival events that were also taking place. The I-I dinner of six districts was scheduled to be outdoors, however the rain required moving it inside. The hotel's plan B left a lot to be desired; however, people went "with the flow" and enjoyed the evening. There was no controversy regarding the resolutions. See more detailed information in this newsletter titled: 2006 International Convention – Montreal.

Carol Burwash read a thank you note from Sam's Pantry for the club's donation of \$200.00.

Carol advised that the \$50 semi-annual membership dues should be paid by the end of the month.

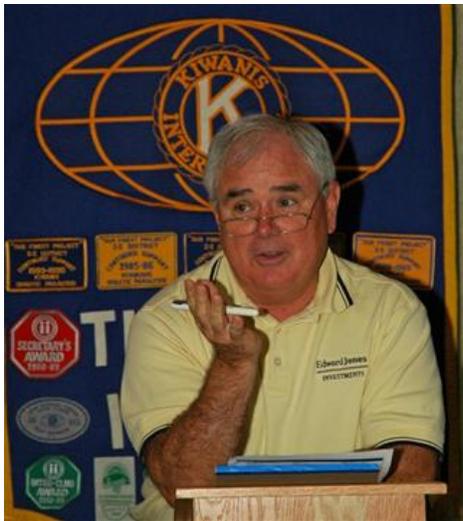
Dave Dobson is chairing the New Membership Dinner activities. The dinner will be August 31 at the Jarman Center. The club is looking for a net increase of at least 2 members. The club needs 4 new members to meet that goal. Please block out this date; all members are encouraged to attend.

Pat Damler advised that Greg Hankey has been moved to:

Mr. Greg Hankey
c/o Care Centre of Champaign
1915 S. Mattis Avenue
Champaign, IL 61821

He is located in room 7, bed 2. Short visits, letters and cards would be appreciated!

An article, recognizing East Prairie students for Bring Up Grades achievement during the last 9-week grading period, were published in the Tuscola Journal and Tuscola Regional newspapers.



Our speaker was auctioneer and financial adviser, Jim Kleiss from Edward Jones. Interest rates are on the rise. We currently have situations in which a short-term investment has a higher interest rate than a long-term investment. He suggests thinking about making investment of at least 2-3 years versus 1 year. Jim also suggests looking at long-term bonds; some of those bonds have an estate feature. Currently, the Edward Jones money market is paying 4.25% and is compounded daily. There are also tax-free bonds and AMT bonds to consider. For more information, contact Jim or your financial adviser.

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together.

Author: Vesta Kelly

Meeting of July 17, 2006

There were 24 members and 1 guest, our speaker Art Eichner, in attendance.

Carol Burwash reported that the July/August Illeiwon on page 13 announced that Laura Murphy was the I-I District winner in the K-Kids artwork contest. She will be invited to the I-I Convention in Dubuque, Iowa, in early August. Carol asked Janet Butler to follow-up on the award and see if a picture of the drawing, entitled "We build. It's A Worldwide Thing" is available. A certificate will be presented to Laura at the convention or at the beginning of the school year. It was suggested that possibly the presentation could be made at one of the club's regular meetings. Janet will work on an article for the club's newsletter, the Review and Journal.

Carol Burwash reminded members that \$50 per member is due for semi-annual membership dues.

Dave Dobson, chairman of the membership dinner, gave an update. The meeting will be at 6:30PM August 31st at the Jarman Center. To collect the names and addresses of good quality membership candidates, Dave has created 4 teams with captains as follows:

Cindy Bickers's Bluejays
Janet Butler's Braves
Pat Damler's Dodgers
Kathryn McCumber's Mariners

Dave will provide the team rosters at the next meeting. Each team is expected to submit at least 2 quality names.

Wayne Ward reported that the Kiwanis Family Picnic will be Sunday, August 13th with eating and festivities beginning at 5:00 PM. Come one...come all. Mark your calendars. Horseshoe players...get in practice!

Ed Wachala asked for volunteers to attend an inter-club meeting in Shelbyville on Thursday, July 27th at 7 AM. Departure from Tuscola would be about 6 AM.



Our speaker was Art Eichner, head of the Benevolence Fund at First Christian Church (FCC). He is spearheading an effort to bring the “Share Food” program to Tuscola. Though this program has not been available previously in Tuscola, Share Food is celebrating their 16th year of service.

It sounds almost too good to be true: once a month receive roughly \$30 worth of fresh produce and four meats for \$17, no strings attached. It's not a government program. It has no income guidelines or restrictions based on recipient criteria. It's for everyone. Or as Art summed it up, "If you eat, you are eligible." It's called SHARE Food Program of Central Illinois Inc, 1825 N.E. Adams Street, Peoria, IL 61603, phone: 309-637-0282 or 1-800-637-5508.

All of the food comes into a Peoria warehouse after being purchased directly from growers and processors through a national co-op. The food is delivered to Tuscola one Saturday a month.

His efforts have started at FCC with a plan to expand as a community program. This program is open to everyone. You can purchase food for your family and/or others. There is a cut-off each month. The menu changes each month. One unit of food is \$15 plus \$2 for shipping. Each month there is a special such as July's that was \$12.00 for 8 6-oz. sirloin steaks. You must register once, and pay for each order in advance. FCC is currently collecting the checks.

Art is requesting that Tuscola Kiwanis club donate 1-2 days a year to unload, organize and pass out food. For more information, call SHARE Food in Peoria at 1-800-637-5508. For menu information and/or cut-off dates, call FCC at 217-253-2394.

Benjamin Franklin asked: “What’s a sun dial in the shade?” As Kiwanians, we must keep our organization in the sunshine of service and fellowship. Only then, like a sun dial in the sun, can Kiwanis fulfill its purpose and be a benefit to ourselves and others.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of July 24, 2006

There were 23 members in attendance and our guest speaker, Rev. Ralph Deal.

Wayne Ward reminded members that the Kiwanis Family Picnic is Sunday, August 13th at Wayne and Joann Ward's home (4 miles east on Route 36 to 1500E, turn north, 1st house on the right). Meal will be at 5 PM; welcome to come anytime. Meat, drink and table service will be provided. Bring a covered dish to share. Bring your spouse, friends, kinds, etc. RSVP to 253-2120 or email fward@tuscola-il.com. (Rain date: August 20th)

Carol Burwash reminded members that the semi-annual dues of \$50 are now due. Please give dues to Candy Hudson at a meeting or send your dues with a member attending the meeting.

Pat Damler provided an update on Greg Hankey. He is still not swallowing or talking, however he can now write short notes with his good hand.

Clarice Hausman, Helen Bahls, Debbie Graber and Ed Wachala will be attending the Shelbyville inter-club meeting on Wednesday, July 26th. Members are meeting at Ed's home, in South Ward, at 5:45 AM.

Members were advised that Earl Pendergrass' wife, Jean had surgery on July 16th and was still at Carle Hospital. No visitors at this time, however cards would be appreciated.

Janet Butler reported that Lt. Governor Richard Kaufman would be delivering to her home the basket items from other clubs on Thursday, July 27th. Edie Griffith and Janet will prepare the basket and bring it to the next meeting, July 31st. Wayne Ward agreed to transport the basket to the convention.

Our speaker, Rev. Ralph Deal of the First United Church of Christ, shared his love of Mark Twain's writing with us. Rev. Deal has read just about everything written by and about Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). Samuel Longhorne Clemens (November 30, 1835 – April 21, 1910), better known by his pen name Mark Twain, was an American humorist, novelist, writer and lecturer. Clemens' pen name, Mark Twain, came from his years on riverboats, where two fathoms (12

feet) or “safe water” was measured on the sounding line and marked by calling “mark twain.”

Clemens was born in Florida, Missouri, and when he was four years old, his family moved to Hannibal, a port town on the Mississippi River that later served as the inspiration for the fictional town of St. Petersburg in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Clemens’s father died when he was eleven. As a teenager Clemens worked as an apprentice printer and began writing humorous articles and newspapers sketches. At eighteen, he left and worked as a printer in several cities. At the age of 22, Clemens returned to Missouri and worked as a riverboat pilot until trade was interrupted by the Civil War in 1861. He went to Nevada, where his brother was governor. He tried many things, including being the editor of a newspaper. When the newspaper would not print one of his articles about the horrible treatment of Chinese people who worked on the railroad, Clemens had it published in a competing newspaper. For that, he was fired. He moved on to San Francisco, depressed and with no job. He decided that he was a pretty good storyteller and that people would pay to see him. He rented a theatre, charged \$1 for admission and started telling his stories. He found his niche, and this was the major turning point in his life. Unfortunately, there is no surviving recording of his voice.

Although Clemens was confounded by financial and business affairs, his humor and wit were keen, and he enjoyed immense public popularity. At his peak, he was probably the most popular American celebrity of his time. He was a world traveler who affirmed American values.

Clemens said that the best way to write was “after death.” He knew that his autobiography would be published after his death, so he could be frank and honest. He wrote other manuscripts, again to be published after his death.

Clemens’ greatest contribution to American literature is generally considered to be his *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. It changed many attitudes about slavery.

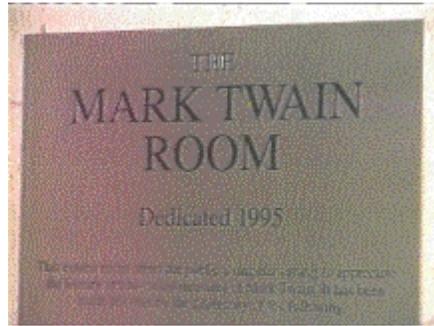
If you are interested in more information, the original manuscript is located at:

The Buffalo & Erie County Library

1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14203

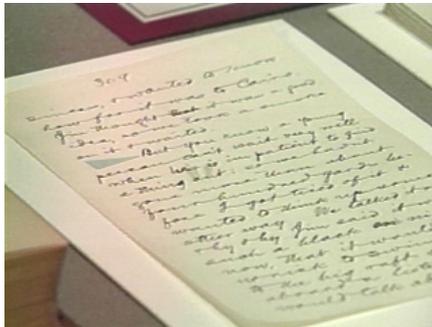
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Dedicated May 12, 1995



The dream was to create a room honoring former Buffalo, New York resident Mark Twain.....

....That Dream came true in May 1995 when the Mark Twain Room opened at the Buffalo and Erie County Library.



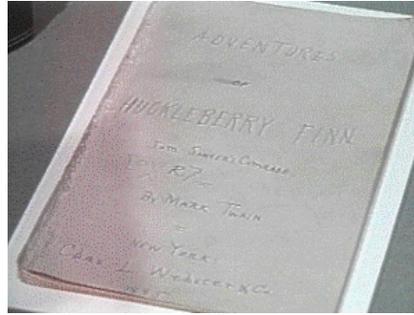
The room houses the two halves of the original, handwritten manuscript of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. The complete manuscript had not been viewed by the public in over half a century!

At the dedication of the Mark Twain Room, William H. Loos, curator of the rare book room at the Buffalo & Erie County Library, explained his role in the incredible story behind the recovery of the lost half of *Huckleberry Finn* manuscript.



The first visitors to the Mark Twain Room encounter 2,000 volumes of Twain memorabilia, including 92 foreign editions in 34 languages and signed lithographs from *Huckleberry Finn* painted and signed by Norman Rockwell...and the "crowning glory".....

...Mark Twain's complete handwritten manuscript for his most widely read classic, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.



In 1885, Twain donated the second half of *Huckleberry Finn*, believing the first half had been lost by a printer. In 1991, the missing portion of the manuscript was discovered in a small steamer trunk in a Los Angeles attic. It was among the possessions of James Fraser Gluck, a curator of the Buffalo Library who had requested the manuscript from Twain a century earlier. Eventually, Twain mailed the missing half of the manuscript, but Gluck, who apparently had removed it from the library to have it bound, died with it among his belongings in 1897. After gaining possession, the library united the manuscript in 1992 for the first time in more than 100 years and showcased this cultural treasure in its Mark Twain Room. This priceless literary masterpiece is on public display in the heart of the room.

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find an empty space. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read:

“I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.”

When the minister returned, he found a citation with a note from the police officer:

“I have circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a citation, I will lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATON.”

By Unknown Author

Meeting of July 31, 2006

There were 21 members and 3 guests. The guests were members of the Sullivan Club – Bill Rich, John Durbin and Wayne Gillenwater.



Clarice Hausman reported on the Shelbyville inter-club meeting from July 26th. Debbie Graber, Helen Bahls and Clarice met up with Ed Wachala at his home at 5:45 AM. The meeting was held at Grandma's Restaurant in downtown Shelbyville. Five of the eight Shelbyville members were in attendance. A large, active K-Kids club keeps the members together. The group had a wonderful breakfast and great conversation. There was no program.

Carol Burwash gave the members the following reminders:

- Turn in July volunteer hours to Wayne Ward
- Telephone, fax or email your RSVP to Wayne for the family picnic
- Board meeting at Tuscany's on August 2nd at noon.
- If not already paid, semi-annual dues of \$50 should be paid now.

Jean Pendergrass is still in Carle Hospital and has been removed from life support. Please keep Jean and Earl in your prayers. (Note: We were advised this afternoon that Jean Pendergrass passed away at 11:30 AM today.)

Carol Burwash, Wayne Ward and Mike Damler will be attending the I-I District Convention from Thursday, August 3, through Sunday, August 6. The three guest members of the Sullivan club brought handmade walking sticks to be placed in the Craft Room. They told us how the sticks were made and prepared. Edie Griffith

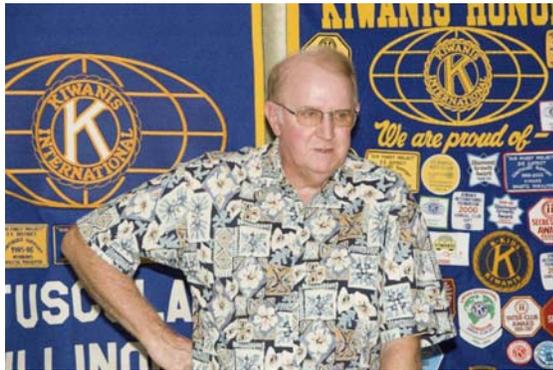
and Janet Butler brought in the Division 27 baskets for the Creation Room – one for the “Decorating for the Holiday” boutique and one for the “Gourmet Foods and Kitchen Shoppe” boutique. All moneys raised from the two rooms will be for the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation. Wayne Ward kindly agreed to transport all items to the convention.



Carol Burwash and Clarice Hausman inducted Rick Broch into the club as an active member. Clarice “pinned” him, and Carol provided his official membership certificate.



Ed Wachala passed a sign-up sheet for an inter-club meeting on Thursday, August 17th at noon in Champaign-Urbana.



Our speaker today was our own Dave Dobson. He provided the teams and instructions for the Membership Dinner on August 31st. The teams are:

<i>Bickers' Blue Jays</i>	<i>Butler's Braves</i>	<i>Damler's Dodgers</i>	<i>McCumber's Mariners</i>
Cindy Bickers – capt	Janet Butler – capt.	Pat Damler – capt.	Kathryn McCumber-capt
Helen Bahls	David Butler	Carol Burwash	Janet Boyer
Gary Cook	Edie Griffith	Joe Fortney	Rick Broch
Jeannine Fortney	Kim Higgins	Greg Hankey	Mike Damler
Clarice Hausman	Mark Jacobs	Jan Houser	Debbie Graber
Darrell Helm	Jaci Manzella	Lisa McCallister	Candy Hudson
Betty Leonard	Dennis Opperman	Earl Pendergrass	John McDaniel
Ben Mingo	Beth Reifsteck	Carl Quinn	Kevin Nolan
Jaki Ottolini	Paul Wisovaty	Carole Weber	Ed Wachala
Wayne Ward	Jim Wood	Gary Weber	Sharon Wax

Each team member should submit two names along with addresses and phone numbers to their captain no later than Monday, August 14th. The names should be people that you know who would make good Kiwanians. You do not have to ask the people in advance if they are interested – just submit their names to your captain. If you did not attend the meeting, you will receive the form in the mail from Dave Dobson, chairman of the membership dinner. The team with the most prospective members at the dinner will get their meal free at Jarman on August 31st at 6:30 PM. All other members will pay \$6.50 each.

Dave also talked about how important it is in the workplace and life in general to be able to think on your feet. He gave us two good examples:

When Dave was young, married and going to school, he worked at a grocery store. On a Saturday night when he was closing (and thought he had locked the door) an elderly, not-too-attractive lady came up to him and demanded that he sell her half a head of lettuce. Dave advised her that the store was closed and the door should have been locked. She advised that she was not leaving without her lettuce. Dave went to the back of the store to see the produce manager who had not as yet left. Dave said, “There is an old hag out front demanding a half head of lettuce” (and looking around and seeing that the lady had followed him, turned and said), “and this lovely lady would like to buy the other half.” The lady bought the lettuce and departed.

Afterwards, the store manager came up and told Dave what a good job he had done. The manager asked Dave where he was from. Dave replied, “I’m from Bement....It only has hags and softball players.” The manager said, “My wife is from Bement.” Dave replied, “And what position did she play?”

In both stories (tales?), Dave was thinking on his feet!

A police car pulls up in front of grandma Bessie's house, and grandpa Morris gets out.

The polite policeman explained that this elderly gentleman said that he was lost in the park and couldn't find his way home.

"Oh Morris", said grandma, "You've been going to that park for over 30 years! So how could you get lost?"

Leaning close to grandma, so that the policeman couldn't hear, Morris whispered, "Lost I wasn't....I was just too tired to walk home."

By Unknown

Highlights from the July 2006 Board Meeting

- Monthly Reports – Wayne Ward was still working on the June report.
- Treasury Balance – Treasurer Candy Hudson reported the club has a balance of \$3,790.16.
- I-I District Convention – Carol Burwash gave a report on the District officers to be elected at the convention in August. She also briefly described the proposed amendments to the District By-Laws. The primary amendment would raise the District dues to \$25.00 per member. The three club delegates to the convention will listen to the pros and cons of the amendments and vote in the best interest of Kiwanis.
- I-I District Convention Delegates – Carol Burwash, Mike Damler and Wayne Ward were approved to represent the club as delegates to the August convention August 3–6, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa. The club will reimburse the delegates for the \$50.00 registration fee.
- Spastic Paralysis Research – \$0.25 for each member present at each regular meeting is earmarked for donation to SPR. The amount in the treasury for this project is approximately \$300.00. Because this is a primary project for the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District, Wayne made a motion that we donate \$400.00, to be presented at the Spastic Paralysis Luncheon on August 5th at the District Convention. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Douglas County Museum – \$100 was approved and will be sent.
- Semi-Annual Dues – The semi-annual dues of \$50 per member are now due.
- International Convention – Wayne Ward and Ed Wachala attended the International Convention in Montreal Canada June 28–July1. See section below for more information on the convention.

(Full text on club website)

2006 International Convention – Montreal

First Lady Barbara Siemens addressed the delegates at the opening session. Barbara spoke about how Kiwanians don't always know to what extent their efforts and projects positively affect other people. When she was attending a meeting in Iowa, a Kiwanian originally from New York told her about being sponsored by a local Kiwanis club in New York to attend Kamp Kiwanis, three years running. Her family was poor, one of her legs was handicapped and she was very shy. As tears flowed from her eyes, she told Barbara that the Kiwanians saw potential in her that she was not able to see in herself. She is now a successful entrepreneur and is a Kiwanian to return the favor to her community.

Jeff Oatess is the Kiwanis International Interim Executive Director. In his address he discussed the ground breaking for the new Robert G. Moorhead Auditorium & Education Center in Indianapolis at the Kiwanis International headquarters. This 200-seat facility will provide a place for Kiwanis leaders of different cultures and languages to share ideas and perspectives on ways to enrich and improve lives of the world's children. With the new technology the facility brings, any Kiwanis member, regardless of location, will be able to participate in training with only a computer and an Internet connection. The target date to complete the facility is March 2007. It is being funded through individual donations.

Kiwanis International has set a goal of **one million members by 2015**.

In his speech, President Steve Siemens discussed the seven keys that are needed to move the new Kiwanis forward:

1. Great leadership
2. Great attitudes
3. Great dreams
4. Great plans
5. Great risks
6. Great changes
7. Great passion

In the closing session, President-Designate Nelson Tucker shared his thoughts and plans. He will do three things: 1) I will lead from the middle rather than the top 2) I will continue to listen to what is on your mind 3) I will work with you to create an unbelievable future for Kiwanis. He advised the time has come to turn the organizational chart upside down. In the New Kiwanis the club is at the top. The division and lieutenant governor are there to support the club and its members.

The district is there to support the club and its members. And Kiwanis International—the Board, staff, volunteer committees—is there to support the club and its members.

Officers elected were:

President – Nelson Tucker (California)
President-Elect – David Curry (Montana)
Vice President – Don Canaday (Indiana)
U.S. Trustee – Alan Penn (Ohio)
U.S. Trustee – Don Sanker (Pennsylvania)
U.S. Trustee – Stan Storey (Florida)

Here are the results of selected proposed amendments:

1. To encourage the growth of Kiwanis clubs through relieving the obligation of clubs to pay additional dues to Kiwanis International should their membership grow 25% (or more) over the course of one Kiwanis International administrative year.
APPROVED – If a club achieves a net growth greater than or equal to 25% at the end of a given Kiwanis year, the club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay International dues for any club member over and above the club membership of the previous Kiwanis year. The financial obligations to said member’s local club and district, the subscription to the Kiwanis Magazine, and the premium payable to defray the cost of insurance prescribed in these bylaws shall remain payable.
2. To allow the flexibility in the composition of club boards of directors.
NOT APPROVED – The bylaws remain, “The officers, together with at least five (5) directors, shall constitute the board of directors.

More detailed information, including the full text of speeches and many photos, is at www.kiwanis.org and click on the lower right “Montreal.”

Something To Think About

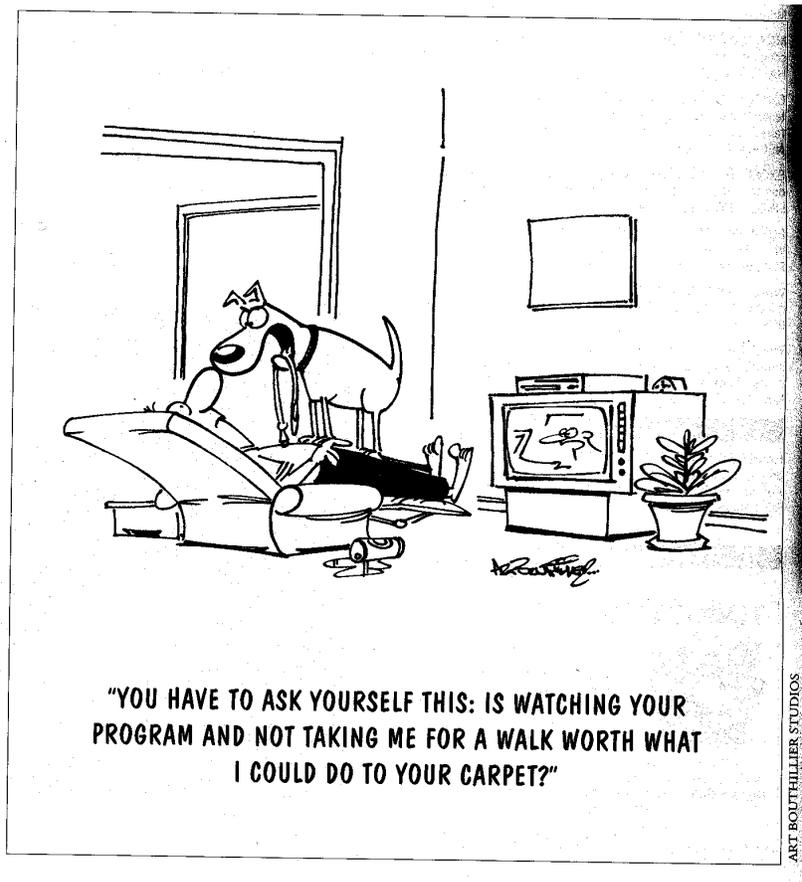
An old Cherokee Indian chief is telling his grandson about a fight that is going on inside himself, a fight between two wolves.

One wolf is evil: anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride and ego.

One wolf is good: joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth and compassion.

The grandson then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf wins?”

The chief replied, “The one I feed.”



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