



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## AUGUST 2008



### 2008 Upcoming Events

August 6, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
August 7-10, Thu-Sun	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL
August 17, Sunday	Kiwanis Family Picnic – Home of Wayne & Joann Ward
August 28, Thursday	Membership Dinner – 6:30p at Tuscany’s
September 3, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
September 19 & 20, Fri-Sat	Peanut Sales Days

### 2009 Events – Plan Ahead

February 13-15, Fri-Sun	Midwinter Convention, Decatur IL
February 28, Saturday	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
April 17, Friday	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
June 25-28, Thur-Sun	Kiwanis Intl Convention – Nashville, TN
August 6-9, Thur-Sun	I-I District Convention – Lincolnshire IL

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### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

August 4	Laura Meyer
August 11	Don Miller
August 18	Ben Mingo
August 25	Topyy Mooday
September 1	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 8	Art Moss
September 15	Barb Moss
September 22	Steve Niemann
September 29	New Officer Induction

October 6	Kevin Nolan
October 13	Dennis Opperman
October 20	Carl Quinn
October 27	Beth Linstead

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

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**Meeting of July 7, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 29 members and two guests, Gail Page-wife of Ed Wachala and Cathy Chaplin, new East Prairie School principal.

Clarice thanked all the Kiwanians that helped with the July 5<sup>th</sup> parade.

Clarice reminded members that mid-year dues of \$50.00 are due by the end of July.

Clarice reminded board members that the next meeting was Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Dobson, chairman of the membership dinner, announced the 2008 Membership dinner would be Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p at Tuscany's. Further details will follow.

Ed Wachala passed around an inter-club sign-up sheet for Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon with the Mattoon Club.



Jonda Maus presented today's program. With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations having just ended, Jonda thought about freedom and U.S. citizenship. She thought it would be interesting to look at the questions asked of people testing for U.S. citizenship. She found the 100 questions and selected 29 questions to quiz the meeting attendees. Here is a sample of a few questions:

1. Who elects the President of the U.S.? The electoral college.
2. What is the Constitution? The supreme law of the land.
3. What is the term for a Senator? Six years.
4. What is the term for a Representative of Congress? Two years.
5. Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court? John Roberts
6. Who is the main writer of the Declaration of Independence? Thomas Jefferson
7. What is the basic belief of the Declaration of Independence? All men are created equal.
8. What is the most important right grant to a U.S. citizen? Right to vote.

Thank, Jonda!

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### **A Dog's Purpose (from a 6-year-old)**

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, 'I know why'.

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. He said, 'People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?'

The six-year-old continued, 'Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long'.

Live simply...Love generously...Care deeply...Speak kindly  
Remember, if a dog was the teacher, you would learn things like:

- \* When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- \* Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- \* Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- \* Take naps.
- \* Stretch before rising.
- \* Run, romp, and play daily.
- \* Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- \* Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- \* On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- \* On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- \* When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- \* Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- \* Be loyal.
- \* Never pretend to be something you're not.
- \* If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- \* When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

*Author: Unknown*

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### **Meeting of July 14, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 28 members and 1 guest, Jane Wood, wife of Jim Wood.

Clarice reminded members that dues of \$50.00 are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Clarice reminded members of the Kiwanis Family Picnic hosted by Wayne & Joann Ward to be held on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.



Earl Pendergrass presented the program and shared highlights and pictures of his June 2008 Alaska trip. Earl began by thanking Jim Wood and David Butler for their assistance. The primary purpose of the trip was to spend time with his daughter Nancy and son-in-law Randy.

Nancy and Randy have a business, “Alaskan Wilderness Etchings.” They sell etched glassware at the Anchorage

Open Air Market from May – August on Saturday and Sunday. They have mugs, wine glasses, Christmas ornaments and many more items for sale in etched glass. They will take special requests and orders. In addition to their retail business, they go to three wholesale shows each year and take orders from gift shops and other businesses. Earl brought samples of several of their products.

Earl helped Nancy and Randy prepare product; however they had to take the scissors away from him. A little slip cost Earl six stitches!

Earl and family were able to do some sight seeing during his visit. Stops included Homer, Alaska and Portage Glacier. Earl saw a lot of wildlife including eagles and a moose.

Their website is somewhat under construction; however you can view many items and information about Nancy and Randy and their products. Visit them at their website: <http://www.alaskanwildernessetchings.com/index.html>

The pictures of scenery were beautiful. The business of glass etching was interesting and is one example of how to make a living in Alaska. Thanks for sharing, Earl!

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### **Stroke Identification**

During a BBQ, Ingrid stumbled and took a little fall. She assured her friends that she was fine when they offered to call paramedics. She said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

Her friends got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital and unfortunately passed away later that night.

She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had anyone known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps there would have been a happier outcome.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours, he can usually reverse the effects of a stroke. He said the trick is getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within the first 3 hours.....which is tough!!!

Doctors now say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking four simple questions. To recognize a stroke, remember the “4” steps:

1. Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)  
(i.e. It is sunny out today)
3. Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
4. Ask him or her to stick out his/her tongue. (If the tongue is “crooked”, going to one side or the other instead of straight out, that is also an indication of a possible stroke.)

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

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### **Meeting of July 21, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 27 members and 5 guests, an inter-club group from Clinton, Bill Anderson, Silvia Comfort, Richard Kaufman and Dean Wigginton, and Alexa, granddaughter of Patty & Dan Russell.

Clarice reminded members that dues of \$50.00 are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Clarice reminded members of the Kiwanis Family Picnic hosted by Wayne & Joann Ward to be held on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Clarice advised the members that Paul Wisovaty has resigned from the club. Jeannine Fortney and Jan Houser volunteered to be co-advisors to the North Ward K-Kids.



Jason Maus gave the program today. His topic was “Creating a Meaningful Celebration of Life.” To create a meaningful celebration of life Jason advises the family to involve people and personalize. It is a time to tell stories, share traditions and reminisce. Many people add special touches and details by including mementos, athletic awards, military memorabilia, collections, photos, a slide or DVD show, etc. Many families provide a keepsake for family and visitors such as a pin, a flag, ...something that reminds them of the loved one. It is very helpful to plan ahead to be able to create something beautiful and meaningful for everyone.

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### **The Love Story of Ralph & Edna**

Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital.

One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool. Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there. Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out.

When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act, she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Edna the news, she said, 'Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged, since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love. I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness. The bad news is: Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him.

Edna replied, 'He didn't hang himself. I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?

*Author: Unknown*

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**ShareFood 7-26-08 – Kiwanians Serving the Community**



Janet Butler, Jeannine Fortney, Marge Conn, Jan Houser  
& David Butler behind the camera

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**Meeting of July 28, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 30 members and 5 guests – Linda Damler-wife of Mike Damler, Alexa-granddaughter of Patty and Dan Russell, Marilyn Davidson and our program speakers, Dr. Rick Davidson and Mallory Davidson.

Clarice reminded members that dues of \$50.00 are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Clarice reminded members of the Kiwanis Family Picnic hosted by Wayne & Joann Ward to be held on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Dobson, chairperson for the Membership Dinner, provided members with a song followed by their team captains and team members:





**Don's Dashers**

Don Miller – captain  
 Rich Broch  
 Pat Damler  
 John Davis  
 Debbie Graber  
 Tim Hoel  
 Sherrie Hoel  
 Jaci Manzella  
 Jason Maus  
 Jonda Maus  
 Topsy Mooday  
 Earl Pendergrass

**Jerry's Jumpers**

Jerry Hall – captain  
 David Butler  
 Janet Butler  
 Janet Cox  
 Edie Griffith  
 Darrell Helm  
 Kim Higgins  
 Mitzi Kendall  
 Kathryn McCumber  
 Ben Mingo  
 Gary Weber  
 Paul Wisovaty

**Judy's Joggers**

Judy Landeck – captain  
 Carol Burwash  
 Marge Conn  
 Mark Conn  
 Toni Jones  
 Ken Landeck  
 David Lough  
 Art Moss  
 Barb Moss  
 Steve Niemann  
 Tom Stephenson  
 Sharon Wax

**Mike's Milers**

Mike Damler – captain  
 Helen Bahls  
 Elaine Bryant  
 Janet Boyer  
 Clarice Hausman  
 Jan Houser  
 Candy Hudson  
 Kara Kinney  
 Cliff Ponder  
 Carl Quinn  
 Ed Wachala  
 Wayne Ward

**Patty's Pacers**

Patty Russell – captain  
 Jeannine Fortney  
 Mark Jacobs  
 Jim Lee  
 Betty Leonard  
 Beth Linstead  
 Laura Meyer  
 Kevin Nolan  
 Dennis Opperman  
 Jaki Ottolini  
 Dan Russell  
 Jim Wood

Each members submits two prospective members' names with address and phone # to their team caption no later than Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the regular club meeting. The team who has the most prospective members attend the membership dinner will receive their dinner free at the same membership dinner on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p at Tuscany's.

Mike Damler reported that the club has received over \$100.00 for recycling ink cartridges and cell phones. The money goes to the Children's Miracle Network.



Our speakers Dr. Rick Davidson and Mallory Davidson reported on their June 2008 trip to Jamaica on a dental mission. There were 14 dentists, 1 peridontist, 2 oral surgeons, 23 dental students, 4 dental hygienist, 1 nurse, 2 pharmacists, 7 pharmacy students and 8 volunteers that make the journey. There were two free clinics set up in Montego Bay and one in Kew Park School.

The group's mission is to develop a preventive oral hygiene program and to eventually build a dental facility. In the U.S. there is one dentist to 2,000 people. In Jamaica, there is one dentist to 10,000 people. Many of the people in rural areas never see a dentist except for the once a year trip made by volunteers from the U.S. The volunteers from 2000 to 2007 have helped hundred of people with dental work, providing free services estimated in value at \$1.5 million.

Many of the volunteers are repeat volunteers that go year after year. That is one sign of a great program helping people of Jamaica. Great going, Rick & Mallory!

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Maya Angelou said: "To make a difference is not a matter of accident, a matter of casual occurrence, of the tides. People choose to make a difference." Kiwanis makes a difference. Nor are we Kiwanians by accident. We have chosen to make a difference one child and one community at a time.

*From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions*

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## **Highlights from the July 2008 Board Meeting**

Attendees: David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Dave Dobson, Darrell Helm, Candy Hudson, Don Miller and Kevin Nolan.

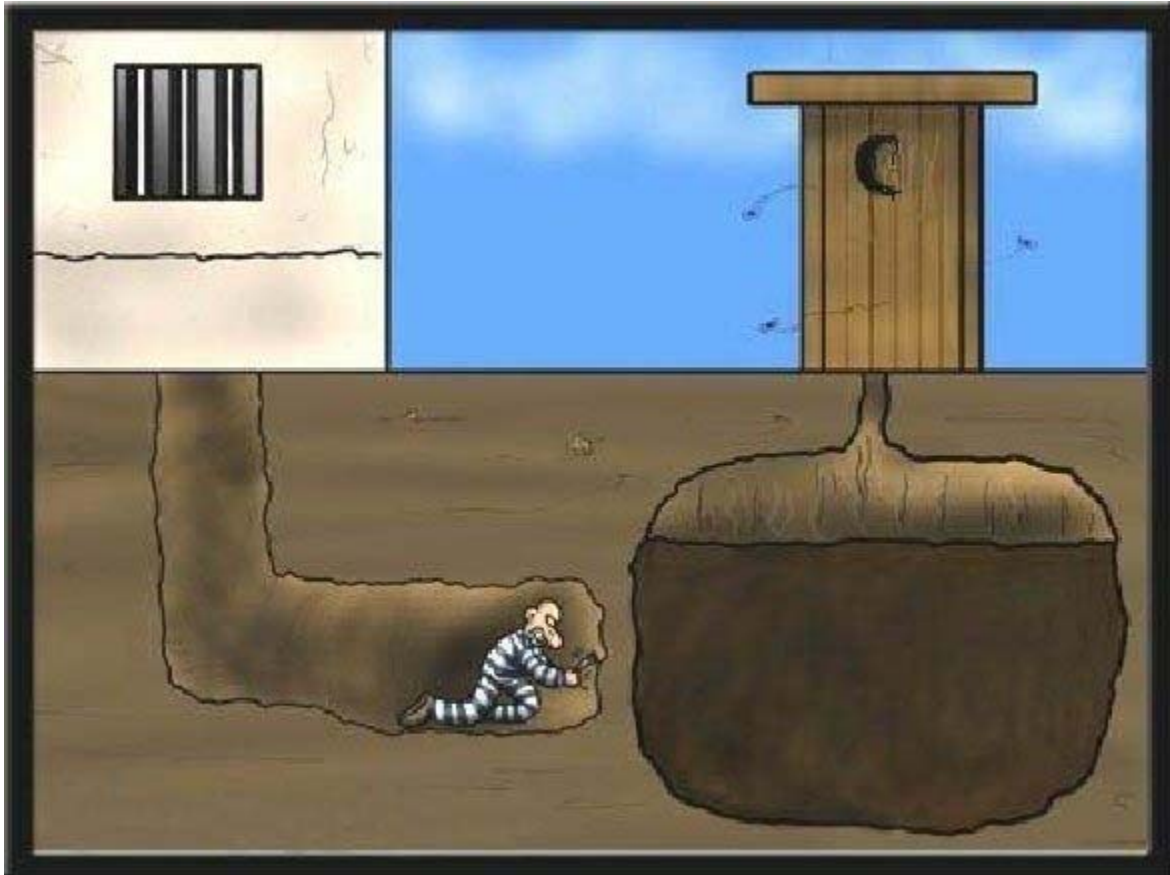
The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of June 4, 2008 – In the absence of Wayne Ward and the minutes, this item was tabled for the August Board meeting.
2. June Monthly Report – In the absence of Wayne Ward and the monthly report, this item was tabled for the August Board meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report – Candy distributed copies of the Treasurer's report. All four scholarship winners had submitted required documentation and checks were issued in the amount of \$500.00 each. The current balance in the Treasury is \$4,147.97. The Board approved the treasurer's report.
4. K-Kids Club Advisor – Based on Paul Wisovaty's intention to resign from the club, the Board discussed possible K-Kids advisors. It was suggested that two members co-chair the K-Kids Club and share the advisor responsibility. Jeanne Fortney has expressed interest in being a K-Kids Advisor. Based on confirming Paul resignation, the Board tabled the appointment of replacing Paul.
5. Key Club – There was a brief discussion regarding chartering a Key Club. Additional research needs to be done. It also needs to be determined if the club is interested in supporting a Key Club. Item was tabled for a future meeting.
6. Cash Handling - Item was tabled for next meeting to approve final procedures/policy.
7. Car Seat Check – Don Miller reported that the car seat check went well, however there was a lower volume of people who took advance of the car seat check compared to last year.
8. Kiwanis Family Picnic – Clarice was asked to do weekly reminders of the Kiwanis Family Picnic graciously hosted by Wayne & Joann Ward. The date is Sunday, August 17, 2008. Wayne will provide further details to the club members.

In Wayne Ward's absence, board meeting minutes were taken by Janet Butler.

(Full text on club website)

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And you thought YOU had a bad day!

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New items on the website include: new meeting photos

Web Site Tip: If you bring up the members list and it does not format correctly the first time, click your "refresh" button and it should be fine.

Please provide any information, pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or website to: [dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) .