



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2013

## 2013 Events

Wednesday, August 7	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon
Thu-Sun August 8 – 11	I-I District Annual Convention, Naperville, IL
Wednesday, September 11	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon

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## Looking Ahead - 2014 Events

Thursday, April 10	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 11	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 12	Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt

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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

August 5	Shirley Elkin – Decatur Noon
August 12	Vera Nauta
August 19	Nick Sebastian
August 26	Wayne Ward
September 2	<b><u>No Meeting – Labor Day</u></b>
September 9	Pat Sturgis
September 16	Tom Sturgis
September 23	Robert Van Cleave
September 30	Office/Board Installations
October 7	2012/2013 Awards
October 14	Gary Weber
October 21	Carey Wood
October 28	Jim Wood

November 4	Mary Schultz
November 11	Doris Young
November 18	Wilma Allen
November 25	Tammy Baer
December 2	Bill Bauer
December 9	Carol Beals
December 16	Club Christmas Party – Bring \$10
December 23	<b><u>No Meeting – Christmas Week</u></b>
December 30	Maureen Bergeson

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 July Volunteer Hours  
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

### **Was That You?**

Going down Main Street, I “kind of” rolled through the stop sign downtown. As soon as I went through the intersection, I saw the local police car in my rearview mirror with its lights on.

“Oh, great!” I said as I pulled to the side of the road, stopped, and put down my window.

I soon saw one of my former students from my English class coming up to me, and I smiled thinking this is no problem.

“Mrs. [name withheld],” he said, “those stop signs are periods, not commas. I’m going to have to give you a ticket.”



## Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2013

### • Attendance

41 – Members

7 – Guests: Corrina Cruzan-guest of Ginger Campbell, Darlene Weisner-guest of Jan Chappell, Tommy Chappell-Jan Chappell's grandson, Sue Holmes-sister of Debbie Graber, Marci-spouse of Alan Shoemaker, Trenton Patterson-grandson of Alan Shoemaker, and Carl Burkybile, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Sherrie Hoel
- Birthdays – Darrell Helm 7/1, Diana Phillips-Gray 7/1 and Cathy Buckley 7/6
- Brags – Lorraine Best, Peter Buckley, David Butler, Mike Damler, Carol Martin, and Doris Young
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

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Special Presentation – Dennis and Maribeth Opperman made a special presentation to Tim Hoel and Gary Weber on behalf of Barb Lake. Barb had baked special pies for Tim and Gary to thank them for their volunteer time in helping BETHS Place.



Mmmmm, pies! Rhubarb for Tim and Pecan for Gary



Hoel/Weber Moving Company

Member Recognition – Alan reminded members that nominations to recognize a fellow Kiwanian are due by July 30, 2013 to Pat Damler.

Thank You Notes – Alan read thank you notes from Kathryn McCumber for the donation to the Josey McCarty Art Scholarship Fund that the club made in honor of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A thank you was also received from Marney Foltz for our invitation to her to speak at our 6/3 meeting.

Dues – Alan reminded members still owing dues that \$50.00 is due to Candy Hudson by July 31, 2013.

Sparks In the Park Parade - Dennis Opperman is arranging a trailer to pull with his truck for the parade, and Tim Hoel will provide the straw bales. The parade leaves the community building at 11AM on Saturday, 7/6. Members who plan to walk with the Kiwanis entry, can give out candy.

### Program:



Dennis Opperman introduced our speaker, Carl Burkybile. Carl is the Director of Agriculture for Healing Hands International and Director for Caring for Kenya.

Healing Hands International's mission is to prevent famine, move the poor from starvation to productive living, teach families to provide for themselves and share the love of God.

One of the areas that Carl focuses on is clean water and agriculture training. Every eight seconds a child dies related to contaminated water and every six seconds a child dies of hunger. Lack of clean water, drought and famine are big issues in many parts of Africa.

Carl is involved in projects to dig wells, establish compost piles, set up drip irrigation, use raised planting beds, mulching, fertilizing and providing water filters. This brings sustainable resources to the people willing to employ these techniques.

Farmers learn to increase the production of crops like maize, sorghum and millet during rainy seasons. Through solar dehydration, they learn to preserve excess crops and increase supply and revenue.

Donations to Healing Hands International and Caring For Kenya provide famine relief, food production and start-up businesses, education, medical care and clean water.

If you would like more information about Healing Hands International and/or make a donation, go to:

<http://www.hhi.org/>

If you would like more information about Caring For Kenya, go to:

<http://www.caringforkenya.org>

To make a donation to Caring For Kenya, send to:

Caring for Kenya  
Attn: Carl Burkybile  
3508 E University Avenue  
Urbana, IL 61802

## Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2013

- Attendance

43 – Members

2 – Guest: Emma and Darcy Sementi, our speakers

- Free Lunch Winner – Jaci Manzella
- Birthdays – Darcey Helmick 7/8 and Lorraine Best 7/14
- Brags – Wilma Allen, David Butler, Pat Damler, Darrell Helm, Betty Leonard, Kathryn McCumber, and Kevin Nolan
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

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## Program:



Emma

Darcy

Patty Russell introduced our speakers, Emma, and her mother Darcy Sementi. Darcy is the Director of the Heoft Technology & Management Program at the University of Illinois. In conjunction with this program, Emma and Darcy made a trip to China in May 2013.

Over ten days many businesses and sites were visited. Companies visited included BP, Motorola, Schneider Electric, GE, Amity Printing, Hitachi, Abbott and many others.

Highlights included Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, The Great Wall, Beijing Zoo, Summer Palace, Olympics venues, Temple of Heaven, terracotta warriors and many more.

This was an eye opening and educational experience for Emma and Darcy, experiencing a culture so different than in the U.S.



The Great Wall

## Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2013

- **Attendance**

34 – Members

4 – Guests: Carol Bauer, wife of Bill Bauer, Clyde Runge, husband of Nancy Runge, Jane Wood, wife of Jim Wood and Todd Wiessing, our speaker

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Robert VanCleave
- **Birthdays** – None
- **Braggs** – Pat Damler, Darrell Helm, Judy Landeck, Jaci Manzella, and Dennis Opperman
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

**Interclub Visit** – On July 11, Pat Damler, Darrell Helm, Tim Hoel, Donna Motley, and Doris Young when to an interclub meeting with Decatur Early Birds.

**Member Recognition** – Alan reminded members that nominations to recognize a fellow Kiwanian are due by July 30, 2013 to Pat Damler. The committee of chairperson Pat Damler, Jerry Leonard and Donna Motley will review the nominations and make recommendations to the Board.

**Kiwanis Annual Family Picnic** – Joann & Wayne Ward are welcoming members and guests to their home on Sunday, July 21. Let Wayne know if you will be able to attend and how many people will be with you. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Eating begins at 5:00PM, however come out earlier for fun and games.

**CLE Training** – Incoming President Pat Damler, David Butler and Janet Butler completed Club Leadership training on Saturday, July 13 held at the Douglas County Museum. Janet also completed the online Secretary training on July 16. This training was required for our club to be considered for 2013/2014 distinguished status.

### **Program:**



Nancy Runge introduced our guest speaker, Todd Wiessing. Todd has worked for Cargill for 16 years. Cargill is a family-owned international company with 60 business units in over 60 countries with about 150,000 employees.

The Tuscola location was built in the early 1970's due to its strategic railroad access location. It is a storage only facility.

Todd is the project manager for the new rail loop service being built on the unit train concept. Of the 20 million bushels shipped from Tuscola, about 70% of the corn and beans remain in U.S. and 30% is exported. The rail loop is completed and just about ready to go. The loop will handle 90 unit cars with two locomotives, and can be loaded in about 6-7 hours.



## Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2013

- Attendance

40 – Members

3 – Guests: Joann Ward-spouse of Wayne Ward and our speakers, Lori Reed and Amanda Foltz

- Free Lunch Winner – Wilma Allen
- Birthdays – April Kauffman 7/22 and Jim Wood 7/24
- Braggs – Carol Burwash, David Butler, Janet Butler, Jeannine Fortney, Darrell Helm, Kim Higgins, Sherrie Hoel, Toppo Mooday, Dan Russell, Nick Sebastian and Alan Shoemaker
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Dues – Alan reminded members still owing dues that \$50.00 is due to Candy Hudson by July 31, 2013.

Membership Recruitment Dinner – See details in the July Board meeting minutes below.

Member Recognition – Alan reminded members that nominations to recognize a fellow Kiwanian are due by July 30, 2013 to Pat Damler.

Member Update – Mike Damler reported that Ed Wachala is home from successful surgery last week to repair his shoulder/arm that was injured in a fall. Cards from Kiwanians would be appreciated.

## Program:



Lori Reed

Amanda Foltz

Dan Russell introduced our speakers, Lori Reed and Amanda Foltz. They were part of a mission trip to Ecuador with other individuals from the First Christian Churches of Champaign and Tuscola.

This trip was in conjunction with Compassion International and STADIA. Among the many areas in the world that Compassion International is involved, the organization provides the opportunity to sponsor a child for \$38 per month. This provides the child with food, clean water, education, medical care, etc. Over 1.4 million children are sponsored through this organization's program. Both Lori and Amanda sponsor children.

STADIA is an organization whose mission is to bring people and churches together to transform lives and communities through church planting.

For more information, to make a donation and/or sponsor a child, go to:

<http://www.compassion.com>

or

<http://www.stadia.cc>

## Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2013

- Attendance

39 – Members

7 – Guests: Nancy & Jerry Reynolds and Tommy Chappell, guests of Jan Chappell, David Willoughby, guest of Janet Butler, and our speakers Renee Henry, Kim McGee and Marylee McGee

- Free Lunch Winner – Gary Weber

- Birthdays – Jeannine Fortney 8/4, Candy Hudson 8/4

- Brags – Pat Damler and Jeannine Fortney

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

### Douglas County Disaster Response Exercise

– Pat Damler thanked Elaine Bryant, Jan Chappell, Judy Heilich and husband Fred, and Topy Mooday for volunteering on Saturday, July 27 for the Douglas County Disaster Response Exercise at Garrett.

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Computers For Kids – Alan Shoemaker, chairman of the committee, asked for members' input regarding a pancake breakfast fundraiser during Homecoming Weekend on Saturday 9/14. The breakfast will be held at the Tuscola Community Building. The feedback was positive, so a signup sheet was sent around by Pat Damler.

### Program:



Renee Henry

Marylee McGee

Kim McGee

Maribeth Opperman introduced our speakers Renee Henry, Marylee McGee and Kim McGee. Renee is the Newman Library Director and part-time curator at the Douglas County Museum. Marylee was in character as Mary Corbin Matson and Kim as Dr. Hiram Rutherford.

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year that the Oakland community is presenting a performance about the 1847 Robert Matson Slave trial. Abraham Lincoln was the attorney for the defendant. It is believed this trial was the only time Lincoln represented a slave owner. Through video and performances by Marylee and Kim, members were given the background that led up to the trial.

The Lincoln's Trail & Tribulations evening includes touring the Rutherford home, dinner and the performance. The last date this year is Friday, September 20. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to:

[www.matsontrial1847.org](http://www.matsontrial1847.org)



**Paul Jones - In Memoriam**  
**May 10, 1926 – July 28, 2013**

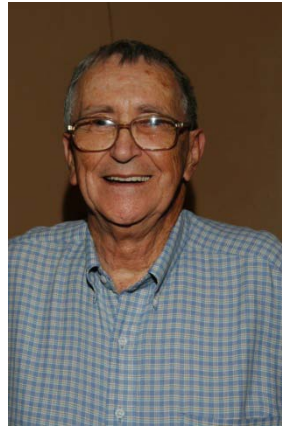
A true Kiwanian, this man named Paul,  
 Admired by many and loved by all.  
 When the call went out for a volunteer,  
 Paul always answered with "I'll be here."

With his friendly presence and ready smile  
 Was always willing to go that extra mile.  
 We know he's reached that Great Reward,  
 Has gone to be with our Gracious Lord.

He thawed the fish and stuffed the dolls  
 And sold the peanuts out by the mall.  
 Chocolate chip cookies he'd gladly bake,  
 And bring them always for us to take.

And many other jobs performed  
 To serve the many whose hearts were warmed.  
 So here's to Paul, there's no one greater,  
 As we all say, "We'll see you later!"

*By Dave Dobson  
 Tuscola Kiwanis Club  
 Poet Laureate*



**Kiwanis Family Picnic – July 20, 2013**

**Thank you, Wayne & Joann!!!**

**Mmmmm...lots of great food...and fun!**



**More photos on our website!**

## July 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Tuscola Downtown Diner on Wednesday, 7/10/2013 at 12:04 PM by President Alan Shoemaker with the following Board Directors present:

	Tammy Baer – V.P.	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Donna Motley (2015)
x	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Tom Sturgis (2015)
x	Janet Butler – Secy		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.		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of June Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our website.
2. June Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of service volunteer hours was 674. Jerry Leonard made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Lorraine Best 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 7/10/13, the current balance in the Treasury is \$17,375.61. No disbursements were made in June. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – After discussion, Pat Damler made a motion to approve the following disbursements: \$600.00 North Ward Backpack program, \$200.00 Tuscola Soccer League, \$100.00 Jr. Football League, \$50.00 to Darrell Helm towards the Division 27 district convention auction basket and \$100.00 for a hole sponsorship at the district convention. The proceeds from the district convention golf event and auctions go 1/3 to the Spastic Paralysis Foundation, 1/3 to Key Club/Circle K Scholarships and 1/3 to the Eliminate Project.
5. Consideration for a Donation Requested – Jerry Leonard brought forward a request from a member for the club to make a donation to Caring For Kenya in honor of Carl Burkybile, our presenter on July 1. After discussion, Jerry made a motion to donate \$50.00 to buy a water filter to provide clean water. Jaci Manzella seconded the motion and it was approved.

6. Dues – For those members that paid \$50.00 in January, an additional \$50.00 is due to Treasurer Candy Hudson by July 31, 2013.
7. Music Programs & Computers for Kids Fundraising Committees – No updates from Alan Shoemaker or Tammy Baer.
8. 2012/2013 Distinguished Club Criteria – At this time the club is down 4 members. To be considered for distinguished, we must have 2 more new members. However, the goal is to have 5 new members by September 30 so the club is +1 in membership over last year.
9. Membership Recruitment Dinner – Chairman Carol Burwash has notified members that the membership recruitment dinner will be Thursday, August 22, at 6:00 P.M. (begin serving at 6:30 P.M.) at the Amishland Buffet at a cost of \$15.00 per person. The price is higher than last year because this year, in addition to paying the Buffet \$13.50 per person, we will fund Spastic Paralysis (50 cents), Computers for Kids (50 cents), and the Eliminate Project (50 cents).

**Win a free dinner!** For those Kiwanians who bring at least one potential new member to the dinner, we will randomly draw five (5) names to receive a free dinner.

**A challenge!** Alan Shoemaker and an anonymous member will each donate \$25.00 to Computers for Kids for every Rotarian who joins our club before September 30, 2013. Invite a Rotarian to the dinner! Let's go get 'em!

**New member incentive!** Any spouse or member of a current member's immediate family who joins by September 15, 2013, will be assessed a reduced \$50.00 new-member fee instead of the usual \$75.00. If a couple joins by this date, the second person will be assessed at the reduced \$50.00 rate..

As we did last year, we will take an informal approach to recruiting. We will not ask every member to provide the names of two potential new members. The committee will neither send invitations nor follow up with potential new members. Instead, we ask members to invite their own guests, follow up, and confirm that they plan to attend. All potential new members will dine as guests of the club.

Please let Carol know if you plan to attend the dinner and if you will bring a guest and/or potential new member(s) **no later than Monday, August 19**, so she can give the Amishland Buffet a head count.

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10. Club Member Recognition – Several nominations have been received by Pat Damler so far. Nomination forms are available at the front desk of our meetings, on our meeting tables, and on the club’s website. The form is also enclosed with this newsletter. Nominations must be submitted to Pat Damler no later than July 30, 2013. Serving on Pat’s committee to review the nominations and make recommendations to the Board are Jerry Leonard and Donna Motley.
11. New Member Application – Jerry Leonard made a motion to approve the membership application of Cathy Feldman contingent on the new member’s fee being received by Candy Hudson or Janet Butler. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved.
12. Kiwanis Family Picnic – Wayne & Joann Ward have generously offered to host the annual Kiwanis Family Picnic at their home. Wayne provided some date options to the Board. After discussion, the date of July 21 was agreed upon. Janet Butler volunteered to contact Wayne. [Wayne was contacted, and the picnic will be 7/21 with a rain date of 7/28. Wayne will put out an email with the details.]
13. District Convention – From the members going to convention, the Board selected David Butler, Pat Damler and Tim Hoel to be our club’s voting delegates. Wayne Ward and Janet Butler, Past Lt. Governors, are being held in abeyance to possibly be voting delegates for Decatur Early Birds and/or Clinton. After a discussion regarding the three candidates for 2013/2014 Governor Elect, the Board directed the delegates to vote for Penny Linneweh as the club’s first choice, and John Johnson as the club’s second choice if it comes to a re-vote and Penny is dropped from having the fewest votes.
14. Financial Review Committee – All reports and statements have been received from Candy Hudson to David Butler. Donna Motley and David should have a report for the Board at the August Board meeting.
15. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at the Downtown Diner at noon. At the request of Secretary Janet Butler the Board agreed to meet one week earlier in August.
16. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Janet Butler – Secretary

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back to  
School



*Time already? Where did the summer go?*

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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)