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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2014

2014 Events/Activities

Thu-Sun August 7-10	I-I District Annual Convention, Bloomington, IL
Wednesday, August 13	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Sunday, August 17	Kiwaniis Family Picnic – Wayne’s Home
Thursday, August 28	Membership Recruitment Dinner – Amishland Buffet
Wednesday, September 10	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, October 4	Pancake Breakfast–Homecoming – Tuscola Community Building
Fri-Sat, November 7 & 8	Peanuts Days Fundraising (tentative)

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

August 4	Darrell Helm
August 11	Kim Higgins
August 18	Candy Hudson
August 25	April Kauffman
September 1	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 8	Judy Landeck
September 15	Jerry Leonard
September 22	Jaci Manzella
September 29	Officer/Director Installations
October 6	Kathryn McCumber
October 13	Topsy Moody
October 20	Art Moss
October 27	Barb Moss
November 3	Donna Motley

November 10	Vera Nauta
November 17	Steve Niemann
November 24	Kevin Nolan
December 1	Dennis Opperman
December 8	Maribeth Opperman
December 15	Jerry Reynolds
December 22	Club Christmas Party – bring \$10
December 29	Nancy Reynolds

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](#)

Texas Humor

One day, a very gentle Texas lady was driving across a high bridge in Ft. Worth.

As she neared the top of the bridge, she noticed a young man was fixin' to jump. ("fixin" in Texas means: "is a-gettin' ready")

She stopped her car, rolled down the window and said, "Please don't jump! Think of your dear mother and father."

He replied, "My mom and dad are both dead; I'm going to jump."

She said, "Well, think of your sweet wife and precious children."

He replied, "I'm not married, and I don't have any kids."

She said, "Well, then you just remember the Alamo."

He replied, "What's the Alamo?"

She replied, "Well, bless your heart! You just go ahead and jump, you damn Yankee. You're holding up traffic."

Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2014

- Attendance

44 – Members

4 – Guests: Amanda Ogden-guest of Carol Bauer, Zach & Grace Russell-grandchildren of Dan & Pattie Russell, Ellen Lynch and our speaker, Carl Baker.

- Free Lunch Winner – Tim Hoel
- Birthdays – Darcey Helmick 7/8
- Braggs – Pat Damler and Marci Shoemaker
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Dues – Pat Damler reminded members that \$50.00 is due by July 31 to Treasurer Candy Hudson if you did not choose to pay \$100 in January.

Nominations – Pat Damler reminded members that nominations to recognize club members are due to Carol Burwash by July 31, 2014.

Update on Romanian Child – Dennis Opperman reported that the family of the blink Romanian child had raised about half of the \$35,000 that is needed for his sight operations with our members donating \$342.00.

Program:



Debbie Graber introduced her guest speaker, Carl Baker. Carl is the Executive Director for the American Red Cross covering seven counties

including Douglas. The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. It is funded by private donations.

The American Red Cross strives that all people affected by disaster across the country and around the world receive care, shelter and hope, that our communities are ready and prepared for disasters, that everyone in our country has access to safe, lifesaving blood and blood products, that all members of our armed services and their families find support and comfort whenever needed, and that in an emergency, there are always trained individuals nearby, ready to use their Red Cross skills to save lives.

The MO-DO (Moultrie-Douglas County) action team has 6 shelter trailers placed strategically, one emergency response vehicle and six disaster nurses. There are predetermined shelter locations with over 400 cots and blankets, usually located in schools. The Red Cross is on call 365 days a year...24/7.

For more information, go to:
www.redcross.org

Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2014

- Attendance

53 – Members

2 – Guests: Casey Higgins Settle, daughter of Kim Higgins and our speaker, Father Delix Michel

- Free Lunch Winner – Leo Plaszczynski
- Birthdays – Lorraine Best 7/14
- Brags – Andy Brzozkiewicz, Jeannine Fortney, Carol Hausmann, Jaci Manzella, and Kevin Nolan
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New Member Induction – Pat Damler and Wayne Ward inducted our newest member, Tyler Harvey. Tyler is the new Douglas County Farm Bureau Manager.



Pat Damler, Tyler Harvey, Wayne Ward
Welcome, Harvey!

Distinguished Club – Pat Damler reported that our club has been officially recognized by Kiwanis International as a 2012/2013 Distinguished Club. Alan Shoemaker served as president during that year.

Kiwanis Family Picnic – Wayne and Joann Ward are again generously hosting the annual Kiwanis Family picnic on Sunday, August 17. Come out and join the fun, and bring a side dish to share. Meat, buns and paper products will be provided. Eating will begin about 5:00PM.

Eliminate Project Zeller Fellowship Award

– The club honored Pat Damler with a (surprise) Presidential Zeller Fellowship Award to recognize her outstanding performance and commitment to the club, the I-I district and Kiwanis International as she serves as club president.



Membership Recruitment Dinner – Pat asked for a volunteer to chair the annual new member recruitment dinner. Linda Damler, Darla Gardner and Carey Wood volunteered to share that responsibility. Past chair Carol Burwash and committee member Janet Butler volunteered to assist, as needed. The dinner will be Thursday, August 28 at 6:00PM at the Amishland Buffet for \$15.

Program:



Jim Hausmann introduced his guest speaker, Fr. Delix Michel from Forty Martyrs Catholic Church. Father Michel spoke about the school he started in Limonade, Haiti.

He was born into a very poor family in Haiti. Fr. Michel received a scholarship to study in Rome and has been in the U.S. for 20 years. He began the elementary school with 26 students, and it has grown to 373. His support and other donations keep the school open. It is his passion to help these kids.

Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2014

- Attendance

49 – Members

6 – Guests: Lenora Byran, Kim Halberstabt, Joan and Duane Gerjets and special guests Swann Special Care residents James & Angelina.

- Free Lunch Winner – Maureen Bergeson
- Birthdays – 7/22 April Kauffman, 7/24 Jim Wood
- Brags – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Jan Chappell, Pat Damler, and Mary Beth Opperman and Leo Plazczynski.
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Kiwanis Family Picnic – Wayne and Joann Ward are again generously hosting the annual Kiwanis Family picnic on Sunday, August 17. Come out and join the fun, and bring a side dish to share. Meat, buns and paper products will be provided. Eating will begin about 5:00PM, but come earlier for games, fellowship and fun. You are welcome to bring family members. Please RSVP to Wayne if you can attend.

Nominations – Pat Damler reminded members that nominations to recognize club members are due to Carol Burwash by July 31, 2014.

Membership Recruitment Dinner –Reminder to members that the dinner is Thursday, August 28 at 6:00PM at the Amishland Buffet. Cost is \$15 per person. Be sure to RSVP to Carol Burwash no later than Monday, August 25. Please let her know if you are bringing any guests, and whether the guest(s) is a potential member or not.

Program:



Carol Hausman introduced her guests from the Swann Children's Home, Lenora Byran and Kim Halberstabt.

They spoke about the Swann Special Care Center in Champaign. Kim has served at various capacities at Swann for 25 years and Lenora began as Social Services Director in 1994.

Swann is home to 120 individuals who live with significant medical, physical and mental challenges. Each resident is a very special person with very special needs. The facility opened in 1975 and provides 24 hour skilled nursing care. The ratio of aides to residents is 1-6 and the ratio of nurses is 1-24.

Two of the young residents, James and Angelina, attended part of the meeting. James came to the center as a baby and is now learning to walk. James' age is estimated to be about 5. Angelina can communicate some and is learning to count. Her age is estimated at about 7.

Swann Special Care Center is serving the Champaign-Urbana area with the highest quality and expertise. They specialize in Long Term Care - children and adults - severe and profoundly mentally & physically disabled - Adult Day Training program and Special Ed School.

Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2014

- Attendance

45 – Members

4 – Guests: Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell, Colleen Bean-guest of Eloise Kennedy, Fred Heilich, spouse of Judy Heilich and our speaker, Mallory Davidson

- Free Lunch Winner – Betty Leonard

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Lorraine Best, Sharon Corum, Pat Damler, Fred Heilich, and Judy Heilich,

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Happy Together Tour Dinner Option – For those going to this concert on August 20th at the Effingham Performance Center, there is the option to have dinner at Niemergs. Mike Damler will call ahead for 5:30PM reservations for those interested. You will order off the menu and you will take care of your own bill. If you would like to eat somewhere else, no problem. We will see you at the concert which begins at 7:30PM. The group's tickets are all in the same area. Please let Mike or Linda Damler know no later than Monday, August 11 if you wish to eat at Niemergs.

Swann Special Care Center Donations – Members generously donated \$376.00 for this special needs center. Jim and Carol Hausmann will take the donations to the center where they volunteer on a regular basis.

Member Update – Marge Conn is at the Tuscola Health Center and doing therapy. She hopes to return home soon and come back to Kiwanis meetings. She would love visitors.

Clinton Interclub – Six of our members visited the Clinton Club on Tuesday, July 22.



Doris, Wayne, Sharon, Jack, Betty and Jerry

Program:

Judy Heilich introduced her speaker, Mallory



Davidson. Mallory spoke about the 16th annual dental trip to Jamaica. Dr. Dwight McCloud started the program and has built up a group of volunteers and sponsors over the years. He is head of Periodontology at S.I.U.

Edwardsville. Dr. Rick Davidson has gone for 13 years, Mallory for 9 years, and there have been 9 volunteers go from Tuscola. Fred and Judy both volunteered this year.

There are 3 different clinics (Flankers, Cambridge, and Kew Park). Kew Park is actually in a town called “Rat Trap”. Mallory said the name fit. Kew Park is a school building that they remove the desks from and move in all of the dental chairs and equipment. Some people walk for four hours to get to the clinic. There is a very small charge for the patients (\$0.50 will allow up to 4 procedures). The volunteers work 4 days. The 2014 estimates for dental service are 1200 - 1500 patients, children - 535 , adults - 805 and 1339 exams.

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB
July 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, 7/9/2014 at 12:05 PM by President Pat Damler with the following Officers, Directors and members present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres. Elect	X	Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Lorraine Best (2014)	X	David Butler –Webmaster	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Pat Damler – President		Alan Shoemaker – P.Pres.
X	Carol Burwash (2014)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas.	X	Guests: Jerry Reynolds and
	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Jerry Leonard – V.P.		Pat Sturgis

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of June Board Meeting – Janet had corrected “Tanner” to “Tucker” Robinson, one of the TCHS scholarship winners in the June minutes. Club website is corrected. Tom Sturgis made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as amended. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
2. June Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of volunteer hours were 565 service and 646 fundraising. Carol Burwash made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 7/9/14, the current balance in the Treasury is \$20,913.49. Lorraine Best made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Margo Blaudow made a motion to approve budgeted disbursement of \$1,000.00 to Tucker Robison/Harper College for his Kiwanis scholarship. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet Butler made a motion to approve a \$25.00 disbursement to Lt. Governor Shirley Elkin for Tuscola’s contribution to the Division 27 district convention basket. Carol Burwash seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet Butler made a motion to approve budgeted disbursement of \$1,000.00 to the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation to be presented at district convention. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. And via email Carol Burwash made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Tuscola Boy Scouts for their assistance in setting up and tearing down for our garage sale. Lorraine Best seconded the motion, and on July 1, 2014 the motion was approved by Board members via email.

5. The Eliminate Project – Pat Damler received a letter from the Kiwanis International Foundation stating that with donations received and pledges made that the Tuscola Club and its members have donated/pledged \$29,478.89 campaign to date.
6. Kiwanis Garage Sale – The Board discussed how the approximately \$3,200 could be used. \$100.00 has already been donated to Tuscola Boy Scouts. Ideas discussed included iPads for North Ward, donation to Music Boosters for the music programs in Tuscola schools, holding an amount to donate in 2015 for the building of a playground for the disabled at Camp Independence, supported by the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation, and an increased donation to Help-A-Child Program. Janet Butler volunteered to find out the cost of an iPad, when purchased by the school district for North Ward. Tammy Baer volunteered to get more specific information on what was needed by the music programs, such as a spotlight and/or instrument. Pat asked Board members to email her with any other ideas. This item was tabled for further discussion including a budget vs. actual review at the August Board meeting.
7. Relay For Life – Lorraine Best reported the majority of the \$1,042 raised for the American Cancer Society was from individual donations from the envelope passed at a club meeting, donations on the day, and online donations by members. The limited turnout and hot weather did not help attracting buyers to our Chocolate Shop. She advised that if the club wanted to fundraise for Relay For Life next year, we should probably re-think our fundraising activity.
8. Club Voting Delegates for District Convention – After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion that David Butler, Pat Damler and Jerry Leonard be designated as the club's delegates at the August district convention in Bloomington. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved.
9. New Charleston Club – David Butler reported the Charter Event date has not yet been set. He will check as to what monetary gift is appropriate from the sponsoring club to the new club to help build their administrative fund. Pat reported that Tim Hoel and she will be attending the July 17 Charleston meeting while the Butlers are in Japan. Pat will provide the program covering the topics of The Eliminate Project and the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation.
10. Builders Club Update – Tammy reported that Bryan Penne has been asked to be the Builders Club Faculty Advisor. She has provided him information about Builders Club and the time commitment that would be needed from the faulty advisor. Tammy will also approach Jason Rennert about possibly partnering with FCC's Wednesday night youth activity for service projects. Tammy will provide an update at next Board meeting.

11. 2013/2014 Distinguished Club Award – Janet Butler advised that the club has met 6 of the 7 criteria so our Tuscola Club will again be distinguished for 2013/2014. It was discussed that the club should still have a goal of positive growth, working towards reaching membership of 100 as of 9-30-14 for the 100th Year Anniversary of Kiwanis International.
12. Kiwanis Family Picnic – Pat Damler confirmed the date will be Sunday, August 17 at the home of Joann & Wayne Ward. Wayne will be emailing out the details, and Pat will cover the details at future meetings.
13. New Member Approvals – Via email a motion was made by Janet Butler to approval the membership of Eloise Kennedy. Carol Burwash seconded the motion and on June 22, 2014 the motion was approved unanimously by the Board. A motion was made by Carol Burwash to approve membership for Tyler Harvey, the new Tuscola Farm Bureau Manager. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
14. 2013/2014 Club Member Awards – Chairperson Carol Burwash reported that so far 10 nominations have been received. Nomination forms are due to Carol Burwash no later than July 30, 2014. Nomination forms are available at meetings.
15. New Member Recruitment Dinner – Carol Burwash suggested that we offer chairing the dinner to a newer member providing an opportunity for him/her to be involved in a club activity. Carol is willing to assist the new chairperson with this year's tasks. Janet Butler also volunteered her assistance. After discussion, it was agreed that Pat Damler would reach out to our members at the next meeting and ask for a volunteer.
16. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 13 at noon at The Smith House.
17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 P.M.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



We Are Blessed With The Bounty of Corn!

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 or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org