



# Kiwaniis®

## KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2015

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### 2015 Events/Activities

Thur-Sun – August 6-9	Kiwaniis I-I District Convention – Peoria, IL
Wednesday, August 12	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Sunday, August 16	Kiwaniis Family Picnic – Wayne Ward’s home
Thursday, August 20	Membership Recruitment Dinner – Red Barn
Saturday, August 22	Shredding Service Project – Ervin Park
Wednesday, September 9	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, October 10	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.
November 13-14 (tentative)	Peanuts Days

### 2016 Events/Activities

Friday, March 11	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 19	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Saturday, April 16	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
TBD	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.

### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

August 3	Mike Damler
August 10	Linda Damler
August 17	Jack Corum
August 24	Janet Butler
August 31	Andy Brzozkiewicz
September 7	<b>No Meeting – Labor Day</b>

September 14	Pat Damler
September 21	Jeannine Fortney
September 28	Officer/Club Director Installations
October 5	2014/2015 Club Awards/Recognitions
October 12	Darla Gardner
October 19	Debbie Graber
October 26	Carol Hausmann
November 2	Jim Hausmann
November 9	Judy Heilich
November 16	Darrell Helm
November 23	Kim Higgins
November 30	Dave Butler
December 7	Candy Hudson
December 14	April Kauffman
December 21	Club Christmas Party – Hoels hosting
December 28	Eloise Kennedy

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](#)

**Back To School!!!**

Early one morning, Linda went to wake up Mike. "It's time to get ready to go to school."

Mike replied, "But I don't want to go to school."

"Give me two reasons why you don't want to go." said Linda.

"Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too! Give me two reasons why I should go to school." he replied.

"We need to pay the mortgage and you're the principal!!!"



## Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2015

- **Attendance**

59 – Members

4 – Guests: Claire Leonard, daughter of Erica Leonard, Katie Birchenough, granddaughter of Joyce & Andy Brzozkiewicz, Andrew Reynolds, grandson of Jerry & Nancy Reynolds, and our speaker Tom Schreyer

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Carol Martin

- **Birthdays** – Cathy Buckley 7/6 and Darcey Helmick 7/8

- **Brags** – Wilma Allen, David Butler, Pat Damler, Judy Landeck, Kathryn McCumber, Laura Meyer, Val Morgan, Nick Sebastian, and Pat Sturgis

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

Kiwanis Family Picnic – Wayne Ward confirmed the annual club picnic will be at his home on Sunday, August 16 (rain date 8/23). Club members, family and friends are welcome. Games, fun, meat, drink and table service provided. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Meal at 5:00PM. Please RSVP to Wayne at 253-2120 or at ([ward@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:ward@tuscolakiwanis.org)) by August 12.

Shredding Service Project – Dave Morgan and his committee of Pete Buckley, Cathy Buckley, Mike Damler, Tim Hoel, Val Morgan reported that the date for the community shredding event has been set for Saturday, August 22 from 9A-11A (or until the truck is full) at Ervin Park, behind the pool. See today's program for more information.

## Program:



Dave Morgan introduced our guest speaker, Tom Schreyer. Tom is with Affordable Shred Mobile Service from Springfield, the vendor that the club has partnered with to provide a shredding event as a service to our community. This is a free service to residents, not commercial businesses.

Residents can bring up to 4 medium-sized boxes, bins or bags to the event for shredding. The boxes and bins will be returned to the resident once the contents have been dumped. Paper or plastic bags can be shredded with the paper.

Tom will have a truck there so the material will be shredded onsite. The truck can shred 300 pounds in two minutes. The paper is cross cut, pierced and clumped in the process. It is OK for the paper to have staples, binders, paper clips, binder clips, etc. They do not have to be removed. The shredded material is provided to a paper mill that produces re-cycled paper.

Tom said that promoting the event with the community was important. He suggested newspaper, flyers, city email notification, city calendar, etc.

Shredding important papers such as tax returns, bills, medical information, etc. can help people avoid identity theft.

For information for commercial shredding or more information about the vendor's services, go to: [www.affordableshred.com](http://www.affordableshred.com)

## Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2015

- **Attendance**

51 – Members

8 – Guests: Grace & Zack Russell, grandchildren of Dan & Patty; Gabrielle Ainsworth and family; Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Pete Buckley

- **Birthdays** – None

- **Braggs** – Carol Beals, Maureen Bergeson, Pete Buckley and Debbie Graber

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

Joel Hilgendorf Benefit – Maureen Bergeson reported that there will be a fundraiser to assist with medical expenses for Joel Hilgendorf Saturday, August 8 at the Tuscola Community Building. There will be 300 meal tickets sold at \$15.00 each with the dinner beginning at 6:00PM. At 7:30PM a live and silent auction will begin with everyone invited. For more information or meal tickets, call Chery Bozarth 217-369-3789 or Aja Bozarth 217-621-7430.

Maureen has volunteered to purchase items and prepare an auction basket from “Members of the Tuscola Kiwanis Club” for Joel’s fundraiser. With the Board’s approval, she will be passing around an envelope for any member that would like to contribute towards this basket.

2014/2015 Club Award Nominations –Carol Beals reminded members that nominations are due by July 31, 2015.

B.U.G. Winner Recognition – Mike Damler recognized Gabrielle Ainsworth for being a 3-time B.U.G. winner during the 2014/2015 school year. She was accompanied by her mother Sara Adkiins and siblings. Mike presented Gabrielle with a B.U.G. t-shirt and club pen.



Kiwanis International Dues Increase – Effective with 2015/2016 dues, Kiwanis International dues will increase \$10.00 from \$42.00 to \$52.00. Supported by the Board, Janet Butler made a motion to raise our club’s annual dues from \$100 to \$110 beginning in January 2016. The motion was seconded and it was approved unanimously by members. For more details, see item #8 from the 7-8-15 Board Meeting Minutes included in this newsletter.

### **Program:**



Dave Dobson presented some club history, his personal history, his poetry, and highlights of being a Kiwanian. When he moved to Tuscola in 1977, he looked for an organization to make friends and contacts. Luckily, Dave chose Kiwanis. He has served as club president, division Lt. Governor and chaired many committees. He has written numerous poems to honor the club and selected members.

## Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2015

- **Attendance**

50 – Members

5 – Guests: Claire Leonard, daughter of Erica Leonard; Jane Wood, spouse of Jim Wood; Alton Nettleton, grandson of Pat & Tom Sturgis; Katie Birchenough, granddaughter of Joyce & Andy Brzozkiewicz; and our speaker Kent Stock

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Heather Madden
- **Birthdays** – April Kauffman 7/22 and Jim Wood 7/24
- **Brags** – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Darrell Helm, Judy Landeck, Jerry Leonard, and Dave Morgan
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

**Joel Hilgendorf Benefit** – As discussed last week, Maureen Bergeson passed around an envelope for any members who wanted to contribute to an auction basket that Maureen would shop for and prepare.

**2014/2015 Club Award Nominations** –Carol Beals reminded members that the deadline for nominations is fast approaching.

**Deadline is: Friday July 31, 2015**

**Shredding Service Project** – Dave Morgan sent around a sign-up sheet for event volunteers. The shredding event is Saturday, August 22 from 9A-11A (or until the truck is full) at Ervin Park, behind the pool.

**Eliminate Awards** – In recognition of Joyce & Andy's successful Eliminate Challenge to members of our club and their personal donation, President Tammy Baer awarded Andy with a Zeller Fellowship Award and Joyce with a Centennial Award.



### **Program:**



Marge Conn introduced our speaker, Kent Stock. Kent is a writer for the Arthur Graphic Clarion newspaper. He is a graduate of Arthur High School and the University of Illinois. Kent's topic was Tourism and Sites in Central Illinois.

Over 120,000 people from 63 countries visited the Arthur Welcome Center last year. Tourists come primarily for the Amish cultural heritage of the area, shopping and the many local festivals and fairs.

Nature sites include Walnut Point Park and Lake Shelbyville with its boating, fishing and beach. Historical sites include Charleston-area Lincoln Log Cabin, Bement's Bryant Cottage, and Douglas County Museum in Tuscola. There are also music and theater opportunities including Sullivan's Theater on the Square and Arcola's Green Mill Village Theater. Of course, at this time of the year, there is a fair or festival just about every weekend. Watch your local news.

## Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2015

- Attendance

50 – Members

5 – Guests: Katie Birchenough, granddaughter of Joyce & Andy Brzozkiewicz ; Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell; Claire Leonard, granddaughter of Sherrie & Tim Hoel, Vivian Bales from Lakeland College, and our speaker Carolyn Cloyd

- Free Lunch Winner – Pat Damler
- Birthdays – Steve Quinn 8/2
- Braggs – Patty Russell
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities
- Club Reminders – Club recognition nominations are due to Carol Beals by Friday, July 31; RSVP to Wayne Ward for the Kiwanis Family picnic on Sunday, August 16 by Monday, August 10; turn in recruitment dinner form to Janet Butler no later than Monday, August 17 for the Thursday, August 20 dinner; club is holding a community shredding event on Saturday, August 22. If you have not had a chance to sign up to help, contact Dave Morgan.
- Joel Hilgendorf Baskets – Maureen Bergeson prepared two baskets for Joel's benefit with the \$243.00 so generously donated by our club members. The theme of one baskets was "Automotive" and the other "Car Washing

- I-I District Convention – Jerry Leonard reported that Pat Damler, Jerry Leonard and Wayne Ward are designated as the club's voting delegates at the business section at district convention. David & Janet Butler will also be voting delegates as current Lt. Governors.

### Program:



Sharon Corum introduced today's speaker, Carolyn Cloyd. Carolyn is the Executive Director of the Mattoon United Way, and a fellow Kiwanian from

Mattoon. Carolyn's presentation was to promote the Illinois Run for the Fallen. It is a free event to honor and remember Illinois service members who have fallen in Afghanistan and Iraq. Participants are asked to run or walk one mile in memory of one of the fallen. If a runner/walker does not have a specific person he/she wishes to walk for, he/she will be given a postcard with the name of the person that he/she is honoring.

The event began in 2010, and this year is being held Saturday, August 15 at the Charleston High School Track, 920 Smith Street, Charleston from 7AM – 1PM.

"Run for the Fallen" was founded in 2008 by Jon Bellona in honor and remembrance of his best friend, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Michael Cleary who died in Iraq after his vehicle hit an IED. The first run in 2008 was a cross-country run of 72 days honoring Lt. Cleary and all that had fallen in Afghanistan and Iraq. Beginning in 2009 Jon enlisted people to hold runs in their state to honor and remember all of our fallen military every year. This year is the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Run for the Fallen Illinois.

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB  
2015 JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 12:05 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)
X	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Pat Damler – Past Pres	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Jim Hausmann (2017)		Guests: Caden Baer,
	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas		Carol Burwash, Tim
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Leonard – Pres Elect		Hoel, Dave & Val
					Morgan, Pat Sturgis

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of June Board Meeting – Tom Sturgis made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. June 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 896 service hours reported. David Butler made a motion to approve the reports. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. June Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 7/8/15, the current balance is \$17,078.79. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the report. Carol Beals seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements – Janet Butler requested reimbursement of \$434.17 for club pins, pens, certificates, badges, attendance tabs, etc. She also requested disbursement for \$1,000.00 for the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation, as budgeted, to be presented at the August district convention. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. Club Foundation Update – Janet Butler reported that Kiwanis International must approve our club’s foundation before proceeding with the IRS and the State of Illinois. Janet provided the draft documents that she and Tammy Baer had worked on as required by Kiwanis International. After discussion, Tom Sturgis made a motion for the documents to be sent to KI as discussed. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved.

Tammy and Janet will finalize the documents and Janet will send to Kiwanis International next week. KI approval could take up to 4-6 weeks.

6. Shredder Service Project Update – Chairman Dave Morgan provided an update from the committee meeting that was held. Committee members are Chairman Dave Morgan, Val Morgan, Cathy Buckley, Pete Buckley, Mike Damler and Tim Hoel. The date has been set for August 22 from 9a-11a behind the Ervin Park swimming pool. Dave and Val will procure city approval for the event. The cost is \$175.00 from the vendor. If there is a line at 11a and the truck is not full, the line will be cut off and those customers will be handled.

During discussion, it was agreed that we will have no sponsors nor collection of any other type of items at this service project. We will not solicit donations, but will have a container for anyone who would like to make a donation. The event will be a free service project for primarily Tuscola residents (not commercial businesses) bringing up to 4 or 6 (committee to decide) banker-size boxes or bags of similar size. It was agreed that advertising would be done in The Tuscola Journal (not the Tri-County) and flyers would be put up around Tuscola...businesses, churches, etc. We will also ask Kiwanians to pass the “word” to Tuscola friends, neighbors, etc. If we have a business inquiry, we will provide the vendor’s contact information. All club members are welcome to bring boxes/bags for shredding.

The committee will draft a flyer and provide a copy to the Board for approval. Dave and Janet Butler volunteered to print the flyers. Dave Morgan said that he would contact Alan Shoemaker to assist with a Tuscola Tourism grant of \$450.00 to buy banners that could be re-used. It was also discussed whether to do this service project every year or every two years. That was tabled to see how this year’s event went and how the demand was for the service. In case any payments were needed in advance, it was agreed to authorize Dave and committee to spend up to \$450.00 for promotion. Janet Butler will bring the club’s aprons for all volunteers so that we are readily recognized at the event. Dave and the committee will provide members with a list of what is and what is not accepted. A sign-up sheet for event volunteers will go around at our meeting on July 13.

Carol Beals made a motion to approve the committee going forward with the event, and noting the items discussed and agreed upon above. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved.



7. 2015 Peanut Days – Last year’s chairperson Kim Higgins had advised Tammy Baer that she would be happy to co-chair this year’s fundraiser, but would appreciate a co-chair to assist with covering the two days, particularly the Friday. Carol Burwash volunteered to be the co-chair. After discussion, Jerry Leonard made a motion to set the dates as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> choice – Nov 13 & 14; 2<sup>nd</sup> choice Nov 6 & 7. David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved. Tammy will contact Kim Higgins in regards to procuring city approval.
8. Kiwanis International \$10 Dues Increase - At the Kiwanis International Convention the voting members at the House of Delegates voted in favor of a \$10 annual dues increase with 75% voting yes. This increase will be billed in October 2015 for each club's 2015/2016 dues. Beginning 10-1-15, dues and fees will be assessed annually per member as follows:

Kiwanis International Dues	\$ 52.00	Increase of \$10
Kiwanis International Magazine	8.00	
Club Liability Insurance	12.00	
Club Directors & Officer Insurance	4.00	
I-I District Dues	25.00	Billed by KI; sent to district
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 101.00</b>	

Janet Butler made the point that many members had already paid their 2015/2016 dues and for this one year, with the short notice, our club could financially cover the increase. After discussion, Janet proposed that the club increase club dues beginning in January 2016 to \$110.00 to be paid in total in January of each year, or \$55.00 in January and July of each year with club funds covering the increase to be billed in October 2015. Tom Sturgis made a motion to accept Janet’s proposal. Jim Hausmann seconded the motion and it was approved. There is no change in the \$75.00 new member fee that is collected when an individual joins our club and is paid to KI.

9. Joel Hilgendorf Fundraising Benefit – Maureen Bergeson had asked if the Board would approve her asking members to donate, strictly on a volunteer basis, items for baskets to be auctioned at the Joel Hilgendorf Benefit. After discussion, Jerry Leonard made a motion to approve Maureen’s request as long as the basket(s) said “Donated by Members of the Tuscola Kiwanis Club” since club funds would not be used.

10. Parade Participation – Planning our club’s participation in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade was overlooked, and when it came to the Board’s attention, it was too late. It was discussed that the club usually participates in the July 4<sup>th</sup>, Christmas, and Veterans parades, and sometimes the Homecoming Parade. The Board agreed that we should be participating in all these local parades. Jerry Leonard made a motion, that going forward, the club’s vice president would chair a committee of his/her choosing for plan and organize the club’s participation in at least these four parades. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved.

11. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting is August 12, 2015 at noon at The Smith House.

12. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary

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*Back To School...where did the summer go?*

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