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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2017

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2017 Events/Activities

Wednesday, August 9	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thursday, August 24	Membership Recruitment Dinner – Flesor's
Friday, September 1	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, September 23	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.

2018 Events/Activities

Thur March 15/Friday March 16	Fish Fry Thaw/Dinner – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, March 24	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Saturday, April 14	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, September 29	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

August 7	Jerry Leonard
August 14	Jaci Manzella
August 21	Val Morgan
August 28	Carol Martin
September 4	NO MEETING – Labor Day
September 11	Topsy Mooday
September 18	Dave Morgan
September 25	Kathryn McCumber
October 2	Officer/Club Directors Installation

October 9	2016/2017 Club Awards
October 16	Donna Motley
October 23	Lorie Murphy
October 30	Vera Nauta
November 6	Dennis Opperman
November 13	Maribeth Opperman
November 20	Jerry Reynolds
November 27	Nancy Reynolds
December 4	Dan Russell
December 11	Patty Russell
December 18	Club Christmas Party – Hosts-Sturgis
December 25	NO MEETING – Christmas
January 1	NO MEETING – New Years Day
January 8	Judy Schenkel
January 15	Alan Shoemaker
January 22	Sandy Simpson
January 29	Wayne Ward

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](#)

Mom Wins!

In August, I was playing at a miniature golf course on a brutally hot day when I saw a father with 3 kids.

"Who's winning?" I asked cheerfully.

"I am" said one.

"No, I am" said another.

"No," the father said, "their mother is!"



Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2017

- **Attendance**

44 – Members

11 – Guests: Decatur Early Birds interclub-Herb Dreier, Paul Francis, John Pulley and Doug Warren; Eileen Garcia and mother Amelda Morales, Barb Byer, Marcia Clapper, Nora Buckley, and our speakers, Gavin & Ian Clapper

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Paul Francis

- **Birthdays** – None

- **Brags** – Pete Buckley, Pat Damler, Darla Gardner, Debbie Graber, Judy Landeck, Jaci Manzella, Val Morgan, and Barb Wills

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

Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) – Mike Damler presented Eileen Garcia with a B.U.G. t-shirt in recognition of being the 4th student to raise their grades three times during the school year. Awesome!



Mike Damler & Eileen Garcia

Thank You Note – Mike Damler read a thank you note from Cassie Westjohn, one of the club TCHS Scholarship winners.

BETHS Place Thank You – David Butler read a thank you note from BETHS Place for the recent club's donation

Program:



Betty Leonard introduced her grandsons, Gavin and Ian Clapper. With their mother, Gavin and Ian made a trip to Russia leaving on March 17, 2017. They visited many famous sites, including St. Basil's Cathedral, Red Square, the Seven Sisters, the U.S. Embassy, and much more. They also visited the Anglo-American School of Moscow where the children of diplomats and wealthy Russians attend.

Gavin and Ian commented on the tight security...lots of cameras, rechecking of clearance cards, walled off areas, soldiers, and police. Their group was followed everywhere.

They enjoyed the trip and learned a lot about Russia and its culture.

Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2017

- Attendance

40 – Members

0 – Guests

- Free Lunch Winner – Judy Schenkel
- Birthdays – 7/22 April Kauffman
- Brags – Janet Butler, Jan Chappell
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

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Program:



April introduced her topic...Car Seat Safety. April is the Office Manager of the Douglas County Health Department and is certified in car seat installation.

All brands of car seats meet the same standards. The proper car seat is selected based primarily on age, height, and weight. If a car seat is in a collision, even if it looks OK, it must be discarded.

All children should be in a rear facing car seat until at least age 2. Depending on weight and size, a child could remain in a rear facing car seat past age 2.

By Illinois law, all children must be secured in a car seat until age 8. Again, depending on height and weight, a child could remain in a car seat past age 8. April commented that many children are taken out of car seats too early. A rule of thumb...if the child's feet do not reach the floor of the car, he/she still needs to be in a car seat.

Regardless of who is driving, it is the parent's responsibility to provide and assure the proper car seat is used. A \$75.00 ticket can be issued if this law is not followed.

If anyone would like a car seat installation checked or have questions, call the Health Department for an appointment with one of their car seat techs.

Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2017

• Attendance

43 – Members

5 – Guests: Nora Buckley, granddaughter of Cathy & Pete Buckley, Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell, Zachary Patterson, grandson of Alan & Marci Shoemaker, Joe Wills, husband of Barb Wills, and our speaker, Matt Metcalf

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Burwash
- Birthdays – None
- Brags – Janet Butler, Jeannine Fortney, Judy Landeck, and Paul Wisovaty
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Judy Landeck introduced our speaker, Matt Metcalf. He is the co-host of CI Living on Channel 3 WCIA every afternoon at 4:00PM Monday through Friday.

Matt was born and raised in the Chicago area. He has been working in television for the last 19 years. His first job was in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, but did not renew his contract in order to assist his grandmother and ailing grandfather in Pennsylvania.

When working for a New Jersey station, he met the daughter of a producer at WCIA. Matt's stepmother knew the WCIA General Manager, and his old boss from Arkansas knew the WCIA Managing Editor. Those connections, his resume, and demo tape got Matt an interview at WCIA. He was hired for the morning show. He left WCIA, looking for more of a challenge. Matt worked in Trenton, New Jersey and Philadelphia. Matt returned for the funeral of Robert Reese and was approached by the WCIA News Director about co-hosting CI Living. Matt decided it was a good time and opportunity to return to WCIA.

Matt commented that he has learned many things in his jobs. To be successful, he said that you must be genuine and make a connection with the people you meet and interview. It's important to get to know the community and its people.

Meeting Minutes – July 31, 2017

• Attendance

47 – Members

4 – Guests: Linda Bauer, guest of Bill & Carol Bauer, Bill Thurn, guest of Jan Chappell, and Clair Leonard, granddaughter of Sherrie & Tim Hoel, and our speaker, Teresa Metzger.

- Free Lunch Winner – Jerry Reynolds
- Birthdays – 8/2 Steve Quinn, 8/3 Vicki Bishop, 8/4 Jeannine Fortney, 8/4 Candy Hudson
- Brags – Carol Burwash, Dennis Opperman, Pat Sturgis, and Wayne Ward
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

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Club Award Nominations – Today is the final day to turn in 2016/2017 club award nominations to Dan or Patty Russell.

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Program:



Candy Hudson introduced our speaker, Teresa Metzger. Teresa is an Attendance Specialist from the Regional Office #11 of Education located in

Charleston. In her duties, she covers Coles, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby counties. Teresa has been in this position for 2 years, but taught for several years previously. Her topic was “Getting the Word Out About Alternative Education.”

There are three alternate education schools that are in the areas she covers...Lerna, Paris, and Shelbyville. These are for at-risk children from grades 6-12 up to age 17. They are called “Bridges Schools.”

When there are attendance/truancy problems, she meets with students, parents, principals, and other school personnel. She goes to the schools, as well as students' homes. The goals of the alternative schools are to “catch up” a student and assist them so they can return to their regular school and help them to succeed by graduating from a Bridges School. Teresa loves her work and interacting with youth.

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2017 JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday July 12, 2017 at 11:58 AM by President David Butler with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

X	Carol Beals (2017)		Jan Chappell – Pres Elect		Guests:
X	Mike Damler for Maureen Bergeson (2018)	X	Jim Hausmann (2017)	X	Tammy Baer
	Tim Hoel for Char (2019)	X	Candy Hudson – Treasurer	X	Carol Burwash
X	Pete Buckley – Vice Pres		Jerry Leonard – Past Pres	X	Jack & Sharon Corum
X	David Butler – Pres		Carol Martin (2019)	X	Pat Damler
X	Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jerry Reynolds (2018)	X	Carol Hausmann
				X	Dan Russell

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of June Board Meeting – Mike Damler made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Jim Hausmann seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. June Secretary’s 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 were 1,064 service hours reported. Carol Beals made a motion to approve the reports. Pete Buckley seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. June Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 7/12/17, the current balance for the club is \$12,166.62 and the foundation balance is \$6,759.49. Mike Damler made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Jerry Reynolds seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
(none)	(none)

5. New Donation Requests – None
6. I-I District Convention – After discussion, Jerry Reynolds made a motion that the Tuscola voting delegates for the District Convention be: Tim Hoel, Wayne Ward and Doris Young. Carol Beals seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet will report the Tuscola delegates to the district before the deadline.
7. Membership Recruitment Dinner – Carol Burwash and Janet Butler advised that August 24th was reserved at Flesor’s for the club’s Annual Membership Recruitment Dinner at 6:00PM. Carol and Janet will meet with Devon to set the menu and cost. Potential member guests will attend, as usual, at no cost. After discussion, it was agreed that a plated dinner was preferred versus buffet. If possible and cost effective, Janet and Carol will arrange with Flesor’s a plated dinner. Janet Butler made a motion to confirm the date and place. Jim Hausmann seconded the motion and it was approved. Mark your calendars! More details to follow.
8. School Supplies – Last summer the Board discussed donating school supplies in 2017 directly versus a cash donation to ERBA. Janet Butler mentioned that many teachers purchase items for their students out of their own pocket. After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion that the club donate \$200.00 for school supplies for North Ward and East Prairie schools, and pass an envelope on July 24th for any members who would also like to contribute. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet will ask for feedback from some teachers on what items are needed for students that typically do not have them, and what items they run out of during the school year. The items will be stored at the schools for the teachers to access as needed.
9. 2018 Relay for Life – Pete Buckley advised that he will not be able to serve at the Kiwanis Team Captain next year, however he will serve on the committee and solicit businesses for donations, as previously done. Pete reported that Tim Hoel and Debbie Graber are willing to serve on the committee again, but not as team leader. If you are interested in stepping up as Team Leader next year, please contact President David Butler.
10. Club Award Committee Members – After discussion, Carol Beals made a motion that beginning with awards for 2017/2018, the committee would consist of winners from the past year. Mike Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
11. Verizon Backpack/School Supplies Giveaway – Tammy Baer advised that she had seen a backpack/school supplies giveaway on July 23rd from 1p-4p on Facebook. Janet volunteered to check into the offer and see where it is offered.

[Note: David checked into this offer. The Verizon backpack giveaway that Tammy mentioned is being done by one of Verizon's authorized resellers, not by Verizon. The reseller is TCC. Here's a link to details about the giveaway: <https://www.tccrocks.com/blog/backpack-can-make-a-difference/> The nearest store is in Effingham. Janet and David will pass this information on to the Charleston Kiwanis Club tomorrow. They have ties to the One Stop Community Christmas and to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.]

12. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at the Smith House at noon.

13. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Where did the summer go?

Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:
dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org