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NEWSLETTER
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2019 Events/Activities

Friday, August 9 (rain 8/16)	Library Movie Night
Monday, August 12	NW Pre-K Playground Event – North Ward 10AM
Wednesday, August 14	Board Meeting – Smith House
Sunday, August 18	Kiwaniis Family Picnic – Wards’ Home
Friday, August 23	Div. 27 Kiwanis Honor Dinner – Decatur Club
Thursday, August 29	Member Recruitment Dinner – 6:30PM Flesor’s
Wednesday, September 11	Board Meeting – Smith House
Saturday, September 28	Pancake Breakfast – Homecoming – Comm. Bldg.
Friday/Saturday, October 18-19	Kiwaniis Kids Days Fundraiser (previously peanut)
Friday/Saturday, December 6-7	Christmastown Fundraising Table – Comm. Bldg.
Saturday, December 7	Christmastown Parade

2020 Events/Activities

Saturday, March 7	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thur-Fri, March 26-27	Fish Thaw/Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park (rain 4/11)
Summer – TBD	Kiwaniis Garage Sale

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

August 5	Carol Beals
August 12	Doris Young
August 19	Dave Morgan

August 26	Tammy Baer
September 2	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 9	Sue Wisovaty
September 16	Cindy Surma
September 23	Russell Brown
September 30	Elaine Bryant
October 7	Officer/Director Installations
October 14	Club 2018/2019 Awards
October 21	Cathy Buckley
October 28	Pete Buckley
November 4	Carol Burwash
November 11	David Butler
November 18	Janet Butler
November 25	Jack Corum
December 2	Linda Damler
December 9	Mike Damler
December 16	Club Holiday Party
December 23	Pat Damler
December 30	Jeannine Fortney

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!



Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2019

- Attendance

43 – Members

1 – Guests: James Aikman, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Martin

- Birthdays – 7/6 Cathy Buckley, 7/7 John Watson

- Brags – Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Janet Butler, Jeannine Fortney, Dennis Opperman, and Maribeth Opperman

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

North Ward Pre-K Playground Update –

Dave Morgan reported that the project is almost done. He is waiting for the picnic table delivery and donor sign. Will be completed in early August.

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2018/2019 Club Awards – Nominations are due to Carol Burwash by July 31, 2019.

Relay for Life – Our Kiwanis team earned 3rd place in fundraising with \$5,650. In total, the event raised \$63,699.10.

Awesome job Kiwanians!

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Program:



Marci Shoemaker introduced our speaker, James Aikman. James is one of the owners of Aikman Wildlife Adventure. The owners' purpose is to

conserve wildlife, especially endangered species. There are over 200 animals covering 70 species. All animals were born in captivity, and most are rescued animals. It began as an idea in October 2013. The Rockhome Gardens property was purchased in September 2015. It opened in 2016.

The grounds cover 40 acres with about 20 acres being the "drive-thru" adventure of about 100 animals covering 30 species. There are over 100 animals covering 42 species on the "walk-thru...all different animals.

Annual food purchases include 7,000 lbs. of meat, 10,000 lbs. of produce, 15,000 lbs. of bagged feed, 80,000 lbs. of bulk food, and 150,000 lbs. of hay.

Donations can be made to their 501c3 organization called SABLE. For visiting options, hours, and more information, go to:

aikmanwildlife.com



Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2019

- Attendance

41 – Members

2 – Guests: Claire Leonard-granddaughter of Sherrie & Tim Hoel and our speaker, Molly Fearneyhough

- Free Lunch Winner – Jean Leonard
- Birthdays – 7/8 Darcey Voyles
- Brags – Pete Buckley, Pat Damler, and Paul Wisovaty
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Program:



Kate Watson introduced our speaker, Molly Fearneyhough Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at the Douglas County Health Department. Molly talked about CPR

resuscitation, noting that the guidelines have changed in the last few years. If you know CPR and are willing to step forward to help someone, she recommends you carry a face shield. The Illinois Good Samaritan Act protects laymen that try to help in good faith. Over 575,000 people died of cardiac arrest in the U.S. last year.

CPR training provides a hands-on learning experience designed to provide participants with the information and knowledge of what needs to happen in the event of a cardiac emergency. Participants learn how to assess a victim of a cardiac arrest, how to access help, and how to begin providing life-saving interventions for the victim. Once certified, that certification must be renewed every two years.

Sarah Bush Lincoln has classes during the year, including some that also include basic First Aid. For class schedules, costs, and more information, call 217-258-2403

Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2019

- Attendance

44 – Members

2 – Guests: Lt. Governor Bill Meyer and Incoming Lt. Gov. Dan Sebok

- Free Lunch Winner – Elaine Bryant

- Birthdays – 7/15 Russ Brown, 7/16 Ashley Wishard

- Brags – Janet Boyer, Elaine Bryant, Sharon Corum, Pat Damler, Tim Hoel, Betty Leonard, and Dave Morgan

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Kiwanis Kids Days (formerly Peanut Days)

– The club will now be giving out Mini Tootsie-Roll Pops instead of peanuts. We are calling our fundraising Kiwanis Kids Days. The dates are October 18 & 19. More details to follow.

Pet Food Bagging – Janet Butler passed around a sign-up sheet for an on-call list of volunteers to bag pet food for SAM Pantry when Jarman residents have not been able to do so.

Skip-A-Meal – Pete reported that members can donate in August the cost of a lunch for the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. The lunch

ladies will have an envelope if you wish to donate.

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Program:



Kiwanian Alan Shoemaker was our speaker today. He is General Manager of the Tuscola Stone Company and his presentation was the “Life Cycle of a Mine.”

The company is family owned and employs about 20 employees at Tuscola. Tuscola has about \$7 million in sales and has been 11 years without an accident.

The stages in the life cycle of a mine are:

- 1) Prospecting and Exploration
- 2) Development
- 3) Extraction
- 4) Closure/Reclamation

In Illinois, mostly limestone is mined. The Tuscola mine adheres to all Illinois State Quality Control requirements.



Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2019

• Attendance

47 – Members

7 – Guests: Tommy Chappell-grandson of Jan & Bill Thurn, Kathleen Dyer-sister of Sue Wisovaty, Claire Leonard-granddaughter of Sherrie & Tim Hoel, Marni Leonard-granddaughter of Betty Leonard, Stacy & Harper Martin-daughter/granddaughter of Carol & Jeff Martin, and Grace Morgan-granddaughter of Dave & Val Morgan,

- Free Lunch Winner – David Butler
- Birthdays – 7/22 April Kauffman
- Brags – Janet Butler, Jack Corum, Pat Damler, Dave Morgan, Dennis Opperman, Jan Thurn and Sue Wisovaty
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

North Ward Pre-K Playground Update – Dave Morgan reported picnic table should arrive within the next 2 weeks. He is working with a vendor for the donor metal sign that will be placed at the playground.

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Program:



Barb Wills introduced our speaker, Pastor Terri Haas, pastor of the Tuscola United Methodist Church. Terri shared photos and stories of her trip to Alaska in May/June 2019.

Terri saw many, many animals on her trip...humpback whales, eagles, moose, brown bears and many more. Highlights of her trip included Hubbard Glacier, Icy Strait Point, and snorkeling off Ketchikan. Terri highly recommends a trip to Alaska especially if you have never traveled there.



Hubbard Glacier



Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2019

• Attendance

49 – Members

4 – Guests: Connor Baer-son of Tammy Baer, Claire Leonard-granddaughter of Sherrie & Tim Hoel, Suzanne Rominger-wife of Ian Rominger, and our speaker, Paul Nau, son of Devon Flesor Story of Flesor's Candy Kitchen

- Free Lunch Winner – Dave Moody
- Birthdays – 8/1 Casey Higgins, 8/4 Candy Hudson, 8/4 Jeannine Fortney
- Brags – Pete Buckley, Dave Morgan, Patty Russell, and Jan Thurn
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

North Ward Pre-K Playground Update – Dave Morgan reported that the picnic table is expected any day now. He displayed the metal donor sign that will be mounted at the playground. The project will be completed in early August.

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-August 29 – New Member Recruitment Dinner at Flesor's 6:30PM

Program:



Paul Wisovaty introduced our speaker, Paul Nau, son of co-owner of Flesor's Candy Kitchen Devon Flesor Story. Paul provided the history and stories about the Didgeridoo.

The instrument is the world's oldest wind instrument, being over 5,000 years old. It was developed by the indigenous Aborigines in Northern Australia. It is spiritual for them and typically used in storytelling. Paul told about and demonstrated many of the tones and sounds of the Didgeridoo. He also demonstrated the circular breathing technique that he uses.

Paul brought two instruments. Below the one on the left is very traditional and is made from eucalyptus wood. The one on the right is more decorative having been etched with designs.



Ron Gardner

Interview by Pete Buckley:



Kiwanis Member since 03/03/2019

Ron Gardner is a “Jarman Baby,” meaning he was born at Jarman Hospital in Tuscola. Ron was raised in Arcola and attended Arcola High School (AHS). Ron recalled his first job working for Humboldt Bin Company installing grain bins while earning \$3.00 per hour. After graduating from AHS, Ron went to Eastern Illinois University where he majored in Psychology and Zoology. After graduation Ron became an Infantry Officer in the Illinois Army National Guard where he served in Mattoon and Champaign.

Ron spent much of his career farming 1,200 acres with his Dad. Ron said that he loved farming because it required him to learn a wide variety of tasks that were needed to run a successful farm. Ron told me that portions of his farm have yielded 250 bushels of corn per acre in the past.

Ron is an avid motorcycle rider and he routinely rides his Harley Softail Deluxe with a motorcycle group. When asked to tell his fellow Kiwanians something about himself that many people don’t know, Darla answered for him, saying that Ron likes to sing, and that Ron sang with his first wife at their wedding. Darla was of the opinion that Ron’s singing may have been the reason that Ron is now married to Darla. Ron and Darla have 17 beautiful grandchildren.

Independence Day Parade – July 6, 2019



More photos on club website

Movie Night July 26, 2019



More photos on club website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2019 JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 11:59AM by President Pete Buckley with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

Tammy Baer – VP	X	Carol Martin (2019)	X	Guests:	
Pete Buckley – Pres	X	Dave Morgan (2020)	X	Pat Damler	X
Carol Burwash (2021)	X	Val Morgan (2021)	X		
David Butler – Webmaster	X	Dennis Opperman – Pres Elec	X		
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jan Thurn – Past President	X		
Tim Hoel (2019)	X	Doris Young (2020)			
Candy Hudson – Treas.	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of June Board Meeting – Carol Burwash made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Carol Martin 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 772 service hours. Jan Thurn made a motion to approve the reports. Val Morgan seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. July Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 7/10/19, the current balance for the club is \$11,158.02 and the foundation balance is \$11,844.87. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. David Butler 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	\$1,000.00 Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation

David Butler made a motion to disburse the above budgeted amount. Jan Thurn seconded the motion and it was approved. Candy will provide the check to Janet Butler for the District Convention Parade of Love.

5. New Donation Requests – None
6. Teachers' Grant Process/Application Update – Tammy Baer reported that she and her committee continue to work on the process/application. A draft of the process/application should be ready for Board review/approval for the August Board meeting.
7. North Ward Pre-K Playground Update – Dave Morgan reported that the picnic table should arrive August 2. The ribbon-cutting is schedule for Monday, August 12 at 10:00AM. A thank you ad will be placed in the Tuscola Journal and Tuscola Review. From Dave's draft, Janet will check the donor list, and email Dave & Val an updated draft files for the metal sign and the newspaper ad. Goal for the newspaper ads is to publish for the 8/7 editions. If the remaining \$525.07 does not completely cover the remaining costs, the club's foundation will cover the rest.
8. Library Movie Nights – Dave Morgan reported that he has volunteers and ice pops for the remaining movie nights.
9. Mentoring New Members – Janet Butler provided via email and hardcopy samples the "New Member Welcome" booklet. Tim Hoel made a motion to approve/adopt the booklet. Dennis Opperman seconded the motion and it was approved. Carol Burwash will provide the final fine tuning to finalize the document. Janet will email the booklet to our Kiwanians so they have the information and are made aware of the booklet that will be given to new members in the future. As discussed, Janet will update the new member induction script to include information about the sponsor's mentoring of the new member.
10. Kiwanis Kid Days (formerly know at Kiwanis Peanut Days) –Carol Burwash reported for Kim Higgins and herself. The club has 18 safety vests that will be used. After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion that Kim & Carol be authorized to purchase mini Tootsie Roll pops for approximately \$305.83 and 20 blue server aprons with large pockets. Dennis Opperman seconded the motion and it was approved. The cost of a mini Tootsie Roll Pop is approximately 6 cents vs. a Kiwanis Peanut Packet at 19 cents. This change greatly reduces the expense of our thank you giveaway to donors. Regarding dates, Friday & Saturday October 18 & 19 were selected. Kim/Carol will schedule with the city. Carol also confirmed that the club can solicit donations at Save-Mor. Kim has asked Dollar General and is awaiting an answer.
11. 2018/2019 Club Recognition Awards Nominations –Deadline to submission to Carol Burwash is July 31, 2019. Pete will continue to remind members at our remaining July meetings.

12. 2019 Kiwanis Family Picnic – The date is confirmed for Sunday, August 18. Wayne will send out an email with the details.
13. Skip-A-Meal Donations – The Board has designated the month of August for Skip-A-Meal donations that go to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. Kiwanians are asked to donate the typical cost of a meal. The lunch ladies will have an envelope for donations. If you write a check, make it out to the “Tuscola Kiwanis Club Foundation.” After August 31, Candy will send a check to Indianapolis.
14. District Convention Voting Delegates – After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion that Pat Damler, Dennis Opperman, and Doris Young serve as the club’s voting delegates at the 2019 district convention. Janet will check to see if any clubs in division 27 are not sending anyone to the convention; if yes, Janet will ask Wayne Ward to serve as a delegate for that club.
15. Membership Recruitment Dinner – Tentatively, the dinner has been set for Thursday, August 29 at 6:30PM at Flesor’s Candy Kitchen. If there are no major conflicts with city/school schedules and Flesor’s is available, 8/29 will be the date. Cost will probably be \$15.00. More details to follow.
16. Ice Pop Donation Request – Due to the abundance of ice pops that the club has, Janet Butler made a motion to donate a requested number of ice pops, if leftover, to the Charleston Kiwanis Club for their club to give out free to children picking up school supplies from Coles County ERBA. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved.
17. School Supplies – The purpose of donating school supplies to North Ward and East Prairie is to provide items that teachers need for their classroom so that they don’t have to buy the items from their own pockets. To that purpose, Janet will ask Jeannine Fortney, NW K-Kids Advisor, and Tammy Baer, East Prairie Builders Club Advisor, to provide a list and suggested quantity by July 29. Those items will be purchased in early-mid August to take advantage of the sales. In September, Jeannine and Tammy will be asked to check with teachers, now that things of settled down and the teachers better know what they need and provide Janet with a list of items/quantities to be purchased from remaining budgeted funds.

18. SAM Pantry Dog/Cat Food Donations – Walmart donates broken bags of dog/cat food to Tuscola Hands For Paws. It is delivered to Jarman and residents have bagged it in 1-gallon bags that are picked up and delivered to the pantry. A lack of residents that want/can to do this is causing there to be dog/cat food at Jarman, but not re-bagged so it can go to the pantry. Janet requested that an on-call Kiwanis Volunteer list be created for up to four Kiwanians to go to Jarman and bag pet food on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:30AM for about an hour. Carol Martin made a motion to approve Janet’s request. Dennis Opperman seconded the motion and it was approved.

David Butler will talk to Cindy at Jarman. If she is agreeable, Cindy will call Janet Butler on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, when there is pet food to bag. Janet will call Kiwanians in a rotating manner, from the on-call volunteer list, and arrange for 2-4 Kiwanians, depending on volume, to bag pet food the next morning. Dave & Val Morgan volunteered to be Janet’s back-up, if she is out of town. Janet will provide a sign-up sheet on Monday, 7/15.

19. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday August 14, 2019 at the Smith House at noon.

20. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Where does the time go?

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

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