



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2007



2007 Upcoming Events

December 5, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
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2008 Upcoming Events (Plan Ahead)

January 2, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
February 2, Saturday	Pancake/Sausage Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
February 22-24, Fri-Sun	Mid-Winter Convention – Lisle IL
March 28, Friday	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
April 5, Saturday	Kiwanis One Day Project Day
June 25-28, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, FL
August 7-10, Thu-Sun	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

December 3	Dave Dobson
December 10	Kiwanis Education Program
December 17	Gift Exchange – Bring a gift appropriate for a man or woman not to exceed \$10
December 24	No Meeting
December 31	No Meeting
January 7	Pat Damler
January 14	Kiwanis Education Program
January 21	John Davis
January 28	Jeannine Fortney
February 4	Debbie Graber

February 11	Kiwanis Education Program
February 18	No Meeting
February 25	Edie Griffith

Don't Forget to Give Wayne Your November Volunteer Hours!

Meeting of November 5, 2007

There was a total attendance of 33 members and no guests.

Laura Meyer reported that the visitation for Mabel Hoel would be at Hilligoss-Shrader Funeral Home on Thursday, November 8th from 4-8p and the funeral at the Tuscola Immanuel Lutheran Church Friday, November 9th at 10:00a.

Jeannine Fortney reported that North Ward could really use some additional reading assistants. See Jeannine or call North Ward for more information.

Ed Wachala sent around a sign-up sheet for an interclub meeting at Clinton on Tuesday, November 20th at 6:15p.

Mark Jacobs reported that there are still 8 boxes of peanuts left.

Jerry Hall requested that the club confirm what volunteering and activities that the members will assist with for ChristmasTown.

Candy Hudson reminded members that the Chamber of Commerce Thanksgiving Luncheon was Tuesday, November 13th from 12-1p. Tickets are available from Candy and the Tuscola banks.



The trivia program, "Television Show Theme Songs" was presented by David Butler. A portion of theme songs were played and members raised their hands to be selected to provide the name of the song. The right answer provided the member with a Kiwanis bag of peanuts. There was a fierce competition going between Dennis Opperman (western TV program expert) and Kevin

Nolan (children's TV program expert). In the end Kevin won out with the most bags of peanut rewards and received the grand prize - a gift certificate from Flesor's Candy Kitchen. It was a fun time for everyone!

“LORD HELP US” SIGHTING

The other day I went through the McDonald's take-out window. My total was \$4.25 so, not wanting coins, I gave the clerk a \$5 bill and a quarter.

She said, “You gave me too much money.”

I said, “Yes, I know but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back.”

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed back the quarter, and said, “We're sorry but they could not do that kind of thing.” The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1.00 and 75 cents in change.

Oh, no. Here we go again.

Author: Unknown

THANK YOU

The family of Mabel Hoel would like to thank all of our Kiwanians, friends and family for your cards, flowers, food, thoughts, memorial donations, prayers and kind words during this time of loss.

Words cannot adequately express our gratitude.

Tim & Sherrie Hoel and Family

Meeting of November 12, 2007

There was a total attendance of 28 members. There were 7 guests, soon-to-be members Jason & Jonda Maus with son Jack and an interclub group from Decatur Prairieland that included: Betty Clemens, Donna Cleland, Betty Lacy and Dorothy Murphy.

Kathryn McCumber announced that the Tuscola Woman's Club was selling gourmet nuts and candies. See Kathryn for purchases or attend the Craft Fair at the community building December 7th and 8th. Kathryn also reminded members that

the Tuscola Woman's Club's annual home tour would be December 1st from 1-5p. Tickets are available at Friends Remembered, Winterberry and all Tuscola banks.

Dave Dobson shared the following message:

A Message to Division 27 Clubs from Tuscola Kiwanis

We sent out letters in 2006,
New members we added ten,
We invited more in 2007,
Our numbers increased again!

So glad we've added the Conns,
The names are Marge and Mark,
More spouses – the Hoels, Sherrie and Tim,
A regular Noah's Ark!

Then came Tom S. and Laura M.
Plus Topsy and Elaine,
Our meeting room got crowded,
We sang a glad refrain.

And rumor has it – two more are coming,
A gift from Santa Claus,
Two fine additions to our club –
Named Jonda and Jason Maus.

To all the clubs in our division,
Please put your minds at peace,
No matter what your rhyme or reason,
Your numbers can increase!

*By Dave Dobson – November 2007
Tuscola Kiwanis Club's poet laureate*

A sign-up sheet was sent around for bringing snacks on movie night, December 5th as part of the ChristmasTown festivities.

Ed Wachala again sent around a sign-up sheet for an interclub meeting at Clinton on Tuesday, November 20th at 6:15p.

Jeannine Fortney reminded members that Share Food would be expecting Kiwanian volunteers on Saturday, November 17th at 8:30a at the Tuscola First Christian Church.

Jeannine Fortney reported that North Ward still needs reading assistants for kindergarten, 2nd grade and 3rd grade. See Jeannine or call North Ward for more information.

Wayne reported that the club had received two patches from Kiwanis International for “Skip A Meal” and the annual club gift campaign.

Wayne invited members to look at past scrapbooks, particularly those for the last couple of years. Members are welcome to take a scrapbook home for browsing and returning it at the next meeting.



Something new for the club will be Kiwanis education/information programs on the second Tuesday of each month to educate and inform members about Kiwanis International, the I-I District, Division 27 and our club. Wayne Ward kicked off the first such program at this meeting.

Here are the highlights of the information that Wayne shared:

- Each member pays annual dues of \$100.00. The dues are collected \$50 at a time in January and July of each year. \$61.90 goes to Kiwanis International, \$25.00 goes to the Illinois-Iowa District and the club keeps \$13.10 for club administration.
- Each member having lunch at a meeting pays \$9.00. \$6.00 goes to Tuscany's for the food, \$1.00 goes for server's tip, \$.50 goes to Spastic Paralysis and \$.50 goes to fund the free lunch program and club administration.
- The “brag” money goes for club administration.
- All money collected from a fundraiser attended by the public must be used for service projects, not club administrative costs.

- The Board of Directors is composed of: President, Past President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and 6 Directors. The Directors normally service 3 year terms with two Directors turning over each year.
 - Programs that the club sponsors or the club provides some level of funding and/or volunteers (list may not be complete):
 - Graduating Senior Scholarships – 3 \$500 in 2008
 - B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) Program at East Prairie
 - K-Kids Club at North Ward
 - Nunn Scout Building
 - Beth's Place
 - SAM Food Pantry
 - Peace Meals Program
 - Trauma Dolls
 - Share Food
 - Kiwanis One Day Project
 - Main Street Mini-Park
 - Tuscola Health Dept Care Seat Checks
 - Tuscola BSP Easter Egg Hunt
 - Tuscola Christmas Bureau
 - Salvation Army
 - Key Club Outreach
 - Circle K
 - Children's Miracle Network
 - North Ward Breakfast Program
 - Spastic Paralysis
 - The club's policy on individuals requesting funding is as follows: The president or members will make an announcement, provide information and pass around an envelope for the members who would like to financially support the request.
 - Programs are assigned alphabetically. The 2nd Tuesday of each month is reserved for a Kiwanis education/information program. The board believes this method gives our club a variety of different types of programs.
 - The Kiwanis fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th. New officers take over on October 1st of each year.
 - The club website is www.tuscolakiwanis.org. If there is an error or problem with the website, please contact our webmaster, David Butler.
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Margaret Mead said: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Every Kiwanis club is a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens, and our goal is indeed to change the world one child and one community at a time.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of November 19, 2007

There was a total attendance of 35 members and 3 guests: Dan and Patty’s Russell’s grandchildren, Macy and J.P. and Jonda and Jason’s son, Jack.

Six members assisted with the Share Food distribution on Saturday, November 17th. The members helped unload the truck and sort food.



Toppy, Tim, Sherrie, Wayne, Janet & Dave

Mike Damler reported that our entry in the ChristmasTown parade will be a red pick-up truck. We are still looking for confirmation regarding soon K-Kids joining us.

Janet Cox reported that the members’ shirts have been delivered to Mattoon for sewing on the Kiwanis logo and adding the club name.

President, Clarice Hausman and Past Lt. Governor, Mike Damler inducted two new members into the club. Pat Damler sponsored Jason Maus and Carol Burwash sponsored Jonda Maus.



Welcome, Jonda & Jason!!!

Janet Butler read a thank you note from the Douglas County Health Department for the club's support of their Car Seat Check event. Janet also delivered a Mabel Hoel memorial donation from Bill, Jean & Cliff Jones to the club.

Janet Butler asked the club members what their level of interest was to provide volunteers for the Share Food Program. The general consensus was that it was no problem to provide volunteers every other month beginning in January 2008. Janet agreed to chair this project by sending around a sign-up sheet in the appropriate months and reminding members before the assigned Saturday. This project only needs 4-6 volunteers every other month in 2008.

David Butler passed around a sign-up sheet for ChristmasTown volunteer opportunities. The movie night snack sign-up sheet also went around again.

Paul Wisovaty provided an K-Kids update. Paul expects some K-Kids to participate in the ChristmasTown Parade with our club. On Wednesday, November 21st, Beth Reifsteck and Paul will be presenting the K-Kids with pins and certificates. The K-Kids completed a project of raking leaves for residents unable to do so. Beth and Paul also made a presentation to the school board about the K-Kids Club program.

Paul Wisovaty also passed around a sign-up sheet for “Bell Ringing” for the Salvation Army at IGA.



Our speaker today was club member Janet Cox. She provided members with copies of the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. Here favorite passage from the Declaration of Independence is: “...That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed...” Janet believes

that the authors of the declaration and constitution were geniuses to be able to craft documents that can service us as well today as when they were written.

One of her points is: Are politicians of today adhering to our constitution? Who can legally declare war? Janet believes we need to go back to the basics...look at where our values and morals are today. Are our elected officials doing the right things? Is our current government too excessive, indecisive...lost? Janet asks all of us to keep a dialogue with our Congressmen and Senators. Tell them what we think!

An elderly gentleman...

Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.”

The gentleman replied, “Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!”

Author: Unknown

Meeting of November 26, 2007

In the absence of our president, Clarice Hausman, Janet Butler, President Elect conducted the meeting. There was a total attendance of 33 members and 1 guest, our speaker Kim Adamson.

It was announced that Laura Meyer's father had passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Laura and her family. We are so sorry for Laura's loss.

Mike Damler, Jerry Hall and Paul Wisovaty confirmed our club's participation in ChristmasTown as follows:

- Wednesday, December 5th – We will host and provide snacks for the “Polar Express” movie at the community building. For those members that signed up to provide snacks, please deliver the snacks between 6 & 6:30PM. Janet Cox is picking up the orange drink and container from McDonald's. The movie starts at 7PM.
- Saturday, December 8th – Volunteers will help organize and direct the parade participants. If you plan to assist, please be at the park about noon.
- Saturday, December 8th – Mike Damler is providing a truck for our entry in the parade. Paul Wisovaty confirmed that some K-Kids would be joining us. If we are careful, we are allowed to throw peanuts/candy this year so if you want to bring candy to throw, it's OK. There will also be Kiwanis peanuts to throw as well. If you plan to ride or walk the parade, please be at the red pickup truck by 12:45PM. The parade begins at 1PM.



Kim Adamson from Mid-Illinois Senior Services was the program speaker for the meeting. She is the Caregiver Advisor for the Caregiver Program and the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program serving people in Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby counties. These two programs are funded by the federal government.

The Caregiver program focuses on individuals who are caring for someone over the age of 60. One in four households (25%) takes on the role of providing care to older family members and friends. Family caregivers are critical to providing the long term care needs of older

adults. Eighty-five percent (85%) of all long term care services are provided by unpaid caregivers. If the work of these family caregivers had to be replaced by paid home care staff, the estimated cost would be \$45 to \$94 billion per year¹.

The caregiver's role often evolves over time. Many times as the loved one's health declines, the caregiver takes on more and more responsibility. For some caregivers, the need comes in a time of crisis, unplanned and unexpected. Overnight a sudden illness or accident can turn an independent older person into someone who requires daily assistance.

Kim explained that many times the caregiver is dealing with a barrage of emotions, issues and problems such as stress, lack of family support, depression, isolation, anger, guilt, lack of someone to talk to, etc. Kim spends the majority of her time counseling caregivers in their home. Other services available through the Caregiver Program are caregiver support groups, meal assistance for seniors, medical equipment available, grief counseling and referral services for in-home care, nursing home facilities and hospice.

The other program Kim directs is the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program. In Illinois alone, over 200,000 children under the age of 18 are living in a grandparent-headed home. More than 100,000 grandparents are caring for their grandchildren². This program offers free legal assistance with guardianship issues, financial assistance, medical coverage, counseling services, support groups and help with emergency needs such as cribs, car seats, clothing, etc.

It was obvious to the Kiwanis members that Kim is passionate and committed to helping people. In addition to her full-time job as a caregiver advisor, wife and mother, she is also a caregiver for her maternal grandparents. Kim is available to speak to area businesses, schools, churches and local groups about these programs at no charge. To talk to Kim about these programs, you can contact her Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-3:30PM at 217-768-4440 or on Fridays 9:00AM to 3:30PM at 217-728-8521. If you know someone who needs any of these services, give them Kim's telephone number. All information is held strictly confidential. Her goal is to get the word out to people in need of these services!

¹ Source: Illinois Department on Aging at www.state.il.us/aging/

² Source: Illinois Department on Aging at www.state.il.us/aging/

Help, Anyone?

A lady was looking for a Christmas turkey. After picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

Author: Unknown

SHARE FOOD PROGRAM



**Wayne Ward, Tim Hoel, Janet Butler & Sherrie Hoel
sorting and distributing Share Food orders**

How much are you spending on food each month? Would you like to get high quality food for less? The SHARE Food Program is hosted by the Tuscola First Christian Church (FCC) and is available to everyone in our community. If you eat and want to save money, you can participate.

SHARE is a non-profit food buying club that offers a selection of food each month through a volunteer-run, community-based distribution system. There are no membership fees or eligibility requirements. Once a month volunteers from the community unload, sort and distribute the food orders. The Tuscola Kiwanis Club is providing volunteers every other month in 2008 as one of their community projects.

As a participant in the SHARE Food Program you can save up to 30-50% on many of the same products you find in your local grocery store. SHARE Food can offer these savings because its volunteers sort, package and distribute the food that SHARE Food buys in bulk. Each month SHARE Food offers a variety of frozen meats, fresh produce and other grocery items.

For example, the November 2007 offer included 4 pork chops, Salisbury steaks, a package of hot dogs, a package of chicken drumsticks, a bag each of sweet potatoes, potatoes, onions, apples, oranges, baby carrots, a head of lettuce, 4 grapefruits and a package of celery. Wow, all that for \$18.00.

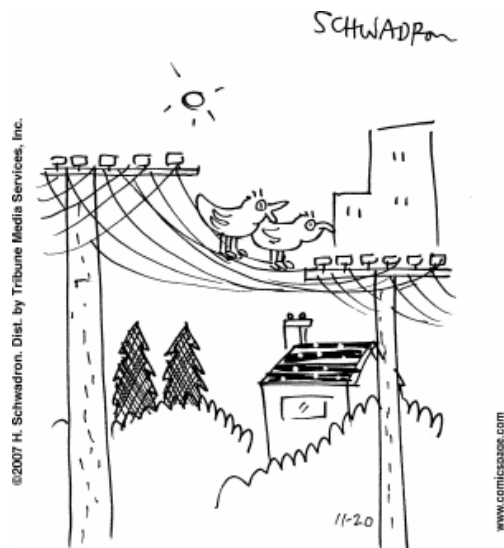
In addition, there are monthly specials such as steaks, large hams, pies, etc that are priced separately. You can purchase one or as many of the monthly offer and/or the monthly specials as you wish. You can participate every month or just the months you select.

So what do you do next? Call FCC at 253-2394 and place your order. They are also happy to answer any questions you have. You must pre-pay your order at FCC by each month's deadline. If you participate monthly, you can pay for the next month when you pick up your current month's order. To start participating in January 2008, you just contact FCC and pre-pay by January 4th. On Saturday, January 19th, you come to FCC at 100 E. Church Street in Tuscola between 9:30-10:00AM to pick up your order. It's that easy! Start saving money on food in 2008!

Highlights from the November 2007 Board Meeting

- October Monthly Report – The report showed 331 hours of community service and K-Kids.
- Treasurer's Report – The net profit from the peanut sales was \$2,196.00. There was income from various sources in the amount of \$316.00 and disbursements for new members' fees, supplies and peanuts in the amount of \$1,623.26. Candy reported a balance of \$6,740.06 as of November 7th.
- Memorial Donations – The board approved memorial donations to the Lutheran Church in memory of Mabel Hoel and to the Peace Meal Program in memory of Carole Weber.
- ChristmasTown – The board approved donating refreshments to the children attending the free movie at the community building on December 5th. Members will be asked to donate snacks. Club members will help line up the Christmas parade and the club will enter a float.

- Tax Number – Janet Cox advised the board that she had a tax free card for Sam’s Club if supplies were needed for the club. It was mentioned that our club should have a tax number from the State. Wayne will check further.
 - New Member Approvals – The board approved the new member applications for Jason & Jonda Maus.
 - Budgeted Item Payments – The board directed Candy to make the following budgeted payments: Tuscola Christmas Bureau \$100; Nunn Scout Building \$200; Beth’s Place \$100; SAM Food Pantry \$250; Peace Meals \$100; North Ward Breakfast Program \$200.
 - Club Expense Reimbursements – The board approved reimbursements to Wayne Ward in the amount of \$51.10 for B.U.G. supplies and to the Butler’s in the amount of \$151.00 for 2 years of website hosting services.
(Full text on club website)
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Web Site Tip: If you bring up the members list and it does not format correctly the first time, click your “refresh” button and it should be fine.

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