



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2008

2008 Upcoming Events

December 3, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
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2009 Events

January 7, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
February 13-15, Fri-Sun	Midwinter Convention, Decatur IL
February 28, Saturday	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
April 17, Friday	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
June 25-28, Thur-Sun	Kiwanis Int’l Convention – Nashville, TN
August 6-9, Thur-Sun	I-I District Convention – Lincolnshire IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

December 1	Tom Stephenson
December 8	Kiwanis Education-W. Ward ATTN NEW MEMBERS: Please attend.
December 15	Gift Exchange – Bring a gift appropriate for a man or woman not to exceed \$10
December 22	No Meeting-Merry Christmas
December 29	Jim Wood
January 5	Gary Weber
January 12	Elaine Bryant
January 19	Andy Brzozkiewicz
January 26	Joyce Brzozkiewicz

February 2	Carol Burwash
February 9	David Butler
February 16	Janet Butler
February 23	Cathy Chaplin

**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your December Volunteer Hours
before the end of the month!**

Meeting of November 3, 2008

There was a total attendance of 33 members and 4 guests – Katona Hall (soon-to-be member), grandchildren of Dan and Patty Russell, J.P. and Macy, and our program speaker, Ann Lamkey.

Janet Butler gave a Key Club update. There are 45 students that have turned in new member forms. We are proceeding with preparing the Petition for Charter and the Key Club Bylaws.

Janet Butler read a letter from Ann Lamkey asking members for assistance for a special computer to assist Luke Reed. An envelope was passed around to members.

Elaine Bryant, Dan Russell, Patty Russell and Gary Russell enjoyed an inter-club meeting with Decatur Golden K on October 29th.

Art and Barb Moss are providing an SUV and trailer for the ChristmasTown Parade. The parade will be leaving Ervin Park at 6p. Members who can help decorate should be at the park at 5p. Members who want to ride or walk in the parade, should be there by 5:45p.

Jeannine Fortney reports that the K-Kids will be raking leaves on November 15th. Notify Jeannine if you know someone is not able to rake leaves and could use the help.\

Janet Butler reminded Board members that there is a meeting Wednesday, November 5th.

As part of ChristmasTown, there will be Karaoke Contest with prizes at the Community Building on Saturday, 12/6 from 7p to 10p. Christmas songs will be used. Our own Dennis Opperman will be a contestant. Come out and cheer him on. Good luck, Dennis!!!!



Dan Russell introduced our speaker, Ann Lamkey, principal of North Ward Elementary School in Tuscola. Ann began by thanking the club for all the financial and volunteer support that club members provide to North Ward. Our support includes the breakfast program, K-Kids, reading, providing books to the library, etc. She provided North Ward “school bus” refrigerator magnets to the meeting attendees.

This is the 7th year at the new North Ward School. It has 70,000 square feet, and was built with \$7 million....and it's full. The large kindergarten class has 102 students. Ann advised that the staff is seeing more and more students with multiple disabilities. Regarding any expansion, there will be a District Improvement Team that will study the space problems and make recommendations to the School Board.

The National Department of Education in 2006 awarded North Ward School with the prestigious Blue Ribbon School Award. Schools are invited to apply. A lengthy and detailed application process proceeded winning this national award.

Our own Dan Russell designed and planned the original technology system at the school. Updating and upgrades have continued to the system. The students really enjoy their time in the computer lab.

Ann shared results from the Illinois State Board of Education's 2008 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status Report. The state expects 95% of students to take the reading and math test; 100% participated at North Ward. The state expects 62.5% of students to meet or exceed the testing standard; in reading 91.4% and in math 96.7% met or exceeded the state standard. The state expects an attendance rate of 90%; North Ward had a 96.4% attendance rate.

We have a terrific grade school in Tuscola. We can take pride in the students and staff!

Corporate Shakeup....

If you've ever worked for a boss that reacts before getting the facts and thinking things through, you will love this!

The Board of Arcelor-Mittal Steel, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning on a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business.

He walked up to the guy leaning against the wall and asked, "How much money do you make a week? A little surprised, the young man looked at him and replied, "I make \$400 a week. Why?" The CEO then handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and screamed, "Here's four weeks pay. Now GET OUT and don't come back."

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?"

From across the room came a voice, "Pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

Author Unknown

Meeting of November 10, 2008

There was a total attendance of 29 members and 10 guests: K-Kids - Madalyn Wallace and Lindsey Tschopp, Joan Spence – mother of Janet Butler & Sherrie Hoel and Decatur Golden K members – Larry Bechtel, Dean Evans, Gary Goeken, Keith Hazen, Jim Higdon, Patrick Riley and Bill Sly.

Janet Butler bragged on the generosity of the club member who donated \$250.00 towards a special computer for Luke Reed, a North Ward student with Downs Syndrome

She also bragged on Don Miller for thinking of the Pamida Foundation as a source of funds for the North Ward Breakfast program. Don and Janet both wrote a letter in support of the program. The completed application and supporting letters will be delivered to Ann Lamkey today for her signature and cover letter. Keep your fingers crossed that the Pamida Foundation will provide some funding for the breakfast program!

Don Miller advised members that tickets to the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon by the Chamber of Commerce are available at the banks for \$15.00. The luncheon is at the community building on Tuesday, November 18th.

David Butler passed around some sign-up sheets for different Christmas Town activities. Sherrie Hoel passed around a sign-up for the first Crocheted Necklace Workshop.

Sherrie & Tim Hoel and Janet & David Butler presented the club with their Election Day pay of \$155.00 each. These donations are to be used for TCHS Senior Scholarships. Thank You, Sherrie, Tim, David and Janet!!!!



Beth Linstead reported that the K-Kids started the year in September by selecting their classroom Representatives. The students were informed that if they would like to be on the K-Kids Representative Board to help make the decision for the entire group, they would have to write a letter explaining the reasons they would make a good Representative. About 15 students wrote letters, and Beth along with the other 4th grade teachers selected this year's Reps.

Normally two Representatives per class for a total of eight are selected. This year ten Representatives were selected because the letters were so good. After choosing the Board, the Representatives met and brainstormed ideas about what activities to do throughout the year. K-Kids try to perform one community service or school service project each month.

Then Beth introduced K-Kids, Madalyn Wallace and Lindsey Tschopp, to present the remainder of the program regarding K-Kids Activities. In September the Kiwanis club hosted the K-Kids at a wiener roast. It gave K-Kids a chance to meet some of the Kiwanis members. Madelyn and Lindsey reported that they all had a great time and that the Kiwanis members were really nice. On behalf of the K-Kids, they gave us a big Thank You.

In October the K-Kids organized a food drive for the SAM Food Pantry. The students of North Ward collected food for a week. More and more food showed up each day. At the end of the week, K-Kids carried the food across the street to the pantry.

In November they have planned two events. The first event is on Saturday, November 15th to rake leaves for the elderly or people who have a medical condition, so they can't do the raking themselves. The second event is to hold a penny drive for BETHS Place. BETHS Place is always in need of money to help others.

December will be very busy for K-Kids. There are three events planned. First, the K-Kids will be part of the Kiwanis entry into the Tuscola ChristmasTown parade. Second, they will adopt a family for Christmas. They make sure no one knows what family it is so the family will not be embarrassed. And lastly, they will ring the bell for The Salvation Army one Saturday morning, probably at the post office.

In January they will be reading to the Kindergarten and 1st Graders to promote reading. In February they are planning a snowman building contest.

March will also be very busy. K-Kids will hold a contest called Party-In-A-Can. Each class at North Ward will be given a snack in a can that the K-Kids will put together. The classes then eat the snack. Then the classes fill the can with spare change. The change will be used to buy mosquito nets for children in African nations to prevent the spread of malaria. (Note: K-Kids previously did this fund raiser for Children of Chernobyl. Sadly, the group is no longer functioning.) Next K-Kids will design posters and put together a scrapbook to enter in the Kiwanis District contests. The posters will represent what K-Kids believe in and their purpose. The scrapbook will be a collection of photos and stories showing what the group has done throughout the year.

In April, the K-Kids will hold a recycling contest between the 4th Grade classrooms. This is in support of April being Earth Month.

May is very busy for the K-Kids. The largest project will be the K-Kids hosting a full week of activities for the teachers, staff and volunteers at North Ward. The K-Kids show their appreciation by having special events with food, fun and thank yous throughout the week. They will also spend time cleaning up the Butterfly Garden at North Ward by weeding and cleaning

out the flower beds. They will also try to clean out other flower gardens around North Ward School. Our club will also plan a Spring Picnic for the K-Kids in May.

This covers the K-Kids calendar of events for this school year as it stands now. Beth says there is a rumor out there about a possible Wii bowling contest between Kiwanis and K-Kids members...hmmmm. Beth and the K-Kids thank us for our support and help!!

Kiwanians on Veterans Day – Let Freedom Ring



Ed Wachala & Pat Damler



Earl Pendergrass



Mike & Linda Damler and Clarice Hausman



Veterans honoring Veterans at Tuscola Healthcare



Darcey Helmick



Rain didn't keep Gary Weber from the Veterans Day Walk



Tom Stephenson hosting Veterans Celebration

Tools of Life

You only need two tools in life – WD-40 & Duct Tape

If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40.

If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

Author: Unknown

Meeting of November 17, 2008

There was a total attendance of 39 members and 2 guests – Jan Allison and our program speaker Patty Johansen.

There was a big welcome back for Candy Hudson and Dave Dobson!! We missed you and so glad you are able to return.

Kiwanis International's 123 Key Program recognizes Kiwanis members who sponsor new members to their clubs. A Bronze Key is presented for sponsoring one new member, a Silver Key for sponsoring two new members and a Gold Key is presented for sponsoring three new members. Janet Butler recognized the following members and presented those attending with their Key pins:

GOLD

Janet Butler Pat Damler

SILVER

Kim Higgins Jerry Hall Jim Wood

BRONZE

Elaine Bryant Carol Burwash Janet Cox Mike Damler Darrell Helm
Ben Mingo Topy Mooday Dan Russell

Wayne Ward reported that the budgeted donation of \$350.00 for the Kiwanis International Foundations has been sent. KI requested the donations by December 1st, if possible.

Wayne also announced that Janet Cox had donated her Election Day pay of \$155.00 to the club for TCHS Senior Scholarships. With this donation plus the Hoels and Butlers, the club has an additional \$775.00 to put towards scholarship moneys. Thank you, Janet!!!!

Janet Butler read a thank you note from the family of Luke Reed thanking the Kiwanis members for the \$250.00 donation towards Luke's special computer.

Janet Butler announced that Decatur Prairie Land is having a special program at their meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd at 9:30a at the Decatur Civic Center. The program is the youth choir from St. Patrick's School singing holiday songs. David Butler, Janet Butler, Debbie Graber and Wayne Ward plan to attend. If you are interested in going, contact Janet Butler or Wayne Ward.

Janet Butler reported that Kiwanis International and Boys & Girls Clubs of America are joining forces to do more for children. KI is asking Kiwanis Club to explore opportunities to work with a Boys & Girls Club to benefit local children. The closest clubs to Tuscola are Champaign, Decatur and Rantoul. The Board will discuss this further.

Janet Butler reminded members about the upcoming Mid-Winter Convention February 13th through February 15th 2009 at the Decatur Hotel & Conference Center. Applications for the convention were passed out. Janet encouraged members, especially members who had never been to a convention, to register and attend on Saturday, February 14th.

Mike Damler reported that TEDI had been very busy. Mike asked members to notice the clean-up that has been done to the old Dixie Truck Stop property.

As part of Tuscola ChristmasTown, Madrigal Dinner tickets are available at the Tuscola banks for \$25.00. The cost includes all the entertainment and dinner. The dinner is Saturday, December 13th at 6:00p at Forty Martyrs Hall. Support the Chamber and come out for a wonderful, fun evening!



Kevin Nolan introduced our guest speaker, Patty Johansen. Patty is the pastor at the Tuscola United Methodist Church. Patty's topic was The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army helps people meet their basic needs. Last year the "Ring the Bell" kettle drive raised about \$4,000.00 locally. Though that money ran out about 2 months ago, The Salvation Army was able to help about 100 families during 2008.

Patty thanked club members for their continued support and commitment to "Ring the Bell" for The Salvation Army each year.

Patty advised that The Salvation Army actually broke off from the Methodist Church in England. Its history is an interesting one.

(Taken from The Salvation Army website: www.salvationarmyusa.org)

William and Catherine Booth of London England are the founders of The Salvation Army. William started his ministerial career in 1852, wanting to bring the lost multitudes of England to Christ. He first walked the street of London to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, homeless, hungry and the destitute. He took the message to the people by traveling throughout England, conducting evangelistic meetings. The church did not condone his actions.

In 1865, William Booth was invited to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the East End of London. He set up a tent in a Quaker graveyard, and his services became an instant success. This proved to be the end of his wanderings as an independent traveling evangelist. His renown as a religious leader spread throughout London, and he attracted followers who were dedicated to fight for the souls of men and women.

In 1867, Booth had only 10 full-time workers, but by 1874, the number had grown to 1,000 volunteers and 42 evangelists, all serving under the name "The Christian Mission." Booth assumed the title of general superintendent, with his followers calling him "General." Known as the "Hallelujah Army," the converts spread out of the East End of London into neighboring areas and then to other cities.

Booth was reading a printer's proof of the 1878 annual report when he noticed the statement "The Christian Mission is a volunteer army." Crossing out the words "volunteer army," he penned in "Salvation Army." From those words came the basis of the foundation deed of The Salvation Army.

From that point, converts became soldiers of Christ and were known then, as now, as Salvationists. They launched an offensive throughout the British Isles, in some cases facing real battles as organized gangs mocked and attacked them. In spite of violence and persecution, some 250,000 people were converted under the ministry of The Salvation Army between 1881 and 1885.

Meanwhile, the Army was gaining a foothold in the United States. Lieutenant Eliza Shirley had left England to join her parents, who had migrated to America earlier in search for work. In 1879, she held the first meeting of The Salvation Army in America, in Philadelphia. The Salvationists were received enthusiastically. Shirley wrote to General Booth, begging for reinforcements. None were available at first. Glowing reports of the work in Philadelphia, however, eventually convinced Booth, in 1880, to send an official group to pioneer the work in America.

On March 10, 1880, Commissioner George Scott Raiton and seven women officers knelt on the dockside at Battery Park in New York City to give thanks for their safe arrival. At their first official street meeting, these pioneers were met with unfriendly actions, as had happened in Great Britain. They were ridiculed, arrested, and attacked. Several officers and soldiers even gave their lives.

Three years later, Railton and other Salvationists had expanded their operation into California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. President Grover Cleveland received a delegation of Salvation Army officers in 1886 and gave the organization a warm personal endorsement. This was the first recognition from the White House and would be followed by similar receptions from succeeding presidents. The Salvation Army continued to grow and expand in the U.S.

Crocheted Necklace Workshop – November 21st



Sherrie Hoel, Janet Boyer, Topy Mooday,
Paul Jones, Elaine Bryant & Janet Butler



Sherrie & Janet Boyer



Topy



Paul



Elaine



Janet

Meeting of November 24, 2008

There was a total attendance of 33 members and 1 guest – Ed Wachala wife, Gail Page.

Steve Niemann announced that the Fairfield Kiwanis club is hosting a holiday party for the Aktion Club of Southern Illinois. Volunteers are needed. The event begins at 10:30a on December 9th. Contact Steve if you can help out.

Judy Landeck turned in \$205.00 to the club from crocheted necklace sales. Awesome!

Janet Butler presented Candy Hudson with her 2 year Perfect Attendance certificate.

Janet Butler presented Carol Burwash her Bronze Key for sponsoring a new member in 2007/2008.

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Janet Butler passed out a handout that listed all the Tuscola Eleven Days of ChristmasTown events.

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Janet Butler reported that the Chamber of Commerce is requesting that Kiwanis host the concessions for Karaoke Night on Saturday, December 6th from 7-10p at the community building. Due to the members' many commitments, the club declined the offer.



The program was presented by Ed Wachala. Ed and his eighteen year old grandson went to Krakow, Poland for a visit in June 2008. Ed shared many pictures and memories from his trip with a DVD that his grandson had prepared for today's program.

Ed, Thanks for sharing your trip with us!!!!

George Burns said: “If you were to go around asking people what would make them happier, you’d get answers like a new car, a bigger house, a raise in pay, winning a lottery, a face-lift, more kids, less kids, a new restaurant to go to – probably not one in a hundred would say a chance to help people. And yet that may bring the most happiness of all.” Kiwanians are that one in a hundred – we’re Kiwanians because serving makes us happier.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

November 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 5th at noon by President Janet Butler, with the following members present: David Butler, Janet Butler, Debbie Graber, Clarice Hausman, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Kevin Nolan, Earl Pendergrass, Dan Russell, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of October 2008 Board Meeting – A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month’s minutes. Minutes approved.
2. October 2008 Monthly Report – The report listed service hours for Community Service 90 hours, Youth Services 168 hours, Human and Spiritual Values 214 hours and Young Children Priority One 12 hours. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month’s minutes. Report approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Secretary, Wayne Ward prepared the treasurer’s report on behalf of Candy Hudson who is recuperating from a broken ankle. The bank balance as of 11/5/08 was \$7,169.86. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month’s minutes. Report approved.
4. Financial Audit/Review – The audit committee has not worked on the audit/review as yet. It was discussed what items would be necessary for their review.
5. Crocheted Necklaces/Bracelets: – There is enough club member interest for Paul Jones and Sherrie Hoel to hold a work shop for members to learn how to make necklace, bracelets and possibly earrings for the ChristmasTown Fair. A motion was made and seconded to approve up to \$100.00 to purchase supplies to being making items. Motion approved.
6. 1-2-3 You Hold the Key Program – Kiwanis International is continuing the “Key” program again this year; however the information is not sent to KI and each club must do their own tracking. If a member recruits one new member, a Bronze key is presented. If a member recruits two new members, a Silver key is presented. If a member recruits three new members, a Gold key is presented. The Board asked Wayne to order the necessary Key for distribution to the qualifying members. There is no cost for the keys.

7. Key Club Update – The Petition for Charter has been sent to Key Club International. There are 45 Charter members. I-I District Key Club Advisor, Bob Hall has been notified. When the charter and supplies are received, a chartering celebration will be held. Our 25% membership growth reimbursement from KI and the I-I District in the amount of \$938.00 has been earmarked for Key Club expenses. \$600.00 has been paid already for the charter, pins, certificates, banner and supplies. Centennial High School in Champaign is the closest Key Club and we hope the club will mentor the our Key Club.
8. New Member Application – An application has been submitted for Darcey Helmick, Key Club Advisor, for club membership. Her membership fees and dues will be paid by our club, as we do for the K-Kids Advisor. A motion was made and seconded. Membership approved.
9. ChristmasTown Parade – Art and Barb Moss will provide an SUV and a trailer to be decorated for use in the parade. Santa will ride on the Kiwanis entry with K-Kids around him. A chairman will be required to plan the lighted float. Dan said he would check with a potential chairman.
10. K-Kids Update – There was nothing additional from K-Kids from what was discussed at the regular club meeting on November 3rd. Beth Linstead will have some of the K-Kids at our regular club meeting on November 10th to present the program.
11. Bowl-A-Thon – There is some preliminary plans being made to possibly hold a Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser in early 2009 to benefit Spastic Paralysis. This could be held in Tuscola using Wii game units. Participants would not need to be regular bowlers. We could challenge another Kiwanis Club to join us, or could make up teams of K-Kids, Key Clubbers and our club members to compete.
12. Budget Items Approved for Payment – The following were approved for payment:
Christmas Bureau - \$100, Nunn Scout Building - \$200, BETHS Place - \$100, SAM Food Pantry - \$250, Peace Meals - \$100 and North Ward Breakfast Program - \$200.

(Full text available on club website)



Have a Very Merry Christmas!

New items on the website include: November meeting photos, Veterans Day photos, Necklace Workshop photos

Website 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 .