



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2010

2010 Events

Wednesday, December 1 st	Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's
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2011 Events

Wednesday, January 5 th	Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's
Wednesday, February 2 nd	Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's
Saturday, February 12 th	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 29 th	Fish Fry Supper – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thu-Sun, July 7 th -10 th	Kiwaniis International Convention, Geneva
Thu-Sun, August 4 th -7 th	I-I District Convention, Davenport, IA

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

December 6	Candy Hudson
December 13	Art Moss
December 20	Christmas Party – Bring \$10 for BETHS Place
December 27	Barb Moss
January 3	Kevin Nolan
January 10	Steve Niemann
January 17	Donna Motley
January 24	Dennis Opperman
January 31	Dianna Pangburn
February 7	Earl Pendergrass

February 14	Lyn Selen
February 21	No Meeting – President’s Day
February 28	Alan Shoemaker
March 7	Robert VanCleave
March 14	Ed Wachala
March 21	Wayne Ward
March 28	Gary Weber
April 4	Jim Wood
April 11	Doris Young
April 18	Dan Russell
April 25	Patty Russell

If your program date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so we can arrange a date swap.

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

Martha Stewart Is Not Coming

Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Christmas. I’m telling you in advance, so don’t act surprised. Since Ms. Stewart won’t be coming, I’ve made a few small changes:

Once inside, our guests will note that the entry hall is not decorated with the swags of holly and evergreens I had planned to make. Instead, I’ve gotten the kids involved in the decorating by having them track in leaves that I didn’t rake from the front yard. The mud was their idea.

The dining table will not be covered with expensive linens, fancy china, or crystal goblets. If possible, I will use dishes that match and everyone will get a fork. Since this is Christmas, I will refrain from using the plastic Peter Rabbit plate and the napkins from Thanksgiving.

My centerpiece will not be the tower of fresh fruit and flowers that I promised. Instead I will be displaying a Santa decoration hand-crafted from the finest construction paper.

I toyed with the idea of ringing a dainty silver bell to announce the start of our feast. In the end, I chose to keep our traditional method. I've also decided against a formal seating arrangement. When the smoke alarm sounds, please gather around the table and sit where you like. In the spirit of harmony, we will ask the children to sit at a separate table...in a separate room...
...next door.

Now, I know you have all seen pictures of one person carving a Christmas turkey in front of a crowd of appreciative onlookers. This will not be happening at our dinner. For safety reasons, the turkey will be carved in a private ceremony. I stress "private" meaning: Do Not under any circumstances, enter the kitchen to laugh at me. Do not send small, unsuspecting children to check on my progress. I have an electric knife. The turkey is unarmed. It stands to reasons that I will eventually win. When I do, we will eat.

Before I forget, there is one last change. Instead of offering a choice between 12 different scrumptious desserts, I will be serving traditional mincemeat pie with whipped cream and small fingerprints. You will still have a choice: take it or leave it.

Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Christmas. She probably won't be coming next year either. Merry Christmas!



No Resemblance To My Table So Enjoy the Photos Now

Meeting Notes – November 1, 2010

- Attendance

45 - Members

1 – Guest: Barb Utterback

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Reynolds Donation – Our speakers, Brad & Brenda Reynolds, from our October 25th meeting were so moved and impressed with what our club does for our community, that they donated \$100.00 to our club's funds. Wow!!

Perfect Attendance – David Butler's perfect attendance certificate for 4 Years and Candy Hudson's certificate for 3 Years were presented.

Recycling Phones/Ink Cartridges – Mike Damler reported that so far this year, we have received \$89.00 for recycling phones and ink cartridges. We have received a total of \$321.00 since we began this program.

Thank You Notes – The club received a thank you note from Alli Moss for the \$161.00 that was raised to assist her with her Washington, D.C. travel expenses. A thank you note from received from our K-Kids for the Fall Picnic.

Program:



Laura Meyer introduced her guest speaker, Barb Utterback. Barb is the executive director of BETHS Place in Tuscola. Its staff and volunteers help people who are in domestic violence situations and hope to help stop the cycle of domestic violence! Temporary shelter and support are provided for women and their children who are leaving an abusive situation.

Barb shared several success stories. BETHS Place is in need of volunteer advocates. A volunteer must complete a 40 hours of training before serving at the facility. If interested, contact Barb.

BETHS Place can always use cash and item donations. Feel free to call 253-2555 and see what they most urgently need.

Meeting Notes – November 8, 2010

- Attendance

38 - Members

3 - Guests: Susan Hall, Shirley Taylor and Becky Kappes

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Member Induction – New member Lorraine Best was inducted into the club by Lt. Gov. Janet Butler and President Mike Damler.



Key Leader Camp - Members were provided copies of the November Board meeting minutes. Carol Burwash discussed the no-show situation at Key Leader Camp, and reviewed the board's decision of having the Key Club return the \$200.00 of club funds and allowing them to keep the \$272.00 donated by members with the understanding that it can only be used to help defer costs for district or international Key Club conventions.

12/20 Christmas Meeting – The club decided to benefit BETHS Place with \$10.00 donations (or items) from members. Please bring your \$10 or items to the 12/20 meeting.

Inter-Club Meeting - Ed Wachala reported that Clarice Hausman, Betty Leonard, Donna Motley and Doris Young plan to attend the Clinton meeting on November 16th at 6:15p for an inter-club meeting.

Program:



Don Miller introduced our speaker, Becky Kappes. Becky and a group of friends, including Kiwanian Jan Chappell raise money throughout the year for the American Cancer

Society through the Douglas County Relay for Life. For every dollar raised, 96 cents is spent on programs. The group is known as Becky's Buddies and is particularly known for the bracelets that they sell throughout the year.

Becky is a cancer survivor. Friends of hers and Becky formed the group in 2007, their first time at Relay for Life. In 2009 and 2010, Becky's Buddies have been the top fundraising team for Relay for Life. The group is doing all they can to end cancer.

Meeting Notes – November 15, 2010

- Attendance

42 - Members

1 - Guest: Larry Bechtel, Decatur Golden K

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army – A sign-up sheet was circulated for Saturday, 11/27 at Tanger Mall entrance.

Program:



Earl Pendergrass provided a program that informed and entertained.

His story about Mr. Miller and 3 boys reminded us that people are remembered by their deeds, not their words.

From the internet, Earl found that the world's population is about 6.9 billion people. #1 is China with 1.3 billion people and with India as a close second with 1.2 billion. The U.S. has about 310 million people.

Over 3 billion people cannot freely worship. Seventy-five percent lack food, shelter and/or clothing. Two billion cannot read. Count your blessings and pass blessings on. Keep them going!

Meeting Notes – November 29, 2010

- Attendance

- 29 Members (conducted by Jaci Manzella)

- 2 Guests: Paul Wisovaty and Jan Allison, our speaker

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Salvation Army – Paul Wisovaty humbly apologized for not providing the Salvation donation buckets so that Kiwanians could collect donations on Saturday, 11/27 at the mall. He asked if we would be available on a date in December.

K-Kids News – Jeannine reported that the K-Kids rang the bell for Salvation Army on Saturday, 11/27 and collected 3 kettles full of donations.

Cards for Carl – Members were thanked for sending birthday cards to fellow Kiwanian Carl Quinn. Carl was so pleased to receive the many cards.

Ben Mingo Retiring – There is an open house for Ben Mingo at the Tuscola Ag Office on Friday, 12/10 from 1:00PM to 4:30PM. Drop by and wish Ben a happy retirement.

12/20 Meeting – The Butler's volunteered to be in charge of the Christmas Party meeting.

Program:



Topy Moody introduced our guest speaker, Jan Allison. Jan is a volunteer with the Carle Home Hospice Services. On a lark, Jan attended the training for hospice volunteers. For about two years she worked in the office making customer service calls. She now makes bereavement calls. She shared some of her experiences with us.

Hospice volunteers provide a wide variety of services to patients and their families who depend on hospice care. The volunteers are not primary caregivers. Volunteer services include staying with a patient so the family member can take a break, running errands, playing games, writing letters, mowing the yard, raking leaves, helping to recruit more volunteers, etc.

To be a volunteer, the training is 6 hours and is usually done in 2 three hour sessions. If you are interested in being a hospice volunteer, call 217-383-3151.

November 2010 Board Meeting Highlights

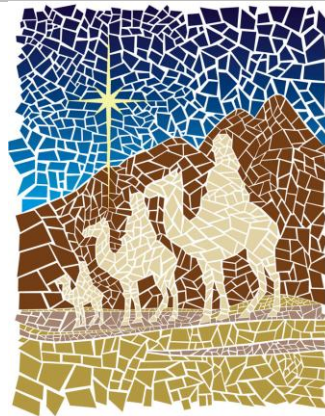
The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 3rd at 12:00p by President, Mike Damler, with the following members present: Janet Butler, David Butler, Mike Damler, Kim Higgins, Sherrie Hoel, Candy Hudson, Jaci Manzella, Don Miller, Kevin Nolan, Alan Shoemaker, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. October Board Meeting Minutes –A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
2. October Monthly Report – A motion was made and seconded to approve the monthly report. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – As of November 3rd, the checking account balance was \$7,081.48. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursement or Budget Requests – Budgets items were approved for disbursement as follows: \$100.00 Christmas Bureau and \$100.00 to Lt. Governor.

5. 2010/2011 Budget – Based on last month’s discussion, a revised budget was presented to the Board by Wayne Ward. A motion was made to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and the budget was approved.
6. Club Sound System – The Board offered its appreciation to the Butler’s for donating a new sound system to the club. The old system was donated to the Relay for Life committee.
7. Key Club/Key Leader Camp Issue – Three Key Clubbers planned to attend the Key Leader Camp. Club funds of \$200.00 and member donations of \$272.00 were provided to help defray costs. Due to unforeseen events, no one attended. The Board decided to have the Key Club return the \$200.00 of club funds and that the \$272.00 donated by members could only be used for I-I District or International Key Club Convention expenses. [Note: The \$200.00 was returned to the club funds.]
8. Christmas Meeting – The Board members agreed that club members would like to continue to support a local charity in lieu of a gift exchange. The amount would again be \$10.00. The Board voted to have the donations benefit BETHS Place this year. Mike Damler will check at the meeting to see if someone would volunteer to be in charge of the Christmas Party meeting.
9. Wreaths Across America – An email had been received from a woman in Mattoon about participating in the “Wreaths Across America” project. It appears that the group is attempting to have wreath placed on all veterans graves at various times during the year. It was decided that this project would be a better for with other local organizations.

(Full text available on club website)



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos and more. Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:

dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org

(If you need a screen and/or projector for your program, contact David or Janet Butler.)