



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

2011 Events

Wednesday, December 14	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
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2012 Events

Wednesday, January 11	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
Saturday, February 11	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, March 30	Fish Fry Supper – Forty Martyrs Hall

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

December 5	Betty Leonard
December 12	John Davis
December 19	Club Christmas Party (bring \$10)
December 26	No meeting
January 2	Beth Linstead
January 9	Jaci Manzella
January 16	Kathryn McCumber
January 23	Laura Meyer
January 30	Don Miller
February 6	Topsy Mooday
February 13	Art Moss
February 20	No meeting – President's Day
February 27	Barb Moss
March 5	Dennis Opperman
March 12	Donna Motley

March 19	Vera Nauta
March 26	Steve Niemann
April 2	Kevin Nolan
April 9	Mary Schultz
April 16	Alan Shoemaker
April 23	Dan Russell
April 30	Patty Russell

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 December Volunteer Hours at the end of the month!

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

Three Gifts

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting together for Christmas, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes."

The third smiled and said, "I've got you both beat. You remember how mom enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well so I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mom just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, mom sent out her letters of thanks:

"Dear Milton," she wrote one son, "The house you built is too huge. I live in only one room, but I have to keep the whole house clean!"

"Dear Gerald," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay at home most of the time, so I rarely use the Mercedes."

"Dearest Donald," she wrote to her third son, "You have the good sense to know what your Mother likes. The chicken was Dee-licious!"

Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2011

- Attendance

55 – Members

2 – Guest: Paul Wisovaty and speaker, Marlys Clark

- Free Lunch Winner – Alan Shoemaker
- Birthdays – None
- Brags – David Butler, Jan Chappell, Marge Conn, Jeannine Fortney, Clarice Hausman, Jaci Manzella, Kathryn McCumber, Laura Meyer, and Steve Niemann
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

The ELIMINATE Project – Linda Damler has generously volunteered to be our ELIMINATE project chairperson, coordinating events with club members and the TCHS Key Club. To start things off, Topy Mooday announced that the Tuscola Quilt Club donated a quilt to Rachel Craddock for the Key Club to raffle off to raise donations for this project. Great Start!



“You Are the Key” – April Kauffman was presented her silver key for sponsoring two new members, Susan Hays and Debbie Nivens.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing – On Saturday, 12/10 from 8a to 4p, club members will be ringing the bell at IGA to fundraise for the Salvation Army.

Program:



Tim Hoel introduced his guest speaker, Marlys Clark. Marlys shared music and lyrics with us from the Civil War. Music sung by the campfires provided comfort and entertainment for the soldiers – North and South. The soldiers speak to us through their songs. They were lonely, homesick and realized they might never get back home.

Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2011

- Attendance

47 – Members

2 – Guests: Mikey, Jan Chappell's grandson and our speaker, Jim Gallagher

- Free Lunch Winner – Patty Russell

- Birthdays – Debbie Nivens 11/18

- Brags – Mike Damler, Clarice Hausman, Judy Landeck, Kathryn McCumber and Patty Russell.

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November Peanut Days – The additional Peanuts Days that members worked on 11/11 and 11/12 at Tanger Mall were a terrific success. From 9/30 & 10/1 we raised \$2,692.94 and for 11/11 & 11/12 we raised \$2,703.00 for a total of \$5,397.94 less the cost of the peanuts \$850.00 for a net amount of \$4,547.94. Awesome job!

Christmas Parade – The parade will be Saturday, 12/3 leaving the park at 11A. We need a truck, trailer and some straw bales for seating. Please contact Jaci Manzella if you can help out.

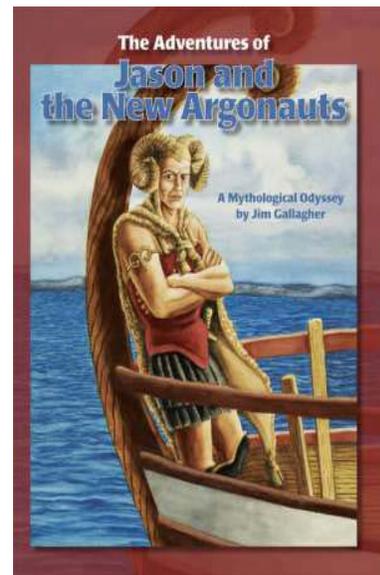
Club Christmas Party – Jaci Manzella announced that SAM Pantry will be the organization to benefit from club members' \$10.00 donation at our party on 12/19. Jaci is still looking for a member to provide a fun activity for the party.

Program:



Paul Jones introduced our speaker, Jim Gallagher. Jim Gallagher was born and raised in Tuscola. He has worked at Precision Graphics in downtown Champaign for over 25 years now, doing everything from paste-up to camera work to illustration to desktop publishing.

Jim discussed a new book he compiled, "Letters from Home", containing about 350 letters that his aunt had saved from 1957 to 1976. This book covers local and family events with photographs. He also discussed his newly published graphic novel "Jason and the New Argonauts" which he wrote and illustrated.



Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2011

- Attendance

42 – Members

4 – Guests: Clinton Interclub: Wesley Hostas, John Veirs and Richard Kaufman, and our speaker, Tammy Brandt.

- Free Lunch Winner – Janet Cox
- Birthdays – None
- Braggs – Tammy Baer, Lorraine Best, David Butler, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Dave Dobson, Jeannine Fortney, Clarice Hausman, Paul Jones, Judy Landeck, Kevin Nolan,
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Early Birds Interclub Meeting – Dave Butler, Mike Damler, Clarice Hausman, Tim Hoel, Topy Mooday and Ed Wachala had an early morning call to attend a Decatur Early Birds meeting on 11/17. Mike Damler presented the traveling gavel to president Chuck Zweck. Tim and Dave had shrink-wrapped the gavel, hot glued it to the bottom of the box and covered it in M&Ms. The group enjoyed the unveiling of the gavel and eating the M&Ms. Great job!



Thank You Note – The club received a thank you note from Kendra Rogers and Jamie Goodman from North Ward School thanking the club for its donation to the Backpack Buddy Program.

Tuscola Volunteer of the Year - 2011 – The Tuscola volunteer of the year, chosen by the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce, is usually an individual. This year the chamber decided to recognize and honor the members of the Tuscola Kiwanis Club as a group for their contributions to our community. At the chamber's annual luncheon on November 15 at Tuscany's, David Butler, treasurer of the chamber and fellow Kiwanian, announced that the Tuscola Kiwanis Club was selected as the 2011 Volunteer of the Year.

Great job, Kiwanians!!!!!!

Custom Club Clothing – Janet Cox and Janet Butler will coordinate having members' clothing customized with a Kiwanis patch and our club name. The cost for the emblem and sewing is \$10 per garment. Deadline is Monday, November 28. Please give/deliver to Janet Butler or Janet Cox.

2010/2011 Banner Patches – The club was awarded and received the following patches: Interclub, website and YCPO (Young Children Priority One).

Christmastown Parade – Beth & Glenn Linstead have volunteered their truck, Diane Pangburn a trailer and Tim Hoel straw bales for the parade. On Saturday, 12/3, to decorate the trailer, members should come about 10:15A. To ride/walk the parade, report about 10:45A. The parade will leave the park at 11A. K-Kids will be joining us.

Program:



April Kauffman introduced our speaker, Tammy Brandt. Tammy is a lieutenant in the Mattoon 328th Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol (CAP). For 70 years CAP has been an official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. All members are volunteers, and the cadet members are ages 12-18. The CAP headquarters is Maxwell Air Force base in Alabama. There are 1,500 squadrons in the U.S. divided into eight regions.

The three primary mission areas are aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services. Cadets fly, learn to lead, hike, camp, get in shape, and push themselves to new limits. Cadets meet 2 hours per week and one Saturday per month, on average, and also have opportunities to attend leadership encampments, career academies, and other activities during the summer. April's son, Hunter, is a cadet in the Mattoon squadron.



Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2011

- Attendance

48 – Members

2 – Guests: Joe Wills and our speaker, Allen Beck

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Beals

- Birthdays - Diana Phillips-Gray 11/28 and Sharon Wax 12/1

- Braggs – Lorraine Best, Pat Damler, Debbie Graber, Clarice Hausman, Paul Jones, Judy Landeck, Jaci Manzella, Vera Nauta, Earl Pendergrass, Patty Russell, Pat Sturgis, and Gary Weber

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Thank You Note – The club received a thank you note from Marlys Clark thanking members for the opportunity to present her Civil War music and lyrics program. She appreciated our hospitality.

Paris Noon Interclub – An interclub meeting with Paris Noon is planned for Tuesday, 12/13. If you are interested in going, contact our Interclub Chairperson, Topy Moody.

Christmastown Parade – Members were reminded the parade is Saturday, 12/3 leaving from Ervin Park at 11A. To help decorate the trailer, report to the park about 10:15A. To ride/walk the parade, report about 10:45A.

Program:



Program chairperson Judy Landeck introduced her guests, Joe Wills, WWII veteran and our speaker Allen Beck. Allen is the Vice President and General Manager of the Illini Radio Group which is six area radio stations including 92.5 The Chief. As part of the many activities that the Illini Radio Group does for the community, the group is involved in Honor Flights.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. The flights transport WWII veterans and terminally ill veterans of any era to Washington, D.C. to visit the WWII memorial and military related sites in the area. The one day trips are provided free to the veterans.

Allen Beck was instrumental in starting the C-U Honor Flights. The cost to charter a flight from Savoy to Washington, D.C. is over \$40,000. Illini Radio Group, along with a number of businesses, took on the challenge and raised over \$55,000 in two weeks.

The first C-U Honor Flight was October 18, 2011. Seventy-five veterans made the trip at no cost to them. They are provided a chartered flight, all ground transportation, three meals, shirt, jacket, hat and wheelchair, if needed. Tuscolian Joe Wills was on that trip. Each veteran has a guardian; the guardians pay \$400 each to cover their trip expenses.

The fundraising has gone so well, that donations will pay for another Honor Flight in May or June 2012. Our own Kiwanian, Earl Pendergrass will be on this trip. If you are a WWII veteran or know one, or if you would like to be a guardian, or if you would like more information, or if you would like to make a donation, go to:

www.cuhonorflight.com



Allen Beck, Joe Wills and Judy Landeck

Peanut Sales Tanger Mall 11/11 & 11/12/11



Darrell Helm



Donna Motley



Mary Schultz



Tim Hoel



Tom Sturgis



Topsy Mooday & Pat Sturgis



Wayne Ward



Gary Weber

Great job!!!!

More Photos on Website

Early Birds Interclub 11/17/11



Mike Damler, Tim Hoel, Ed Wachala, Topyy Mooday
Clarice Hausman and David Butler (behind camera)



Mike presenting the traveling gavel box



President Chuck Zweck opening traveling gavel box



Traveling gavel immersed in M&Ms

More Photos on Website

Trauma Doll Workshop 11/30/11



[More Photos on Website](#)

November 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Amishland Buffet on Wednesday, 11/9/11 at 12:05 PM by President Jaci Manzella with the following Board Directors and members present:

x	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Jaci Manzella – Pres.
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Sherrie Hoel (2012)		Steven Niemann (2012)
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Alan Shoemaker P-Elect
x	Mike Damler – Past Pres		Candy Hudson – Treas.		
x	Pat Damler – V.P.	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of October Board Meeting – Mike Damler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted to the Board members. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. October Monthly Report – Janet Butler reported that the total number of hours/members did not import correctly into the report. She has contacted Kiwanis International regarding the problem. The correct number of volunteer hours for October is 855 hours. Pat Damler made a motion that the report be approved and submitted when corrected. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members. As of 11/9/11 the current balance in the Treasury is \$7,702.21. Sherrie Hoel made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Janet Butler submitted a receipt in the amount of \$114.55 for trauma doll tags and B.U.G. supplies. A request was made from the Christmas Bureau requesting a donation; \$100 is budgeted. Mike Damler made a motion to approve these requests. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. 2010/2011 Annual KI Report – Janet Butler distributed copies of the KI annual report (a compilation of the 12 monthly reports previously submitted). A copy of the annual report is on the club’s website. If a member wishes a copy and does not have access to the internet, contact Janet Butler for a copy.
6. Kiwanis International & District Dues – Janet Butler distributed copies of a 2011/2012 dues summary. Dues in the amount of \$6,809.00 will be paid by the deadline of November 27, 2011.

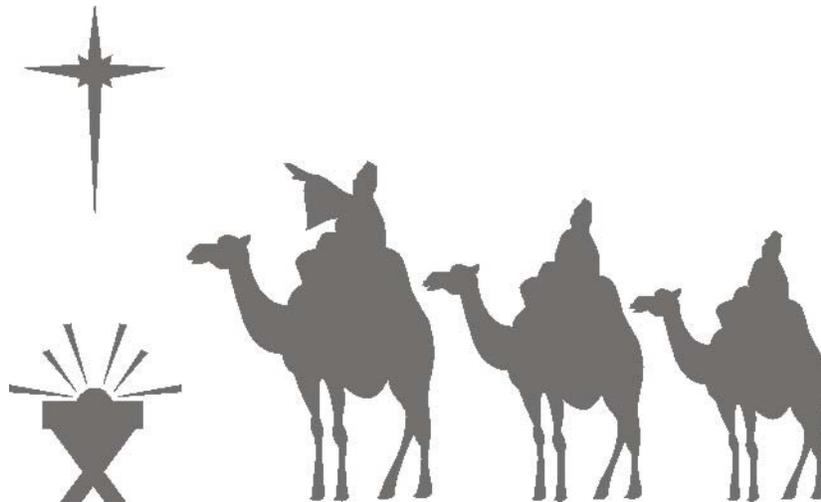
7. 2011/2012 Distinguished Criteria – Janet Butler distributed copies of the 2011/2012 distinguished member, club, division and district criteria. The primary change is in reporting. The “point” system has been replaced. Any club that wants to be considered for distinguished status must submit a report to their Lt. Governor. The Lt. Governor will then recommend their choices for Distinguished Clubs to our District Governor who in turn will forward the recommendations to Kiwanis International Board for consideration and approval.
8. Eliminate Project – Linda Damler has graciously volunteered to chair the fundraising committee for the Eliminate Project, coordinating with Rachel Craddock and the TCHS Key Club.
9. Program Advertising – Darcey Helmick had provided a form to purchase advertising in the District Key Club Convention Program. As a surprise to our Key Club, a motion was made by Alan Shoemaker to purchase a \$25.00 space. The motion was seconded by Sherrie Hoel and it was approved. Janet Butler volunteered to draft the ad and bring it for Board review and approval no later than the January 2012 Board meeting.
10. Traveling Gavel – David Butler and Tim Hoel are preparing the traveling gavel to be delivered to Decatur Early Birds Thursday, November 17. Several Kiwanians will be attending the meeting with David and Tim.
11. Sound System – David Butler requested permission to use the club’s sound system at the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce Thanksgiving luncheon. He will transport and assure its safe return to our storage cabinet. Kim Higgins made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Leonard seconded the request and it was approved.
12. Trauma Doll Workshop – Janet Butler reported that a trauma doll workshop is being scheduled for Wednesday, November 30. There will be a sign-up sheet starting at our November 14 meeting.
13. Christmastown Parade – The Tuscola Christmastown parade will be Saturday, December 3 at 11:00AM. After some discussion, it was determined that Jaci will address the members to see if a truck, trailer and straw bales can be procured for the parade.
14. Club Christmas Party – The Board discussed what organization should benefit from the \$10 donations that will be brought in by members at the 12/19 club meeting/party. Based on our members’ involvement and their need, it was decided that the SAM Food Pantry would received the donations. Tim Hoel made the motion, Lorraine Best seconded it, and the motion was approved.

15. Publicity – Since all officers and Board members have not been available for a photo, it was decided that Janet Butler would go ahead and submit our new members photo to The Journal as well as the special presentation to Wayne Ward. Janet will also submit the Wayne Ward presentation to The Illeiwian district publication.

16. Kiwanis International Convention – Janet Butler reported that the registration for the Kiwanis International Convention to be held in New Orleans is open at www.kiwanisone.org. The dates are June 28 – July 1, 2012.

17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Janet Butler
Secretary



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos, Peanut Days at Tanger mall, trauma doll workshop 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.)