



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2012

2012 Events

Wednesday, December 12	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn-noon
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2013 Events

Wednesday, January 9	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn-noon
Saturday, February 9	Pancake Breakfast, Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 16	I-I District Mid-Year Meeting, Urbana, IL
Friday, March 22	Fish Fry Dinner, Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 23	Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Wed-Sun, June 26 – 30	Kiwanis Int'l Convention, Vancouver, Canada
Thu-Sun August 8 – 11	I-I District Annual Convention, Naperville, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

December 3	Darla Gardner
December 10	Jeannine Fortney
December 17	Club Christmas Party - Bring \$10
December 24	<u>No Meeting – Christmas Eve</u>
December 31	<u>No Meeting – New Years Eve</u>
January 7	Tammy Baer
January 14	Janet Cox
January 21	Kiwanis Education
January 28	Judy Heilich
February 4	Darrell Helm
February 11	Kim Higgins
February 18	<u>No Meeting – Presidents' Day</u>

February 25	Sherrie Hoel
March 4	Tim Hoel
March 11	Candy Hudson
March 18	Paul Jones
March 25	Judy Landeck

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](#)

Mistletoe at the Airport

Shortly before Christmas, a business man was anxious to get home. The business trip had been grueling and he was not in a particularly good mood. The airport loudspeakers blared Christmas carols he was sick of hearing. He thought their decorations were tacky.

The worst decoration, he thought, was the plastic mistletoe hung over the luggage scale.

Being in a grumpy mood, he said to the woman at the counter, "You know, even if I weren't married, I wouldn't kiss you."

"That's not what it's there for," said the attendant. "It's so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."



Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2012

• Attendance

56 – Members

5 – Guests: Marci Shoemaker-wife of Alan Shoemaker, Sherri Stewart-Marci's sister, Sandy Sebastian-wife of Nick Sebastian, Nathan Rahl-guest of Steve Niemann and our speaker, Carie Nixon

• Free Lunch Winner – Nick Sebastian

• Birthdays – None

• Brags – Carol Burwash, Elaine Bryant, Pete Buckley, Jan Chappell, Pat Damler, Dave Dobson, Kim Higgins, Kara Kinney, Ben Mingo, Barb Moss, Kevin Nolan, Marci Shoemaker, and Wayne Ward

• News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Member Induction – New member Ginger Campbell was officially inducted into our club. She is sponsored by Tammy Baer.

Thank You Note – The club received a big thank you to the Kiwanians that helped with the Pumpkin House from Fred & Judy Heilich.

You Are The Key – Peter Buckley and Tom Sturgis were presented with their Bronze Key for sponsoring a new member.

Ringin' The Bell – Jan Chappell reported that we will be ringing the bell for Salvation Army on Saturday, 12/8 from 8a-4p. A sign-up will be passed around next meeting.

Program:



Betty Leonard introduced her guest speaker, Carie Nixon. Carie is a bird lover who watches birds and

feeds them in the winter. Her topic was tips on feeding birds in the winter. There are several types of feeders such as hopper, tube and platform. Her tips included:

-Start feeding the birds in early November.

-Is OK to stop during the winter? If you are in a city/town, taper off; if you are in the country, it's OK.

-A favorite is black oil sunflower. It attracts cardinals, woodpeckers, blue jays, goldfinches, purple finches, chickadees, titmice, and nuthatches.

-Nyger, a tiny black seed, has replaced thistle as the most popular seeds to feed goldfinches. a winter day. Buy a hanging tube with tiny holes, designed especially for Nyger.

-Safflower is a white seed, slightly smaller than black oil sunflower seed. Cardinals, finches, chickadees, titmice, chickadees, and downy woodpeckers eat it. The great thing about safflower seeds is that squirrels don't like them. Neither do grackles, blue jays, or starlings.

-Don't buy bags of mixed birdseed that contain filler such as red millet or milo. Most birds won't eat it. It gets kicked onto the ground. Milo is nutritionally poor.

-Don't forget water. Sometimes the birds suffer more for lack of water than food. There are bird baths that will keep the water from freezing.



Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2012
Conducted by Past President Jaci Manzella

• **Attendance**

44 – Members

4 – Guests: Carl Bauer-son of Bill Bauer, Lydia Manzella-daughter of Jaci Manzella and a Clinton interclub with Richard Kaufman and Tim Followell

• **Free Lunch Winner** – Darrell Helm

• **Birthdays** – None

• **Brags** – Carol Burwash, Janet Butler, Jan Chappell, Jeannine Fortney, Darrell Helm, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel, Paul Jones, Judy Landeck, Toppo Mooday, Kevin Nolan, Nick Sebastian,

• **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

K-Kids Activities – Jeannine Fortney reported that the K-Kids’ latest project was collecting paper products at North Ward.

Ring The Bell – Jan Chappell passed a sign-up sheet for Salvation Bell ringing at IGA on 12/8 from 8a-4p.

Christmastown – Jan Chappell passed a sign-up sheet for selling quilt raffle tickets and crocheted necklaces at the community building at the craft fair.

You Are The Key – Tammy Baer was presented a bronze key for sponsoring Ginger Campbell into our club.

Money Collectors – If you would like to be in the rotation to take lunch money at our meetings, contact Carol Burwash, Pat Damler, or Sherrie Hoel.

Program:



John Davis hosted a rousing session of “Family Feud.” The questions were based on knowledge of Tuscola. Two teams battled for the points...The Marauders led by Nancy Runge and the Know-It-Alls led by Linda Damler. The Marauders won by a small margin. Lots of fun for all!



Dueling Team Leaders



The Know-It-Alls



The Marauders

Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2012
Conducted by President-Elect Pat Damler

• **Attendance**

44 – Members

0 – Guests: None

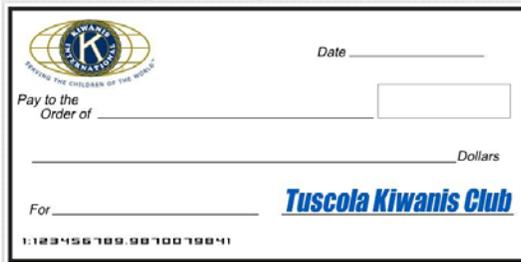
• **Free Lunch Winner** – Carol Hausmann

• **Birthdays** – None

• **Brags** – Lorraine Best, Elaine Bryant, Carol Burwash, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Sherrie Hoel, April Kauffman, Betty Leonard, and Topy Moody,

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Presentation Check – David Butler displayed the club’s new presentation check to be used for photo opportunities.



Peanut Days Results – Judy Landeck reported the final peanut days results:

\$ 4,192.49

- 850.00 cost of peanuts

\$ 3,342.49 net

Christmastown – Jan Chappell passed a sign-up sheet for selling quilt raffle tickets and crocheted necklaces at the craft fair 11/30 & 12/1.

Ringin' The Bell – Jan Chappell again passed a sign-up sheet for ringin' the bell for Salvation Army on 12/8 at IGA.

Program:



Dave Dobson presented a program on “Jobs He Had As a Young Man.” Dave shared his stories and past, talking about how things were “back then.”

-Dave remembers his first job as delivering 25 lbs. blocks of ice to his neighbors for their ice boxes. He earned 25¢.

-He went on to mow yards, walk beans, bale hay, and at age 14, to detassel corn.

-He worked at the Bement Theater as an usher.

-He worked at the Piggly Wiggly (owned by Eisners) stocking, bagging and carrying out.

-He became the Produce Manager at the Eisners grocery store in Monticello.

-He worked as a clothing store salesman, but quit due to issues with the owner. This was two weeks before his marriage.

-He then went to the Eisners store in Champaign on Springfield Road. Dave was encouraged to take the civil service test. He passed the test with flying colors and got a non-academic job at the U of I chemistry department. Being around all those academics, he got the “bug” to go to college.

-He and his wife pulled up roots in Champaign and went to Bloomington. Dave entered Illinois State University.

-Dave’s first job after college graduation was teaching in Villa Grove.

Meeting Minutes – November 26, 2012

Meeting cancelled due to Red Barn closure due to lack of water.

• **Attendance**

– Members

– Guests:

Peanut Days – November 9 & 10

57 Kiwanians Participated-Great job! More photos on our website!





More Photos On Our Website

North Ward Donation of Kindergarten Learning Center Equipment



Jaci Manzella, Stephanie Terwelp, Dee Ann Brookins and Jenny Sullender

November 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Amishland Buffet on Wednesday, 11/7/2012 at 12:07 PM by President Alan Shoemaker with the following Board Directors present:

	Tammy Baer – V.P.	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Donna Motley (2015)
x	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Tom Sturgis (2015)
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.	x	Alan Shoemaker – Pres.
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		
x	Pat Damler – Pres. Elect	x	Jaci Manzella – Past Pres.		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of October Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Jaci Manzella seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. October Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of volunteer hours was 744 service hours. Janet said that it had come to her attention that several more Kiwanians were at the Food Drive. Janet will gather more information and update the Food Drive hours and # of volunteers for both reports. David Butler made a motion that the reports be approved, subject to the edit, and submitted. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved. [Note: Report was resubmitted with 762 volunteer hours.]
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 11/7/12, the current balance in the Treasury is \$3,489.55. The club’s 2012/2013 dues have been paid to Kiwanis International. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Disbursements approved as follows: Key Club \$500 to assist with dues, Christmas Bureau \$100.00 and \$73.37 to Alan Shoemaker to reimburse award expenses. Jerry Leonard made a motion to approve the disbursements. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. Lt. Governor Request – Darrell Helm had requested on behalf of Divisions 25, 26 and 27 that our club send \$50.00 to Spastic Paralysis and \$50.00 to the Eliminate Project in honor of Lt. Governor Moreland’s wife, Alyce. \$50.50 had been left over after paying the restaurant at the Governors’ Dinner and a number of attendees also put donations into our club’s Eliminate donation jar. David Butler made a motion to approve the request. Jaci Manzella seconded the motion and it was approved.
6. Membership – The club is at 85 members due to the loss of Earl Pendergrass and Clarice Hausman. There are no delinquent dues.

7. Christmastown – Alan brought up the upcoming Christmastown Parade, and craft show. The parade is 11:00AM (line up at Ervin Park starting at 10AM, ending at the Community Building) Saturday, December 2. Alan will check with members to procure a truck and trailer. David volunteered to provide Christmas music. Lorraine will check with Jan Chappell about selling in the community building lobby the quilt raffle tickets and crocheted necklaces
8. Computer for Kids – Alan Shoemaker, searching for a new service project for the club for this Kiwanis year, found out that the computer labs at North Ward (need 16) and East Prairie (need 25) are in need of replacement. The cost is about \$330.00 each. Board members agreed that this would be a need that our club could assist with and would help many of our school children. Possible fundraiser ideas for this included fishing contest, 5K Run/Walk, Pork Chop Dinner, and auction. It was suggested to involve our Key Clubbers and K-Kids in the fundraising for computers. Alan volunteered to check with the Moose to see if they would partner with our club for a Pork Chop Dinner with the Moose's and our club's portions of the proceeds going for computers.
9. Governor's Pre-Dinner Meeting – Prior to the 10/20 Governor's Dinner, Gov. John Moreland met with the Presidents and Secretaries that were attending from the three divisions. Alan reported that the governor would like each club to take on one new project, use local media to promote Kiwanis and your club, budget a donation to your Lt. Gov. to help with his/her expenses and to be sure your President and Secretary information is entered on KiwanisOne website. [Note: Our club has completed or is on track with his requests.]
10. Memorial Donations for Clarice Hausmann – So far, \$2,450.00 in memorial donations have been made with at least one more donation to come...maybe more. After discussion, Pat Damler made a motion to use \$750.00 for a TCHS Scholarship (criteria to be determined) and \$1,650.00 to be donated to the school district to purchase 5 computers for either the North Ward and/or East Prairie computer labs. Jaci Manzella seconded the motion and it was approved.
11. Presentation Check – David Butler reported that he was not able to procure a presentation check locally at a reasonable price. He will proceed with ordering one from an internet company.
12. U.S. Club Flag – Tim Hoel generously took our club's flag to the cleaners, however the staining and yellowing did not come out. Tim has donated a replacement flag to the club and Janet Butler volunteered to find gold fringe and sew it on the new flag. As soon as that is done, the new flag will be put up, and the old flag properly retired.
13. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 12 at Amishland Buffet at noon.
14. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Janet Butler - Secretary



*And three wise men came...
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.)