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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
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2017 Events/Activities

Saturday, December 2	Christmastown Parade
Friday/Saturday, December 1-2	Christmastown Table – Comm. Bldg.
Wednesday, December 13	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, December 9	One Stop Christmas Event – Lake Land College

2018 Events/Activities

Wednesday, January 10	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thur March 15/Friday March 16	Fish Fry Thaw/Dinner – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, March 24	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Saturday, April 14	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, June 16	Relay For Life – TCHS (2p-10p)
Saturday, September 29	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

December 4	Cancelled due to the passing of Kiwanian Dan Russell
December 11	Patty Russell
December 18	Club Christmas Party – Hosts-Sturgis
December 25	NO MEETING – Christmas
January 1	NO MEETING – New Year’s Day
January 8	Judy Schenkel
January 15	Alan Shoemaker

January 22	Sandy Simpson
January 29	Carol Bauer
February 5	Kate Watson
February 12	Barb Wills
February 19	NO MEETING – President’s Day
February 26	Paul Wisovaty
March 5	Sue Wisovaty
March 12	Doris Young
March 19	Easter Egg Stuffing
March 26	Wilma Allen
April 2	Tammy Baer
April 9	Bill Bauer
April 16	Wayne Ward
April 23	Carol Beals
April 30	Maureen Bergeson
May 7	Margo Blaudow
May 14	Elaine Bryant
May 21	Andy Brzozkiewicz
May 28	NO MEETING – Memorial Day

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 Volunteer Hours at the end of the month!



Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2017

- Attendance

45 – Members

1 – Guests: Jeremy Tengwall, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Dennis Opperman

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Janet Butler, Jeannine Fortney, Darla Gardner, Debbie Graber, Sherrie Hoel, Heather Kirby, and Val Morgan

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Ag Safety Day – Our club again provided a great crew of volunteers to help with the Douglas County Farm Bureau's Ag Safety Day.



Most of the Safety Day Kiwanis Crew

Program:



Maribeth Opperman introduced our guest speaker, Jeremy Tengwall. He and his wife are the owners of the new Sale Street Boutique. Jeremy and his family live above the Boutique in a totally renovated apartment.

Jeremy graduated from Central High School in Champaign, and the University of Illinois. His career started in insurance sales, then managing restaurants and retail, and then in marketing selling advertising.

He is an entrepreneur and a real estate broker of 12 years. He has had businesses in landscaping, furniture delivery, and real estate. His dream has been to have a retail store and restaurant. He has realized his dream of a retail store, and plans to open a coffee shop/tea room/wine bar adjacent to the store.

To realize his dream store and his family's living quarters, the apartments above and the former Sav-Mor building had to be completely renovated. The "before" and "after" photos were unbelievable.

There are many unique items that make great gifts. The store is currently open 10:00AM – 5:00PM Tuesday-Saturday. Closed Sunday & Monday.

Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2017

- **Attendance**

46 – Members

3 – Guests: Clinton Interclub-Richard Kaufman and Jim Followell; Tom Michael, our speaker

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Linda Damler
- **Birthdays** – None
- **Brags** – Elaine Bryant, Janet Butler, Jan Chappell, Jeannine Fortney, Judy Landeck, Jerry Leonard, Dave Morgan, Val Morgan, and Dennis Opperman,
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Reminders of Upcoming Events –

Christmastown Parade-Saturday, December 2. Line up at Ervin Park 10:15AM. K-Kids and Builders Club will be joining us.

Christmastown Kiwanis Table Friday December 1 & Saturday December 2-See Janet Butler to sign up and/or for hours.

Salvation Army Ringing the Bell-Saturday, December 2 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM-See Janet Butler to sign up.

Eliminate Project – Mike Damler reported that the club has donated \$19,775.26 to eliminate neo-natal/maternal tetanus.

One Stop Christmas – Members were reminded that donations of cash or items must be done by November 20th.

Ervin Park Playground Cleanup – Dave Morgan reported the date is Thursday, April 26 with a rain date of May 3. More details and sign-up sheet to follow later.



Jan Chappell presented Tammy Baer with a Kiwanis International Ruby pin, signifying that Tammy has sponsored 5 new members since the program's inception.

Program:



Dennis Opperman introduced our speaker, Tom Michael. Tom is the Athletic Director at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Tom played basketball for the U of I, and after graduation spent 2 years in his family's lumber business, and 18 years in various U of I athletic department positions. He has been the EIU Athletic Director for almost 4 years.

EIU has 21 different sports and 450 athletes under scholarships. One of Tom's biggest challenges has been his budget which has continued to be reduced since his employment. His task is to develop a balanced budget for the athletic department, and he is working towards that goal. The budget is not balanced as yet, but Tom is closing the gap. Support from EIU Alumni is important to maintaining the current number of sports offered.

Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2017

- **Attendance**

49 – Members

13 – Guests: Golden K Interclub-John Alley, Bob Bauer, Joy Grewe, Mary Jane Mauer, Harold Dausman, Dan Sebok, Charles Smith, and Charles Wallace; Jacob Rominger, son of Ian Rominger; from Harbor Light Hospice, Jennifer Shadwick, and our speakers, Phil Hoggatt, Michelle Matteson, and Connie Young.

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Pat Damler
- **Birthdays** – 11-23 Cindy Surma, 11/28 Diana Phillips-Gray, 11/28 Sharon Marsh
- **Brags** – Pete Buckley, Linda Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Judy Landeck, Jaci Manzella, Val Morgan, Charles Smith
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One Stop Christmas – Members were reminded that donations of cash or items must be done by November 20th. Our K-Kids and Builders Club are doing a sock drive to assist with project.

Program:



Jerry Reynolds introduced our speakers, Phil Hoggatt, Connie Young, and Michelle Matteson. They are from Harbor Light Hospice in Decatur. This organization serves 18 counties, including Douglas. Connie and Michelle are staff members, and Phil is a volunteer who began volunteering with Harbor Light after his wife passed away three years ago. She was under hospice care with Harbor Light before her passing.

Hospice care is accessible to patients in a variety of setting including assisted living facilities, nursing homes, their own residence, and hospitals. The Medicare Hospice benefit, as well as most private insurers, will pay for a patient's hospice treatment. Hospice care provides support to the patient and the family.

Harbor Light is always looking for volunteers. If you would be interested in more information or being a volunteer, call 217-875-4395.

Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2017

- **Attendance**

48 – Members

2 – Guests: Dalton Hoel, grandson of Dave & Val Morgan, and our speaker Kirby Pringle

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Tom Sturgis

- **Birthdays** – 12-1 Sharon Wax

- **Brags** – Jeannine Fortney, Dave Morgan, and Val Morgan

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Program:



Nancy Reynolds introduced our guest speaker, Kirby Pringle. Kirby is the manager of The Vault, located in downtown Tuscola in the former First National Bank building. For 25 years, Kirby was a reporter and editor for The News-Gazette.

For the last 10 years, he and his wife Cindy have been full-time artists. They have published three children's books and made three documentary films on the monarch butterfly. Cindy and Kirby have a simple goal: To bring joy to people's lives through their words and art. The Pringles specialize in unique, whimsical photographs with their "dog people" — dogs with humanlike bodies.

The Vault was established by John McDevitt in 2010. John moved The Vault to its current location in Tuscola in 2013. In March 2017, new owners Mike Carroll, Jim Higgins, and Jerry Reynolds hired Kirby to manage the business.

Since managing The Vault, which is home to the work of about 50 artisans, Kirby has made many updates and adjusted the offerings to appeal more to women who are 80% of their customers. All items are handcrafted, and almost all made in the U.S. with a wide range of prices. Kirby developed a new brochure, and there are commercials running on WCIA Channel 3.

The Vault is open 7 days a week from 10AM to 5PM. Special events are frequently held.

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2017 NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday November 8, 2017 at 12:00 PM by President Jan Chappell with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

X	Maureen Bergeson (2018)	X	Candy Hudson – Treasurer		Guests:
X	Pete Buckley – Pres Elect	X	Carol Martin (2019)	X	Tammy Baer
X	David Butler – Past Pres	X	Dave Morgan (2020)	X	Carol Burwash
X	Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Dennis Opperman - VP	X	Val Morgan
X	Jan Chappell – Pres	X	Jerry Reynolds (2018)		
X	Tim Hoel (2019)		Doris Young (2020)		

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of October Board Meeting – Tim Hoel made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Dave Butler seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. October Secretary’s Monthly Reports – Janet Butler had emailed Board members copies of the monthly Tuscola Volunteer Hours report and the Kiwanis International monthly report for their review. There were 999 service hours reported. Carol Martin made a motion to approve the reports. Maureen Bergeson seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. October Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 11/8/17, the current balance for the club is \$4,454.38 and the foundation balance is \$8,283.58. Dave Morgan made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Dennis Opperman seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
	\$200.00 – Donation to the TCHS Science Dept.

Dave Butler made a motion to approve the disbursement. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet Butler will contact the TCHS Science teachers to set up a photo op check presentation.

Janet Butler made a motion that \$300.00 in the club foundation account be allocated to the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None
6. One Stop Christmas – Janet reported that 9 families were registered on Friday, November 3, and 18 families on Wednesday, November 11. There will be registration at the Tuscola Library 2p-6p Thursday, November 16 and Tuesday, November 28. Janet has requested that Duane Huffman, Builders Club Faculty Advisor, and Beth Linstead, K-Kids Faculty Advisor organize a sock drive to add to what our club collects/purchases.
7. Builders Club Update – Tammy Baer reported that the club met October 13 with 13 members. There are a few more students that will join, but could not attend this meeting. The next meeting is next Monday, November 13. Jan Chappell has agreed to be the club co-advisor for the 2017/2018 year. They will be planning an evening charter event for Builders Club. Date and more details to follow.
8. Key Club Update – Discussion tabled for next month.
9. Veterans Parade – The parade is Saturday, November 11 from Ervin Park to the courthouse. Members who can participate should report to the park at 9:45AM. Tim Hoel will bring the club banners and vehicle signs.
10. Christmastown – Janet passed around the sign-up sheet for the club's table and baked goods on Monday, November 6. They will go around 2 more weeks. The Christmastown Parade will be Saturday, December 2. Come out to Ervin Park at 10:15AM with the parade leaving the park at 11:00AM.
11. 2018 SAM Pantry Rotary Food Drive – Rotarian Jim Kleiss advised that he is stepping down and will not be the food drive chair in 2018. Janet Butler volunteered to talk to Devin Black to find out Rotary's plan for 2018.
12. Prairieland Playground at Ervin Park – Dave Morgan will work with Drew Hoel to plan out the work that the club, and possibly some city employees, will do to refresh this playground. The Board agreed to schedule the service project for 9:00AM Thursday, April 26, 2018 with a rain date of Thursday, May 3.

13. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be December 13, 2017 at the Smith House at noon.

14. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Unto Us a Child is Born

Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:
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