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## CLUB OF TUSCOLA

**NEWSLETTER**  
**DECEMBER 2018**

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### 2018 Events/Activities

Fri/Sat, Nov 30 & Dec 1	Christmastown Table – Comm. Bldg
Saturday, Dec 1	Christmastown Parade
Wednesday, December 12	Board Meeting – The Smith House

### 2019 Events/Activities

Wednesday, January 9	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, March 9	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs
Thurs/Fri, April 4 & 5	Fish Fry Thaw & Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, April 20	Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt – rain 4/27 Ervin Park
Saturday, May 4	Electronic Recycle/Shred – tentative Ervin Park
Saturday, May 11	USPS Stamp Out Hunger for SAM Food Pantry
Saturday, June 15	Relay for Life – 4p-10p

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### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

December 3	Candy Hudson
December 10	April Kauffman
December 17	<b>Club Christmas Party</b>
December 24	<b>No Meeting – Christmas Eve</b>
December 31	<b>No Meeting – New Years Eve</b>
January 7	Judy Landeck
January 14	Tim Hoel
January 21	Jean Leonard

January 28	Jerry Leonard
February 4	David Butler
February 11	Sharon Marsh
February 18	<b>No Meeting – Memorial Day</b>
February 25	Carol Martin
March 4	Dave Morgan
March 11	Val Morgan
March 18	Donna Motley
March 25	Dennis Opperman
April 1	Maribeth Opperman
April 8	Jerry Reynolds
April 15	Easter Egg Stuffing
April 22	Ian Rominger
April 29	Patty Russell
May 6	Judy Schenkel
May 13	Alan Shoemaker
May 20	Glen Simpson
May 27	<b>No Meeting – Presidents Day</b>

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

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**Don't forget to give Janet Butler your Volunteer Hours at the end of the month!**

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"OK. You see me when I'm sleeping. You know when I'm awake ... but no way you follow me on Twitter, right?"

## Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2018

- Attendance

41 – Members

3 – Guests: Kayleigh Rahn, soon-to-be member Russell Brown, and our speaker Sarah Dowell

- Free Lunch Winner – Pat Sturgis

- Birthdays – Sarah Evans 11/6

- Brags – Wilma Allen, Tammy Baer, Jan Chappell, Linda Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Darla Gardner, and Topy Moody

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army – Sue Wisovaty is passing around a sign-up sheet to ring at IGA on December 8 from 8a-4p.

One Stop Christmas – An envelope for donations was passed and will be next week, too.

Christmastown Kiwanis Table – Janet Butler is passing around sign-up sheets for working the Kiwanis table selling baked goods, TCHS spinners and raffle tickets for a quilt. The second sign-up sheet is to bring baked goods.

Disc Golf Course – Dave Morgan that the project is moving quickly with member donations and Gift in Kind donations. The goal is to complete the course by the end of November. A dedication event will be planned.

## Program:



Judy Heilich introduced our guest speak, Sarah Dowell. Sarah is the Mattoon YMCA Program Director and the One Stop Community Christmas

Volunteer Coordinator. One Stop is a free event to low-income families with minor children Over 100 businesses and organizations donate money, time, and materials for this event.

Low-income families who reside in Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, and Shelby counties must pre-register to be served on the day of the event. At the event, parents navigate through the various table stops with a personal shopper. One Stop offers gift/toy tables for newborns through 18 years of age, pajamas, diapers/pullups, socks, underwear, books, stocking stuffers, household items, stuffed animals, and food for a Christmas Dinner. This year the event will be held Saturday, December 8 in the West Building, near the wind turbines, at Lake Land College in Mattoon.

Over 1,000 families with over 2,000 children were served in 2017. The program is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year.



## Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2018

- **Attendance**

43 – Members

3 – Guests: soon-to-be member Russell Brown and our speakers, Marvin & Mona Sowers

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Judy Landeck

- **Birthdays** – Glen Simpson 11/13, Suzanne Moody 11/18

- **Brags** – Elaine Bryant, Jeannine Fortney, Judy Landeck, Betty Leonard, Patty Russell, and Doris Young.

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

**Thank You Note** – The club received a thank you note from the Douglas County Farm Bureau, thanking the club for the volunteers at Ag Safety Day.

**One Stop Community Christmas** – Janet Butler passed the envelope for the last time for donations for the Mattoon Kiwanis Club to purchase socks/underwear for this event.

**Disc Golf Course** – Final day for passing an envelope for this project. Donations to purchase the 9 baskets have been received. Dave Morgan reported the course is laid out and the concrete pouring scheduled.

**Christmastown Kiwanis Table** – Janet Butler is passing around sign-up sheets for working the Kiwanis table selling baked goods, TCHS spinners and raffle tickets for a quilt. The second sign-up sheet is to bring baked goods.

**Ring the Bell for Salvation Army** – Sue Wisovaty is passing around a sign-up sheet to ring at IGA on December 8 from 8a-4p.

### **Program:**



Kim Higgins introduced our speaker, Mona and Marvin Sowers. The Sowers shared photos and stories of their experiences from their recent trip to Africa. They traveled over 23,000 miles, were on 11 flights, took 13 game drives, and participated in 2 bush walks. They saw so many animals there were too many to count.





## Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2018

- Attendance

37 – Members

8 – Guests: I-I 2018/2019 Governor Elect Charles Smith, Decatur Golden K interclub-Bob Mauer, Mary Bauer, Donna Cleland, Linda Durnil, Joy Grieve, Marty Williams, and Roberta Williams

- Free Lunch Winner – Linda Damler

- Birthdays – Cindy Surma 11/23

- Brags – Elaine Bryant, Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, Janet Butler, Jeannine Fortney, Dave Morgan, Val Morgan, Charles Smith

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Traveling Gravel – Club Secretary Linda Durnil, on behalf Decatur Golden K, presented the traveling gravel to Tuscola with donuts. Tuscola will pass it on to Clinton.



Disc Golf Course – Dave Morgan reported that the holes are dug and ready to pour concrete. He expects completion, if the weather cooperates, before Thanksgiving.

Baby Bottle Donations – Pete reported that the Board has selected the TCHS Teachers' Grant Program, suggested by Tammy Baer, to benefit from the donations made in the baby bottles each Monday. Tammy Baer is chairing a committee to draft the process and submission form. She is looking for educators, past and present, to be on the committee.

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army – Sue Wisovaty is passing around a sign-up sheet to ring at IGA on December 8 from 8a-4p. Sue also advised that there is an Angel Tree at Sav-Mor and Tuscola United Methodist Church

### Program:



Club Secretary provided a Kiwanis Education program. Topics covered included the structure of Kiwanis, how Tuscola fits in, Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines,

Kiwanis International projects, I-I District projects, and service and fundraising projects.



## Meeting Minutes – November 26, 2018

- Attendance

50 – Members

3 – Guests: Todd Black, Debbie Henningsen, and our speaker Brian Henningsen

- Free Lunch Winner – Sharon Corum

- Birthdays – Sharon Marsh 11/28, Diana Phillips-Gray 11/28, Sharon Wax 12/1

- Brags – Pete Buckley, Dave Butler, Jan Chappell, Linda Damler, Darla Gardner, April Kauffman, Judy Landeck, Kathryn McCumber, Dave Morgan, Dennis Opperman, Pat Sturgis and Doris Young

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Member Induction – New member Russell Brown, sponsored by Dave Morgan, was inducted into the club by President Pete Buckley and Past Lt. Governor Janet Butler.



Welcome, Russell!!

Key Club Update – Members of the TCHS Key Club made 13 blankets and donated them to Carle Hospital. Great job!!!

Disc Golf Course – Dave Morgan thanked the generous Kiwanians who have donated to this service project. He reported that the course is complete, and a dedication is scheduled for Monday, December 3 at 10:00AM at East Prairie Middle School. The club is expecting media coverage and hope that many Kiwanians will come out to the event.

Reminders – Christmastown Kiwanis Table 11/30-12/1; Christmastown Parade 12/1

### Program:



Betty Leonard introduced singer and song writer Brian Henningsen. His wife Debbie accompanied him to the meeting and are the parents of ten children.

Due to laryngitis, Brian was not able to sing as planned. However, he gave a wonderful program sharing many stories of things that he and his family have experienced. Brian started his music career at the Blue Bird Cafe in Nashville during an open microphone night. He also played three songs that he and/or members of his family had written and recorded.

His favorite memories are performing three times at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. He has essentially retired and spends time in the Tuscola and Nashville areas.



Ag Safety Day – November 1, 2018



Club Volunteers for Ag Safety Day (David Butler behind the camera)



**Dan Russell Tree Dedication – November 11, 2018**





**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &  
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION  
2018 NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Thursday November 15, 2018 at noon by President Pete Buckley with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

Tammy Baer – VP	X	Candy Hudson – Treas	X	Guests:	
Pete Buckley – Pres	X	Carol Martin (2019)		Pat Damler	X
Carol Burwash (2021)	X	Dave Morgan (2020)	X	Jerry Reynolds	X
David Butler – Webmaster	X	Val Morgan (2021)	X		
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Dennis Opperman – Pres Elect	X		
Jan Chappell – Past Pres		Doris Young (2020)	X		
Tim Hoel (2019)	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of October Board Meeting – Dave Morgan made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Tim Hoel 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 863 service and 122 fundraising hours reported for a total of 985 hours. Carol Burwash made a motion to approve the reports. Doris Young seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
  
3. November Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 11/15/18, the current balance for the club is \$3,995.45 and the foundation balance is \$8,920.09. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Dave Butler 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>
\$50.00 To Pat Sturgis for Christmas party expenses	\$161.40 Reimbursement to Janet Butler for B.U.G. supplies requested by Mike Damler \$100.00 Budgeted donation to Tuscola Salvation Army \$1,640.00 Donations to 2018 One Stop Community Christmas event \$99.78 Reimbursement to Dave Morgan for disc golf course materials \$903.54 Reimbursement to Dave Morgan for disc golf course baskets \$225.00 To Winn Welding for done for the disc golf course

Allocate from the foundation account \$350.00 for the 2019 Easter Egg Hunt. Dennis Opperman/Dave Butler made motions to approve the disbursements. Tim Hoel/Dennis Opperman seconded the motions and they were approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None

6. Peanut Days October 26-27 Results – Carol Burwash reported that the net income for Peanuts Days was \$3,957.26 (budgeted \$3,500) less \$1,014.00 for peanuts (budgeted \$1,000) for a net total of \$2,943.26. Great job co-chairs Carol Burwash and Kim Higgins, and all the Kiwanians and Key Clubbers who helped.

7. One Stop Community Christmas – Janet Butler reported that member donations totaled \$845.32. With the club budgeted amount of \$750.00 Janet made a motion to donation \$1,600.00 in total to the event for the socks/underwear table that the Mattoon Kiwanis Club sponsors. David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved.

Note: After the Board meeting, Nancy Smith from The Smith House gave a donation of \$40.00 cash for One Stop, so the total donation is \$1,640.00

8. Disc Golf Course Update – Dave Morgan reported that the holes are dug, the baskets have arrived, and the t-boxes are completed. The next step will be pouring the concrete, hopefully on Tuesday, November 20. Dave asked the Board to include a budget line in 2019/2020 for future improvements to the course. A formal dedication and turn-over to the school will be planned with media coverage.

9. Christmastown Table – Janet Butler reported that the sign-up sheet to work the table was completed. She will pass around the baked goods sign-up again.
10. Christmastown Parade – Jerry Reynolds is providing a truck and trailer, and Tim Hoel providing straw bales. Janet Butler will email Beth Linstead regarding how many K-Kids to expect. Tammy Baer will do a sign-up sheet for Kiwanians who would like to ride in the parade, and provide a count from Builders Club.
11. Kiwanis/Key Club Fun Night – Janet Butler reported that Tuscola United Methodist Church has approved the use, at no cost, of their Fellowship Hall for an evening in January or February 2019. Janet will contact Mike Damler and Darcey Voyles for 2-3 dates that would work for Key Clubbers. The plan is to provide pizza, beverages, donated desserts and provide Kiwanis spinners to the attending Key Clubbers. The “fun” will be a Desert Survival Team Activity facilitated by Janet. Janet will advise the Board of the possible dates so a single date can be confirmed. It was agreed that once a date was confirmed that Builders Club members will also be invited.
12. Document Shredding/Electronic Recycle – Dave Morgan reported that he has not been able to confirm May 4, 2019 with the shredding company as yet, but he will still keep trying. It was agreed that the club would go ahead with the electronic recycle on May 4 even if there is no shred truck. Dave believes the city will pay for at least one trailer for recycle.
13. New Member Approval – Val Morgan made a motion to approve membership for Russell Brown. Dave Morgan seconded the motion and it was approved.
14. Baby Bottle Donations – Pete Buckley presented two options to the Board – Veteran’s Vegetable Garden and a Grant Program for TCHS Teachers. After discussion, Carol Burwash made a motion to approve the Grant Program concept with Tammy Baer chairing a committee who will develop a process and submission form. Tammy will report back to the Board to review, finalize, and approve the process and submission form, and set an implementation date. Doris Young seconded the motion and it was approved. Tammy plans to have a current teacher and retired teachers in Kiwanis to serve on her committee.



15. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday December 12, 2018 at the Smith House at noon.

16. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59PM.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary

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