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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
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2019 Events/Activities

Friday/Saturday, December 6-7	Christmastown Fundraising Table – Comm. Bldg.
Saturday, December 7	Christmastown Parade
Wednesday, December 11	Board Meeting – Smith House

2020 Events/Activities

Wednesday, January 8	Board Meeting – Smith House
Saturday, March 7	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thur-Fri, March 26-27	Fish Thaw/Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park (rain 4/11)
Summer – Date TBD (July)	Kiwaniis Garage Sale

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

December 2	Sharon Corum
December 9	Linda Damler
December 16	Club Holiday Party – Sturgis' Host
December 23	NO MEETING
December 30	Pat Damler
January 6	Jeannine Fortney
January 13	Darla Gardner
January 20	Ron Gardner
January 27	Debbie Graber
February 3	Kim Higgins

February 10	Tim Hoel
February 17	Jeff Martin
February 24	Kathryn McCumber
March 2	Candy Hudson
March 9	Judy Landeck
March 16	Jean Leonard
March 23	Jerry Leonard
March 30	Carol Martin
April 6	Egg Stuffing for Easter Egg Hunt
April 13	Carol Hausmann
April 20	Jim Hausmann
April 27	Topsy Mooday

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 4, 2019

- Attendance

41 – Members

3 – Guests: Becki Anderson, and our speakers Julie Schubach and Adolfo Oropeza

- Free Lunch Winner – Becky Carroll
- Birthdays – 11/6 Sarah Evans
- Braggs – Elaine Bryant, Janet Butler, Linda Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Dennis Opperman, and Patty Russell
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Teachers Grant Program Update – Mike Damler reported that the fund was now over \$1,700.

One Stop Community Christmas – A donation envelope for member donations will go around on 11/4, 11/11, and 11/18. Online registration is open for members who wish to volunteer at the December 14 event at Lake Land College, Mattoon.

Upcoming events -

- November 15 & 16 – Kiwanis Kids Day
- December 6 & 7 – Christmastown Kiwanis Table at Craft Fair
- December 7 – Christmastown Parade
- December 14 - Ringing the Bell for Salvation Army

Program:



Carol Burwash introduced her speakers, Julie Schubach and Adolfo Oropeza from the Champaign Family Service Senior Resource Center. Becki Anderson from the Tuscola center accompanied them.

The Family Service Senior Resource Center organization is 52 years old, serving seniors from many Illinois communities. Due to a grant, the organization is able to fund a Tuscola office for at least two years. The organization's primary funding is through the State of Illinois and donations from the United Way.

All the center's services are free for seniors age 60 and above. The Tuscola office will have two caseworkers and the office hours will be 8:30AM – 5:00PM with closure at lunchtime, located in the same building as ERBA. A senior can come into the office or can set an appointment for a home visit.

Services include local senior services information, referrals, advocate, Medicare information, SNAP and Medicaid assistance, and more.

Meeting Minutes – November 11 2019

• Attendance

36 – Members

2 – Guests: Anna Watson, daughter of John & Kate Watson and Harper, granddaughter of Carol & Jeff Martin

- Free Lunch Winner – Jerry Reynolds
- Birthdays – 11/13 Glen Simpson
- Braggs – Janet Butler, Judy Landeck, and Val Morgan
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Christmastown Sign-ups – Janet Butler started around the Christmastown sign-up sheets for working the Kiwanis table and/or donating a baked good.

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Program:



Cathy Buckley introduced Kiwanian Kate Watson, Douglas County States Attorney. Kate spoke about the changes in Illinois cannabis laws effective January 1, 2019 with her presentation “The State of Cannabis.”

As of January 1, 2020, all Illinois residents 21 and older will be able to possess up to 30 grams of raw cannabis (that’s the actual plant); cannabis-infused products (cookies, cakes, sodas, whatever your heart desires) with no greater than 500 mg of THC; and five grams of cannabis concentrate (like oils or tinctures).

When it comes to growing plants, only medical cannabis patients will be allowed to grow up to five plants per household if the plants are secured and out of public view. Cannabis purchased in Illinois cannot legally be taken out of state.

In addition to the public recreational use of cannabis throughout Illinois, the Illinois bill 1438 outlines a select number of licenses for dispensaries, infusers, transporters, craft growers and cultivation centers. The sales from recreational cannabis are expected to bring in \$57 million in the first year and \$140 million next year. Lawmakers says sales will eventually rise to \$500 million per year once the program is fully up and running.

As part of the legislation, cannabis convictions of up to 30 grams will be expunged from the persons’ records. For amount of 30-500 grams, the individual must petition the court to vacate the conviction(s).

At the retail level, the more concentrated THC is, the higher the tax rate:

- 10% tax will apply to cannabis flower or products with less than 35% THC
- 20% tax will apply to products infused with cannabis, such as edible products
- 25% tax will apply to any product with a THC concentration higher than 35%

In addition to these scalable tax rates, the state’s regular 6.25% sales tax rate also applies, along with local taxes of up to 3.5%. The range consumers will pay at the register — which does not include the 7% tax levied at wholesale — will be between 19.55% to 34.75% retail tax, depending on the product’s potency.

Douglas County and the City of Tuscola have not determined their position on cannabis sales.

Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2019

• Attendance

48 – Members

4 – Guest: Chuck Sweck and Doug Warren from Decatur Early Birds, Nick Kidwell, and our speaker Dena Kidwell

- Free Lunch Winner – Jerry Leonard
- Birthdays – 11/18 Suzanne Moody, 11/23 Cindy Surma
- Brags – Pete Buckley, Dale Boyer, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Janet Butler, Linda Damler, Debbie Graber, Kim Higgins, Betty Leonard, Jerry Leonard, Kathryn McCumber, Suzanne Moody, Dennis Opperman, and Ian Rominger
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Kiwanis Kids Day Preliminary Results -

Carol Burwash and Kim Higgins reported that the club had a very successful fundraiser. Donations of \$3,334.95 were collected and the expense of the Tootsie Roll Pops, 2/3 reduction in cost over the peanuts, was \$310.42 for a preliminary net total of \$3,024.53. The club still has some Tootsie Roll Pops. If you would like to purchase some, see Carol Burwash.

Fall Into Giving Project – To assist the East Prairie students in collecting donations and food for the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, Val and Dave Morgan are collecting monetary donations and food at our club meetings through December 2.

Upcoming events -

-December 6 & 7 – Christmastown Kiwanis Table at Craft Fair

-December 7 – Christmastown Parade

-December 14 - Ringing the Bell for Salvation Army

Program:



Pete Buckley introduced our speaker, Dena Kidwell, Douglas County 911 Director. Dena has worked in this department for twenty years, first as a telecommunicator

dispatcher, and for the last seven years as Director. In September 1995, 911 services were implemented in Douglas County, funded by \$1.95 per land line. As cell phones grew and land lines were dropped, funding became a problem. In 2015, legislation addressed the issue by establishing a 87 cents tax on all phone lines.

The 911 department has when fully staffed 6 full-time and 2 part-time employees. Dena is on call 24/7. In addition to taking the 911 and sheriff office's calls, the dispatchers enter information into the county system such as warrants, courthouse paperwork, missing persons, etc.

Being a dispatcher is very stressful, and PTSD can be an issue. A support group is available for the dispatchers.

In 2020, a new "next generation" 911 system is to be installed. It will be all digital with a statewide network and have video capabilities and better location accuracy.

Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2019

- Attendance

41 – Members

3 – Guests: I-I Governor Charles Smith, Kathleen Dyer, and soon-to-be-member Jason Wallace

- Free Lunch Winner – Jim Hausmann
- Birthdays – 11/25 Dale Boyer, 11/28 Sharon March, 11/28 Diana Phillips-Gray
- Brags – Carol Burwash, Linda Damler, Judy Landeck, Jerry Leonard, Dennis Opperman, and Doris Young
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or
- Volunteer Opportunities

Induction of New Member Jason Wallace – Past Lt Governor Pat Damler and President Dennis Opperman inducted new member Jason Wallace into our club.



Welcome Jason!

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December 7 – Christmastown Parade

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Program:



Sharon Corum introduced our speaker, Kiwanian Sue Wisovaty. Sue spoke about the Tuscola Salvation Army Angel Tree process. The process that she put into place gave families privacy.

Request forms are turned in at the Tuscola ERBA office. The forms are numbered, and an “angel” is filled out for each child. As the gifts are turned in, they are bagged by family. One day, December 15 this year, is announced for pickup by the families. For 2019, seventy children will benefit.

Becky Cook Carroll

Interview by Dennis Opperman:



Kiwanis Member since 10/7/2019

Becky Cook Carroll was born in Charleston, Illinois and grew up on a Westfield farm. She later moved to Tuscola and graduated from Tuscola Community High School. She continued her education by completing an undergraduate degree at EIU. She then received her master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Illinois.

Her first job was teaching at a University affiliated Early Childhood Special Education program through the University of Illinois. Becky retired from EIU in May 2019.

Some of her current activities include mentoring two new Special Education teachers in Mattoon. She also likes to play golf and pickle ball. She keeps herself busy reading, doing crossword puzzles, and going to Kiwanis meetings. She is on the Tuscola Alumni Committee that selects Tuscola High School Hall of Fame candidates and Alumni homecoming participation. She was one of three TCHS Hall of Fame winners in 2018.

Becky has been married to her husband Mike for 27 years. The one thing that most people do not know about Becky is that with bubblegum, she can blow a bubble inside a bubble inside a bubble. Now that's talent.

Note: We need her to demonstrate this skill at one of our meetings!

Kiwanis Kids Day November 15-16, 2019



Many more photos on club website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
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2019 NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 12:02PM by President Dennis Opperman with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an “X”:

Tammy Baer – Pres Elect	X	Dave Morgan (2020)	X	Guests:	
Pete Buckley – Past Pres		Val Morgan (2021)	X	Linda Damler	X
Carol Burwash – V.P.	X	Dennis Opperman – Pres	X	Mike Damler	X
David Butler – Webmaster	X	Ian Rominger (2022)	X	Tim Hoel	X
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Kate Watson (2021)	X		
Candy Hudson – Treas	X	Doris Young (2020)			
Jean Leonard (2022)	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of October Board Meeting – Carol Burwash made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Val Morgan 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 was a total of 1,002 service volunteer hours. Dave Morgan made a motion to approve the reports. David Butler seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 11/13/19, the current balance for the club is \$3,265.10 and the foundation balance is \$4,760.40. Dave Morgan made a motion to approve the reports. Ian Rominger seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the Treasurer 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 Club Christmas Party expenses \$7.55 – Reimbursement to Janet Butler for the Marge Conn patch for the club’s memorial banner done by Downtown Design Studio	\$200 Douglas County Museum for Breakfast with Santa \$500 plus member donations for One Stop Community Christmas \$100 Tuscola Salvation Army \$200 Nunn Scout Building \$500 TCHS Key Club for dues assistance \$42.15 Reimbursement to Janet Butler for B.U.G. certificates requested by Mike Damler

In addition, \$350.00 of foundation funds allocated to the 2020 Easter Egg Hunt.

David Butler made a motion to disburse the above requested amounts and egg hunt allocation. Kate Watson seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None

6. 2019/2020 Distinguished Club Criteria – Tabled to next meeting. Janet Butler is waiting on a reply to her inquiry from I-I Governor Charles Smith.
7. New Member Approval – Dave Morgan made a motion to approve the membership of Jason Wallace, principal of North Ward Elementary School, sponsored by Jeannine Fortney. Carol Burwash seconded the motion and it was approved.
8. TCHS Teachers Grant Program – After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion to approve the process and application with edits from the discussion, to be written by Carol Burwash, covering monthly reviews, carry-over applications, and expiration of applications. The program will be publicized between now and the end of the year, and open for submissions January 1, 2020. David Butler will create an online application including the process information for easy teacher access. Ian Rominger seconded the motion and it was approved.

9. Christmastown Parade – As vice-president Carol Burwash is coordinating plans for the Saturday, 12/7 parade. Tim Hoel volunteered his straw bales and two trailers. He will let Carol know if he cannot provide a truck for either trailer. Dennis Opperman volunteered to be a driver with his truck. Janet Butler reported that Beth Linstead has sent home parade permission slips for the K-Kids. Carol will follow up with Beth for a headcount in a week or two. Tammy Baer will advise Ashley Wishard to include the Builders Club members, procuring permission slips as required.
10. Christmastown Fundraising Table – Janet Butler reported she started around the sign-up sheets for working the table and providing baked goods at our 11/11 meeting. The club will be doing a 50/50 drawing and selling baked goods and Tuscola Warrior spinners.
11. Kiwanis Kids Days – Carol Burwash reported everything was on track for November 15 & 16 with most time slots filled.
12. Fall Into Giving Project – Val and Dave Morgan reported to the Kiwanis Board that food and monetary donations were being collected by East Prairie Middle School for the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, where SAM Pantry receives the majority of its food. Members will be asked to bring in food and/or monetary donations to our 11/18 or 11/25 meetings. Dave and Val Morgan volunteered to deliver the donations on behalf of our club to East Prairie after 11/25/19. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the request. Carol Burwash seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet Butler will send an email to members and Dennis Opperman will remind members on 11/18 that they can still bring donations at our 11/25 meeting.



13. Club Christmas Party – Kiwanians will again be asked to bring in a \$10 donation in lieu a gift exchange on December 16 at the club Christmas Party. David Butler made a motion for the donations to go into the club’s Teachers Grant Program fund. Dave Morgan seconded the motion and it was approved.
14. Club Bylaws – Janet Butler provided a section of the club’s bylaws regarding what authority the Board had if a Board member is failing to perform his/her duties. It was agreed that should a problem arise, it would first be addressed by the club president privately with the Board member in question.
15. Builders Club Candy Cane Project – Tammy Baer reported that our Builders Club is selling candy canes to raise funds to purchase Christmas gifts for residents of the Tuscola Health Care Center. Tammy asked if the club would fund the candy canes, so the cost did not come out of the proceeds. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the request to fund the candy canes up to \$50.00. Val Morgan seconded the motion and it was approved. Tammy Baer will advise Builders Club Faculty Advisor of the Board’s approval. Janet will let Ashley know to provide her the receipt for reimbursement.
16. Ink Cartridges/Cell Phones Recycle – Mike Damler reported that the club has accumulated almost \$100.00 with the vendor. Generally, the recycling provides about \$100 per year which is then donated to the Childrens Miracle Network Springfield Illinois Hospital from the club’s foundation. Mike was directed to request a check once the club’s total is over \$100.00.
17. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday December 11, 2019 at the Smith House at noon.
18. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Christmas Begins with Christ!

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