

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2007

Upcoming Events

February 3, Saturday	Pancake Breakfast/Lunch – Forty Martyrs Hall, serving 7a to 1p
February 3, Saturday 11:30AM	Division 27 Winter Conference – Scovill Golf Course, Decatur, IL
February 7, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
February 9 & 10, Fri & Sat	I-I District Mid-Winter Convention – Comfort Suites, Burlington IA
March 7, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
March 24, Saturday	Club Anniversary Party – Mike & Linda Damler’s home
March 30, Friday	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
July 4-8, Wed thru Sun	Kiwanis International Convention – Marriott RiverCenter, San Antonio Texas
August 10-12, Fri thru Sun	I-I District Convention - Giovanni’s Convention Center, Rockford, Illinois

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 5	Clarice Hausman
February 12	Darrell Helm
February 19	No Meeting
February 26	Kim Higgins
March 5	Jan Houser
March 12	Candy Hudson
March 19	Mark Jacobs
March 26	Judy Landeck
April 2	Ken Landeck
April 9	Jim Lee

April 16	Betty Leonard
April 23	Kathyrn McCumber
April 30	John McDaniel

Don't Forget to Give Wayne Your January Volunteer Hours!

Meeting of January 8, 2007

There was a total attendance of 27 members.

Ed Wachala sent around a sign-up sheet for an inter-club meeting at Toledo, Illinois on Monday, January 22nd at 6:30PM.

Darrell Helm advised that the semi-annual membership dues of \$50 are due by the end of January. Darrell also reported that Lisa McCallister is not renewing her membership, and that the club needs 5 more new members to reach the Kiwanis International goal of 25% growth.

Darrell updated the members regarding the January 3rd Board meeting items. See highlights of the Board meeting on page 9.

Darrell reported that he was going to pilot a Study Skills program at East Prairie with 4 6th graders starting January 9th. He is planning sessions twice a week for two weeks. He will report back.

Mike Damler reminded members that on January 9th Dave Chestnut would be speaking about spastic paralysis at Decatur Prairieland's meeting at 8:45AM. Mike is planning on attending. Contact him if you are interested in going.



Joe Fortney was our speaker, and shared many humorous childhood stories with us. Thanks, Joe!

As I was saying..... When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Author: Unknown

Meeting of January 15, 2007

There was a total attendance of 30 members and 2 guests, Cliff Ponder and Mitzi Kendall, who are both planning on joining our club.

Mike Damler reported that our club is leading Division 27 in growth. We are within 3 new members of making the 25% growth goal.

For those members not eating the meal at a meeting, please remember to give Kathryn \$2.15 if you're having tea or coffee, or \$2.50 for soda. One dollar of this is for our club.

Darrell reported that the Study Skills program pilot was going well. Two of the four sessions had been completed. The two sessions were Listening Skills and Note Taking. Darrell has two more sessions to go in the pilot.

Carol Burwash, for Paul Wisovaty, advised members that the K-Kids Chernobyl Fundraiser Kick-off is scheduled January 16th at the North Ward cafeteria at about 8AM. Members are encouraged to attend.

Carol also sent around a sign-up sheet for the pancake breakfast/lunch volunteers and provided flyers for members for businesses to post. She also advised volunteers were needed for setting up Forty Martyrs Hall for the pancake event from 4:30-5:30PM on Friday, February 2. Janet Butler volunteered to procure the Temporary Food Permit from the Douglas County Health Department. Jerry Hall volunteered to place advertising in the Tuscola Journal and Tuscola Review, plus the leading columns. Debbie Graber volunteered to contact the Lions Club for signage to be set up at Main & Van Allen. Mike Damler volunteered to procure the orange drink from McDonalds. Carole will contact Jaci Manzella regarding procuring the sausage. Carole will bring what supplies she has to the hall on the Friday afternoon set-up.



Our speaker was Cliff Ponder, and his topic was “Internet Safety for Children.” Cliff is recently certified to teach two versions of a NetSmartz workshop. There is a version for grades 3-6 and an adult version each lasting about 50 minutes. Cliff plans to offer these workshops to schools, service organizations, churches, etc.

Here are some safety tips regarding children and Internet use:

1. Establish rules for internet use. What sites are allowed? Who can they chat with? How long can they be online? Where are they allowed to use a computer?
2. Keep the home computer in a common room (not in a child’s bedroom).
3. Discuss the importance of telling you or a trusted adult if something ever makes your child feel scared, uncomfortable or confused.
4. Communicate. Be open with your children. Keep your cool. Encourage them to confide in you.
5. Be informed. Learn about the internet. Ask your children to show where they go. Learn chat room lingo by going to www.cybertipline.com for a list of acronyms like POS = Parent Over Shoulder.
6. Consider safeguarding options. Check out blocking, filtering and rating applications. Learn about filtering and monitoring software and when to use them.
7. Know who your children talk to online and what websites they visit. Check the computer’s history files regarding websites visits.
8. Check your children’s e-mail addresses for appropriateness.
9. Don’t have your children’s email addresses posted in any directory.
10. Talk to your children about what is personal information and why they should never give it out to anyone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO: WWW.NETSMARTZ.ORG

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said: “Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng, but in ourselves, are triumph and defeat.” As Kiwanians, we perform voluntary

service, not for public applause but for the inner satisfaction of knowing we have improved the lives of others – we do not need the approval of the crowd to know we have done well.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of January 22, 2007

There was a total attendance of 31 people at this meeting with 28 members and three guests: John Davis, Mitzi Kendall and our speaker, Jim Young.

Carol Burwash sent the volunteer sign-up sheet around again for the Pancake Breakfast/Lunch. Everything is on track.

The Division 27 Winter Conference at Scovill Golf Course in Decatur will be attended by Mike Damler, Carol Burwash, Darrell Helm, Clarice Hausman and Earl Pendergrass.

David Butler suggested that each member provide a personal introduction to be put on the club's website in the password protected area. This would help new members to get to know the existing members. It was suggested that David come up with a form and provide it to members at the next meeting.

Carol Burwash, Carl Quinn, Carole Weber and Gary Weber will be attending an inter-club meeting in Toledo today at 6:30PM.



Our speaker today, provided by Edie Griffith, was Jim Young. He shared his experiences from an exciting trip to Africa. He brought items he had purchased and many fabulous pictures. Jim traveled with his daughter, who treated Jim to this trip, a cousin and the cousin's brother-in-law.

They traveled to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Zambia. Jim said the hotels were nice, the tents were so-so and the food was great. Some of the odder things he ate were ostrich, crocodile and wart hog. They visited huge conservation areas, covering millions of acres, where the authorities try to control poaching. On the Serengeti they traveled in an open-top type of jeep. The terrain is rough and they were warned never to get out of the vehicle. They saw elephants, hyenas, lions, buffaloes, monkeys, and chimpanzees, flamingoes... just to name a few. Jim said it was a fabulous trip, and we thank him for sharing it with us!

We all have ability. The difference is how we use it.

By Stevie Wonder

Meeting of January 29, 2007

There was a total attendance of 37 people at this meeting with 34 members and three guests: John Davis (soon to be a new member), Lauren Gioragnoli and our speaker, Scott Burnsmier.

Pat Damler reported that Forty Martyrs Church is still doing fundraising for a new roof and air conditioning system for their hall. The latest fundraiser is Sunday, February 4th at forty Martyrs Hall. There will be "ROOFO" games (\$20 for 20 games), 50-50 and raffle tickets for a 42" television. Doors open at 12PM with games starting at 1PM. The fundraiser will be over before the "big" game!

Jerry Hall, member of the Tuscola sesquicentennial committee, advised that the city is asking all service organization to participate in the festivities. Jerry is asking Kiwanis to consider and advise him on how we would like to participate.

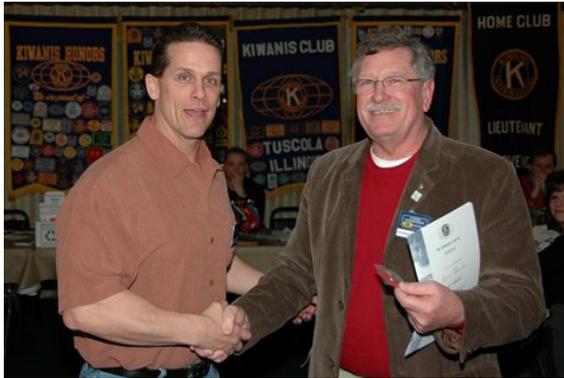
Paul Wisovaty reported that the K-Kids are again raising funds for Belarus children from the area of Chernobyl. There are eighteen children coming this summer for 6-8 weeks. They are looking forward to good food, clean air and additional clothing.

Carol Burwash reminded everyone that the Pancake Breakfast/Lunch is this Saturday, February 3rd. We are serving from 7AM to 1PM. Everything is a go!

Ed Wachala sent around a sign-up sheet for the next inter-club. It is with Golden K in Decatur on Wednesday, February 21st.

Carol Burwash reported on the Toledo inter-club meeting that Carol, Carl Quinn, Carole Weber and Gary Weber attended on January 22nd. The Toledo meetings are held in the old railroad station at Toledo and the club has about 20 male members. The program was about the Heavenly Hills distillery in Kentucky. Carol reported that the Toledo's singing makes us sound acceptable.

Darrell Helm and Mike Damler inducted two new members into our club – Cliff Ponder and Mitzi Kendall. Please introduce yourself and welcome them!!!



Cliff Ponder



Mitzi Kendall



Our speaker, Scott Burnsmier, is from the American Cancer Society (ACS) which was also the topic of his program. The mission of ACS is:

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

There are 37 types of cancer; however 3 types make up over 50% of the cases:

Women
Lung
Breast
Colon/Rectal

Men
Lung
Prostate
Colon/Rectal

More than 3,400 local offices nationwide are organized to deliver cancer prevention, early detection, and patient services programs at the community level. More than three million volunteers carry out the Society's mission of eliminating cancer and improving quality of life for those individuals facing the disease. These dedicated volunteers donate their time and talents to further cancer research; educate the public about early detection and prevention; advocate for responsible cancer legislation in the local, state, and federal governments; and serve cancer patients and their families as they manage their cancer experience.

There are many support programs and volunteer opportunities. Whether you know what you need or you're not even sure where to start, you can call ACS' 24-hour information center toll free at 800-ACS-2345. Or for more information go to: www.cancer.org .

The Douglas County Relay for Life will be held on June 15-16, 2007 from 6pm to 6am at the Tuscola High School. Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. If you are interested in being on a team, being a sponsor and/or participating as a volunteer, contact Jerry Hall.

There was a painter by the name of Jock, who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often would thin his paint to make it go further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time. His Church decided to do a big restoration job that involved a lot of painting. Jock put in a bid, and because his price was so low, he got the job.

He went about erecting the trestles and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, thinning it down with the turpentine. Jock was up on the scaffolding, painting away with the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, and the sky opened.

The torrential rain washed the thinned paint off the church and knocked Jock off the scaffold and on to the lawn, among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Jock was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got on his

knees and cried: "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke...

(you'll love this, Darrell)

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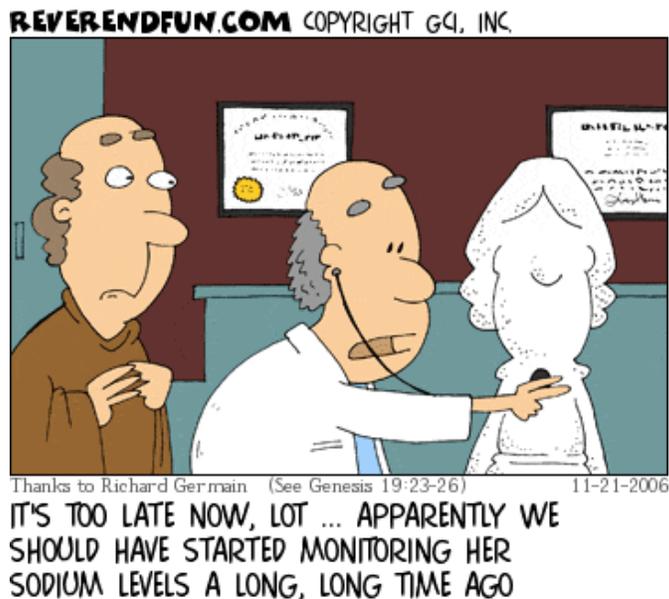
Repaint! Repaint!
And thin no more!

Highlights from the January 2007 Board Meeting

- December Monthly Report – The Board approved the monthly report.
- Treasurer's Report –The current balance in the Treasury is \$6,461.35.
- Membership – Lisa McCallister has resigned her club membership.
- Pancake Breakfast/Lunch – The Board confirmed that the event would be held Saturday, February 3rd from 7:00A.M. to 1:00P.M. at Forty Martyrs Hall.
- Division 27 Winter Conference – The conference is being held at Scovill Golf Course, Decatur, IL at 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, February 3rd. Mike Damler, Darrell Helm and Carol Burwash confirmed that they would be attending. Earl and Clarice advised that they were also available to go.
- I-I District Mid-Winter Convention – The convention is being held at Comfort Suites, Burlington, Iowa on Friday & Saturday, February 9th and 10th. Confirmed attendees at this time are: Darrell Helm, Mike Damler, Wayne Ward and Joann Ward.
- Tuscola Woman's Club Request – Kathryn McCumber had made a request on behalf of the Tuscola Woman's Club to assist them financially in bringing the Decatur Park Singers to Tuscola as one of the Tuscola Sesquicentennial events in July 2007. As some discussion, the Board approved a \$100 donation.

- Tuscola Kiwanis Club 21st Anniversary – The board discussed moving forward with a celebration. Mike is going to check and propose a couple of possible dates to have the event at his home.
- Kiwanis One Day – Janet distributed information about this project from the Kiwanis International website. The first Kiwanis One Day is Saturday, April 7th. There was some discussion, and Janet suggested that the club do this event with the Tuscola K-Kids. Suggestions included cleaning up Irvin Park and possibly re-staining the wood playground. Mike is going to do some further checking and will also discuss this with Paul Wisovaty, our K-Kids advisor. Mike will report back at the February Board meeting.
- Tuscola Kiwanis Website – David reported that the website had 107 unique visitors. Regarding storage, we have only used ½ of 1% of the capacity so we can continue to add new content without removing older information or pictures.

(Full text on club website)



New items on the website: K-Kids newspaper article and Kiwanis newspaper article with picture of Jim Young and Edie Griffith.

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

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