



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2008



2008 Upcoming Events

February 2, Saturday	Pancake/Sausage Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
February 6, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
February 22-24, Fri-Sun	Mid-Winter Convention – Lisle IL
March 5, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
March 28, Friday	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
April 5, Saturday	Kiwanis One Day Project
June 25-28, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, FL
August 7-10, Thu-Sun	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 4	Debbie Graber
February 11	Kiwanis Education Program
February 18	No Meeting
February 25	Edie Griffith
March 3	Jerry Hall
March 10	Kiwanis Education Program
March 17	Clarice Hausman
March 24	Darrell Helm
March 31	Kim Higgins
April 7	Sherrie Hoel
April 14	Tim Hoel
April 21	Jan Houser
April 28	Candy Hudson

**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your February Volunteer Hours
before the end of the month!**

Meeting of January 7, 2008

There was a total attendance of 42 members and 1 guest, Jane Wood, wife of Jim wood.

The members were advised that Beth Reifsteck's mother passed away; her mother is being buried today. Beth, you have our condolences!

Clarice reminded board members of the board meeting January 9th at noon at Tuscany's.

Judy Landeck reported that her husband Ken, with his accordion, would be providing the entertainment for PrimeTimers on Wednesday, January 9th.

A new member, Kara Kinney was inducted into the club by Clarice Hausman and Mike Damler. Kara was sponsored by Ben Mingo. Welcome, Kara!



Ben & Kara

Jan Houser is chairing the Pancake Breakfast this year. The event will be Saturday, February 2nd from 7AM to 10AM at Forty Martyrs Hall. Jan will be sending around a volunteer sign-up sheet next meeting.

Jeannine Fortney reported that North Ward still needs people to assist with reading for kindergarten and third grade. See Jeannine if you are interested.

Ed advised there will be an inter-club meeting as part of the Division 27 meeting on Saturday, January 26th.



Pat Damler presented our program today. She began with a lively quiz about winter movies and proceeded to share winter safety ideas and procedures.

Here are highlights of her presentation for winter survival:

Prepare your car for winter:

- Have the radiator system serviced
- Replaced windshield wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture
- Replace any worn tires and check air pressure in the tires
- Keep the tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel line freeze

Winter Survival Kit for your Car:

- Blankets
- First aid kit
- A can and waterproof matches (to melt snow for water)
- Windshield scraper
- Booster cables
- Road maps
- Cell phone
- Compass
- Tool kit
- Paper towels
- Bag of sand or cat litter (to pour on ice or snow for added traction)
- Tow rope
- Tire chains (for areas that get heavy snow)
- Collapsible shovel
- Container of water and high-calorie canned or dried food and a can opener
- Canned compressed air with sealant (for emergency tire repair)
- Brightly colored cloth

What to do if you get stranded:

- Stay in the car if at all possible
- Tie a brightly colored cloth on the antenna as a signal to rescuers and raise the hood of the car if it is not snowing, sleeting, etc.
- Wrap entire body, including your head, in extra clothing and blankets
- Stay awake. (You will be less vulnerable to cold related health problems.)
- Run the motor and heater for about 10 minutes per hour, opening one window to let in air. Make sure that snow is NOT blocking the exhaust pipe. This will decrease the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to improve your circulation and keep warmer.
- Do not eat unmelted snows as it will lower your body temperature.
- Huddle with other people for warmth.

For more information, go to this source: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/>

Fred

A man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the historic Virginia Theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the man, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager. Are you drunk?"

Once again, the man just groaned. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the man, but with no success.

Finally they summoned the police. The Champaign policeman surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?"

"Fred," the man moaned.

"Where you from, Fred?" asked the policeman.

With terrible pain in his voice, and without moving a muscle, Fred replied, "from the balcony."

Author: Unknown

Meeting of January 14, 2008

There was a total attendance of 30 members and 3 guests: Patti Proffit, Gary Weber's sister from Oklahoma; Larry Bechtel, our Lt. Governor; and our program speaker, Dave Chestnut from the Champaign Club.

In the absence of president Clarice Hausman, president-elect Janet Butler conducted the meeting. Janet read a thank you note from Sherrie & Tim Hoel for the memorial donation that the club had made to the Tuscola Lutheran Church in memory of Mabel Hoel.

Based on the program Pat Damler gave last week on "Winter Survival", Pat had created a list of tips and needs. Janet Cox was kind enough to make copies for members. David Butler also advised that he would put a copy on the club's website.

Jan Houser, chairperson for the Pancake Breakfast, sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. The breakfast is Saturday, February 2nd from 7AM to 10AM. Everything is on track!



Wayne Ward introduced the program speaker, Dave Chestnut. Dave is from the Champaign Club and is the Assistant Chairman of the I-I District's Spastic Paralysis Foundation.

What is Spastic Paralysis?

It is not necessarily a disease itself, but a symptom of various diseases or medical conditions of the central nervous system that cause spasticity (stiff or rigid muscles that interfere with walking, movement and/or speech). Research has included diseases such as brain tumors, spina bifida, Alzheimer, genetic causes of mental retardation such as fragile X syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, stroke rehabilitation, neonatal care and developmental disabilities of prematurely born/low weight infants.

What is the I-I District Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation?

It is a charitable organization organized in 1952. In 1950 the Chicago area Kiwanis clubs considered building a 50-bed children's hospital; however such a project was not financially feasible. In 1952 Dr. Amador asked these clubs if they were consider funding research for spastic paralysis. Dr. Amador specifically wanted to see what could be done to save low birth weight infants and those infants born with Spina bifida. This was the start of the foundation funded by the I-I Districts clubs.

The foundation is funded from club donations raised by activities, events, etc. Bowl-A-Thons are popular events for raising money for spastic paralysis. The foundation currently has CD investments of about \$1.3 million. Interest on investments helps in funding; however it is the goal to create an endowment for this foundation so the principle stays intact and the interest funds research.

With the passing of Dr. Amador, Dr. William Greenough is now the foundations's Medical Director. Dr. Greenough is at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana campus.

There are currently thirteen researchers receiving foundation grants. Current grants are for \$20,000 a year for a period of five years, a total of \$100,000. No commitment is made without the foundation already having the moneys to fund it. All grant money is paid directly to the researcher; no foundation funds are taken by the university or hospital where the researcher is located for overhead expenses. The researcher uses funds for staff, equipment, supplies, etc.

More information is available at: http://www.ii-kiwanis.org/Spastics_Overview.pdf

Former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson said: "The ultimate test of a man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard." By serving the children of the world, Kiwanians invest in future generations, but we need no words of thanks. We are rewarded by the satisfaction of service.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

FOODSHARE VOLUNTEERS 1/19/08



Janet Butler, Wayne Ward, Carol Burwash, Debbie Graber, Jeannine Fortney and David Butler behind the camera

Meeting of January 21, 2008

There was a total attendance of 24 members and 1 guest, Theresa Davis, wife of John Davis.

Clarice asks members for ideas for the traveling gavel.

There will be an interclub meeting on Tuesday, February 12th with the Decatur Noon club. So far, Ed Wachala, David Butler and Tim Hoel plan to attend.

Jan Houser reminded members about the Pancake Breakfast scheduled for February 2nd from 7AM to 10AM at Forty Martyrs Hall. She received volunteers to provide griddles, power strips, etc.

Clarice read a postcard that the club received from Dave Dobson who is still sunning himself in Indians Rocks Beach, Florida. Come back soon, Dave!



John Davis was the program speaker today. His topic was a missionary trip to Chile. Thirteen people went on the trips sponsored by the Tuscola First Christian Church. John spoke about the trip and played a DVD of the trip.

The group flew into Santiago, Chile via Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas. At first glance the city was very American looking. However, once they were into residential neighborhoods, things looked very different...narrow/deep land lots, high concrete walls and metal gates for entrance.

Though most of the group didn't speak Spanish, John said it wasn't really a problem. The group would work side-by-side the local people. The group was housed at the church where they worked. Basically, there was a "boys" room and a "girls" room with one bathroom.

They all worked on the church doing things like drywall mudding, wood staining, outside work, etc. They also helped with a three day vacation bible school. The group was able to do a little sightseeing in the Santiago area.

It was a great trip and John hopes to return again!

**Kiwanis Donates \$600 to the North Ward Library
In Memory of Mabel Hoel & Carole Weber 1/29/08**



Carolyn Adkins, Clarice Hausman, Janet Butler, Ann Lamkey
Gary Weber, Sherrie Hoel and Tim Hoel

Meeting of January 28, 2008

There was a total attendance of 30 members and 5 guests: Mimi Jones, sister of member Toni Jones; Sandy Pistole, advertising director of the Tuscola Review; and from North Ward, teacher Jeannie Taylor with students Elizabeth Stumpe and Nick Bates.

Paul Wisovaty reported that Beth Reifsteck, K-Kids faculty coordinator, recently made a presentation to the school board regarding Tuscola's K-Kids and their activities. It was very well received!

Wayne reminded members about the Mid-Winter Convention, February 2-22 to 2-24 in Lisle, Illinois. Registration is available from the Illeiwon or the I-I District Office.

Wayne reported that eight members attended the Division 27 meeting in Decatur on Saturday, January 26th.

Jan Houser reviewed tasks and assignments with members for Saturday's Pancake Breakfast. The early shift is 6AM to 8:30AM; the 2nd shift is 8:30AM through clean-up.

Mike Damler received the results from the B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) program at East Prairie. He passed out packets of postcards to members to send to the winners from the Kiwanis member and the club. Mike also provided the results to Janet Butler so that the winners would be reported to the two local newspapers.



Jeannie Fortney arranged the program for today. A portable SMART board was brought in from TCHS, and teachers Beth Reifsteck and Jeannie Taylor with assistance from students, Elizabeth Stumpe and Nick Bates talked about the SMART board capabilities and provided some demonstration of its capabilities.

In very simple terms, the SMART board becomes an interactive, touch-screen whiteboard when cabled to a PC and projector. It can enhance instruction and

learning. The software makes it possible for teachers to create content-rich dynamic lessons which address specific student skills. Files can be opened and closed. Teachers and students can write on the board with special pens or their fingers. Videos and movies can be shown on the boards. Lessons and quizzes can be done on the board as well as inserting items from the gallery. There are spelling and math games as well.

A SMART whiteboard with internet access opens the world to the teachers and students. Students can match items up in a test type format and through the internet, determine if they are correct. Students can search, find and import information.

The students can work together using the whiteboard. The tool promotes communications and teamwork. A complete package of a SMART board, some software, projector and computer costs approximately \$5,000.00. North Ward, East Prairie and TCHS all hope to be able to have more SMART boards available to teachers and students!

PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST 2/2/08



The morning crew gets things going!



The 2nd shift starts arriving.

Highlights from the January 2008 Board Meeting

- December Monthly Report – The report showed 560 hours of community service.
- Treasurer's Report – Income from various sources was \$1,546.50 which included a \$500.00 donation from Gary Weber for a TCHS scholarship to be

presented in memory of Carole Weber. Candy reported a balance of \$7,161.46 as of January 9th.

- Reifsteck Memorial – The board approved a memorial donation for Beth’s mother, Vernabelle Reifsteck in the amount of \$50.00 to the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sadorus.
- Mabel Hoel & Carole Weber Memorial Donations – A total of \$570.00 has been received in memory of Mabel Hoel and Carole Weber. Janet Butler talked to Ann Lamkey, North Ward principal, about a possible gift to the school. Lamkey said that if the club wanted to benefit all the children, she would suggest a donation to the library for books. The librarian has a long list of books she would like added to the library but funds have not been available. A gift of books would fit well with the Kiwanis International Reading Program and would be something that both Mabel and Carole would have welcomed. The board approved adding \$30.00 to the donations to make an even donation of \$600.00. Janet will check with the librarian regarding a date and time for the check presentation. The school would like coverage by the local newspapers.
- Mailing Expenses – Janet and David Butler submitted receipts totaling \$94.89 for newsletter postage and envelopes. The board approved the reimbursement.
- Annual Club Gift to International – To be considered for distinguished club status, clubs must contribute at least \$5 per member to Kiwanis International. The board approved disbursement of \$300.00.
- Beta Sigma Phi – Easter Egg Hunt – The board approved the budgeted item of \$100.00 to BSP for the annual Easter egg hunt.
- Tax Exempt Number – The subject of a tax exempt number for the club was again discussed. Wayne advised that he would check the club’s records and take care of it, if needed.
- Pancake Breakfast – The breakfast is scheduled Saturday, February 2nd from 7AM – 10 AM. Jan Houser is the chairperson for this event.

- Division 27 Mid-Winter Meeting – The meeting is scheduled for January 26th at Rock Springs Center in Decatur beginning at 9:30AM. A Lt. Governor and Lt. Governor Elect will be elected at the meeting. Past Lt. Governor, Mike Damler, is to take care of the election portion of the meeting. Each club can have 2 voting members. The voting members are supposed to be the Club President and Past President; however any club member is eligible if they cannot attend. If four members attend, it will be considered as an inter-club.
- Outstanding Club – Our club has been nominated to Kiwanis International to be recognized as an Outstanding Club. The criteria involve growth, community service, generous giving and having fun. The information may show up in the Kiwanis magazine.
- I-I District Convention – The convention will be held in Lisle at the Hilton Hotel, February 22-24. Registration will be available online or from the Illeiwian Magazine. Wayne has completed his registration for the event.

(Full text on club website)

HEADS UP TRAVELERS – AIRLINE SPEAK!

Here are some new airline terms being adopted by carriers world-wide:

Airline Club: Paradise-like kingdom guarded by dragon-like creatures.

Airline Sales Rep: Underpaid demigod expected to perform superhuman tasks.
Rare species.

Baggage Sorting Area: See ' Bermuda Triangle.'

Blankets and Pillows (archaic): Sleep-inducing objects said to have existed in primitive times.

Codeshare: Magic trick in which aircraft from several different airlines leave from the same gate at the very same moment.

Direct Flight: 1) Connecting flight in disguise. 2) What civilians think a nonstop flight is.

Fog: Weather condition generated by airports.

Gate Announcement: Vital information delivered over a sound system that produces completely unintelligible sounds.

In-flight Snacks: Little treats sealed in a bag impervious to all but chainsaws.

Minimum Connecting Time: Time it takes for an Olympic gold medal sprinter to run between two gates.

On Time: Obscure term, meaning unknown.

Open- Jaw: What people do when they find out what their full-coach fare will be.

Overhead Luggage: Rectangular object expected to magically shrink from the size of a refrigerator to the size of a loaf of bread.

Passenger: Cargo that talks.

“Remain Seated” Announcement: Phrase that creates an instant urge to go to the lavatory.

New items on the website include: Pancake Breakfast, North Ward Check presentation and SMART board presentation photos.

Web Site Tip: If you bring up the members list and it does not format correctly the first time, click your “refresh” button and it should be fine.

Please provide any information, pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or website to: dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org