



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2009

2009 Events

February 4, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
February 13-15, Fri-Sun	Mid-Year Convention, Decatur IL
February 28, Saturday	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall 7A-10A
March 4, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
April 1, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
April 17, Friday	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
June 25-28, Thur-Sun	Kiwanis Int’l Convention – Nashville, TN
August 6-9, Thur-Sun	I-I District Convention – Lincolnshire IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 2	Carol Burwash
February 9	Janet Butler
February 16	No Meeting – President’s Day
February 23	David Butler
March 2	Cathy Chaplin
March 9	Janet Cox
March 16	Mike Damler
March 23	Pat Damler
March 30	Marge Conn
April 6	Mark Conn
April 13	John Davis
April 20	Dave Dobson
April 27	Jeannine Fortney

May 4	Debbie Graber
May 11	Jerry Hall
May 18	Katona Hall
May 25	No Meeting – Memorial Day

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

Meeting of January 5, 2009

There was a total attendance of 41 members and 1 guest, our program speaker, Karen Pope.



Dave Dobson started the club out on a great “note” for the New Year. A new poem set to the tune of “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad.” See next section below for the poem. Great job, Dave!!!!

Gary Weber and Jaci Manzella have stepped up to co-chair the Pancake Breakfast on February 28th due to Jan Houser’s illness. Thank you, Gary & Jaci!!!!!!

Members’ semi-annual dues of \$50.00 are due by the end of January.

Janet Butler reminded Board members of their meeting on Wednesday, January 7th.

Sherrie Hoel provided an update on the necklace inventory. The club has a little over a hundred necklaces available for sale. The plan is to have members take a break from making the necklaces (unless they have sold orders) and to have a table at the Pancake Breakfast to sell existing inventory. If the yarn can be found, Sherrie does plan to make more orange/blue necklaces. She feels confident that we can sell more of those since the few we did have at the Vendor Craft fair went like hot cakes.

Mike Damler reminded members of the I-I Mid-Year Convention in Decatur February 13-15. There is no cost to members except for the meals. If you have never attended a Kiwanis convention, this is a great opportunity since it is being held close to Tuscola. You don't have to go all three days. The day with the most activities and functions is Saturday, February 14th. Hard copy registration forms sent by mail or fax must be received by the I-I District office no later than January 23rd. If you need a form, contact Janet Butler. Online registration can be made until February 1st at <https://www.ekiwanis.org/midwinter.php>.



Gary Weber introduced our guest speaker, Karen Pope. She is a counselor with CCAR Industries. CCAR's mission is to provide community-based services and supports that enhance the life of East Central Illinois Citizens with developmental disabilities and/or other functional limitations throughout their lifespan. CCAR serves the counties of Coles, Douglas, Cumberland and Edgar. There currently are about 300 people in their programs. They work with people and families through out their lifetime.

Programs include:

- Birth-through-Two
- Client and Family Support
- Respite Services
- Vocations Services
- Developmental Training
- Residential Services

CCAR's goal is for each individual to be all they can be and to be as independent as possible. CCAR is able to offer many individuals jobs for which they are paid, based on skill level. Eastern Illinois University and CCAR partner with a recycling program. EIU provides discarded paper and cardboard to CCAR free of charge and CCAR has people who process and prepare the material for recycling. Several local businesses outsource work to CCAR so they can provide employment. Cabot Corporation in Tuscola is one such business.

How to obtain service and information regarding admission and a complete description of services may be obtained by calling 217-348-0127. They are located at 1530 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, Illinois 61920. You can also find more information at www.ccarindustries.org .

Kiwanis New Year Poem 1/5/09

(Sing to the tune of “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”)

1st Verse

We are members of Kiwanis,
Oh so proud to be.
A club where kids depend upon us,
In a country brave and free.
Our joy is found in helping others,
To be the best they can.
So work together member brothers,
Opportunity’s at hand.

2nd Verse

We flip the pancakes and sell peanuts,
Have lots of fish to fry.
Our scholarships we gladly offer,
Encourage them to try.
Key Clubbers are our future leaders,
The K-Kids are the most.
So raise your glasses you Kiwanians,
And let’s propose a toast.

“To Kiwanis!”

*Authored by Dave Dobson
Our Official Poet Laureate*

Meeting of January 12, 2009

There was a total attendance of 30 members and 1 guest, our speaker, Rod Kroemer.

With a round of applause, members welcomed back Jan Houser who had been out with health problems. Great to see you, Jan!!!!!!

Janet Butler reported that Kevin Nolan will be missing several meetings. Kevin fell on the ice Saturday, January 10th and broke two bones in his right foot. Heal fast, Kevin!!!!

Janet Butler also reported that Ken Landeck had laser surgery last week to re-attach the retina in his right eye. Ken had lost 80% of his vision in his right eye. Pray for fast healing and that the surgery is very successful in returning eye sight to his eye.

Janet Butler read a thank you note from the family of Luke Reed. The family appreciates the donations that Kiwanis members provided, and the computer device to assist Luke with his verbal communications has been ordered.

Members were reminded to pay their \$50.00 semi-annual dues by the end of January.

Janet Butler reported that the Tuscola Key Club charter presentation, charter member inductions and officer installations will be on Sunday, 1/25 at 2p at the Tuscola Community building. Janet sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help set-up chairs, and put them away. Clarice Hausman is coordinating the beverages of coffee and iced tea. Janet Cox is coordinating the cupcakes and miscellaneous paper goods.

Janet Butler reminded members of the I-I Mid-Year Convention in Decatur, February 13-15. Deadline to sign up online is February 1st. Deadline to mail or fax your registration form is Friday, January 23rd.

Janet Butler asked members for input regarding the over \$1,300 of sales for necklaces and bracelets. If the club's 2009 fundraisers make or exceed their budgeted amounts, the club will have the opportunity to spend these extra funds. The club's officers and board members would like members to think about it, and give them suggestions on how these funds could be spent to benefit the school(s) and/or community. Just as an example, the club might purchase a SmartBoard for North Ward, if the cost is not too high.

Ed Wachala reminded Carol Burwash, Clarice Hausman, Tim Hoel and Gary Weber that they had an inter-club meeting with Mattoon at noon Wednesday, 1/14.

Wayne Ward passed out the January Board Meeting Minutes. Highlights of the meeting are contained below.



Elaine Bryant introduced out speaker, Rod Kroemer. Rod is one of the owners of 5-Acre Farm Daylilies. The farm is about 5 miles south of Philo on US Route 130 plus a right turn to the west onto County Road 300 North. Look for their big oval sign in the front display gardens about an 1/8th of a mile ahead. The daylily business that Rod and partner Jim Wuersch purchased from the Ron Valente family was shipped to them in 165 boxes from Maine.

Daylilies are over 3,000 years old and native to the Far East - China, Japan and Korea. They have grown there for centuries, both in the wild and as a cultivated plant. The earliest uses were as an edible plant, with claims for medicinal qualities, and then eventually for ornamental purposes.

These original daylilies, genus *Hemerocallis*, named in 1753 are still with us today. Known as ditch lily, tawny lily, homestead lily and a variety of other names, these primarily orange flowered plants are perhaps the best known of this species. They made their way from the Far East, through Europe, and eventually to America.

Around the start of the twentieth century, botanists began to experiment with hybridizing the native daylilies. Dr. Arlow Burdette Stout played a major role in advancement of the science and hybridization of daylilies. Though most were of the orange variety, yellow and reddish varieties were discovered in isolated locations, and incorporated into the growing gene pool. The experiments by these early hybridizers showed that the color, patterning and form of the daylily could be altered, and opened the door for the tremendous variety available now.

In 1955, the American Hemerocallis Society was selected by the International Horticultural Conference to serve as the International Registry for all daylily cultivars. From its modest beginnings, there are now more than 60,000 registered daylilies, available in virtually every color, hue and tint. Although there is still no true “Morning Glory” blue daylily, bluish hues are beginning to appear, and it may be only a matter of time and good fortune.



There are many color patterns in daylilies. Patterns refer to petals and sepals. The throat color and color of stamens may be different. Color patterns include:

Self - Petals and sepals are all of the same color.

Blend - Flower segments are a blend of two colors.

Polychrome - Color is an intermingling of many colors.

Bitone - Petals and sepals are the same color, but differ in shade or intensity. Petals are darker than sepals. A Reverse Bitone has petals lighter than the sepals.

Bicolor - Petals and sepals are of a totally different color. Petals are darker than sepals. A Reverse Bicolor has petals lighter than sepals.

Eyezone - A band of color circling the throat that differs from the petal/sepal color.

Band - The darker eyezone color appears on the petals, but not the sepals.

Eye - The darker eyezone color appears on both petals and sepals.

Halo - The darker eyezone color is faint or only lightly visible.

Watermark - An area of lighter color in the eyezone.

Edged - A contrasting color on the segment edges. The color may or may not match the eyezone, if there is one. Also called Picotee.

Daylilies also come in several forms:

Single - Flower with the normal complement of six segments (3 petals and 3 sepals).

Double - Flower with more than six segments.

Polytepalous - Flowers with more than 3 petals, with a matching number of sepals. The number of anthers will match the total number of petals/sepals.

Spider - Petals and sepals are much longer in proportion to their width. Petal length to width ratio must be at least 4.0:1.

Unusual Form - Flower displays unique characteristics on at least 3 petals or 3 sepals, but does not meet the criteria for the Spider classification. Unusual forms include Crispate (pinched, twisted or quilled segments), Cascading (narrow, curling or cascading segments), and Spatulate (segments are much wider at the end).

So why would you want daylilies in your garden? Daylilies are hardy, reliable, self-perpetuating, non-invasive and have almost endless varieties and colors. 5-Acre Farm Daylilies sells over 200 varieties including hybrids by Ron Valente, Dr. Wesley Whiteside of Charleston, Jim Wuersch and Rod. The gardens open Saturdays and Sundays around Memorial Day weekend. Call ahead at 217-621-8474 to check. The farm is open anytime to daylilies orders online at www.5acrefarmdaylilies.com. The website contains many gorgeous pictures of available varieties and helpful information.

Tips for a Better Life in 2009

1. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate antidepressant.
2. Buy a DVR to record your late night shows and get more sleep.
3. Play more games and read more books than you did in 2008.
4. Make time to practice meditation and prayer. They provide us with daily fuel for our busy lives.
5. Spend time with people over the age of 70 and under the age of 6.
6. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
7. Remember your God heals everything.
8. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.
9. Find the joys in life and laugh more.
10. Enjoy the ride. Remember this is not Disney World and you certainly don't want a fast pass. You only have one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy the ride.

Meeting of January 19, 2009

There was a total attendance of 31 members and 1 guest, Casey Higgins, daughter of Kim Higgins and granddaughter of Paul Jones.

Carol Burwash reported on the January 14th inter-club meeting with Mattoon attended by Clarice Hausman, Tim Hoel, Gary Weber and Carol. The program that was presented particularly caught our members' attention. There is an annual program, partially sponsored by the Mattoon Kiwanis Club, called "Ready to Read Across Mattoon." This is a middle school reading program. Approximately 1,000 copies of a book are purchased, and middle school students are asked to read it and pass their copy on for others to read. Our members were so impressed that Carol is attempting to arrange for someone from the Mattoon Club to come and present at one of our meetings soon.

Janet Butler reminded members that the semi-annual \$50.00 dues are due by the end of January.

Janet Butler provided a handout giving members the details of selecting and bringing in items of clothing for the Kiwanis logo and club name to be affixed. The cost will be about \$10.00 per item. If you are interested, bring in your clothing item with your name affixed to the garment no later than Monday, February 16th. Give the item(s) to Janet Cox or Janet Butler.

The club received their Key Club Sponsor patch with the 2008/2009 patch. The patches were provided to Wayne Ward. Wayne's wife is the official patch affixer to our club banners. Thanks, Joann!!!

Janet Butler reminded members of the Key Club Charter event coming up on Sunday, January 25th at 2pm in the Tuscola Community Building. Members who can help set up should come about noon. Speakers should be there no later than 1pm.

Janet Butler reminded members of the I-I Mid-Year Convention in Decatur February 13-15. Copies of the agenda and registration forms were available for pick up. Hard copy registration forms and faxed copies must be received by the I-I office by January 23rd. Online registration is available at the I-I District website until February 1st.

Clarice Hausman read a portion of a letter she received from the I-I District confirming that the Tuscola Kiwanis Club is recognized as a Distinguished Club for 2007/2008. Congratulations to Clarice, our immediate Past President, and to all the members who made this possible!

Clarice also announced that the FFA Club is holding their annual Strawberries Fundraiser. A flat of strawberries is \$20.00. Orders must be in by February 12th. If interested, contact a FFA member or call the office at the high school.

Wayne Ward reported that for the 2007/2008 Kiwanis year, Tuscola was 15th in total service hours out of the 288 clubs in the I-I District. Members.....you should be proud!!! Congratulations!



Due to the absence of a speaker, Wayne Ward volunteered to do the program. (Amazing what he can pull out of his briefcase!) His topic was "Route Designations for the U.S. Roads" In early days, route markers were on rocks, barns, boards on utility poles, etc. Many roads were given names. The route markers were not practical or efficient for traveling. A numbering system for major U.S. roads was developed.

Transcontinental and principal east-west routes were assigned multiples of 10, with the lowest number along the Canadian border (U.S. 2, chosen to avoid a U.S. 0). The principal north-south routes were given numbers ending in 1, with U.S. 1 along the East Coast. The north-south routes of considerable length but secondary importance were given numbers ending in 5.

The named trails served a valuable purpose in their day, but they began to pass into history when the U.S. numbered highway system was adopted on November 11, 1926.

As automobile ownership grew, truck transportation of goods increased and people were driving longer distances, Dwight D. Eisenhower championed the creation of the Interstate Highway System. Major routes are designated by single- or two-digit numbers. If a route runs north-south, it is given an odd number, and if a route runs east-west, an even number. For north-south routes, numbering conventions begin in the west. Thus I-5 runs north and south along the West Coast, while I-95 runs north and south along the East Coast. This system serves nearly all major U.S. cities, with many Interstates passing through downtown areas and/or bypassing the city center.



U.S. Route Marker



Interstate Route Marker

Bible Studies by Children

Lot's Wife - The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot 's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

Good Samaritan - A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?' A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, 'I think I'd throw up.'

Did Noah Fish? - A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?' 'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms.'

Higher Power - A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?' One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

Meeting of January 26, 2009

There was a total attendance of 35 members and 5 guests – Rich Barnett, Paul Francis, Boyd Kraft and Bill Meyer from Decatur Early Birds, and Joan Spence, mother of Janet Butler and Sherrie Hoel.

Many brags and thanks were given to members for the Tuscola Key Club charter event held yesterday, Sunday January 25th. About 30 members helped, participated and/or attended the event.

Janet Butler made an announcement/prag on behalf of Dave Dobson. Dave and his wife are in Florida right now so he could not be at the meeting. They are proud great grandparents of a new baby BOY, born Sunday January 18th in Danville. The baby is great grandchild #6, but their first great grandson, after 5 beautiful great granddaughters. Congratulations!

Hard copies of the "Illeiwon" were available for members not having internet availability or those with slow dial-up internet.

Janet Butler reminded members to give their \$50.00 semi-annual dues to Treasurer Candy Hudson, if not previously paid.

Last Call...Last Chance to pre-register for the Mid-Year I-I Convention in Decatur February 13-15. Online registration's deadline is February 1st. Members can register at the convention, however meal tickets may not be available.

Janet Butler advised members that she would be out of town for the next regular meeting. Vice-President Mike Damler will conduct the February 2nd meeting.

Ed Wachala passed around a sign-up sheet for an inter-club meeting with the Champaign-Urbana club on February 19th at noon. Contact Ed if you're interested in going.

Mike Damler received the results for the East Prairie B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) program. Jamie Goodman provided the information very quickly to Mike. Mike handed out to several members packets of postcards to be sent to the B.U.G. winners.



Today's program was presented by Joyce Brzozkiewicz. She and her husband Andy traveled to Australia and New Zealand on a group tour in April/May 2008. Joyce shared photos and some of their experiences with us from the Australia portion of the trip.

Joyce and Andy arrived at Cairns after 30 hours of travel. They enjoyed several tours including a trip out to Green Island and the Great Barrier Reef. Joyce said the one hour trip by catamaran was very choppy; luckily Dramamine helped save her day. The group moved on to Melbourne. Many of Joyce's slides included interesting plants and animals as well as many famous sites. Their last stop in Australia was Sydney. Joyce had many interesting facts and photos of the Sydney Opera House. They also enjoyed going out to Philip Island to see the fairy penguins.

Joyce and Andy traveled over 24,000 miles on their tour of Australia and New Zealand. Joyce did not realize that New Zealand was over 2,000 miles from Australia. Let's hope that Joyce or Andy will share photos and information about New Zealand in a future program!

Key Club Charter Event 1-25-09



Let's get Ready! – Tim



Enough chairs? - Gary



Janet & Wayne



Tom & Mike



Darcey & Janet prepping the Key Clubbers



Kathryn, Janet, Gov. Gary Heath & Mike



Charter Presentation – Megan Riley & Gary Heath



Charter Member Induction



Officer Installation



What a great group!



Refreshment Line



Mmmmmm – Cupcakes!

The Roman statesman Marcus Cato said: “The greatest comfort of my old age and that which gives me the highest satisfaction is the pleasing remembrance of the many benefits and good I have done to others.” Kiwanians know that service to others is not a duty, it is a privilege and a source of deep satisfaction.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

January 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 7th by President Janet Butler, with the following members present: David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Debbie Graber, Clarice Hausman, Candy Hudson, Kevin Nolan, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of December 2008 Board Meeting – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Minutes approved.
2. December 2008 Monthly Report –The monthly report lists 70 hours spent on fund raising and 549 hours in various public services. Meeting attendance for the month was 58%. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month’s minutes. Report approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy Hudson provided copies of the report for Board review. The bank balance as of 1/7/09 was \$9,831.31. A total of \$625.00 was collected for SAM Food Pantry at the 12/15/08 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month’s minutes. Report approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursements – Janet & David Butler submitted receipts for reimbursement in the amount of \$123.32 for envelopes, stamps and mailing labels for mailing newsletters. A motion was made and seconded to approve these reimbursements. Reimbursements approved.
5. Illinois State Registration Requirements – Kiwanis club s are now required to Register and Report to the Attorney General if they raise funds from the publics. After discussion, it was determined that the club will begin filing the report annually. There may be a late penalty of \$250.00 for late filing and/or not filing in the past. A motion was made to begin and continue this process and seconded. Motion approved. Wayne and Candy will prepare the necessary forms.
6. New Member Approval – Carol Martin has submitted an application for membership. She is being sponsored by Elaine Bryant. The Board unanimously approved her application for membership.

7. IRS Form 990 – The club is required to file a federal form 990-N with the IRS which is due February 15, 2009. Wayne will prepare and submit the form.
 8. Financial Audit/Review – The committee requests that this item be table until February 2009. Approved.
 9. Key Club Update – The Charter presentation meeting has been tentatively set up for Sunday, January 25th at 2p at the Tuscola Community building. Key Club advisors will confirm the date on January 8th. The Community building fee is being waived. The Advisors have requested approval to purchase cake, coffee, tea/and or punch for the event. A motion was made and seconded. Request approved.
 10. Necklace/Bracelet Fundraiser – The club has cleared \$1,328.09 from the sale of crocheted necklaces. Some possible uses for the money was discussed, however it was decided to wait until our pancake breakfast and fish fry were held to see what the profits are from those events.
 11. Pancake Breakfast – The time was set, 7:00AM to 10:00AM, for the pancake breakfast scheduled Saturday, February 28th.
 12. I-I Mid-Year Convention – Rene Corcoran, co-chair of the Mid-Year Convention in Decatur has asked our club to contribute \$100.00 towards the table decorations for the Saturday night dinner. Janet Butler will be obtaining the decorations and will supply receipts for the items. A motion was made and seconded. Request approved.
 13. Illeiwon Magazine – The Illeiwon will only be mailed to all members twice per year (Nov/Dec and May/June) via U.S. Mail. Each club secretary will be mailed several hard copies for each issue to distribute to members with internet access.
 14. Dues Payment – It was decided by the Board that any new members joining the club after the end of the fiscal year of September 30th would be exempt from paying the semi-annual dues in January.
 15. Scholarships – The number of scholarships and the amount given was discussed. With the addition of the memorial scholarship being offered and the donation of election judge payments, the Club can have 4 scholarships this year. A motion was made and seconded to increase the amount to \$750.00 this year. Motion approved.
 16. B.U.G. Program – Mike reported that grades will be available very soon, therefore, the B.U.G. awards and cards will be completed within a month.
(Full text available on club website)
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**"I'm hoping for a heat wave.
I can afford to lose a few pounds."**

New items on the website include: If you hadn't noticed, the club has a new website design. Check it out! Also there are January meeting and Key Club Charter event photos.

Website 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 .