



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2010

2010 Events

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| Wednesday, February 3 rd | Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's |
| February 12 th – 14 th | I-I District Mid-Year Convention, Oak Brook Hills Marriott, Oak Brook Hills, IL |
| Saturday, February 20 th | Pancake-Sausage Breakfast, Forty Martyrs Hall |
| Wednesday, March 3 rd | Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's |
| Friday, April 9 th | Fish Fry Supper, Forty Martyrs Hall |
| June 24 th – 27 th | Kiwaniis International Convention, Las Vegas, NV |
| August 5 th – 8 th | I-I District Convention Bloomington-Normal Marriott, Normal, IL |

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

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| February 1 | Dennis Opperman |
| February 8 | Dianna Pangburn |
| February 15 | No Meeting – President's Day |
| February 22 | Earl Pendergrass |
| March 1 | David Butler |
| March 8 | Lyn Selen |
| March 15 | Ed Wachala |
| March 22 | Wayne Ward |
| March 29 | Alan Shoemaker |
| April 5 | Jim Wood |
| April 12 | Elaine Bryant |
| April 19 | Dan Russell |
| April 26 | Patty Russell |

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| May 3 | Andy Brzozkiewiz |
| May 10 | Joyce Brzozkiewiz |
| May 17 | Carol Burwash |
| May 24 | Diana Phillips-Gray |
| May 31 | No Meeting – Memorial Day |

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

One of Dog's Pet Peeves

Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?



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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.

By Oliver Wendell Holmes

The White Lie Cake

Alice was to bake a cake for the church bake sale but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack up for Scout camp.

When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured. She exclaimed, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake!" This cake was important to Alice because she did so want to fit in at her new church and in her new community of friends.

So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found it in the bathroom - a partially used roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in the center of the cake and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect.

Before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter, gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened. Buy the cake and bring it home. When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. She grabbed her cell phone and called her mom. Alice was horrified-she was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed! All night Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a prominent fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of the community, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant. The company was definitely upper-crust, old south. To Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her face when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "What a beautiful cake!" Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess say, "Thank you. I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good".

Meeting Notes – January 4, 2010

- Attendance

35 - Members

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- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

No business/announcements for this meeting.

Program:

Janet Cox presented her program on “Illinois Elections.” Janet works with Jim Ingram to organize student election judges and technicians. The technicians work primarily with the touch screen voting machines, being available to problem solve on election day.

The Illinois State Board of Elections makes the rules for elections. It is, of course, funded by the taxpayers. Costs for an election include election judges’ pay, technicians’ pay, equipment, updates/maintenance to equipment, training of judges and technicians, ballot cost, equipment set-up and return costs, mandatory public announcements, in-house printing system, etc. The average cost of a county-wide election in Douglas County is \$200,000.

In Douglas County, typically in a presidential election, about 30-40% of the voters will turn out. For the Obama-McCain election there was a 60% turnout. For state elections, the turnout averages 40% and for a primary election the turnout is 26-32%.

Meeting Notes – January 11, 2010

- Attendance

- 33Members

- 1 Guest: Norbert Saltweadal, our speaker

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Circle K Thank You – A thank you note from the I-I District Treasurer was read thanking the club for our donation to Circle K.

Postcard from Dave Dobson – A postcard was read from Dave Dobson, one of our snowbirds in Florida right now. Dave, come back soon!

Donation Request – The club received a donation request to help TCHS football team members to purchase state championship rings. The Board felt as this was really a luxury so we would not commit club funds. It was agreed to pass around an envelope at two meetings for any members who would like to personally contribute.

Garage Sale Fundraiser – The Board has discussed the possibility of a garage sale as a fundraiser during the City Wide garage sale in June. Janet Butler volunteered to co-chair if an additional members agreed to co-chair and a group of members agree to participate on the garage sale committee. Kevin is looking into the availability of Forty Martyrs Hall for the garage sale.

Program:

Steve Niemann presented our speaker, Norbert Saltweadal. Norbert served as a U.S.D.A. agriculture advisor with the U.S. military in Afghanistan. He was last there in 2005. His mission was to work with local farmers to improve farming techniques and increase crop production.

Norbert entered Afghanistan at Kabul, the capital. The drive to the U.S. embassy was hair raising and fast. The reason was that these vehicles are frequent targets for attacks and/or bombs. The war between tribes and factions continue.

Norbert was transferred to the U.S. Salerno military base near Pakistan. It is the home of the U.S. Army 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Norbert lived and worked out of this military base.

The base was shelled from time to time. It included a first class hospital. Each working day began with a briefing with drone pictures and intelligence reports. Norbert would be transported out to farmers and small compounds via a Humvee or helicopter. Almost everywhere in Afghanistan irrigation is needed to grow crops. During Taliban violence, much of the country's infrastructure was destroyed including irrigation, schools, hospitals, clinics, etc. The Taliban destroyed almost all textbooks. Schools have little to no equipment. All this needs rebuilding. The U.S. is helping in these areas and also providing temporary medical clinics and veterinary services.

The Afghan people are Muslim and have large families. They live in compounds for security. Their diet consists mainly of beans, oil, rice and vegetables. They always eat with their fingers. Their lives are much different than here in the U.S.

Meeting Notes – January 18, 2010

- **Attendance**
 - 30 Members

 - 6 Guests: Phil Tegler from Paris Early Risers, interclub from Decatur Early Birds: Ritchie Barnett, Ned Hawbecker, Paul Francis & Linda Dovenbois, and Kelly Jackson, our speaker.

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

Paris Early Risers Fundraiser – Phil Tegler brought calendars for fundraising. There is a winner each day of at least \$10.00. The number is the same as the “Pick 3 Lotto Number” each day.

Division 27 Council Meeting – Wayne Ward reported from the 1/16 Division 27 council meeting. Janet Butler was elected as Lt. Governor for 2010-2011. Gary Goeken from Decatur Golden K was elected as Lt. Gov. Elect for 2011-2012. Division 27 was asked to supply a basket with a minimum value of \$50.00 to be auctioned at the Mid-Winter Convention to raise funds for the matching scholarship fund. Wayne donated \$20.00 for our club.

Program:

Donna Motley introduced her daughter, Kelly Jackson to present her program on “401K Retirement Plans.” Kelly has worked at Kemper CPA for 15 years. Kelly said that the rules have changed so much and so often that at least 70 hours of continuing education is requirement each year in order to keep current. Kemper handles about 450 separate 401K plans. Each time the rules change, it takes about 15 hours to redo the plans.

The recession has caused the loss of several plans due to business closures. One of the plans that she handles has over 1,000 employees. Any plan with

over 100 employees must be audited annually. If an error is found on a quarterly report, it should be reported to the Department of Labor. They are required to respond to every concern. Traditional IRAs can now be converted to ROTH IRAs.

Meeting Notes – January 25, 2010

- **Attendance**

30 - Members

1 – Guest: Brian Moody, our speaker

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

Champaign Interclub Meeting – Jerry Hall, Clarice Hausman, Betty Leonard, and Jerry Leonard plan to attend an interclub meeting on Thursday, 1/28 at noon in Champaign.

Pancake Breakfast – Members were reminded that the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser is coming up Saturday, 2/20. A sign-up sheet will be sent around at our next meeting. If you want to help and cannot attend a meeting to sign up, email Jaci Manzella at jmanzella@tuscolakiwanos.org or Gary Weber at gweber@tuscolakiwanis.org.

Inter-Club Meeting – Ed Wachala is looking for members to attend an inter-club meeting in Champaign on Thursday, January 28th at noon. Let Ed know if you would like to attend.

Peace Meals – Mike Damler reported that Villa Grove Peace Meals now has to pay people to deliver its meals. It is so important to volunteer for Tuscola Peace Meals deliveries so the cost of delivery remains at no cost.

Program:

Barb Moss introduced Brian Moody, our guest speaker. He is the Tuscola Economic Development Executive Director and updated members on recent and current activities.

There is a new program for individuals and organizations to report their volunteer hours each month. This is the Make A Point project. The hours are amazing and show the number of critical services that are being provided in our community by volunteers. The program will also identify volunteer opportunities and be available in the future on the Tuscola website. Wayne is now reporting the Tuscola Kiwanians' hours to this program in addition to his usual monthly Kiwanis International reporting. Brian was blown away with our almost 600 hours of service in December 2009.

Brian also encouraged members to attend an "Eggs & Issues" meeting. Typically people are put into groups and given 4-5 questions to consider. Then everyone gets back together to discuss and share ideas. Sometimes there is a presentation at the meetings. Brian also invites students. This is one way for business leaders to get input from the community.

Communications is very important. Brian has established a Tuscola community e-mail newsletter, a Facebook presence and a Twitter presence to facilitate communications and be sources of information.

Regarding Tuscola economic development Brian is working on several prospects. There will also be new project kicking off called "Buy Local."

Brian said that Future Gen is not yet dead. The government has shown new interest so the project may become a reality. Brian is hearing a lot of positive chatter and expects an announcement in the next 2-4 weeks.



January 2010 Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 4th at noon by President, Kevin Nolan, with the following members present: David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Candy Hudson, Don Miller, Steve Niemann, Kevin Nolan, Dan Russell, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber. Guests were Lt. Gov. Rene Corcoran and his wife, Helen.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. December Board Meeting Minutes –A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
2. December Monthly Report –Wayne submitted a preview copy for the Board members to review. A couple of changes are needed before submittal. Janet Butler will find out how many children benefit from the tutoring at North Ward School. The donation to the Tuscola Christmas Bureau will be added. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report with Wayne's additions. Report approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Candy submitted copies of the treasurer's report that included expenses and incomes for November and December. As of January 6th, the checking account balance was \$7,322.98. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. Requests for Disbursements – The Butlers submitted receipts for \$73.39 for club supplies and \$390.00 for international convention registration. Hoels submitted receipts for \$390.00 for international convention registration and \$29.00 for club supplies. A motion was made to approve both disbursement requests. The motion was seconded and approved.
5. Club Roster – Wayne submitted the final club roster as of 12/31/09 to Kiwanis International. Jan Houser and David Lough have been deleted leaving 67 members.
6. Community Volunteer Hours – TEDI (Tuscola Economic Development Inc) is starting in 2010 to track volunteer hours from individuals and groups within the community. Wayne will submit the volunteer hours each month for the Tuscola Kiwanis Club members. It is very important that club members report their hours to Wayne at the end of each month.
7. Garage Sale Fundraiser – The Board was in agreement that the club should participate in the Community wide garage sale on June 11 & 12. There will need to be a couple members to chair the event. A location is to be determined. The Tuscola Community Building is booked so Kevin will check to see if Forty Martyrs Hall is a possibility. Two co-chairs and a committee will be needed to pull this off.
8. Fundraising Ideas – Several ideas, in addition to the garage sale, were received from members. The Board discussed having a lemon shake-up stand at Ervin Park over 4th of July. The club owns a lemon squeezer from earlier fundraisers. This will be discussed again at a later meeting.
9. Donation Request – A donation request towards the purchase of TCHS Football Championship Rings was made. After discussion it was decided that this request was a luxury instead of a real need. Instead of approving a donation from club funds, it was decided to pass an envelope to members for voluntary donations.
10. Sullivan Kiwanis Club – After 80 years, the members of the Sullivan Kiwanis Club have decided to close their charter. The official closing is May 2010.

11. Lt. Gov Corcoran Report – Rene was extremely complimentary about the Tuscola Club. He said that it is always a pleasure to attend, and he appreciated the generosity of the club towards local, district and international programs/activities. There will be a Division 27 Council Meeting on Saturday, 1/16 at the Decatur Easter Seals building. Wayne plans to attend.

12. Illinois Charitable Organization Annual Report – Wayne prepared a “Financial Report” for the fiscal year of October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009 in order to submit the annual report for the State of Illinois.

(Full text available on club website)



Winter Won't Last Forever

New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos.

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