



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

**FEBRUARY 2012**

## 2012 Events

Wednesday, February 1	Board Meeting – Noon at Los Potros
Saturday, February 11	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wednesday, March 14	Board Meeting – Location TBD
Friday, March 30	Fish Fry Supper – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 31	Easter Egg Hunt (new service project)
Saturday, March 31	I-I District Midyear Conference, Peoria, IL
Sunday, April 1	Bowl-A-Thon (ELIMINATE fundraiser with Key Club)
Saturday, April 21	Kiwanis One Day Service Project – BETHS Place
Thu-Sat, June 28 to July 1	Kiwanis International Convention, New Orleans, LA
August 3 & 4 (set-up 8/1 & 8/2)	Kiwanis Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wed-Sun, August 8-12	I-I District Annual Convention, Springfield, IL

## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 6	Topy Mooday
February 13	Art Moss
February 20	No meeting – President's Day
February 27	Patty Russell
March 5	Dennis Opperman
March 12	Donna Motley
March 19	Vera Nauta
March 26	Steve Niemann
April 2	Kevin Nolan
April 9	Mary Schultz
April 16	Alan Shoemaker

April 23	Dan Russell
April 30	Barb Moss
May 7	Pat Sturgis
May 14	Tom Sturgis
May 21	Robert VanCleave
May 28	No Meeting – Memorial Day Holiday
June 4	Ed Wachala
June 11	Wayne Ward
June 18	Gary Weber
June 25	(To be determined)

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

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**Don't Forget to Give Janet Butler your February Volunteer Hours at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

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### **Airplane Encounter**

A woman was on a plane reading her Bible. The gentleman next to her was obviously not a Christian as he sneered at her reading material.

He asked, "Do you believe everything in the Bible?"

She replied, "Of course."

"Even Jonah and the whale?", he said.

"Yes", she replied.

"How did it happen?", he asked.

She replied, "I don't know but faith tells me it's true. I can ask Jonah when I get to heaven."

He said, "And what if Jonah isn't there when you get to heaven?"

"Well, I guess you'll just have to ask him yourself.", she replied.

## Meeting Minutes – January 2, 2012

- Attendance

39 – Members

4 – Guests: Maribeth Opperman, wife of Dennis, Duncan, son of Kevin Nolan, John Fisher and our speaker, Jan Fisher



Maribeth Opperman  
Soon-to-be inducted as a new member  
Welcome!

- Free Lunch Winner – Kevin Nolan



Peter thought there was something “fishy” about Kevin’s son Duncan drawing Kevin’s number for the free lunch. Good one, Peter!

- Birthdays – John McDaniel 1/4
- Braggs – Jan Chappell, Linda Damler, Debbie Graber, Dennis Opperman, Patty Russell, and Jim Wood
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

The ELIMINATE project – Mike Damler updated members on our “loose change” jar for the ELIMINATE project. \$196.05 was donated in December for a total, so far, of \$410.74. Great job, Kiwanians! Keep it up!

SAM Pantry – A donation of \$646.00 was made to SAM Pantry due to the generous donations from members in December. Betsy and the volunteers (of which several are Kiwanians) really appreciate the donations to help families in our community keep food on the table.

Kiwanis Dues – Semi-annual dues of \$50.00 are due to Candy by our January 30 meeting. If you prefer, you can pay \$100.00 and your dues will not be due again until January 2013.

### Program:



Beth Lindstead introduced our speaker, Jan Fisher. Jan retired from teaching in 2000. She is a master gardener and photographer. Her home sits on 2 acres and includes beautiful gardens and landscaping.

Jan’s passions include fundraising for the Young Survival Coalition (YSC). YSC has offices in local communities where volunteers work as a team to provide a support structure and programs for young women diagnosed with breast cancer under the age of 40. Jan lost a daughter to breast cancer and is a big supporter of this organization. She sells beautiful note cards that have garden and butterfly photos from her own home gardens. For more information about YSC, go to: [youngsurvival.org](http://youngsurvival.org)

During her presentation, Jan shared many photos of her gardens, landscaping and visiting butterflies.

## Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2012

- Attendance

49 – Members

3 – Guests: Soon-to-be-member Maribeth Opperman, Thomas, grandson of Jan Chappell and our speaker, Sharon Jarboe

- Free Lunch Winner – Mike Damler

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Tammy Baer, Peter Buckley, Mike Damler, Clarice Hausman, Darrell Helm, Laura Meyer, Toppo Mooday, Alan Shoemaker and Gary Weber.

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Kiwanis Clothing – Janet Cox returned members' clothing that had the Kiwanis logo and club name added. Thanks goes out to Janet Butler and Janet Cox for providing this opportunity to members!



Pancake Breakfast – The pancake breakfast is coming up on Saturday, February 11. More details to come.

## Program:



Jaci Manzella introduced our speaker, Sharon Jarboe. Sharon is the executive director of BETHS Place. She began her presentation thanking members for their financial donations and volunteer time. Sharon also thanked members who sold and bought raffle tickets. Over \$4,000 was raised with that BETHS Place fundraiser.

Sharon became executive director on July 1, 2011 with the retirement of Barb Utterback. She has made no major changes in the running of BETHS Place because “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” In 2011, the shelter service 15 adults and 8 children as residential clients. The average stay for a residential client is four months. There were also non-residential clients served including 16 adults and 6 children. The facility and hot line are manned 24/7, 365 days a year.

Soon another 40-hour advocates’ training class will be held. BETHS Places needs more advocate volunteers so if you are interested, please call Sharon at BETHS Place.

## Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2012

- Attendance

40 – Members

1 – Guest: Marcus Jackson, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Kevin Nolan

- Birthdays – Jan Chappell 1/16, Cathy Barnard 1/17, Robert Van Cleave 1/19 and Peter Buckley 1/22

- Brags – Lorraine Best, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Tim Hoel, Paul Jones, Topy Mooday, and Kevin Nolan.

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Prairie Land Interclub – On January 10, Carol Beals, Betty Leonard, Topy Mooday and Doris Young enjoyed a visit to Decatur Prairie Land club. A little shopping in Decatur was the icing on the cake for the day.

The ELIMINATE Project – Jan Chappell provided an update on fundraising for the Eliminate Project. The Key Club are planning two events...a Valentine's dance on 2/11 and a Bowl-A-Thon for 4/1. A sign-up sheet was passed around asking for volunteers to sell quilt raffle tickets at the TCHS basketball games, and a sheet asking for volunteers for the dance.

Pancake Breakfast – Our pancake breakfast of Saturday, 2/11 is fast approaching. Jaci passed around sign-up sheets for members to volunteer their help.

## Program:



Kathryn McCumber introduced our speaker, Marcus Jackson. Marcus is a sportswriter for the Champaign News-Gazette. He is originally from the Chicago area. Initially

his goal was to be a major league baseball player, however injuries made that unlikely. While at EIU, he became interested in writing and graduated in Journalism. At EIU he wrote for the student paper. At a job fair, he was introduced to the News-Gazette and interned at the paper in 2005.

Upon graduation he was hired by the News-Gazette as a news copy editor. In May 2007 he had the opportunity to move into the sports department as a writer. He has many difference assignments including a lot of high school sports, golf, some football, etc.

It was obvious that he loves what he does. His favorite part of his job is interacting and building relationships with coaches and athletes.

## Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2012

- Attendance

40 – Members

1 – Guests: Mac Condill, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Jerry Leonard

- Birthdays – John Davis 1/29

- Braggs – Judy Landeck, Donna Motley and Pat Sturgis

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Member Induction – Maribeth Opperman, sponsored by Dennis Opperman, was formally inducted into the club's membership.



Welcome, Maribeth!

Pancake Breakfast – The sign-up sheets went around again. The breakfast is Saturday, 2/11 from 7A – 10A at Forty Martyrs Hall.

Kiwanis Garage Sale – The club will be having a garage sale August 3 & 4 at Forty Martyrs Hall. Set-up dates are August 1 & 2. Jaci is looking for a member who will chair or co-chair the event. Please contact her. Start saving up items for our sale!

Mardi Gras Event – Our club and Tuscola Woman's Club are co-sponsoring this event to benefit ARTCo to help purchase chairs and risers for the theater that will be established in downtown Tuscola. The event is Sunday, February 19 at the Tuscola Community building from 6p-9p. Tickets which include dinner, music and dancing are \$20 per person. There will also be games of chance, an auction and beer/wine available for purchase. Kathryn McCumber is selling tickets at our meetings or you can contact her at 253-4277. A sign-up sheet for selected food items was passed around.

### Program:



Laura Meyer introduced our speaker, Mac Condill. Mac is the general manager of the 63 acre Great Pumpkin Patch in Arthur. He also owns the Homestead Bakery and Homestead Seed Company. He is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation farmer whose family homesteaded from West Virginia in 1859. He is a Arthur High School and Illinois State University graduate.

Mac has traveled extensively to such places as South Africa, Kenya, India, and interning in Scotland for his Junior year at ISU all the while learning more and more about cucurbits (gourds, pumpkins and squashes). The family farm has over 400 varieties from six continents. He is particularly interested in heirloom cucurbits and their preservation. To be called heirloom, the plant must have existed for over 50 years and has not been genetically altered.

Mac has had the opportunity three times to decorate the set for Martha Stewart's television show, and to appear as her guest. His first visit was in 2005, and most recently 2010.



Mac & Martha Stewart

Mac had the honor of providing a display for the 2010 White House Trick or Treat event. His display of about 1,200 cucurbits was built on the North Lawn. It took about 5½ hours to build, and had to be built and removed the same day. Mac said he was nervous about going through Secret Service security with a trailer full of the pumpkins, gourds and squashes. However, it turned out to not be a problem.



2010 Halloween -North Lawn White House

In 2011, Mac was invited to build a huge display of cucurbits for the National Heirloom Exposition in Santa Rosa, CA. This exposition is the “world’s fair” of heirloom plants and food. The display was about 16 feet X 16 feet X 20 feet. He plans to return in 2012 with an even bigger display.



2011 National Heirloom Exposition

The Great Pumpkin Patch is open daily from September 15 to October 31. It is located two miles south and ½ mile west of Arthur. During that time approximately 50,000 people will visit. Mac brought some brochures and free passes for members.

For more information, go their website at:

[www.the200acres.com](http://www.the200acres.com)

## Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2012

### • Attendance

51 – Members

3 – Guests: Gary Goeken-Lt. Governor Division 27, Thomas-grandson of Jan Chappell and our speaker, Art Eichner

- Free Lunch Winner – Tom Sturgis
- Birthdays – Doris Young 1/30, Kara Kinney 2/1, Judy Landeck 2/1 and Patty Russell 2/4.
- Braggs – Lorraine Best, Peter Buckley, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, and Maribeth Opperman
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Members Recognized – Jaci Manzella recognized and thanked Carol Burwash, Pat Damler and Sherrie Hoel for the great job they do with handling the lunch money for each meeting.

Pancake Breakfast – Gary Weber reminded members that the breakfast is coming up on Saturday, 2/11. Gary asked if some members could help set up on Friday, 2/10 at Forty Martyrs Hall about 4:00PM.

K-Kids Project – Jeannine Fortney reported that the K-Kids are collecting items for the animal shelter.

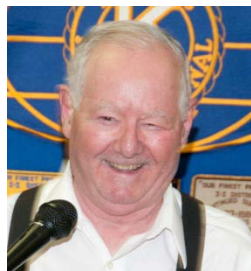
Bring Up Grades – Mike Damler reported that 67 East Prairie schools brought up their grades. They are being recognized through the Kiwanis B.U.G. program. Mike passed out postcards to members to be sent to the 67 students.

Kiwanis Garage Sale – Elaine Bryant, Janet Butler, Pat Damler and Sherrie Hoel have volunteered to serve on the garage sale committee. Jaci is still looking for committee members and someone to chair/co-chair. Please contact her if you can help. The garage sale is August 3 & 4 with set-up on August 1 & 2.

February Interclub – Topy Mooday reported that the Butlers and Hoels will be having an interclub meeting with the Honolulu club during their Hawaiian vacation.

Update from Lt. Governor – Gary congratulated the club for reaching 80 members with the addition of Maribeth Opperman. He reported that the CLE (Club Leadership Excellence) training has been renamed ACE (Achieving Club Excellence) and is open to all members. An ACE training session is available 2/13 in Normal. See the I-I District website for details.

### **Program:**



Don Miller introduced our speaker, Art Eichner. He is the chairman of the Benevolence Committee at the Tuscola Christian Church. Art was originally from Chicago, and shared with us that he was from a broken home and pretty much ran wild in his youth. He came to a point where he wanted to turn his life around. In doing so, Art found that he really enjoyed helping others.

When he became chairman of the FCC Benevolence Committee, he set up rules, records and a filing system. Through this committee, he is able to help people financially including budget training. The funding by FCC is about \$20,000 per year.



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## January 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Chinatown Restaurant on Wednesday, 1/11/2012 at 12:05 PM by President Jaci Manzella with the following Board Directors present:

x	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Jaci Manzella – Pres.
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Sherrie Hoel (2012)		Steven Niemann (2012)
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Alan Shoemaker P-Elect
x	Mike Damler – Past Pres	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.		
x	Pat Damler – V.P.	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of December Board Meeting – Tim Hoel made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted to the Board members. Mike Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. December Monthly Report – Janet had provided Board members an advance copy of the monthly report to review. The number of December volunteer hours was 481 hours. Lorraine Best made a motion that the report be approved and submitted. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members. As of 1/11/12 the current balance in the Treasury is \$ 7,089.96. \$200.00 was donated to the TCHS Honors Choir from club funds and \$646.00 to SAM Pantry from member donations. David Butler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Sherrie Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Janet Cox was reimbursed \$200.00 for the sewing and embroidering; this is a pass through item funded by the members who participated, no cost to the club. Mike Damler made a motion to approve this reimbursement, Kim Higgins seconded and it was approved. Disbursements included \$150.00 that was budgeted for BETHS Place, \$25.00 for the previously approved Key Club Convention Program ad and \$15.00 to the State of Illinois for the annual charity report. David Butler made a motion to approve these disbursements, Alan Shoemaker seconded and it was approved.
5. New Member Approval – A motion was made by Mike Damler to approve the membership application submitted by Maribeth Opperman and sponsored by Dennis Opperman. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved.

6. Pancake and Sausage Breakfast – Jaci reported that Gary Weber has procured the Health Department form and checked on what supplies the club currently has. Pat Damler made a motion to promote Pancake Prince, Gary Weber to Breakfast King. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved.
7. Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt – This item was tabled from the December 2011 meeting. Alan Shoemaker reported that Tuscola Rotary has agreed to partner with Tuscola Kiwanis to host the annual Easter egg hunt. Tuscola Rotary, Tuscola Women of the Moose and Tuscola Chamber of Commerce have agreed to make financial donations to help support the event. Clarice Hausman volunteered to chair the committee; Alan Shoemaker and Karen Applegate will be Rotary’s representatives. Former Beta Sigma Phi members, Carol Burwash, Janet Butler and Sherrie Hoel, have volunteered to serve on the committee. Sherrie made a motion for Tuscola Kiwanis, in partnership with Tuscola Rotary, to adopt and host the annual event. Alan Shoemaker seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet advised that she would notify Clarice of the Board’s approval to get the “ball” rolling for this committee. The 2012 event will be on Saturday, March 31.
8. 2012 Garage Sale – Janet Butler reported that the next Tuscola Community Garage Sale will be April 13 & 14. All agreed that those dates were too soon for the Kiwanis Garage Sale to be ready. Tentatively, the next community garage will be in August or September. The discussion centered on needing the Forty Martyrs Hall for 4 days, that the event cannot be held when Head Start is in session, and how long could we wait for dates to be announced without losing the hall. The Board members asked Pat Damler to check the schedule and “pencil” us in for early August, if available. The possibility of requesting the same dates of our garage sale through Carly McCrory for the city garage sale was also discussed. [Note: Pat Damler called Janet Butler later that day; the club has August 1, 2, 3 and 4 reserved at Forty Martyrs Hall.]
9. Evening at Mardi Gras Event – Janet Butler and Kim Higgins gave Board members an update on the upcoming event, Sunday February 19, 2012 at the Tuscola Community Building from 6p – 9p. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and include dinner, music and dancing. There will also be an auction, games to play and beer/wine to purchase. There will soon be sign-up sheets for members to help out with baked items and/or volunteering time to help with the event.
10. Kiwanis One Day Service Project – The official Kiwanis One Day is Saturday, April 21, 2012. After some discussion, Kim Higgins made a motion that the club continue to do a Spring Clean-up for BETHS Place as the club’s project. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. Jaci advised that she would run this by members at the next meeting to confirm that they support this decision.

11. Bowl-A-Thon – Plan are moving forward for a Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser for The Eliminate Project sponsored by Tuscola Key Club and Tuscola Kiwanis. The date has been set for April 1, 2012. Location and details to follow.
12. Donation Request – Jaci had received a donation request from Paul Wisovaty for Sadie Dewey from Arcola. She is looking for donations for a trip. As this is for a single individual, not associated with K-Kids or Key Club or Circle K, club funds would not be available. It was agreed by Board members that an envelope would not be passed to members for this request. Jaci will advise Paul.
13. February Board Meeting – The February Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1 at noon at Los Potros restaurant.
14. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Janet Butler  
Secretary



*We Didn't See This In January!*

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New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos and more. Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:

[dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org)

(If you need a screen and/or projector for your program, contact David or Janet Butler.)