



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2014

2014 Events/Activities

Saturday, February 1	I-I District Mid-Year Conference, East Peoria, IL
Saturday, February 8	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wednesday, February 12	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Monday, March 10	Wii Event with K-Kids – North Ward Library
Saturday, March 15	Governor’s Visit Luncheon - Amishland Buffet
Thursday, April 3	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 4	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 5	Kiwanis One Day – BETHS Place Spring Clean-up
Saturday, April 12	Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt
Thu-Sun, July 17-20	Kiwanis Intl Convention, Chiba, Japan
Thu-Sun August 7-10	I-I District Annual Convention, Bloomington, IL
Saturday, October 4	Pancake Breakfast–Homecoming – Tuscola Community Building

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 3	Janet Butler
February 10	Maureen Bergeson
February 17	<u>No Meeting – President’s Day</u>
February 24	Peter Buckley
March 3	Tim Hoel
March 10	Carol Burwash
March 17	Jan Chappell
March 24	Andy Brzozkiewicz
March 31	Joyce Brzozkiewicz

April 7	Jack Corum
April 14	Sharon Corum
April 21	Janet Cox
April 28	Marge Conn
May 5	Tammy Baer
May 12	Mike Damler
May 19	Pat Damler
May 26	No Meeting – Memorial Day
June 2	Wilma Allen
June 9	John Davis
June 16	Dave Dobson
June 23	Jeannine Fortney
June 30	Darla Gardner

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

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

What Did He Say?

A woman walked into her kitchen. She saw her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

“Any luck?” she asked.

“Yes,” he said. “Three males and two females.”

“How can you tell them apart?”

“Easy. Three flies were on that beer can on the table and two flies were on the telephone.”



Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2014

- Attendance

57 – Members

1 – Guest: Janet Rich, guest of Carol Hausmann

- Free Lunch Winner – Darla Gardner
- Birthdays – Joan Spence 1/13, Wilma Allen 1/14, Jan Chappell 1/16 and Robert Van Cleave 1/19
- Braggs – Pete Buckley, Janet Butler, Ginger Campbell, Mike Damler, John Davis, Dave Dobson, Pat Damler, Jaci Manzella, Topy Mooday, Barb Moss, Leo Plaszczynski, and Doris Young.
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Mark Your Calendars/Reminders – The Tuscola Polish Legion is holding a pancake breakfast on February 1 at the community building. The I-I District is holding its Mid-Year Conference on February 1 in East Peoria. See www.iikiwanis.org for details. The Tuscola American Legion is holding a spaghetti dinner on February 8 at the community building.

Pancake Breakfast – The Batter Babes (also known as Judy Heilich and Topy Mooday) passed around a sign-up sheet for the club's February 8 pancake breakfast at Forty Martyrs Hall. We will serve from 7A-10A. If you would like to volunteer and don't get a chance to sign up at a meeting, contact Judy or Topy.

Kiwanis One Day – Mark your calendars. We will again do a spring clean up for BETHS Place on Saturday, April 5. Sign-up sheet will be sent around in early March.

Division 27 Council Meeting – President Pat Damler and Secretary Janet Butler will be attending the division 27 council meeting in Decatur on February 8. The division needs candidates for 2014/2015 Lt. Governor and 2014/2015 Lt. Governor Elect. If you are interest in more information and/or being a candidate, contact Pat or Janet.

Easter Egg Hunt – Carol Burwash reported at the 1/8 Board meeting that she will not be serving as the chairperson of this service project; however she will serve on the committee to assist the new chairman. Donna Motley and Janet Butler also said that they would serve on the committee. The letters to the other organizations that help support the event financially need to be sent soon. Pat asked for a volunteer to chair this year's egg hunt. Please contact Pat if you are interested.

Builders Club – In the Kiwanis family of clubs, a Builders Club is the middle/jr. high age group. We currently do not have a Builders Club in East Prairie. Pat asked if club members were interested in sponsoring such a club, and if a member was interested in being the Kiwanis Club Advisor if we move forward. Contact Pat with your feedback and/or interest in volunteering.

2014 Garage Sale? – Pat asked members if they wanted to have a garage sale this year. Consensus was that members have enough "stuff" and that there are options to dispose of any leftover "stuff." If the club is to proceed, a volunteer is needed to chair this fundraiser. Please contact Pat if interested.

K-Kids/Kiwanis Wii Event – Jeannine asked if the club was interested in doing a Wii Event with the K-Kids. Janet Butler mentioned that doing it during school allowed all the members to participate, and that the members had a lot of fun last year. Pat advised Jeannine to proceed with planning a date with Faculty Adviser Beth Linstead. Jeannine will report later on possible dates.

NOTE: MEETING OF 1/6 WAS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

Program:



Lorraine Best provided the program. Her program completed a commitment that she had made to Paul Jones. Last year Lorraine had agreed

to do Paul's program, however it got hijacked for egg stuffing. Lorraine knew that this program was something that Paul wanted to share with the club members so she took on the commitment as her program today.

Lorraine read the book "You're Only Old Once: A Book for Obsolete Children" by Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss wrote this book at the age of 82. He died five years later at age 87.

The book is full of tough-twisters and his unmistakable rhymes and signature illustration style. This is an ode to aging. On a visit to "the Golden Years Clinic on Century Square for Spleen Readjustment and Muffler Repair," we laughed with familiar horror at the poking and prodding and testing and ogling that go hand in hand with the dreaded designation of "senior citizen."

Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2014

- Attendance

46 – Members

3 – Guests: Margaret Van Cleave, wife of Robert, Lt. Governor Shirley Elkin and Jared Blaudow, son of Margo and our speaker.

- Free Lunch Winner – Margo Blaudow
- Birthdays – Pete Buckley 1/22
- Braggs – Linda Damler, Mike Damler, Kim Higgins, Margaret Van Cleave, and Robert Van Cleave
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Special Birthday – Pat Damler and members gave Robert Van Cleave their best wishes for his 90th birthday on 1/19/14. Robert's family held a special party for him during the past weekend.



Happy 90th Birthday, Bob!!!

Division 27 Council Meeting – Lt. Governor Shirley Elkin thanked club members for all they do for our community and the children of the world. She reminded members that the Division 27 Council Meeting was coming up on February 8, and that a 2013/2014 Lt. Governor and Lt. Governor Elect are needed. Any member interested should contact Pat Damler.

SAM Pantry Thank You Note – The club received a thank you note from Betsy Stuerke thanking members for the donations made from our December Christmas party. The donations and the volunteer time that several members provide is greatly appreciated said Betsy.

K-Kids/Kiwanis Wii Event – Mark your calendars! Monday, March 10 has been set for the annual K-Kids/Kiwanis Wii Event. The festivities will be at the North Ward Library immediately following our regular Kiwanis meeting. A sign-up sheet will go around in mid-February. There will be bowling and other Wii-based activities. Can you out bowl a K-Kid? Kiwanians are welcome to participate, or just observe our K-Kids having fun.

Club Dues – Dues of \$50 are due to Treasurer Candy Hudson by January 31, 2014. If you prefer, you can pay \$100 now, and \$50 will not be due again in July 2014.

Garage Sale – April Kauffman has volunteered to chair the Kiwanis Garage Sale this summer. She will check on available dates at Forty Martyrs Hall. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact April. More details to follow.

Easter Egg Hunt – Alan Shoemaker generously agreed to chair this year's Easter Egg Hunt. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 with a rain date of Saturday, April 19. Carol Burwash, Janet Butler and Donna Motley have volunteered to be part of the committee. If you would like to serve on the committee, contact Alan.

Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) – Mike Damler reported that there are 43 East Prairie B.U.G. winners from comparing the 2013 1st grading period to the 2nd period. Volunteers accepted the postcard packets so the winner can be congratulated by the club.

Builders Club – Janet Butler reported that the cost of supporting a Builders Club at East Prairie would be the same as our K-Kids Club, which is \$400-\$450 per year. Builders Club is a Kiwanis middle school/junior high club. Service to our community and the school would be the primary goals of the club. If forming the club moves forward we would need a member to be the Kiwanis Club Advisor, and an East Prairie Faculty Advisor (like Beth Linstead at North Ward and Darcey Helmick at TCHS). If you are interested in serving on a committee to explore having a East Prairie Builders Club and/or interested in being the Kiwanis Club Advisor for such a club, please contact Pat Damler.

Tuscola Music Boosters Event – Tammy Baer sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to provide a dessert for the Jukebox Friday Night event at TCHS on Friday, 2/7 at 7:00PM. The proceeds will help keep music programs in our schools. Advance tickets are available. Contact Tammy for more details or check the last couple of issues of The Tuscola Journal. Bleacher seating is available on the night of the event.

Program:



Margo Blaudow introduced her son Jared Blaudow, our speaker. Jared spoke about health care reform (Obama Care).

As if 1-1-14 qualifying individuals are mandated by the federal government to have health insurance. The penalty is 1% of income or \$95, whichever is greater. There are government subsidies for households whose income qualifies. Unfortunately, many young people appear to be opting to pay the modest penalty instead of signing up. Penalties will increase each year. Businesses with 50 or more who work 30 hours or more must provide health insurance or pay a penalty.

There are seven insurance companies offering insurance. There is no denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions, and no lifetime maximum payout for the insurance plans. Plans are available to individuals and small businesses. There are three coverage levels to choose from in this area: Gold, Silver and Bronze. You will be able to choose a level based on the amount of monthly premium versus out-of-pocket costs that work for you.

The insurance marketplace at www.healthcare.gov closes 3-31-14. If you do not qualify for a government subsidy, you can go directly to a provider's website for coverage.

Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2014

- Attendance

53 – Members

2 – Guests: Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell and our speaker, Alex Ruggieri.

- Free Lunch Winner – Tim Hoel
- Birthdays – John Davis 1/29, Doris Young 1/30, and Judy Landeck 2/1
- Brags – Pete Buckley, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, and Kevin Nolan
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Douglas County Relay For Life – Jan Chappell reported that the kickoff for the Douglas County Relay For Life fundraiser which benefits the American Cancer Society is Monday, February 3 at the Tuscola Methodist Church at 6PM. The event will be held at East Prairie School on Saturday, May 31 from 1:00PM to 1:00AM. This year the event is not an all night event. Jan encouraged members to attend the kickoff and consider forming a Kiwanis Team. If you are interested in putting together a Kiwanis Team, contact Pat Damler.

Children’s Miracle Network – Mike Damler reported that our re-cycled ink jet cartridges and phones have earned the club \$125 so far. Before the end of the 2014 Kiwanis year, Mike will request a check so the club can make its donation to Children’s Miracle Network.

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Program:

Elaine Bryant introduced our speaker, Alex Ruggieri. Alex is in commercial real estate, a WDWS radio host and a contributor to WCIA’s CI Living program - Business Insider.



Alex shared photos and stories from his trip to the country of Rwanda, Africa. Alex has a daughter and son-in-law in Rwanda which lies close to the center of Africa. They are working for a non-government organization focusing on healthcare (especially pre-natal and delivery care), creating businesses to generate income and business training.

This is helping the many orphans created from the 1994 Rwanda genocide. From April to July 1994, members of the Hutu ethnic majority in the east-central African nation of Rwanda murdered as many as 1 million people, mostly of the Tutsi minority.

Alex, his wife, daughter and son-in-law enjoyed trips to several clinics, a restaurant “Heaven” that provides training, a safari and a special visit to gorillas on a mountain.

The story of how “Heaven” was started and the life of Josh Ruxin, the author, in Rwanda, Alex recommends the book “A Thousand Hills to Heaven.”

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB
January 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Los Potros on Wednesday, 1/8/2013 at 12:00 PM by President Pat Damler with the following Board Directors present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres. Elect	X	Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Lorraine Best (2014)	X	David Butler –Webmaster	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Pat Damler – President		Alan Shoemaker – P.Pres.
X	Carol Burwash (2014)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas.		
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Jerry Leonard – V.P.		Guests: Mike Damler

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of December Board Meeting – Jerry Leonard made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
2. December Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of service volunteer hours was 738. Carol Burwash made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 11/13/13, the current balance in the Treasury is \$5,023.49. David Butler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Tammy Baer made a motion to approve Janet Butler’s request for reimbursement for the mailing cost for the Holiday Cards For Heroes box and for Kiwanis lanyards from the Kiwanis Store for a total of \$76.80. The club received a sponsorship request from the Douglas County Relay For Life team. After discussion, Donna Motley made a motion to approve a \$100.00 sponsor level donation. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. The Eliminate Project – In follow-up to the December Board meeting, Carol Burwash reported that Candy, Janet and she had met and discussed the possibility of designating \$.50 from the “kitty” to donations for The Eliminate Project. The “kitty” is one of the main sources of the club’s administrative budget funds. The three of them agreed that additional funding for The Eliminate Project could not be funded from the “kitty” without raising the \$.50 donation amount that is included in the lunch price. From the December Board discussion, it was agreed that the Board did not want to raise the meeting lunch prices.

After a few suggestions for increased donations for The Eliminate Project, Janet Butler made a motion that the club designate the month of May as the club's "The Eliminate Project" month. All members will be asked to consider making a special donation during the month of May for The Eliminate Project. So that members who cannot regularly attend meetings can participate, a hardcopy letter will be sent asking for their consideration to make this special donation to the project. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved. As Carol Burwash's program on 3/10/14, Pat Damler will be giving an update on The Eliminate Project.

6. Peanut Days Donations – The total raised from Peanut Days donations was \$3,589.09. This included the two November Peanut Days, boxes purchased by members, and the December Christmastown Craft Show. The club is on track with the 2013/2014 budget, having budgeted \$3,500.00 for peanut donations.
7. Governor's Luncheon – The governor's luncheon is scheduled for 3/15/2014. This is a joint luncheon with Divisions 25, 26, 27 and 28. Lt Governors Sara Hunt and Shirley Elkin had decided that a central location for the four divisions would be Tuscola. As Governor's Assistant – South, David agreed to email the Lt. Governors and see if they would like him to reserve the Amishland Buffet for the luncheon. [Update: Based on the Lt. Governors direction, David will be reserving the Amishland Buffet on Monday, 1/13/14 so that the location is confirmed.]
8. Sock Hop Fundraiser – The Sock Hop is a fundraiser for the Music Boosters to benefit the music related programs in the Tuscola Schools. In support of the event, Kiwanians will be asked to provide desserts. Tammy Baer will be sending out an email with more detail, and starting a sign-up sheet at our 1/13/2014 meeting. If you would like to provide a dessert and do not have a chance to sign up, contact Tammy at tbaer@tuscolakiwanis.org.
9. Division 27 Council Meeting – Pat and Janet will be attending the Division 27 Council Meeting in Decatur on Saturday, 2/8/14. The division needs candidates for 2014/2015 Lt. Governor and 2014/2015 Lt. Governor Elect. Pat will share this information at our 1/13/2014 meeting to see if a member of our club is interested in either position.
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11. Kiwanis One Day – The club will again be providing a spring clean-up for BETHS Place on Saturday, April 4. The date is tentative until it is confirmed as a good date for BETHS Place. A sign-up sheet will be provided in early March.
12. Garage Sale – The question was posed...”Is the club going to have a 2014 garage sale?” There was some discussion about whether Kiwanians have enough “stuff” to have it this year, and who would chair the fundraiser. Pat will put this forward at our 1/13/2014 meeting before a final decision is made by the Board.
13. Builders Club – Our club currently sponsors a K-Kids Club at North Ward and a Key Club at TCHS. Kiwanis’ middle school clubs are Builders Clubs. After discussion, it was decided that Pat would put this in front of the membership to see if there is support for establishing a Builders Club at East Prairie, and if there is a Kiwanis willing to step up and be the Builders Club Kiwanis Club Advisor. No further action will be taken by the Board at this time.
14. I-I District Mid-Year Conference/Kiwanis International Convention – Janet reminded Board members that the I-I District Mid-Year Conference was being held in East Peoria on Saturday, 2/1/2014. Pat will remind members at our 1/13/2014 meetings, and that online registration is open at www.iikiwanis.org. Also, the Kiwanis International Convention in Chiba, Japan is coming up in July. When online registration is open, Pat will let members know at a meeting. For those Kiwanians who may not be aware, the club will reimburse members attending a Kiwanis International Convention for their registration fee.
15. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 12 at The Smith House at noon.
16. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Be My Valentine!

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 or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org