



# Kiwaniis®

## KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015

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### 2015 Events/Activities

Wednesday, February 11	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, February 21	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thursday, March 19	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, March 20	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 28	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Friday & Saturday - May 1-2	I-I 100 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Event – Gurney, IL
Thur-Sun – June 25-28	Kiwaniis Int’l Convention – Indianapolis IN
Thur-Sun – August 6-9	Kiwaniis I-I District Convention – Peoria, IL

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### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 2	Pat Sturgis
February 9	Tom Sturgis
February 16	<b>NO MEETING</b> - President’s Day
February 23	Wayne Ward
March 2	Darlene Wiesener
March 9	Carey Wood
March 16	Jim Wood
March 23	Stuff Easter eggs
March 30	Doris Young
April 6	Bill/Carol Bauer
April 13	Carol Beals
April 20	Maureen Bergeson
April 27	Margo Blaudow

May 4	Elaine Bryant
May 11	Dan Russell
May 18	Patty Russell
May 25	<b>NO MEETING</b> – Memorial Day
June 1	Andy Brzozkiewicz
June 8	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
June 15	Pete Buckley
June 22	Carol Burwash
June 29	Dave Butler
July 6	Janet Butler
July 13	Jan Chappell
July 20	Marge Conn
July 27	Jack/Sharon Corum

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](#)

### **Being King Isn't Everything**

King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world.

Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan.

Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it."

"But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!"

Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

## Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2015

- Attendance

48 – Members

4 – Guests: Barb Wills-soon to be member; John Klie and Jamie Eldridge guests of our speaker, Bob Devlin

- Free Lunch Winner – Ed Wachala
- Birthdays – None
- Brags – Mike Damler, Darrell Helm, and Tim Hoel
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Dues – Members were reminded that dues are due by January 31. Members can pay \$100 for the entire year, or pay \$50 in January and July. Give your check to Treasurer Candy Hudson or Secretary Janet Butler.

Thank You Note – Tammy Baer read a gracious thank you note from Betsy Stuerke for our Christmas donation of \$710.00

### Program:



Nancy Runge introduced our guest speaker, Bob Devlin. With Bob were employee Jamie Eldridge and customer John Klie. Bob is the owner of Omni

Prosthetics & Orthotics in Urbana that opened in Champaign in 2003, and a Mattoon location that opened in 2013.

Bob was born in Champaign, but raised in Effingham. He likes working with his hands and being involved in the medical field. He attended Lakeland College and EIU. He then went on to Northwestern University graduating with a degree in prosthetics. Bob has worked in this type of business for eighteen years.

During the first three years of owning his own business in Champaign, he lived in Strasburg and commuted to Champaign 6-7 days a week. He and his wife then moved to Tuscola. At that time he also moved the business out of the old Robeson's basement to a larger facility on Vine Street in Urbana.

Prosthetics started to be made in wood. Today a carbon fiber is often used. Bob specializes in working with physicians and customers to customize prosthetics and orthotics in his on-site lab. Costs can range from \$35,000 to \$75,000 for prosthetics.



John Klie and his prosthetic leg

John demonstrated the capabilities and flexibility of his prosthetic leg. He is a very satisfied customer.

## Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2015

- Attendance

46 – Members

1 – Guest: Dr. Bill Hemmer, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Alan Shoemaker
- Birthdays – 1/13 Joan Spence, 1/14 Wilma Allen, and 1/16 Jan Chappell
- Braggs – Carol Bauer and David Butler
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Dues – Members were reminded that dues are due by January 31. Members can pay \$100 for the entire year, or pay \$50 in January and July. Give your check to Treasurer Candy Hudson or Secretary Janet Butler.

## Program:



In the absence of Mary Schultz, Janet Butler introduced our speaker, Dr. Bill Hemmer. Bill is the owner of Tuscola Pain & Wellness Center. He has been in practice for 26 years, 19 of those years in Tuscola. In his practice, Bill promotes a Real Life Wellness system for a more natural approach to good health.

The accepted theory is that 30% of your health is genetics, and 70% is your lifestyle. Changes in your life...exercising, healthy diet, reducing stress, etc. can improve your health long term.

Bill reported that over a 7 year period, every individual cell in your body is replaced. With positive changes in your lifestyle, you can feel better, look better, and live longer.

Bill is certified in EndoBalance. It is a software solution and educational process that assists doctors in the dietary, supplement, and exercise recommendation process based on physiological stress.

Bill gave a number of tips during the question and answer session. If you would like tips or more information, go to:

<http://50.63.66.218/~tuscolap/>

## Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2015

- **Attendance**

43 – Members

5 – Guests: Charleston Kiwanis President Chas Parker, Charleston Club Director Marjorie Hanft, Charleston EIU Circle K Chairperson Joann Daugherty, and her guest-Zoraida Irizarry; and Jereme Grinslade from KIF, our speaker.

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Dennis Opperman
- **Birthdays** – 1/19 Robert Van Cleave and 1/22 Pete Buckley
- **Brags** – Tim Hoel & Jaci Manzella
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

**Charleston Kiwanis Club** – Chas Parker, president of the Charleston club, gave some information on the club including the club's interest in re-establishing a Circle K Club at EIU, and starting an Aktion Club. She thanks David & Janet Butler, and Tim Hoel for all the help they provided to the club.

**New Member Induction** – President Tammy Baer and Lt. Gov. David Butler inducted our newest member, Barb Wills, into our club. She was sponsored by Dave Dobson.



Tammy, Barb, Dave D. & Dave B.

**B.U.G. Results** – In Mike Damler's absence Janet Butler reported to the club that there were 57 East Prairie winners. The students brought up their grades from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-week grading period. Janet handed out postcards to member volunteers who will write a congratulatory note to the students and mail the postcards.

**Ervin Park Playground Update** - The City of Tuscola, in addition to its original \$45,000 pledge, has pledged an additional matching donation, up to \$22,500, for private donations. Janet had asked Fred McDonald to define "private" donations. Fred reported back that upon speaking with Drew Hoel, that private donations means donations not from the city. So all donations from our club's fundraising and all member donations will count towards the matching. We expect to hear from KIF by mid-February regarding our club's grant request for the playground. Once we have that news, all members of our club will receive a request from our Board to donate towards the playground. Our club has pledged \$2,000 towards the playground. Rotary also plans a fundraising drive in February to individuals and businesses. Janet spoke with Fred McDonald so hopefully Kiwanians will not also be solicited by Rotary. More details will follow.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The egg hunt is scheduled for March 28 with a rain date of April 4. Alan Shoemaker, our Mad Hatter, has graciously agreed to chair the egg hunt again this year. Carol Burwash, Janet Butler, and Debbie Graber have volunteered to be on the committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact Alan.

Kiwanis International Convention – The 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary convention is June 25-28 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Convention registration and hotel reservations are open online at:

<http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis100/centennial-events/2015-convention>

The club budgets to pay for two member registrations. Due to the special celebration and the close proximity of Indianapolis, many members are expected to attend this year. Janet asked the Board to discuss how the club would handle the two club-paid registrations. After discussion, David Butler made a motion that the names of the members who have registered for the convention and have never attended an international convention be put in a container, and two names drawn. The two winning members would also be the club's voting delegates at the convention's business session. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. After the meeting, Janet Butler checked the deadline for submitting the club's ICON voting delegates form. The deadline is April 30, 2015. So at our April 27 meeting, the two names for paid registration will be drawn. For convention-attending members who have not attended ICON to get their name in the drawing, they must provide a copy of their convention confirmation to Janet Butler no later than the start of our Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting when the drawing will take place. This will be a very special convention and lots of fun. Register now!

## Program:



Alan Shoemaker introduced our speaker, Jereme Grinslade from Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF). Jereme is the Alumni & Annual Fund

Administrator at KIF in Indianapolis and a fellow Kiwanian being a member of the Indianapolis Downtown Club. He graduated from Ball State University with a B.S. in Journalism - Advertising, and a minor in Marketing. He joined KIF in January 2013.

First, Jereme thanked the Kiwanians of our club for all we have done for KIF... Eliminate Project, Children's Fund, etc. His message from the foundations was Today, Tomorrow and Forever. Today through club, district and individual donations, the foundation is able to provide grants for worthy causes. In 2013-2014, 110 grants were approved giving just over \$1 million dollars. Jereme gave several examples of the grant requests that were approved. Five percent of all gifts to the Children's Fund, through programs such as Skip-A-Meal and Annual Club Giving, are given back to the district from where the donations came from. Tomorrow is the elimination of maternal/neonatal tetanus. \$74.5 million has been raised/pledged so far. And the Forever is planned giving to the foundation is forever.

Jereme presented Tammy Baer with our club's "Today Club" patch for our donations to KIF during 2013/2014. He encouraged individual members to contribute to KIF, in addition to our club's donations.

## Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2015

- **Attendance**

54 – Members

5 – Guests: Barb Pollock, guest of Doris Young; Scouts Conner Baer, Josh Haste, Ethan Stumeier, and Asst. Scout Master Deon Chester, our speakers

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Donna Motley

- **Birthdays** – 1/29 John Davis, 1/30 Doris Young, and 2/1 Judy Landeck

- **Brags** – David Butler, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Eloise Kennedy, Judy Landeck, Dennis Opperman, Jim Wood, and Doris Young

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

Dues – Members were reminded that dues are due by January 31. Members can pay \$100 for the entire year, or pay \$50 in January and July. Give your check to Treasurer Candy Hudson or Secretary Janet Butler.

Pancake Breakfast – The pancake breakfast at Forty Martyrs Hall is coming up Saturday, February 21. Sign-up sheets will be going around at the next meeting.

## **PROGRAM:**



Deon Chester



Conner Baer



Josh Haste



Ethan Stumeier

Char Snyder introduced our guest speakers: Asst. Scout Master Deon Chester, Star Scout Conner Baer, Tenderfoot Josh Haste, and First Class Scout Ethan Stumeier from Tuscola Troop 95. Brian Alcorn is the Scout Master of the troop and is assisted by three assistant scout masters including Deon.

The program began with a video with clips of various outings and activities that the scouts had participated. Each scout then spoke about some of their favorite outings and activities. The scouts discussed their favorite merit badges and activities that included wilderness survival, hiking, camping, kayaking, rock climbing, and the Klondike team building event

**Lorraine Davis Best – In Memoriam**  
**Tuscola Kiwanis Club**

July 14, 1950 – January 2, 2015

Lorraine touched the lives of hundreds, if not, thousands of people. She was an educator teaching elementary school, and then as a speech pathologist. She loved great food, music, traveling and being with her family and friends. Lorraine was known for her great generosity, compassion and sense of humor. She fought the good fight, but the Lord has called her home.

She was a shining star in our Kiwanis Club and community. We will miss her!



**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB**  
**2015 JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 12:07PM by President Tammy Baer with the following officers, club directors, and guests present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres	X	David Butler – Vice Pres	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Carol Beals (2017)		Pat Damler – Past Pres	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Jim Hausmann (2017)		Guests:
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas		Carol Burwash
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Leonard – Pres Elect		Tim Hoel

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of December Board Meeting – Jerry Leonard made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. December Monthly Reports – Janet Butler had emailed Board members copies of the monthly Tuscola Volunteer Hours report and the Kiwanis International monthly report for their review. There was a total of 730 service hours reported. Carol Beals made a motion to approve the reports. Donna Motley seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copy of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 1/14/15, the current balance is \$12,096.88. Candy reported that all the boxes of peanuts have been sold. The final results of our fundraising peanut sales is \$3,927.27 with a net of \$2,930.44. David Butler made a motion to approve the report. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements – The Board discussed a memorial donation in memory of Lorraine Best. The family requested donations to the American Cancer Society or the Tuscola Community Foundation. To keep the money local, Tom Sturgis made a motion to donate \$50 to the foundation. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. Ervin Park Toddlers’ Playground – Janet reported that the City of Tuscola, in addition to its original pledge of \$45,00, voted to match private funding donations up to \$22,500. Janet said she would contact Fred McDonald to find out what is meant by “private.” The questions is: Will Kiwanis donations qualify for matching? Janet will report to the club as soon as she has an answer.

6. New Member Approval – Janet Butler made a motion to approve the membership of Barb Wills, sponsored by Dave Dobson. Jim Hausmann seconded the motion and it was approved.
7. Camp New Hope – Carol Beals reported that she contacted Camp New Hope about providing a program to our club about their organization. An individual from Camp New Hope will be giving the program on April 13. Members will be advised that a donation envelope will go around on April 20 for any members wishing to donate to this organization.
8. Upcoming Fundraisers – Our Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for February 21, 2015, co-chaired by Topsy Mooday and Judy Heilich. Janet reported that Judy Heilich advised that everything was on track, and the sign-up sheets would be going around shortly. The Fish Fry Dinner is scheduled for March 20, 2015, chaired by Pat Damler and assisted by Pat & Tom Sturgis. Both events are held at Forty Martyrs Hall. Mark your calendars!
9. Easter Egg Hunt – The Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 28, 2015. In addition to organizations that were discussed last month, Jim Hausmann volunteered to take a donation request letter to the Knights of Columbus. By this afternoon Janet will email Jim a copy of the letter to deliver to Bruce Nofftz. Nancy Smith came forward and asked if she could donate, and of course we said yes. Tammy will contact Alan Shoemaker to ask if he will chair the committee again this year. Carol Burwash and Janet Butler volunteered to serve on the committee. Mark your calendars! [After the meeting, Nancy donated \$30.00 to help with the egg hunt expenses. Janet will deliver the cash to Candy and send a thank you note.]
10. Kiwanis International Convention (ICON) – This year's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convention is in Indianapolis from June 25-28. The club budgets to pay for two member registrations. Due to the special celebration and the close proximity of Indianapolis, many members are expected to attend this year. Janet asked the Board to discuss how the club would handle the two club-paid registrations. After discussion, David Butler made a motion that the names of the members who have registered for the convention and have never attended an international convention be put in a container, and two names drawn. The two winning members would also be the club's voting delegates at the convention's business session. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. Hotel registration is open now; convention registration will open in late January. [Note: After the meeting, Janet Butler checked the deadline for submitting the club's ICON voting delegates. The deadline is April 30, 2015. At our April 27 meeting, the two names for paid registration will be drawn. For attending members who have not attended ICON to get their name in the drawing, they must provide a copy of their convention confirmation to Janet Butler no later than the start of our Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting when the drawing will take place.]

11. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting is February 11, 2015 at noon at The Smith House

12. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45PM.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary



*Don't forget your valentine!*

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Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:  
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