



# Kiwaniis®

## KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA

### NEWSLETTER

### FEBRUARY 2016

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and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tuscolakiwanisclub](http://www.facebook.com/tuscolakiwanisclub)

### 2016 Events/Activities

Wednesday, February 10	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Wednesday, March 9	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Friday, March 18	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 19	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Saturday, April 2	Club 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Flesor’s
Saturday, April 16	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, June 4	Douglas County Relay for Life - TCHS
Wed/Thursday, July 27 & 28	Kiwaniis Garage Sale Setup – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday & Saturday, July 29 & 30	Kiwaniis Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, October 8	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg

### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 1	David Butler
February 8	Sharon Marsh
February 15	<b>NO MEETING – PRES. DAY</b>
February 22	Carol Martin
February 29	Kathryn McCumber
March 7	Laura Meyer
March 14	Topsy Mooday
March 21	Donna Motley
March 28	Vera Nauta
April 4	Judy Landeck
April 11	Art Moss

April 18	Dave Morgan
April 25	Val Morgan
May 2	Kevin Nolan
May 9	Dennis Opperman
May 16	Maribeth Opperman
May 23	Jerry Reynolds
May 30	<b>NO MEETING – Memorial Day</b>
June 6	Nancy Runge
June 13	Dan Russell
June 20	Patty Russell
June 27	Alan Shoemaker

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 Volunteer Hours  
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

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**Valentine's Day Dream**

A woman was taking a nap on Valentine's Day afternoon. After she awoke, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a gorgeous and expensive diamond necklace for Valentine's Day! What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening, her husband came home with a small package for her.

Thrilled, she opened it and found a book titled "The Meaning of Dreams."



## Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2016

- Attendance

56 – Members

2 – Guests: Our speaker, Lauren Moss, granddaughter of Art & Barb Moss and Amelia, granddaughter of Debbie Graber

- Free Lunch Winner – Vera Nauta

- Birthdays – 1/4 John McDaniel, 1/7 Heather Madden

- Braggs – Wilma Allen, Pete Buckley, Linda Damler, Mike Damler, Debbie Graber, Jaci Manzella, Barb Moss, Nick Sebastian, and Jim Wood

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Dues Reminder – Jerry Leonard reminded members that dues of \$55.00 are due by January 31, 2016, or \$110.00 if you want to pay for the entire year, and have nothing due in July.

SAM Pantry Volunteers – David Butler reported that the pantry needed more volunteers, particularly to drive to Champaign to pick up bread and unload food trucks. If you can help, contact David.

## Program:



Barb Moss introduced her granddaughter, Lauren Moss. Lauren went on a mission trip last summer for one week to Haiti. Lauren was part of a group from the Tuscola United Methodist Church.

The group stayed in a small village church with no heat, no air conditioning and no running water. There was a generator for lights in the evening. Seven women cooked three meals each day for the group, cooking from early morning into the evening.

The group took Bibles in the Haiti language to an orphanage and to adults in the area. Part of their time was spent walking home to home, telling people about Jesus and people telling about themselves. In partnership with an Ohio group, they re-built a house. They held children bible study groups.

Lauren said it was a very wonderful experience, and has made her thankful for all she has and enjoys in the U.S.

## Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2016

- **Attendance**

58 – Members

3 –Guests: Ron Gardner, spouse of Darla Gardner, soon-to-be member, Debra Shirley, and our speaker, John Best

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Wilma Allen
- **Birthdays** – 1/14 Wilma Allen, 1/16 Jan Chappell
- **Brags** – Maureen Bergeson, Pete Buckley, Mike Damler, Kim Higgins, Judy Landeck, Jerry Leonard, and Alan Shoemaker
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Thank You Note – The club received a thank you note from Betsy Stuerke for members’ donations collected in lieu of a gift exchange at the club’s Christmas party.

K-Kids Wii Event - Jeannine Fortney asked members who was interested in attending a K-Kids Wii event at North Ward in February. No date has been set as yet.

Bring Up Grades B.U.G. – Mike Damler reported that 54 East Prairie students brought up their grades from the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks. Postcards were distributed to members to congratulate the students and mail the post cards.

## Program:



Darla Gardner introduced our speaker, John Best. John is a retired professor from Eastern Illinois University. He is writing a book, and will soon be a published author as well.

He is on the Tuscola Cultural Arts Alliance (TCAA) board, and that is his topic.

John is part of a community group that wanted to promote arts and culture in our community. The officers are: Chair-Darla Gardner, Vice-Chair-Dee Lenzi, Treasurer-Kathryn McCumber, and Secretary-John Best. TCAA was officially recognized as a committee of the City of Tuscola in March 2015.

The committee’s goals include enriching our community by spotlighting the arts, tourism, and businesses, creating communications about arts among community members, the city and local organizations, and supporting education in the arts in our schools with scholarships.

The committee is working on several projects, including two new pieces of artwork that will be displayed near Main & Sale streets. They are also looking at beautification of downtown, including adding a floral design to planters. They are doing community outreach lectures, and for long term planning hope that an Arts & Culture Festival could be developed for Tuscola.

## Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2016

- Attendance

48 – Members

3 – Guests: Lt. Gov. Charles Smith, Phil Tagler-Paris Kiwanis Club, Jim Kleiss, and Lydia Manzella, daughter of Jaci Manzella

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Burwash
- Birthdays – 1/22 Pete Buckley
- Braggs – David Butler
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Member Induction – Lt. Gov. Charles Smith and President Jerry Leonard inducted our newest Kiwanian, Debra Shirley sponsored by Nancy Reynolds.



Welcome, Debra!!!

Dues Reminder – Jerry Leonard reminded members that dues of \$55.00 are due by January 31, 2016, or \$110.00 if you want to pay for the entire year, and have nothing due in July.

Rotary Exchange Student Opportunity – Jim Kleiss reported that Tuscola Rotary Club is looking for a family, preferably with a TCHS student, that would like to host an exchange student for 2-3 months. If you are interested, please contact Jim.

## Program:



Erica Leonard was the program chair for this meeting and invited Janet Butler to share the Butlers' 2014 Japan trip.

Unfortunately, Erica was out of town, however Janet proceeded with the program.

Janet shared photos from her and David's July 2014 trip to Japan. They visited, Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara, Kanazawa, and Nikko. Janet reported that only 2% of Japanese are Christian with the remaining population split pretty evenly between Shinto and Buddhism.

The trip began in Chiba, a suburb of Tokyo, for the Kiwanis International Convention. After the convention, they toured for 10 days, using private guides at all the visited cities. They enjoyed a traditional tea making ceremony, Kyoto dinner with geisha entertainment, gold-leaf making in Kanazawa, cormorant fishing northwest of Kyoto, a dinner cruise in Tokyo, as well as seeing many historical shrines and temples.



Heian Shrine in Kyoto

## Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2016

- **Attendance**

52 – Members

5 - Guests: Mattoon Interclub-Steve Ferguson, Gary Hawker, Phil Spencer and Greg Thompson; and our speaker, Steve Weber

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Vera Nauta
- **Birthdays** – 1/28 Kate Watson, 1/29 John Davis, 1/30 Doris Young
- **Brags** – Tammy Baer, Betty Leonard, and Topy Moody
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

**Dues Reminder** – Jerry Leonard reminded members that dues of \$55.00 are due by January 31, 2016, or \$110.00 if you want to pay for the entire year, and have nothing due in July.

**Club 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – Jerry Leonard reported that the club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration would be Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 6p-8p. It will be held in the new expanded area of Flesor's Candy Kitchen. Pete Buckley and Janet Butler are co-chairing a committee for the event. The cost per person is expected to be about \$20-\$25. As details are finalized, members will be advised. Hold the date on your calendar for this historic and fun event!

## Program:

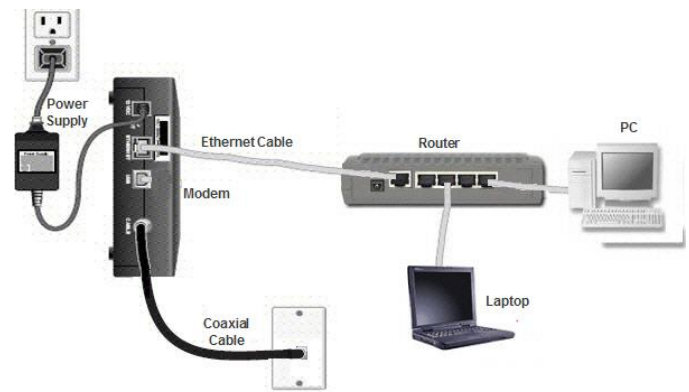


Jerry Leonard introduced our speaker, Steve Weber. Steve is from Liaison, a home automation company headquartered out of Mt. Zion, Illinois.

Jerry's topic was the Basics of Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi is a term only. It does not stand for particular words. The International Electronics and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) set rules and standards so devices can communicate with each other.

Steve discussed internet speeds, modems, routers and other hardware. A network is a grouping of devices (PC, tablet, smartphone, etc.) connected so that they can communicate with one another.

The "cloud" is an off-site server where you can store information. When you "save" to the "cloud", the information is not saved to your device.



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**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB**  
**2016 JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday December 13, 2016 at 12:01 PM by President Jerry Leonard with the following officers and club directors present:

X	Tammy Baer – Past Pres	X	David Butler – Pres Elect		Guests:
X	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Jan Chappell – Vice Pres	X	Carol Burwash
X	Maureen Bergeson (2018)	X	Jim Hausmann (2017)	X	Tim Hoel
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas		
	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Jerry Leonard – Pres		
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Reynolds (2018)		

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of December Board Meeting – Jerry Reynolds made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Maureen Bergeson seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. December Secretary’s 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 800 service hours reported. Carol Beals made a motion to approve the reports. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. December Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 1/13/16, the current balance is \$13,029.60. David Butler made a motion to approve the report. Janet Butler seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements – As requested by Mike Damler and Darcey Helmick, Janet Butler requested the remaining \$500.00 that is budgeted for Key Club be disbursed to assist with DCON expenses. Jim Hausman made a motion to approve the request. Janet Butler seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. New Donation Requests – None

6. Club Foundation Update – Tammy Baer reported that she is still working on the Illinois State paperwork for incorporation, and will be requesting a check from Treasurer Candy Hudson for the filing. She expects to finish before next Board meeting.
7. Club 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – There was further discussion about planning an event. Jerry Leonard is contacting Pete Buckley to ask if he will chair a committee to plan the event.
8. Lt. Governor Request – No update from Lt. Gov. Charles Smith regarding the Kiwanis International Foundation grant application to be submitted to the Kiwanis International Foundation by Decatur Golden K on behalf of Division 27 Clubs to benefit the Friends of the Children of Haiti.
9. Amador Award – Discussion brought forward a motion by Carol Beals to nominate Janet Butler for a 2016 Amador award with a club commitment to disburse \$500.00 from club funds with the application. Jan Chappell seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet Butler, copying Jerry Leonard, will email Lt. Gov. Charles Smith that Tuscola will be requesting at the February Division 27 Council meeting his approval and the Division 27 club's approval to submit this application.
10. New Member Approval – David Butler made a motion to approve the membership of Debra Shirley, sponsored by Nancy Reynolds. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved.
11. Music Booster Fundraiser – Tammy Baer reported that a dinner and music fundraiser will be held at TCHS on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 6:00PM. The cost of the turkey dinner catered by Flesor's is \$15.00, and seating is limited. Advance reservations for dinner are required. For the concert only, there is \$5 admission. The theme is Lights, Camera, Action...movie music. A sign-up sheet will go around closer to the date for any Kiwanian who would like to provide a dessert pie for the fundraiser.
12. 2016 Easter Egg Hunt – Janet Butler reported that Shopko had donated a \$50.00 gift card to help with the expense of the Easter Egg Hunt Candy. Janet said that she would be sending out request letters in January to the other organizations that have helped fund past egg hunts and a thank you note to Shopko.



13. TCHS Donation – In September 2012 the club made a \$500.00 donation towards a SmartBoard for Mrs. Clapper’s classroom. Not enough money was collected to purchase the SmartBoard and Mrs. Clapper has since left. The donation is still being held. Coach Robinson is now teaching in that classroom. He prefers to use his iPad with a projector. The projector very recently stopped working. Shannon Smith has requested that our donation be used towards replacing this projector. After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion to approve this request. Jerry Reynolds seconded the motion and it was approved.
14. 2016 Key Club Scholarship – Since the establishment of the Key Club, four club members have funded a 4<sup>th</sup> TCHS Scholarship for a Key Club member. One of those four member has left. Janet asked if there were any Board members that would participate to make up the \$250.00 so the Key Club scholarship would be a \$1,000.00 just as the other three scholarships that the club funds. Candy Hudson and Jerry Reynolds each volunteered to donate \$125.00 to bring this 4<sup>th</sup> scholarship up to \$1,000.00.
15. 2016 Document Shredding Event – No update as yet.
16. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 10 at the Smith House at noon.
17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary

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*Be someone's Valentine!*

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