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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

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2017 Events/Activities

Wednesday, February 8	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, February 25	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wednesday, March 8	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thur. & Friday March 30 & 31	Fish Fry Thaw and Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 8	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park (rain: 4/15)
Saturday, May 20	Document Shredding/Electronic Recycle Event
Saturday, June 10	Douglas County Relay for Life

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 6	Wilma Allen
February 13	Jan Chappell
February 20	NO MEETING – Presidents’ Day
February 27	Deon Chester
March 6	Linda Damler
March 13	Jack Corum
March 20	Sharon Corum
March 27	Mike Damler
April 3	Easter Egg Stuffing
April 10	Marge Conn
April 17	Pat Damler
April 24	Jeannine Fortney
May 1	Darla Gardner

May 8	Debbie Graber
May 15	Carol Hausmann
May 22	Jim Hausmann
May 29	NO MEETING – Memorial Day
June 5	Judy Heilich
June 12	Kim Higgins
June 19	Sherrie Hoel
June 26	Tim Hoel
July 3	NO MEETING – July 4th Weekend
July 10	Candy Hudson
July 17	April Kauffman
July 24	Judy Landeck
July 31	Betty Leonard

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](#)

Be My Valentine

My high school English teacher was well known for being a fair, but hard, grader. One day I received a B minus on a theme paper. In hopes of bettering my grade and in the spirit of the valentine season, I sent her an extravagant heart-shaped box of chocolates with the pre-printed inscription: “BE MINE.”

The following day, I received in return a valentine from the teacher. It read: “Thank you, but it’s still BE MINE-US.”



Meeting Minutes – January 2, 2017

- Attendance

40 – Members

6 – Guests: Bill Thurn-guest of Jan Chappell, Betsy Stuerke-guest of David Butler, Olivia Chester-daughter of Deon Chester, Madelene Birchenough, and our program performers Elena & Sarah Birchenough-granddaughters of Joyce and Andy Brzozkiewicz.

- Free Lunch Winner – Janet Butler

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

- Brags – Carol Bauer, Pete Buckley, Mike Damler, and Jerry Reynolds

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Eliminate Project Update – From the start of the project to the end of 2016, the club has donated \$17,933.38. Awesome!

New Member Induction – Duane Huffman, the club's new Builders Club Faculty Advisor, was inducted by President David Butler, Lt. Gov. Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney (in Tammy Baer's absence).



Welcome, Duane!!!

2017/2018 Dues – David Butler reminded members that dues are due---\$55.00 by January 31st or \$110.00 if members want to pay the entire amount.

SAM Pantry Donation – Through the generous donations at our club Christmas Party, a check for \$600.00 was presented to Betsy Stuerke for SAM Food Pantry.



David Butler & Betsy Stuerke

Program:



Joyce Brzozkiewicz introduced her talented granddaughters, Sarah and Elena Birchenough.

The young ladies sang a number of delightful songs, including some classics, ballads, and Christmas songs.

What a treat for everyone! They were magnificent!

Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2017

- **Attendance**

43 – Members

3 – Guests: Phil Tegeler-Paris Kiwanis Club, and our guest speakers, Tony Holly and Linda Schulz

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Wayne Ward
- **Birthdays** – Wilma Allen 1/14
- **Brags** – Wilma Allen, Judy Heilich, and Judy Landeck
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

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Bring Up Grades Results – Mike Damler reported that 47 East Prairie students brought up their grades from the 1st 9 weeks to the 2nd 9 weeks. Postcards were handed out for Kiwanians to congratulate the winning students.

Key Club Hosting East Prairie 5th & 6th Grades Student Dance – TCHS Key Club is hosting a dance on Friday, February 10 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Mike Damler is sending around a sign-up sheet for cookies, beverages, and/or chaperones.

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Program:



Pete Buckley introduced our guests from the American Cancer Society, Tony Holly and Linda Schulz. Linda

thanked the club for being the 3rd highest fundraising team for the 2016 Douglas County Relay for Life, and for being #1 in Luminaria sales for the last two years. There are over 4,000 Relay for Life events held each year in the U.S.

Besides funding research, the American Cancer Society provides many services to those fighting cancer. They include prevention education, assistance for placement in clinical trials, explanations of lab work and doctor findings, transportation services, free wigs, general cancer and treatment information, and much more.

There has been a 25% decline in cancer deaths just in the past two decades, saving many lives. For every \$1 donated, \$.75 goes for research and services.

The National Cancer Information Center provides help and support 24/7. The number is 800-227-2345. For more information or to donate, go to: www.cancer.org

Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2017

- Attendance

43 – Members

1 – Guest: Our speaker Lt. Clint Howard

- Free Lunch Winner – Jeannine Fortney
- Birthdays – Jan Chappell 1/16, Pete Buckley 1/22
- Brags – Janet Boyer, Cathy Buckley, Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, and Topy Moody
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Program:



Pete Buckley introduced Lt. Clint Howard from the Douglas County Sheriff's Department. The department's mission is to serve all citizens by ensuring their legal rights. Clint is originally from Villa Grove and has been in law enforcement for 18 years. The department has 30 employees with a budget of \$1.8 million.

This group of law enforcement officers have many duties and responsibilities:

- Enforcing the law in unincorporated areas of the county and assisting city police.
- Enforcement body of the county court system and courthouse security
- Operating the county jail for adults (if juveniles must be detained, they are sent to Danville)
- Operating the County 911 Center
- Overseeing Crime Stoppers, Search & Rescue, and soon Animal Control & Shelter
- Maintains and updates the website for sex offender records
- Holds sales of foreclosed properties

In 2015, the department received 9,860 calls and made 1,546 traffic stops. The county 911 center handled 34,340 calls during that time.

Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2017

- Attendance

50 – Members

3 – Guests: Fred Heilich-spouse of Judy Heilich, Betsy Hoel-daughter of Tim & Sherrie Hoel, and our speaker, Renee Fonner

- Free Lunch Winner – Kim Higgins
- Birthdays – Kate Watson 1/28, John Davis 1/29
- Brags – Tammy Baer, Pete Buckley, David Butler, Janet Butler, Candy Hudson, Judy Landeck, Dave Morgan
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Holocaust Speaker Donations – An envelope was passed around for members who wanted to help the Douglas County Museum with the expenses for a Holocaust speaker, who will be speaking Saturday, February 4 at noon at the museum.

Tuscola Music Boosters Fundraiser – The Music Boosters will again have a dinner/concert on February 25. The forms to make a reservation and pay for the dinner are available at the East Prairie and TCHS offices, and will appear in The Journal soon.

Program:



Carol Burwash introduced our speaker, Renee Fonner. Renee is an On-Air Talent and Promotion manager with Cromwell Radio Group. She is also the One Stop

Community Christmas Chairperson, and that was her topic today.

Renee thanked us for all the socks, underwear, and volunteer time donated for the 2016 event at Lakeland College. In 2016, 861 low-income families were served with 2,051 children. Since the event began in 2011, over 11,000 children have been served. It takes over 800 volunteers to set up, operate, and knock down the event.

The event began in the gym of the Mattoon Salvation Army for the first two years. To provide more space and parking, it was moved to the West Building of Lakeland College. The event is operated by a 14-member Executive Committee, and serves low incomes families with children in 7 counties, including Douglas County.

Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2017

• Attendance

46 – Members

2 – Guests: Jake Golden, guest of Jerry Reynolds, and our speaker Brian Moody

- Free Lunch Winner – Deon Chester
- Birthdays – Doris Young 1/30, Judy Landeck 2/1, Patty Russell 2/4
- Brags – Tammy Baer, Deon Chester, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Judy Landeck, Dennis Opperman, and Paul Wisovaty
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Program:



Bill Bauer introduced our speaker, Brian Moody. Brian is the Executive Director of the Tuscola Chamber and Economic Development. He provided the following

updates:

- A county-wide Enterprise Zone application was completed and submitted before the December deadline. An Enterprise Zone provides tax benefits for companies moving into such a zone.
- He is working on 6 restaurant projects, of which he believes at least 3 will happen. All are family-oriented sit-down restaurants, not fast food. The old Tuscany location may be the first to open.
- Creating Entrepreneurship Opportunities (CEO) – the program targets high school juniors to teach life skills, how to start a business, etc. \$25,000 has been raised to start this program in Douglas County.
- CRONUS – Brian expects that CRONUS and the new general contractor will sign a contract by the end of March. Ground breaking and road work will probably start in late Summer.

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2017 JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 12:02 PM by President David Butler with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

X	Carol Beals (2017)		Jan Chappell – Pres Elect		Guests:
X	Maureen Bergeson (2018)	X	Jim Hausmann (2017)	X	Tammy Baer
	Char Bontrager (2019)	X	Candy Hudson – Treasurer	X	Jack Corum
X	Pete Buckley – Vice Pres	X	Jerry Leonard – Past Pres	X	Sharon Corum
X	David Butler – Pres	X	Carol Martin (2019)	X	Tim Hoel
X	Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jerry Reynolds (2018)		

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of December Board Meeting – Jerry Leonard made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Carol Beals 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 were 731 service and 67 fundraising hours reported for a total of 798 hours. Maureen Bergeson made a motion to approve the reports. Pete Buckley seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. December Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 1/11/17, the current balance for the club is \$3,474.62 and the foundation balance is \$9,493.95. Jerry Reynolds made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”

4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
(none)	\$7.60 – Reimbursement to Mike Damler for B.U.G. postcards \$339.39 – Reimbursement to Janet Butler for B.U.G. program supplies

Jerry Reynolds made a motion to approve the reimbursements. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – A donation request was received from the Douglas County Museum to assist with their expenses for the Holocaust program speaker they are presenting on Saturday, February 4th at noon. After discuss, Pete made a motion to pass the envelope to members who would like to support this request. Jim Hausmann seconded the motion and it was approved. Copies of the request will be provided on the tables at our 1/16 and 1/23 meetings. Members will be notified on 1/16 and the envelope passed on 1/23.
6. February Pancake Breakfast – Janet Butler reported that Sharon Corum is chairing the breakfast with assistance from Janet Butler and Pat Damler. The sign-up sheets went around for the first time at our 1/9 meeting, and will continue. Janet has procured the club’s 2017 Health Department Certificate, and will provide to Sharon for the breakfast.
7. Eliminate Project Pledge Status – David Butler reported that the remaining amount on the pledge is \$6,846 due by September 30, 2020. There will be no problem fulfilling the pledge by the deadline. There was discussion about what project Kiwanis International would do after Eliminate. It is expected that there will be a time gap between Eliminate and a new KI project. The Board generally thought that the club may want to continue the donation bottles, and designate the funds for Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation, or a local need. It was agreed that the Board will discuss this closer to when the club has completed its pledge.
8. Illinois Sales Tax Exemption Update – Janet Butler reported the foundation is now Illinois sales tax exempt. She has established our foundation with GFS Marketplace in Champaign and will provide the paperwork to Tuscola IGA today. She will continue to work on the list of businesses that we typically purchase items from so going forward those purchases will be tax exempt.

9. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Smith House at noon.
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Don't Forget Your Sweetheart!

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