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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
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2018 Events/Activities

Wednesday, February 14	Board Meeting – The Smith House
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Saturday, March 17	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park (rain – 3/31)
Thur March 22/Friday March 23	Fish Fry Thaw/Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 14	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thursday, April 26	Ervin Park Playground Cleanup
Saturday, June 16	Relay For Life – TCHS (2p-10p)
Wed-Sat, July 25-28	Kiwaniis Garage Sale
Saturday, September 29	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 5	Barb Wills
February 12	Kate Watson
February 19	NO MEETING – President’s Day
February 26	Sue Wisovaty
March 5	Paul Wisovaty
March 12	Easter Egg Stuffing
March 19	Wilma Allen
March 26	Doris Young
April 2	Tammy Baer
April 9	Bill Bauer
April 16	Wayne Ward

April 23	Carol Beals
April 30	Maureen Bergeson
May 7	Margo Blaudow
May 14	Elaine Bryant
May 21	Andy Brzozkiewicz
May 28	NO MEETING – Memorial Day
June 4	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
June 11	Marci Shoemaker
June 18	Cathy Buckley
June 25	Pete Buckley
July 2	Carol Burwash
July 9	Dave Butler
July 16	Janet Butler
July 23	Jan Chappell
July 30	Marge Conn

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!



Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2018

- **Attendance**

40 – Members

1 – Guest: Claire Leonard,
granddaughter of Sherrie & Tim Hoel

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Val Morgan

- **Birthdays** – 1/4 John McDaniel, 1/7 Hope Hegarty, 1/7 Heather Kirby, 1/14 Wilma Allen

- **Brags** – Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Betty Leonard, Dennis/Maribeth Opperman

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

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Trauma Doll Workshop - Janet Butler passed around a sign-up sheet for the January 23 Trauma Doll Workshop. If you do not get a chance to sign up at a meeting and would like to participate, contact Janet.

B.U.G. Winners – Mike Damler announced there were 37 Bring Up Grade winners from East Prairie. Mike handed out groups of postcards to be sent to the winner with praise and encouragement.

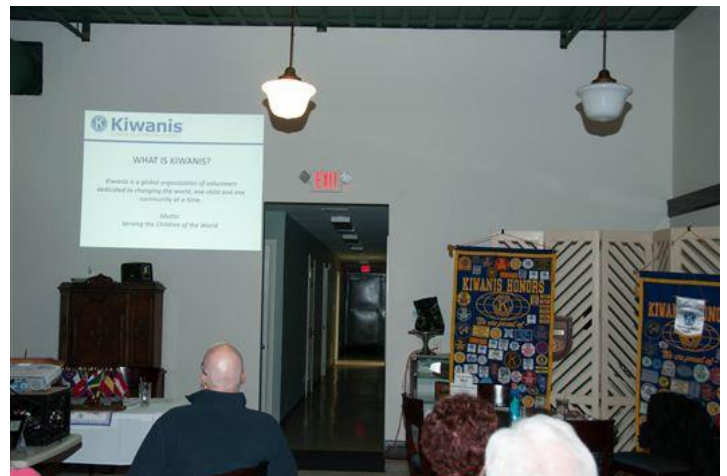
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Program:



Club secretary Janet Butler provided the program on “Kiwani Education.” Janet covered how our club fits into the Kiwanis world, what we do to raise funds, what serve we do for our community and youth, what we do to support the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project and the I-I District Neuroscience Research Foundation. Janet also covered club specific information like dues, perfect attendance calculation, volunteer hours guidelines, etc.



Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2018

- Attendance

46 – Members

4 – Guests: Claire Leonard, granddaughter of Sherrie & Tim Hoel, Trenton & Zachary Patterson, grandsons of Alan & Marci Shoemaker, and our speaker, Coach Andy Romine

- Free Lunch Winner – Bill Bauer

- Birthdays – 1/16 Jan Chappell

- Brags – Wilma Allen, Jan Chappell, Darla Gardner, Sherrie Hoel, Dennis/Maribeth Opperman, and Sue Wisovaty

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Alexis Nau – It was reported that former TCHS Key Club President Alexis Nau is serving as the Kiwanis Circle K Treasurer at the University of Evansville. She is currently on the Dean's List, too.

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Warrior Store Volunteers – Janet Butler announced that going forward, there would be 3 volunteer slots with 1 alternate that can be called upon if one of the three volunteers cannot make on the day. Three volunteers at a time work best for the limited space.

TCHS Key Club – Mike Damler reported that Sydney Hoel, Vice-President, will be acting President for this school year. 26 Key Clubbers attended the last club meeting.

Program:



Alan Shoemaker introduced TCHS football Coach Andy Romine. To honor Coach Romine and his players, our members worn Warrior attire and/or colors. Andy thanked the group for being part of such a supportive community, and for all that our Kiwanians do in the Tuscola community.

Andy started coaching at age 18, and has coached for 19 years. He came to Tuscola in 2008. He is very involved with the players and their families. During the season, about 30 players come to his home on Tuesday nights to talk football and review films. Andy feels Tuscola's football teams' success is due to caring about the players and buy-in from the coaches, players, families, and the community.

Andy's goals are for the players to keep focused and have a great experience. Yes, it's great to win, but he does not apply pressure to win. Preparation is the answer to winning. Andy hopes that he will be able to use a drone to film practices. This has not yet been approved by the school board.

Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2018

- Attendance

52 – Members

8 – Guests: Mattoon interclub-Carolyn Cloyd, Tracy Peterson, Dave Schilling & Greg Thompson; Glen Simpson, spouse of Sandy Simpson, and our speakers Julie Laut and Laurie Matheson

- Free Lunch Winner – Pete Buckley

- Birthdays – 1/22 Pete Buckley, 1/28 Kate Watson

- Braggs – Pete Buckley, Kathryn McCumber

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Trauma Doll Workshop – Janet Butler reminded members that the workshop is tomorrow, Tuesday, January 23 at 5:30PM at the Douglas County Museum.

Cookies for Dance Competition at TCHS – A sign-up sheet went around for Kiwanians to volunteer to bring 2 doz. cookies for Saturday's February 3 event. Volunteers should take their cookies on Friday, February 2 to the TCHS office anytime during the school day.

Program:



Sandy Simpson introduced our speakers, Julie Laut and Laurie Matheson. They are from the University of Illinois Press. The company is a mid-size publisher of primarily books and journals. They have over 2,000 titles in print and add about 90 new titles per year. The company publishes mostly scholarly and institutional books on many topics, but does not publish fiction, poetry or works of student authors.

About 15-20% of its funding is from the University of Illinois, with the remainder from book sales, subscriptions to journals, grants, eBooks, events, etc.

The Press was founded in 1918 and did its printing on-site from 1918-1971. Printing is now outsourced to usually 4-6 printers that work with the company.

Services that the Press provides include presentations to community organizations, workshops, internships, community partnerships, etc.

Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2018

- Attendance

51 – Members

2 – Guests: Our speakers, Lorianne Bauer and Jim Hires

- Free Lunch Winner – Betty Leonard

- Birthdays – 1/29 John Davis, 1/30 Doris Young, 2/1 Judy Landeck, 2/1 Ian Rominger, 2/4 Patty Russell

- Brags – Tammy Baer, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Janet Butler, Linda Damler for Pat Damler, Darla Gardner, Carol Hausmann, Jaci Manzella, and Val Morgan

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K-Kids Bake Sale – The K-Kids raised \$491 at their bake sale for the Brewer family whose home was hit by fire. K-Kids Advisor Beth Linstead added \$9, so \$500 was donated to the family. Great job!

Trauma Doll Workshop – 23 members attended the workshop with others that had traced/cut, turned, and/or sewn dolls. 137 dolls were stuffed, with 18 going to Builders Club to stuff, and 25 going to K-Kids to stuff for a total of 180 dolls. Topy Moody is also preparing another 25 dolls for Builders Club so when all dolls are stuffed and the leg sewn, 205 dolls will have been completed. Awesome job!

Upcoming Community Events – It was announced that the next fundraiser by the Music Boosters will be February 24th and by Becky's Buddies, a trivia night April 7 at It'll Do in Arcola.

Program:



Carol Bauer introduced President/CEO Jim Hires of the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, and her daughter, Lorianne Bauer, a fundraising volunteer for the foodbank. The Foodbank has over 1,700 registered volunteers.

What Does the Eastern Illinois Foodbank Do?

It is the primary food source in 18 counties for food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other programs working to feed the hungry. Each year, it distributes millions of pounds of food across its network of more than 200 programs. The goal is to create a hunger-free eastern Illinois. The Foodbank accepts donated and discounted food from a variety of sources and distributes it to 220 emergency food programs, such as food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. By partnering with the Foodbank, emergency food programs are able to save millions of dollars each year in food purchase and handling costs. The Foodbank also operates programs targeted to children, seniors and veterans.

What Programs Does It Have?

In addition to working with 200+ member agencies across 18-counties in eastern Illinois, the Eastern Illinois Foodbank operates a handful of emergency feeding programs to help meet unmet need and alleviate hunger among the most vulnerable populations. The Foodbank strives to increase access to healthy foods such as produce, dairy, nonperishable fruits and vegetables, grains, and meat to those in situations of food insecurity and hunger through the following programs:

School Pantry: The School Pantry Program is aimed at alleviating childhood hunger through the provision of food to children and their families at school. School pantries are located on the grounds of a school and are intended to provide a more readily accessible source of food assistance to low-income students and their families.

BackPack: Backpacks full of food for children at risk of weekend hunger are delivered directly to students at school through its partner agency, [Feeding Our Kids](#).

Food Mobiles: Food mobiles are mobile food pantries that are designed to increase access to nutritious food for residents in rural and underserved communities. Each Food mobile delivers approximately 10,000 pounds of food to 100-150 households struggling with hunger.

Food as Medicine: The Foodbank works with the Champaign Urbana Public Health Department, Promise Healthcare at Frances Nelson Health Center, and the VA Illiana Healthcare System in Danville to serve patients and individuals that are struggling to afford an adequate diet for healthy living.

Veteran Services: Foodbank partners with local Veterans of Foreign Wars, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offices and other veteran centered sites in eastern Illinois to distribute fresh produce and grocery product to veterans in need.

Why the Need for the Foodbank?

- 1 in 5 children in eastern Illinois struggles with hunger. 1 in every 3 clients served by the Eastern Illinois Foodbank is a child.
- Most of the agencies and programs that receive food could not exist without the steady supply of subsidized and free food available from the Foodbank.
- In the past year, the Eastern Illinois Foodbank provided 10.7 million pounds of food – including 2 million pounds of produce - to over 220 agencies and programs feeding the hungry.
- The agencies and programs that the Foodbank supplies food serves over 116,000 people each year.
- Many of the people who rely on the agencies or programs the Foodbank serves are making impossible choices between paying for food and paying for housing, medication, or fuel.

Every dollar donated to the Foodbank provides someone in need with \$10 worth of donated food, so financial donations are very important. Furthermore, every \$1 donated = 5 meals for families. Last year, we provided over 8,900,000 meals to individuals in our communities. Charity Navigator rates Eastern Illinois Foodbank in the top 10 foodbanks in the U.S.

Lorianne talked about one of the annual fundraisers to benefit the Foodbank that takes place in Champaign...the Prom Benefit. This event was founded in 2008 by Lorianne and is managed by a committee of community members. The event brings together fun-loving people to relive Prom night or experience it for the first time, all while helping fight hunger. The goal for Prom Benefit 2018 is to raise \$100,000 Foodbank. The date is Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 7-11pm at the Hilton Garden Inn. Tickets are \$125.00. You can buy tickets online at:

<https://eifoodbank.org/prombenefit/promtickets.html>
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Trauma Doll Workshop - January 23, 2018



More photos on club website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2018 JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday January 17, 2018 at 12:03 PM by President Jan Chappell with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

Maureen Bergeson (2018)		Candy Hudson – Treas	X	Guests:	
Pete Buckley – Pres Elect	X	Carol Martin (2019)	X	Tammy Baer	X
David Butler – Past Pres	X	Dave Morgan (2020)	X	Carol Burwash	X
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Dennis Opperman - VP	X	Pat Damler	X
Jan Chappell – Pres	X	Jerry Reynolds (2018)	X	Mike Damler (for M. Bergeson)	X
Tim Hoel (2019)	X	Doris Young (2020)	X	Bill Thurn	X

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of December Board Meeting – Dave Morgan made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Carol Martin 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 48 fundraising and 705 service hours for a total of 753 hours reported. Doris Young 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 1/17/18, the current balance for the club is \$5,861.38 and the foundation balance is \$8,330.94. Dennis Opperman made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. David Butler 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>
	\$1,250.00 to Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project; donated by an anonymous member
	\$15.20 to reimburse Mike Damler for B.U.G. supplies

Carol Martin made a motion to approve the above disbursements. Dennis Opperman seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None

6. Builders Club Update – Tammy Baer reported that due to weather and the MLK holiday, Builders Club will not meet in January.

7. Key Club Update – Mike Damler reported that Vice President Sydney Hoel will fulfill the duties of Key Club president for this school year. The January meeting that Sydney conducted had 26 members attending, and good planning was done.

8. Dan Russell Memorial Tree – Jan Chappell led a discussion on what the club wanted the plaque to say. David Butler asked if the Kiwanis logo could be included. Jan will check with the school. Once the plaque is finalized, Jan will submit the form and \$150.00 check that was previously approved.

9. Fish Fry March 23 – The fish thaw will be Thursday, March 22, with the Fish Fry on Friday, March 16. It will be at Forty Martyrs Hall. Chair Pat Damler reported that she has ordered 240 pounds of fish for the event. After discussion of what to charge this year, David Butler made a motion for the club to charge \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved. More details and signup sheets will follow closer to the event.

10. Easter Egg Hunt March 17 – Janet Butler reported that Alan Shoemaker, Carol Burwash and she will be leading the event. The rain date is March 31. A request to Tuscola Tourism will be made for advertising. Mike Damler will be asking Key Clubbers to put it on their calendar so we have Key Club volunteers. More details and signup sheet will follow closer to the event.

11. Spring Pancake Breakfast April 14 – Sharon Corum has stepped up to co-chair the breakfast with Pat Damler. It will be held at Forty Martyrs Hall. More details and signup sheet will follow closer to the event.
12. Ervin Park Playground Cleanup April 26 – Dave Morgan had no updates regarding the cleanup. The rain date is May 3. More details and signup sheet will follow closer to the event.
13. Relay for Life June 16 – The club is still looking for a member to step up to co-chair this event with Debbie Graber. If interested, contact Jan Chappell.
14. Kiwanis International Convention – The convention is at Paris/Bally's in Las Vegas from June 28-July 1. Online registration and hotel reservations are open. Just google "Kiwanis Las Vegas Convention." Several members plan to attend. If questions or need assistance, contact Janet Butler.
15. 2018 Garage Sale July 25-28 – Janet Butler confirmed that the garage sale will be at Forty Martyrs Hall and the dates are July 25-28, with Wed-Thur for accepting donations and Fri-Sat to run the sale. Janet has emailed members with details and instructions. She will have hardcopy available at our January 22 meeting as well. A ten-member core committee is in place with April Kauffman and Janet Butler co-chairing. The leftover items, except furniture, will be picked up by the Salt & Light charity. More details and signup sheets will follow closer to the event.
16. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday February 14, 2018 at the Smith House at noon.
17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Surprise Your Valentine This Year!

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