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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
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2019 Events/Activities

Wednesday, February 13	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, March 9	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs
Wednesday, March 13	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thurs/Fri, April 4 & 5	Fish Fry Thaw & Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, April 20	Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt – rain 4/27 Ervin Park
Saturday, May 4	Electronic Recycle - Ervin Park
Saturday, May 11	USPS Stamp Out Hunger for SAM Food Pantry
Saturday, June 15	Relay for Life – 4p-10p

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 4	Carol Martin
February 11	Sharon Marsh
February 18	No Meeting – President’s Day
February 25	David Butler
March 4	Dave Morgan
March 11	Val Morgan
March 18	Donna Motley
March 25	Dennis Opperman
April 1	Maribeth Opperman
April 8	Jerry Reynolds
April 15	Easter Egg Stuffing
April 22	Ian Rominger
April 29	Sandy Simpson

May 6	Judy Schenkel
May 13	Alan Shoemaker
May 20	Glen Simpson
May 27	No Meeting – Memorial Day
June 3	Patty Russell
June 10	Cindy Surma
June 17	Bill Thurn
June 24	Wayne Ward
July 1	Marci Shoemaker
July 8	Kate Watson
July 15	Darlene Wiesener
July 22	Barb Wills
July 29	Paul Wisovaty

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 7, 2019

- Attendance

49 – Members

1 – Guest: Paul Cicchini, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Val Morgan

- Birthdays – 1/7 Heather Kirby

- Brags – Pete Buckley, Debbie Graber, Jim Hausmann, Betty Leonard, Dennis Opperman, and Doris Young

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Thank You Notes – The club received thank you notes from the Tuscola Salvation Army and the Help-A-Child program.

Kiwanis/Key Club Fun Night – Desert Survival Activity – Sign-up for Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00PM at the Tuscola United Methodist Church.

Dues Reminder – Kiwanis dues of \$55.00 are due by January 31, 2019. If you want to pay for the entire 2019/2020 year, pay \$110.00.

Teacher Grant Fund – With the Christmas Party and baby bottle donations, the fund has risen to \$1,004.69.

Ink Jet Recycling – The club received \$300.00 from the vendor for recycled ink cartridges. This will be donated to Children's Miracle Network.

Program:



Judy Landeck introduced our speaker, Paul Cicchini from CBS WCIA in Champaign. Paul co-anchors the 5p, 6p, and 10p newscasts. He was born in Georgia but grew up in the

Detroit area. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Journalism.

His first broadcasting job was at a small, family-owned radio stations in Big Rapids, Michigan. Paul was a one-man newsroom doing all the news reporting. He moved to Grand Rapids after two years, working his way up to news director at WOOD radio. Paul was recruited to television by FOX 17 to work as a producer before moving in front of the camera to cover politics.

By January 2015, Paul moved to Peoria where he became the main anchor at WMBD. He joined WCIA in July 2018.

Paul lives in Champaign with his fiancé Katherine and two children. He volunteers with the Pediatric Resource Center and Special Olympics Illinois.

Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2019

• Attendance

42 – Members

2 – Guests: Dillon Hoel, grandson of Dave & Val Morgan, and our speaker Mark Burris

- Free Lunch Winner – Debbie Graber
- Birthdays – 1/14 Wilma Allen, 1/16 Jan Chappell Thurn
- Braggs – Wilma Allen, Maureen Bergeson, David Butler, Jeannie Fortney, Dennis Opperman, and Jerry Reynolds
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Congratulations to Bill Thurn and Jan Chappell who were married in Florida on the beach!!!

East Prairie Disc Golf Course – Pete Buckley reported that the Board had approved this project as the club's Signature Project and gave Secretary Janet Butler the approval to enter the project in the Kiwanis District/International competition. The I-I District will select one project to be sent on to Kiwanis International's competition.

Kiwanis/Key Club Fun Night – Desert Survival Activity – Last day to sign up for the event, Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00PM at the Tuscola United Methodist Church.

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Bring Up Grades Winners – Mike Damler announced there were 55 winners that brought up their grades from 1st grading period to the 2nd grading period. Postcards packets were given out to Kiwanians to write and mail congratulatory postcards to the winners.

Honoring Members Who Have Passed – Pete Buckley reported that the Board had approved a special "In Memory Of" banner and going forward, a framed "In Memory Of" Kiwanis certificate will be provided to the family.

Program:



Tim Hoel introduced our speaker, Mark Burris- Membership Sales Manager with Air Evac Lifeteam which is part of the AirMedCare Network providing medical air transportation by helicopters and airplanes with highly qualified pilots and staff.

The network has over 320 bases across 40 states. The closest bases to Tuscola are Effingham and Mattoon. Without insurance, the average cost to be air-lifted is \$18,000. The AirMedCare Network has a low cost yearly premium that covers those costs.

For more information, go to:

www.amcnrep.com/mark-burris



Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2019

- Attendance

40 – Members

5 – Guests: Claire Leonard, granddaughter of Tim & Sherrie Hoel, Isabella Wishard, Mattie Ramos, DeeDee Williams, and Kevin McSherry, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Doris Young
- Birthdays – 1/22 Pete Buckley
- Brags – Janet Butler, Pete Buckley, and Judy Landeck
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Member Induction – President Pete Buckley and Past Lt. Governor Pat Damler formally inducted Ashley Wishard into our club. She is the Builders Club Faculty Advisor and sponsored by Tammy Baer.



Welcome, Ashley!!!

Dues Reminder – Kiwanis dues of \$55.00 are due by January 31, 2019. If you want to pay for the entire 2019/2020 year, pay \$110.00.

Desert Survival Event – Thirty people (21 Kiwanians and 9 Key Clubbers) enjoyed an evening of food and fun. Kiwanis spinners were given to the Key Club members. The winning team was awarded gift cards from Taco Bell and McDonald's.

Program:



Jean Leonard introduced our speaker, Kevin McSherry. Kevin is primarily in the family landscaping business, but about 2 years ago his coffee grinding hobby became a business, D-town Roasters. He purchased a \$10,000 roasting machine and constructed a special room within the landscaping business warehouse. He can roast 5 pounds at a time, taking 10-15 minutes per batch. He buys specialty grade coffee beans only, primarily from Costa Rica, Columbia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kenya, and Sumatra. His supplier is Cafe Imports in Minneapolis, selling coffee beans usually in 152-pound bags and for micro lots- 50 pound bags.

When it is growing, the beans are red and look like cranberries. The beans are processed in one of three ways to remove the skin and flesh, and then dried. The depth of color depends on the roasting time.

His coffee is sold at River Coffee Shop Decatur and Tournesol, his wife's shop, at 134 N Merchant St. in Decatur. Her store carries gifts, food, coffee, housewares, clothing, perfumes, soaps, etc.

Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2019

- Attendance

42 – Members

1 – Guest: Kevin Lighty, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Cathy Buckley
- Birthdays – 1/28 Kate Watson, 1/29 John Davis, 1/30 Doris Young, 2/1 Judy Landeck, 2/1 Ian Rominger
- Brags – Pete Buckley, David Butler, Carol Hausmann, Sherrie Hoel, and Doris Young
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Music Boosters Fundraiser – The dinner/concert fundraiser to benefit Chorus and Band will be held at TCHS on Saturday, February 23rd. The cost is \$15.00 for the dinner/concert or \$5 at the door for balcony seating at the concert. Doris Young is coordinating a table(s) for any Kiwanians that would like to attend together.

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Program:



Jerry Leonard introduced our speaker, Kevin Lighty, WCIA Chief Meteorologist. He gives the weather at 5p, 6p, 9p, 10p, and at special times during bad weather.

Jerry and Jean were on a Grand Tetons/ Yellowstone tour with Kevin.

Kevin grew up in Veedersburg, IN an hour from Champaign, watching WCIA and as a teenager was a weather watcher for Judy Fraser. He became a storm spotter for the National Weather Service in Indianapolis and got his first start in broadcasting in Danville on radio at age 17.

While attending Vincennes University, where he completed an A.A. degree in Radio/TV Broadcasting, he was weather anchor for PBS station WVUT. His first “real” job in television was at CBS WTHI Channel 10 in Terre Haute. While working there, Kevin received a bachelor’s degree in Physical Geography with a minor in Climatology and emphasis in Meteorology.

His next jobs were in 2 years in Lexington KY, a short stint in Indianapolis, and then 10 years in Springfield MO. He joined WCIA in August 2017. His job is to interpret the models, set the forecast, and share with WCIA’s viewers.

In his spare time, Kevin is a huge sports fan, especially the Cubs, a storm chaser, a DJ at weddings and parties, a ham radio operator, and a certified FAA commercial drone pilot.

Kiwanis/Key Club Desert Survival Event – January 16, 2019



More photos on club website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2019 JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Thursday January 9, 2019 at noon by President Pete Buckley with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

Tammy Baer – VP	X	Candy Hudson – Treas	X	Guests:	
Pete Buckley – Pres	X	Carol Martin (2019)	X	Pat Damler	X
Carol Burwash (2021)	X	Dave Morgan (2020)	X		
David Butler – Webmaster	X	Val Morgan (2021)	X		
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Dennis Opperman – Pres Elec	X		
Jan Chappell – Past Pres		Doris Young (2020)	X		
Tim Hoel (2019)	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of December Board Meeting – David Butler made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Doris Young 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 590 service and 29 fundraising hours reported for a total of 619 hours. Dave Morgan made a motion to approve the reports. Dennis Opperman seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”

3. January Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 1/9/19, the current balance for the club is \$6,038.45 and the foundation balance is \$9,069.35. There is \$1,004.69 in the foundation TCHS Teacher Grant program of which \$560.00 was from the donations made at the club Christmas party. David Butler 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>
	\$300.00 Children’s Miracle Network

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

5. New Donation Requests – None

6. Kiwanis/Key Club Fun Night – Janet Butler reported that the date of January 16, 2019 was confirmed to Darcey Voyles, asking that Darcey provide a Key Club headcount to her by January 15. Janet passed a sign-up sheet on January 7 and will do so again on January 14. Pizza, drinks, and cookies are planned before the Desert Survival team activity.

7. Tuscola Kiwanis TCHS Teacher Grant Fund – Tammy Baer reported her committee has not yet met, but will do so in January. Tammy asked Pete Buckley to give her a copy of the information that he had researched regarding a similar program. The next step will be to present to the Board the draft documents for review and approval.

8. New Member Approval – Dave Morgan made a motion to approve membership for Todd Black, sponsored by Doris Young. Dennis Opperman seconded the motion and it was approved.

9. Kiwanis International Signature Project – Janet Butler asked the Board to select the East Prairie Disc Golf Course as the club’s Signature Project, and to authorize her to submit an application for the Signature Project Contest. Carol Burwash made a motion to approve the request. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved.

10. 2019 Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando Florida – Dennis/Martibeth and Pete/Cathy are planning to attend the June 27-30, 2019 convention. The convention is on property at Walt Disney World at the Coronado Springs Resort/Convention Center. Online booking for hotel rooms at Coronado Springs Resort and Port Orleans Resort is open. To book rooms, go to:
<https://book.passkey.com/event/49690212/owner/70576/home>

The online registration for the convention is not open as yet, but based on previous years will open in mid-January. Janet will keep checking periodically and let members know when they can register for the convention. Dennis previously reported that park tickets can be purchased online at a 14% discount.

11. Honoring Kiwanians Who Have Passed On – After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion that the club purchase an “Honors” banner and put deceased member names on it, and beginning with Dan Russell, provide a memorial plaque for the family. The Board will determine how far we go back for the names for the banner. This will be done for current members, however the Board, on a case by case basis, can decide to do the plaque and name patch for a former member. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved.
12. Recycling Christmas paper/boxes – Dave Morgan proposed a service project where the day after Christmas, community residents could come to the Ervin Park and dispose of wrapping/tissue paper (only paper that meets Advance Disposal’s rules) and boxes. He would request Advanced Disposal to bring a dumpster that morning and pick it up the same day when the event was over. He suggested holding it at Ervin Park for 3-4 hours. After discussion, the Board authorized Dave to explore this project.
13. Amazon Smile – Carol Burwash brought to the Board’s attention that even though it has been mentioned before that many members do not realize that when they purchase from Amazon Smile, that a small percentage of their purchase can go to the club’s foundation. Pete will remind members at the next meeting. The link is:
<https://smile.amazon.com>
Log on, select “Kiwanis Club of Tuscola Illinois Foundation” and purchase as usual. You only have to select one time. Just remember to purchase from the Amazon Smile website.
14. Builders Club Update – Tammy Baer reported that Builders Club is leading a penny/coin drive at East Prairie. They are also collecting candy and hygiene items to send overseas to military personnel. Tammy requested that the club has another Monical’s Day to benefit EP Special Education which is led by Ashley Wishard, our Builders Club Faculty Advisor. Ashley is very involved in Special Olympics. Janet Butler made a motion to approve her request. Dennis Opperman seconded the motion, and it was approved. Tammy will move forward to procure a date.
15. Disc Golf Course – Dave Morgan asked Board members to consider a donation box at the disc golf course for adults only. After some discussion, this idea was tabled for a later meeting.

16. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday February 13, 2019 at the Smith House at noon.

17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Happy Valentine's Day!

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