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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
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2020 Events/Activities

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| Wednesday, February 12 | Board Meeting – Smith House |
| Wednesday, February 12 | Kiwaniis/Key Club/Builders Club “Match Game” event – Forty Martyrs Hall |
| Saturday, March 7 | Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall |
| Wednesday, March 11 | Board Meeting – Smith House |
| Thur-Fri, March 26-27 | Fish Thaw/Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall |
| Saturday, April 4 | Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park (rain 4/11) |
| Saturday, April 18 | Document Shredding – Ervin Park 9:00AM |
| Saturday, May 9 | SAM Pantry Food Drive with USPS |
| Saturday, June 13 (tentative) | Douglas Co Relay for Life – 4:00PM |
| Wed, July 29 thru Sat, August 1 | Kiwaniis Garage Sale |
| Sunday, August 16 (rain 8/23) | Kiwaniis Family Picnic – Wayne Ward’s Home |
| Friday, October 2 | Homecoming Parade |
| Saturday, October 3 | Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg. |
| October – Date TBD | SAM Pantry Food Drive with Rotary |

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

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| February 3 | Kim Higgins |
| February 10 | Tim Hoel |
| February 17 | Jerry Leonard |
| February 24 | Kathryn McCumber |
| March 2 | Candy Hudson |
| March 9 | Judy Landeck |

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| March 16 | Jean Leonard |
| March 23 | Jeff Martin |
| March 30 | Egg Stuffing for Easter Egg Hunt |
| April 6 | Carol Martin |
| April 13 | Carol Hausmann |
| April 20 | Jim Hausmann |
| April 27 | Toppy Mooday |
| May 4 | Dave Moody |
| May 11 | Suzanne Moody |
| May 18 | Dave Morgan |
| June 1 | Val Morgan |
| June 8 | Donna Motley |
| June 15 | Dennis Opperman |
| June 22 | Maribeth Opperman |

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!

Happy Valentine's Day



Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2020

- Attendance

48 – Members

5 – Guests: Interclub from Paris-Diana Bennett, Ken Hamilton, Dennis Treil, and Richard Yates, and our speaker Jessie Hanner.

- Birthdays – 1/14 Wilma Allen, 1/16 Jan Thurn
- Brags – Pete Buckley, Debbie Graber, and Maribeth Opperman
- Free Lunch Winner – Jean Leonard
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Document Shredding – Dave Morgan announced that the next Document Shredding Service Project will be Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 9:00AM at Ervin Park.

2020/2021 Kiwanis Dues – Dennis reminded members that dues of \$55 are due by January 31 with the remaining \$55 due by July 31, 2020. Kiwanians can pay the entire \$110 in January if they wish.

Upcoming events -

-Wednesday, February 12 –
Kiwanis/Builders Club/Key Club “Match Game” Event

Program:



Jeannine Fortney introduced our speaker, Jessie Hanner, Social Worker for North Ward Elementary School and East Prairie Middle

School. Jessie came today to talk about Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Circles.

What is SEL? Social and emotional learning (SEL) is a positive youth development framework that refers to the building of skills needed to recognize and manage emotions, develop care and concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish and maintain positive relationships, and handle interpersonal situations effectively. These capabilities are critical foundations for academic learning and for a person’s long-term personal and professional success. The students meet in SEL Circles every Wednesday from 2:00p-3:15p with a facilitator. Students can discuss issues, problems, and possible solutions.

Each week there is a “Word of the Week”, for example “Responsibility” for students to focus on and discuss during circle time. Books relating to each week’s word is available from the library.



Mike can speak because he has Santa!

Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2020

- Attendance

50 – Members

2 – Guests: Aaron Hastings and our speaker, Dr. Tom Gossett

- Birthdays – 1/14 Wilma Allen, 1/16 Jan Thurn

- Brags – Pete Buckley, Dale Boyer, Janet Butler, Linda Damler, John Davis, and Dennis Opperman

- Free Lunch Winner – Becky Cook Carroll

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Kiwanis/Builders Club/Key Club “Match Game” Event – The fun evening will be held Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Forty Martyrs Hall at 6:00PM. The sign-up sheet is going around. If you would like to attend and will not have an opportunity to sign up at a meeting, contact Janet Butler to be added to the attendee list.

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Spring Pancake Breakfast – Pat Damler reminded members that this event will be Saturday, March 7 at Forty Martyrs Hall. Sign-ups in February.

Annual Kiwanis Family Picnic – Dennis Opperman announced that the Kiwanis Family Picnic will be Sunday, August 16 with a rain date of August 23 hosted by Joann & Wayne Ward at their home.

Kiwanis Garage Sale – The dates are confirmed for the garage sale – July 29 – August 1 at the Tuscola Community Building. Janet Butler will be providing the “rules” for the sale as to what we accept or do not accept. Sign-up sheets will go around in June. Janet and April Kauffman are forming the “core” committee who plan and coordinates the organizing and sale. If you are interested in serving, contact Janet.

RISE Basketball Court Expansion – Dennis Opperman reported that the club is moving forward with this service project. An envelope will go around next week for any member wishing to donate.

Upcoming events -

-Wednesday, February 12 –
Kiwanis/Builders Club/Key Club “Match Game” Event

Program:



Darla Gardner introduced our speaker, Dr. Tom Gossett. Tom is a 1972 graduate of TCHS, and a chiropractor for over 40 years. He focuses on patients’ skeletal systems, nervous systems and internal body chemistry. It is important to balance body functions, not just adjust bones. Loss of flexibility can cause nervous system issues.

His primary practice is in Champaign, with once a week in Arthur.

Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2020

- Attendance

48 – Members

23 – Guests: Lydia Manzella, daughter of Jaci Manzella, Claire Leonard, granddaughter of Sherrie & Tim Hoel, and our speaker, Ryan Hornaday

- Birthdays – 1/22 Pete Buckley
- Brags – Janet Boyer, Mike Damler, Debbie Graber, Judy Landeck, Jaci Manzella, Dennis Opperman, and Doris Young
- Free Lunch Winner – Dave Moody
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Special Music – Linda Damler provided a treat and accompanied our singing.



Linda & her Accordion

2020/2021 Kiwanis Dues – Dennis reminded members that dues of \$55 are due by January 31 with the remaining \$55 due by July 31, 2020. Kiwanians can pay the entire \$110 in January if they wish.

Douglas County Relay for Life – Pete Buckley announced that RFL will be Saturday, June 13 at 4:00PM

Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) – Mike Damler reported there were 30 East Prairie winners who brought up their grades for the 1st nine-week to 2nd nine-week grading periods. Mike handed out postcards to volunteers to congratulate the winners.

Upcoming events -

-Wednesday, February 12 –
Kiwanis/Builders Club/Key Club “Match Game” Event

Program:



Ron Gardner introduced our speaker, Ryan Hornaday, Tuscola School District Athletic Director. Ryan talked about the IHSA (Illinois High School

Athletics) sport classes, and his wish list for upgrades at TCHS.

There are four IHSA classes in basketball, baseball, softball, and volleyball. There are 3 classes in cross-country, golf, and track. There are 8 classes in football that change yearly. Lastly, there is one class for bass fishing, gymnastics, lacrosse, and 8-man football.

The “bones” of the TCHS facilities are in good shape. A Facilities Committee is being formed to look at future projects.

On Ryan’s wish list are: re-do track surface, LED lighting for football field, replace wood light poles with metal, provide lighting for discus and practice field, new scoreboards with video, new bleachers inside and out, press box, and storage shed.

Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2020

• Attendance

47 – Members

2 – Guests: LTG Dan Sebok and our speaker, Mary Coventry

• Birthdays – 1/28 Kate Watson, 1/29 John Davis, 1/30 Doris Young, 2/1 Judy Landeck & Ian Rominger

• Brags – Tammy Baer, Jeannine Fortney, Judy Landeck, Dave Morgan, Donna Motley, and Dennis Opperman

• Free Lunch Winner – Maureen Bergeson

• News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

2020/2021 Kiwanis Dues – Dennis reminded members that dues of \$55 are due by January 31 with the remaining \$55 due by July 31, 2020. Kiwanians can pay the entire \$110 in January if they wish.

RISE Basketball Court Service Project Update – With pledges and donations, the total as of today is \$1,672.00.

2020 Relay for Life – Pete Buckley reported that the date of June 13 is tentative and will probably be changed.

Lt. Governor Dan Sebok – Dan reported that Division 27 had 7 new members so far this Kiwanis year. He encouraged Kiwanians to attend the Kiwanis International and District conventions this summer.

Upcoming events -

-Wednesday, February 12 – Kiwanis/Builders Club/Key Club “Match Game” Event

-Saturday, March 7 - Pancake/Sausage Breakfast

- Thur/Fri, March 26-27 – Fish Thaw/Fry

Program:



Debbie Graber introduced our speaker, Mary Coventry. Mary is a volunteer and trip guardian for Land of Lincoln Honor Flights, an all-volunteer 501c3

organization funded through donations. The organization provides, free of charge, one-day trips to Washington, D.C. to veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam wars. WWII and Korea veterans are given priority for scheduling a trip. Approximately 90 veterans and their guardians travel on each trip. At least four medical personnel also accompany the veterans. Wheelchairs and oxygen are provided, as needed.

The experience starts with a dinner the night before the flight. The trip day starts at 4:30AM from the Springfield airport to the Washington Dulles airport. Four buses pick them up and are usually provided police escorts to their destinations. The group visits the war memorials, the Air & Space Museum, and Arlington Cemetery for the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the lowering of the U.S. flag. The buses head back to Dulles airport for the trip home. The vets are welcomed back in Springfield.

If you are interested in signing up for a trip or to be a guardian or making a donation to this organization, go to:

<http://www.landoflincolnhonorflight.org/>

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2020 JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 12:01PM by President Dennis Opperman with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an “X”:

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| Tammy Baer – Pres Elect | X | Dave Morgan (2020) | X | Guests: | |
| Pete Buckley – Past Pres | X | Val Morgan (2021) | X | Pat Damler | X |
| Carol Burwash – V.P. | X | Dennis Opperman – Pres | X | Tim Hoel | X |
| David Butler – Webmaster | X | Ian Rominger (2022) | X | Carol Martin | X |
| Janet Butler – Secretary | X | Kate Watson (2021) | X | Jason Swearingen | X |
| Candy Hudson – Treas | X | Doris Young (2020) | X | | |
| Jean Leonard (2022) | X | | | | |

The Board would again like to thank Dennis for providing the pizza, the Morgans for dessert, and the Butlers for the beverages.

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. 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. A total of 767 service hours were reported. Carol Burwash made a motion to approve the reports. David Butler seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 1/8/20, the current balance for the club was \$4,451.55 and the foundation balance was \$8,180.37. Dave Morgan made a motion to approve the reports. Carol Burwash seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the Treasurer reports are on club website under “Members Area.”

4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

| <i>Club Administrative Account</i> | <i>Club Foundation Account</i> |
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| \$139.36 – Reimbursement to Janet Butler for speaker pens | \$55.00 – Reimbursement to Janet Butler for stamps for foundation postage |

Pete Buckley made a motion to disburse the above requested amounts. Val Morgan seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None

6. TCHS Teachers Grant Program – Janet Butler confirmed that Principal Fiscus had received the program packet via email and assured her that all TCHS teachers would receive the information. No applications had been received as of today.

7. RISE Basketball Court Service Project – Ian Rominger updated the Board that the estimated cost of the project for a 26’ X 20’ concrete pad would be \$800.00, assuming donated labor. Alan Shoemaker from Tuscola Stone Company has agreed to provide the gravel free of charge. Ian has a volunteer to provide free delivery. To provide some extras like paint, new backstop, hoop net, etc. extra funds will be needed. The following Board members pledged a minimum of: Dave & Val Morgan \$100, Dennis & Maribeth Opperman \$100, Carol Martin \$50, Carol Burwash \$50, and David & Janet Butler \$100. Doris made a motion that the Board approve up to \$800 from the club foundation funds for the project. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved.

8. “Match Game” Kiwanis/Key Club/Builders Club Event – Janet Butler reported that she had three Wednesdays in February that will work for Key Club and Builders Club members. She is checking availability of John Davis, facilitator, and venues. She will report back. Janet Butler made a motion that the club foundation covers the cost of pizza and beverages for the event with cookies/brownies being provided by Kiwanian volunteers. Jean Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved.

[NOTE: “Match Game” event has been set for Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00PM at the Douglas County Museum. Kiwanis sign-up sheet will start around at our January 13th meeting.]

9. Club Signature Project – Janet Butler updated the Board on the criteria for applying. It was agreed that the club would designate the North Ward Elementary School Pre-K Playground Upgrade and Expansion Project, including annual maintenance/clean up, possible new equipment, repairs, etc. to qualify the project as ongoing.

10. 2020 Document Shredding Project – David Morgan reported that the shred company was available Saturday, April 18. Dave Butler made a motion to accept the proposed date. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved. David Morgan said the event would be at Ervin Park, in the north end if possible, from 9a-11a.
11. Easter Egg Hunt – Janet Butler reported that donation request letters had been mailed to the companies and organizations who last year provided donations to help fund the prizes and candy for the event. She also advised that plastic eggs that need to be matched will be delivered to North Ward K-Kids and East Prairie Builders Club before the end of this week.
12. 2020 Kiwanis Family Picnic – Janet Butler reported that Wayne and Joann Ward have generously offered to host the annual Kiwanis Family Picnic on Sunday, August 16th with a rain date of August 23rd. The Board agreed the dates were fine. Dennis and Janet will notify members. David Butler will update club calendar.
13. Garage Sale – Dave & Val Morgan reported that Drew Hoel will provide a 4-day waiver for the club to hold its 2020 Garage Sale in the community building. After discussion, David Butler made a motion that the club hold the garage sale at the Tuscola Community Building, with the understanding that if a paid customer asks for one or more of the dates, that the club will pay the fee from club foundation funds. If all four days had to be paid it would be \$500.00, however there were already Board members that indicated they would donate towards the cost, and member Tim Hoel pledged \$50, if needed. Carol Burwash seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet Butler advised that she would speak to co-chair April Kauffman to set the dates. She will also update the garage sale “rules” for our members and recruit members of the “core” committee that plan and execute the garage sale with the much-needed help from many Kiwanians.
- [NOTE: Garage Sale is confirmed for Wednesday, July 29 to Saturday, August 1 at the Tuscola Community Building.]
14. 2020 Relay for Life – Pete Buckley reported that no date has been set as of today.
15. Proposed Club Social Event – David Butler proposed that a Busch Stadium Party Suite be rented for a Cards-Cubs game this season. Cost is estimated about \$200 per person. The idea was favorable to Board members. Dennis Opperman volunteered to check availability and cost with a friend in the ticket office. Based on availability, Dennis will inform members. If Kiwanians will commit to 30-32 tickets, Dennis will proceed with reserving a suite, coordinating payments and purchasing the tickets.

16. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2020 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



Love Makes the World Go Round.

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