

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
**JANUARY 2006**

**Happy New Year!**

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The club has now joined the 21<sup>st</sup> century! We have a web site at [www.tuscolakiwanis.org](http://www.tuscolakiwanis.org). It is brand new so historical items are still being added and the site is still being tweaked. Any information and/or pictures you would like included should be sent to:

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Please support the web site so it can be regularly updated.

On January 9th, David Butler will be reviewing the web site features and providing information about the members' email addresses. Don't miss this meeting!

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**Meeting of 12/19/05**

There was a great turn-out with 27 members attending. A report on the 12/15 inter-club meeting with the Decatur Early Birds was provided by

Janet Butler. The four members that attended were Janet Butler, Clarice Hausman, Ed Wachala and Paul Wisovaty. The Early Birds provided a warm welcome and a fine breakfast was had by all. The presentation covered one of the new training programs, Framework for Understanding Poverty, offered to teachers, school administrators and others. Decatur has schools where up to 85% of its students fall into the U.S. poverty level (a family of four making about \$19,000 per year or less). This program helps people better understand what the students deal with on a day to day basis, where they are coming from and how to help these students.

The Christmas present exchange was organized by Mike Damler. It was mentioned that our group was like herding cats. However, Mike persevered and a good time was had by all. Our poet laureate, David Dobson, made finding his present, through riddles, a treasure hunt throughout the meeting room. Lucky Cindy Bickers got to do the hunting!

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For every action there is an equal and opposite government program.

*Bob Wells*

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## Upcoming Program Assignments

January 9	David Butler
January 16	Janet Butler
January 23	Kamey Corum
January 30	Pat Damler
February 6	Mike Damler
February 13	Cindy Bickers
February 20	No Meeting
February 27	Jeannine Fortney
March 6	Joe Fortney
March 13	Debbie Graber
March 20	Edie Griffith
March 27	Greg Hankey

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**"One of the secrets of life is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others."**

*Lewis Carroll*

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## Highlights from the December 2005 Board Meeting

- Wayne Ward used the new online reporting system this month and it printed out in a little different format. Each individual service project will be listed individually with the number of Kiwanians helping with the project and how many total hours were spent on each project. A questionnaire was sent to members asking what volunteer service they do on a regular basis.

Be sure you have returned the form to Wayne!

- Candy Hudson reported that as of 12/2/05 the balance in the treasury was \$3,412.58.
- The Board decided that we would assist the Jarman After School Program on a strictly individual volunteer basis at this time.
- 20 Year Club Anniversary – The club will be celebrating on March 25, 2006 its 20<sup>th</sup> year since being chartered! An event at Linda and Mike Damler's home will be planned, with more details to follow.
- Renewal incorporation paperwork was filed with the State of Illinois for 2006.
- Tentatively, there will be a Fish Fry fund raiser on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Tentatively, there will be a Pancake Breakfast fund raiser in June.  
(Full Text is on the Web Site)

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A three legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

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