

# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2007

### Upcoming Events

January 3, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
January 6, Saturday	Circle K Holiday Embrace – Willowbrook IL
January 9, Tuesday	Decatur Prairie Land Meeting – Speaker, David Chestnut; topic: Spastic Paralysis at 9:30 AM
February 3, Saturday	Pancake Breakfast/Lunch – Forty Martyrs Hall
February 3, Saturday 11:30AM	Division 27 Winter Conference – Scovill Golf Course, Decatur, IL
February 7, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
February 9 & 10, Fri & Sat	I-I District Mid-Winter Convention – Comfort Suites, Burlington IA
March 30, Friday	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
July 4-8, Wed thru Sun	Kiwanis International Convention – Marriott RiverCenter, San Antonio Texas
August 10-12, Fri thru Sun	I-I District Convention - Giovanni’s Convention Center, Rockford, Illinois

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007!**

### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

January 1	No Meeting
January 8	Joe Fortney
January 15	Debbie Graber
January 22	Edie Griffith
January 29	Jerry Hall
February 5	Clarice Hausman
February 12	Darrell Helm

February 19	No Meeting
February 26	Kim Higgins
March 5	Jan Houser
March 12	Candy Hudson
March 19	Mark Jacobs
March 26	Judy Landeck

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**Don't Forget to Give Wayne Your December Volunteer Hours!**

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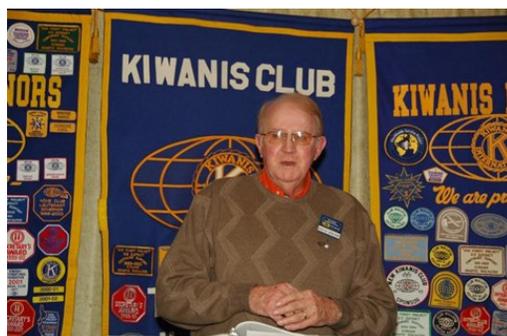
**Meeting of December 4, 2006**

There was a total attendance of 25 members.

Mike Damler will be the organizer for the Kiwanis gift exchange at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Everyone should bring a gift with a value of about \$10 that would be appropriate for a man or woman.

Mike also advised the members that Tuscola is tied with another Division 27 club for leading new membership growth. Darrell Helm is asking everyone to bring a guest to at least one meeting this year to help the club to gain more new members.

As a reminder, Kevin Nolan passed out a schedule for those members who volunteered to ring the bell for Salvation Army on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.



Our speaker was Dave Dobson with two topics to inform and entertain us....”Comic Strip Trivia” and “Thoughts About Time.” The group had a lot of fun with Dave trying to answer his trivia questions.

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As I was saying...A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

*Author: Unknown*

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### **Meeting of December 11, 2006**

There was a total attendance of 29 members and one guest, Mitzi Kendall.

There will be an Inter-Club meeting with the Decatur Early Birds on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Mike Damler, Clarice Hausman, Pat Damler and Dave Dobson plan to attend.

Mike Damler gave a report on the ink cartridge returns.

Mike Damler checked with the I-I District office about couples receiving duplicate magazines. The District office does not have a way to resolve this problem at this time. Mike suggested that the extra copy be brought to the meeting to give to guests or to take to an office waiting room.

Darrell Helm reminded members that if they are having a beverage only at a meeting they should pay \$2.50.

Darrell Helm reminded members about the gift exchange at the next meeting.

Wayne Ward reported that the club roster as of December 31<sup>st</sup> will be the number of members that Kiwanis International will be billing. So even though the dues are not due until January, Wayne needs to know before 12/31/06 if a member does not plan to continue and will not be paying dues.



Jeannine Fortney was the speaker and presented a program about the various heart devices that Joe Fortney has needed. Joe had his first by-pass surgery in 1997 and had a pacemaker inserted four years ago. The pacemaker was about the size of a silver dollar. A pacemaker can be adjusted from a monitor in just a few minutes. When the heart is not functioning properly, fluid can back up into the lungs and feet. This causes dehydration and renal failure. The renal failure is from the lack of blood to the

kidneys. Joe has had congestive heart failure which is the current diagnosis.

Joe recently had a CRT-D device (pacemaker/defibrillator) surgically inserted in the upper left portion of his heart. The device is about the size of a cell phone and required approximately 1½ hours of surgery. The doctors encourage exercise. Joe will have a check up visit every three months.

Jeannine showed a video that explained the purpose of a pacemaker and how it was attached to the heart. Joe showed everyone how the device protrudes from his chest.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: “The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.” As Kiwanians, this is indeed our principle award – the satisfaction of service well done, the reward of knowing that, with the completion of each service project, we have enhanced the life of a child and added to the sum of good in the world.

*From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions*

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### **Meeting of December 18, 2006**

There was a total attendance of 35 people at this meeting with 34 members and Sybil Phillips, Greg Hankey’s guest.

Everyone was thrilled to greet and visit with member, Greg Hankey. Due to his continued recovery and therapy, Greg has not been able to attend meetings for the last few months. We all thanked his friend, Sybil Phillips for making his attendance possible.



Debbie Graber brought in decorated sugar cookies in various shapes. Though the cookies were beautiful works of art, that didn’t stop us from eating and enjoying them. Thanks, Debbie!!!!

Mike Damler advised that Dave Chestnut will be speaking about Spastic Paralysis at the Kiwanis Prairie Land meeting in Decatur at 9:30AM on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Mike is planning to attend. If interested in attending, please contact Mike.

The club may have a party in March to celebrate 21 years of service by the club. More details will follow.

Paul thanked the “bell ringers” who helped the Salvation Army’s fund raising efforts on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Darrell Helm advised that the club had received a request from Kiwanis International regarding “One Day” program scheduled for Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming. Below is information taken from the Kiwanis International website:

### **One Day celebrates Family Service**

Every Kiwanis club should reserve the date of Saturday, April 7, 2007, for the launch of a major new Kiwanis service initiative. That’s the date chosen for the first Kiwanis One Day.

On Kiwanis One Day, every Kiwanis club is urged to join with the rest of the Kiwanis family--K-Kids, Builders, Key Club, Circle K, and Aktion Club--for a day of united service.

Called Kiwanis One Day: One Way, One Day, One K, the event is inspired by the success of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District’s annual Total K Day and International President Nelson Tucker’s initiative to create a day that unites the entire Kiwanis family in service.

Kiwanis One Day will provide an opportunity to showcase the Kiwanis family and our commitment to service in each community. Think of the impact of more than 600,000 Kiwanis family members can make in one day of united service.

Every club is invited to take part in this momentous event.

Board members were reminded about the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Members were reminded that the next regular meeting would be Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Jeannine Fortney advised that Share Food would like our club to provide member volunteers again in 2007. Jeannine asked what month in 2007 would be good.

Wayne advised that semi-annual dues of \$50 are due in January. However, he asked that if any member did not plan to continue and would not be paying dues that he be advised before 12/31/06.

Mike Damler, Clarice Hausman, Pat Damler, Paul Wisovaty and Dave Dobson attended an inter-club meeting with the Decatur Early Birds on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting concluded with the gift exchange festivities led by Mike Damler. There were lots of laughs and fun had by all!!!!



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Today the greatest single source of wealth is between your ears.

*By Brian Tracy*

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### **Highlights from the December 2006 Board Meeting**

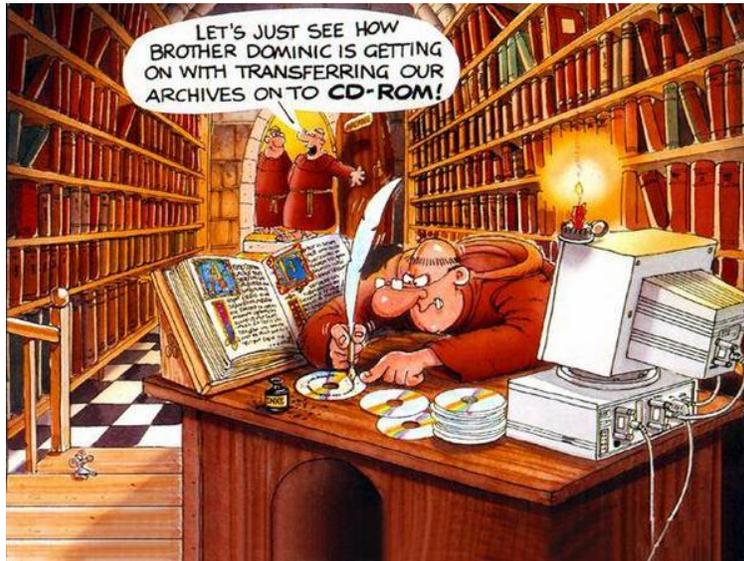
- Monthly Report – The November report indicated 20 difference service projects with a total of 428 service hours.
- Treasurer's Report – Candy was absent so no report was provided.

- Kiwanis Shirts – Darrell asked about the status of shirt orders. Janet butler is heading up this project by obtaining names of members interested in purchasing a Kiwanis shirt or sweatshirt. She and Janet Cox are checking on someone to customize the shirts. Anyone interested in a shirt should contact Janet.
- K-Kids Expansion – Paul Wisovaty and Mike Damler are checking on other Division 27 clubs to see if they could start a K-Kids group similar to the way Tuscola does it. At least one of the Decatur clubs is investigating the possibility of starting a K-Kids Club.
- Adult Easter Egg Hunt – Dave Dobson has been gathering information about a night-time adult Easter egg hunt similar to the Champaign Park District's event. Champaign solicits prizes from businesses to put inside the eggs. The cost to participate is \$5 and the age limit is 21 or older. After considerable discussion, the Board tabled the event at this time.
- Bring A Guest – Darrell Helm discussed possible ways to encourage members to bring a guest to a meeting. Several ideas were suggested from recognizing the member bringing the most guests to possibly paying a portion of the meal cost. Darrell will talk about this at a regular meeting.
- Nunn Scout Building – The Board approved donating \$200.00 budgeted for the Nunn Scout building at this time.
- Decatur Park Singers – The Tuscola Woman's club had verbally requested some financial assistance in obtaining the Decatur Park Singers for the Tuscola Celebration in July 2007. None of the Board members had sufficient information to act on this request so the item was tabled.
- Membership Roster – Wayne Ward reported that the club's roster must be sent to Kiwanis International at the end of December. All names listed as members as of 12/31/06 will be assessed to our club for payment of dues. If a member is not going to continue and not pay dues in January, it is important that Wayne know before 12/31/06.
- Waitress Tip – The Board approved a \$50.00 check from the club to our regular Tuscan's waitress. An envelope will be passed around at a regular meeting for any personal donations.

- Incorporation Papers – Wayne reported that the club incorporation forms had been completed for 2007 and sent to the Secretary of State. The new officers and boards members were supplied.

(Full text on club website)

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New items on the website: Pictures of the Kiwanis gift exchange and updated calendar.

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

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