



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2008



2008 Upcoming Events

January 9, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
February 2, Saturday	Pancake/Sausage Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
February 6, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
February 22-24, Fri-Sun	Mid-Winter Convention – Lisle IL
March 28, Friday	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
April 5, Saturday	Kiwanis One Day Project
June 25-28, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, FL
August 7-10, Thu-Sun	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

January 7	Pat Damler
January 14	Kiwanis – Dave Chestnut
January 21	John Davis
January 28	Jeannine Fortney
February 4	Debbie Graber
February 11	Kiwanis Education Program
February 18	No Meeting
February 25	Edie Griffith
March 3	Jerry Hall
March 10	Kiwanis Education Program
March 17	Clarice Hausman
March 24	Darrell Helm

Wayne is bringing us a special speaker to our meeting on January 14thDave Chestnut, Assistant Chairman of the I-I District Spastics Paralysis Foundation.

DON'T MISS IT!!!

**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your January Volunteer Hours
before the end of the month!**

Meeting of December 3, 2007

There was a total attendance of 30 members and 15 guests from Decatur Golden K as follows: Larry Bechtel (our Lt. Governor), Farrell Trout, Jim Rector, Gary Gray, Bill Burris, Gordon Cleland, Gary Goeken, Laurie Brown, Jim Higdon, Bill Sly, Nave McGlade, Neah Frans, Doris Mabry, Wiley Moore and Joe Rayhill.

Clarice read a "thank you" from Mark Kemp, the board president of the Soccer League for the club's donation.

Judy Landeck advised members that Friends Remembered still had children's cards on the Salvation Army's Angel Tree.

Jerry Hall reminded members about ChristmasTown's movie night Wednesday, December 5th. Our club is providing snacks and volunteers; TCHS Student Council is handling the drinks. Jerry also reminded members about the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 8th. If you plan to help with the set-up, please be at the park about noon. If you plan to ride or walk the parade with the Kiwanis entry, please be at the park about 12:45PM.

Clarice advised board members that the January board meeting has been changed to Wednesday, January 9th.

Janet Cox brought in the completed Tuscola Kiwanis shirts that had been provided by members. The cost of the Kiwanis patch, the club name and sewing came to \$10.00 per shirt. Members are to collect their shirts from Janet and pay her the \$10.00 per shirt. Thank you, Janet Cox and Janet Butler for providing this opportunity to have customized Tuscola Kiwanis apparel!!!

Steve Niemann advised members that the Annual Christmas Program in Benton, Illinois was scheduled Tuesday, December 4th. The program includes a chorus, band and of course, Santa! Approximately 1,000 people are fed at this event. Steve will be volunteering his time. If anyone else is available and would like to help, contact Steve for a ride.



Our program was provided by our own Dave Dobson. Part One of his program was “The Day Marilyn Monroe Came to Our Town (Bement).” (No kidding...this is for real.)

Back in 1955 Carleton Smith, chairman of the National Arts Foundation, invited Marilyn Monroe to Bement, Illinois to be part of Bement’s centennial celebration – 1855 to 1955. Marilyn was a patron of the arts, and for a \$500.00 fee agreed to attend. (Little known fact about Marilyn Monroe: her I.Q. was 170.)

The town hired a Hollywood director to put on a pageant that included historical moments during the hundred year period. Dave Dobson’s part in the pageant (which was put on every night for a week) was singing in the choir and raising the Iwo Jima flag.

Carleton Smith went to Willard airport on the appointed day and picked Marilyn up. Due to the rivalry with Monticello, Carleton took Marilyn back to Bement via Ivesdale. Marilyn stayed in the Bryant Cottage where Lincoln had written letters regarding the Lincoln/Douglas debate.

Marilyn was taken to Carleton’s home. People gathered around the house hoping to see Marilyn. She never came out to see them. Marilyn was taken to the athletic field by a police escort procession of flashing lights.

Marilyn went on stage and judged a “beard” contest. The gentleman that won was on “I’ve Got A Secret” television program later. Marilyn added some extra excitement to Bement’s centennial celebration!

In Part Two of Dave’s program he entertained members and guests with music and lyrics. The theme was going back to an imaginary high school – Whistle Vista. Attendees were asked to call out the name of the music. Music included Witch Doctor, Tuxedo Junction, Woolly Bully, Don’t Talk Back and many more.

ChistmasTown Movie Night



Thanks, K-Kids!!!!

Have Warnings Gone Too Far?

Liquor manufacturers have accepted the Government's suggestion that the following warning labels be placed immediately on all types of alcohol containers:

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**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

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WARNING: The consumption of alcohol is a major factor in tasteless dancing.

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**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them.

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WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to think you can sing.

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**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

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WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may lead you to think people are laughing WITH you.

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**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may cause a disturbance in the time-space continuum, leaving you unable to account for large chunks of time.

*Author: Unknown*

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### ChristmasTown Parade



Ho! Ho! Ho!



Beth & our K-Kids!!!!

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## Meeting of December 10, 2007

There was a total attendance of 37 members and 4 guests from Sullivan: John Durbin, Gene Bryant, Wayne Gillenwater and Virginia Gillenwater, and Ed Wachala's wife, Gail Page.

The Sullivan club delivered the traveling gavel hidden in a vase of roses and presented with a poem.

Members were reminded about the gift exchange at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

John Davis reminded members about the Christmas Party being held Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Riverbend Retreat. Everyone should bring a snack or dessert to share. Members can invite a guest or prospective Kiwanis member. RSVP to John Davis.

There will be an inter-club with Sullivan on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Spot Restaurant. Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Clarice Hausman and Earl Pendergrass plan to attend.

Judy Landeck advised members that Friends Remembered still had children's cards on the Salvation Army's Angel Tree. The deadline for selecting a child and returning with the gift is December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Wisovaty reported on K-Kids activities. The K-Kids raised \$150.00 in a penny drive for the Douglas County Animal Shelter. Their December activities included ringing the bell for Salvation Army, participating in the Christmas Parade and participating in the Adopt-A-Family program. Thanks to the K-Kids for making ChristmasTown Movie Night on December 5<sup>th</sup> a success!!!!!!



Wayne Ward provided the program with more information about Kiwanis. Here are the highlights:

- Each member having lunch at a meeting pays \$9.00. \$6.00 goes to Tuscany's for the food, \$1.00 goes for server's tip, \$ .50 goes to Spastic Paralysis and \$ .50 goes to fund the free lunch program and club administration. If you don't eat, pay only the dollar. If you have a paid beverage, pay only \$2.50.

- Perfect Attendance is a program where members are recognized with a certificate and year tab for their K pin for each year of perfect attendance. This is total years of perfect attendance, not consecutive years. Attendance credit is given for: Attending a regular weekly meeting of any Kiwanis club; attendance of a round table meeting of any club (generally a modified meeting called to provide the opportunity to meet when the regular meeting cannot be held.); attendance at a special Kiwanis club meeting or function (installation banquet, spouses night, charter night, annual banquet, Builders Club, Key Club, K-Kids, Circle K, etc.); attendance at Kiwanis International meetings (or district board meetings which prevent attendance at your regular weekly meeting); a visit to the Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis, Indiana or the Kiwanis International Regional Office - Europe in Honenbergl, Switzerland; attendance at a Kiwanis district or divisional meeting, and attendance at club fundraisers and for each 2 hours of service performed for a qualified club service project.
- The Tuscola club is part of Division 27 which is part of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa (I-I) District. Division 27 has 7 clubs: Clinton, Decatur Early Birds, Decatur Golden K, Decatur Noon, Decatur Prairie Land, Sullivan and Tuscola. The District consists of 33 divisions from all of Illinois and 14 counties in Iowa. Larry Bechtel is our Lt. Governor from Decatur Golden K; Mike Damler is our Past Lt. Governor.
- The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Office is at 111 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Suite 202, DeKalb, Illinois 60115. Phone: 815-754-1020 Fax: 815-754-1021 The Executive Director is Jea Nae Remala. The current governor is Judy Sutherland from the Dunlap Illinois club (near Peoria).
- Kiwanis International headquarters is located at 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Their website is [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org). The organization consists of a president, vice-president and trustees.
- Each year there are district and international conventions. The sites for Kiwanis International conventions that have been announced are: 2008 Orlando FL, 2009 Nashville TN and 2010 Las Vegas NV.
- Kiwanis has club memberships for children, young adults and challenged individuals as follows:

Circle K Clubs – colleges (U of I has a Circle K club)  
Key Clubs – high schools  
Builders Clubs – junior high/middle schools  
K-Kids Clubs – elementary schools  
Action Clubs – challenged individuals of all ages

- Members can be recognized as a Distinguished Member by sponsoring two new members, participating in at least six service projects and attending the mid-winter convention or district convention.
- Clubs can be recognized as a Distinguished Club by accruing at least 80 points. A club's annual report must be submitted electronically by 10/31 of each year to be a Distinguished Club, regardless of the number of points earned. Points can be earned as follows:
  - 10 Sponsor service leadership programs  
(we sponsor a K-Kids club)
  - 10 Participate in a Kiwanis branded service project such as Bring Up Grades, Young children Priority One, etc.
  - 10 Make annual club gift to Kiwanis International Foundation
  - 10 Complete President and Secretary education
  - 10 Complete new member orientation
  - 10 Club will be represented at the mid-winter & district conventions
  - 20 Achieve new member net gain of one-four members
  - 10 Bonus for achieving net gain + 5 members
- Individual awards sponsored by their club include the Hickson Award that requires a \$1,000 donation to the Kiwanis International Foundation and the Amador Award that requires a \$500.00 donation to the Spastic Paralysis Foundation.
- Patches that the club can earn include: Priority One, Trauma Dolls, Children's Miracle Network, Newsletter, Club Secretary, Spastic Paralysis, Bowl-A-Thon, Scrapbook, Website, Inter-Club.



- Interclub meetings are visiting other Kiwanis club meetings. To receive an inter-club patch, a club must visit all clubs in their division plus one club outside of our division. Ed Wachala challenged new members to participate in an inter-club meeting in 2008!
- There are 4 charter members still active in the club: Carl Quinn, Wayne Ward, Paul Wisovaty and Jim Wood.
- The club's Board of Directors makes decisions regarding the club's activities, sets each year's budget and approves expenditures. Dues are paid in January and July of each year. The current cost is \$50.00 twice a year. The club is billed by Kiwanis International based on the number of members on the club's roster on 12/31 of each year.

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More than 2,300 years ago, Menander of Athens said: "To live is not to live for one's self; let us help one another" This is the philosophy of Kiwanis, a way of thinking that is truly ageless, in all times and all lands.

*From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions*

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### **RIVERBEND RETREAT CHRISTMAS PARTY**



## Meeting of December 17, 2007

There was a total attendance of 39 members and 1 guest, Jack Maus.

Clarice thanked all the members that rang the bell for Salvation Army this month and reminded board members that the January meeting would be on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Wisovaty reported that the K-Kids would be ringing the bell for Salvation Army at the post office from 9a-12p on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting finished with a lively gift exchange led by Mike Damler. We were entertained(?) by a rousing Christmas carol by Mike Damler and Paul Wisovaty.



*Merry Christmas, one and all!!!!*

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## **Highlights from the December 2007 Board Meeting**

- November Monthly Report – The report showed 467 hours of community service.
- Treasurer's Report – Income from various sources was \$647.00 which includes \$470.00 in memorial gifts for Carole Weber and Mabel Hoel. Candy reported a balance of \$6,014.96 as of December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ChristmasTown – The board approved giving any leftover snacks from the ChristmasTown movie to Beta Sigma Phi. BSP will sell the snacks at the community building as part of a fundraiser to provide a scholarship to a Tuscola graduating high school senior.
- Christmas Parade – Members will volunteer to assist in setting up the parade in the park and the club will have a parade entry. Several K-Kids will participate by walking and giving out peanuts. Mike Damler has picked up peanuts from Mark Jacobs.
- Club Member Roster – Wayne advised that the club roster for Kiwanis International must be finalized by 12/31/2007. The club will be billed \$86.00 per member for everyone on the roster as of 1-1-2008. Wayne will remind members at the December meetings.
- Annual Club Gift to International – To be considered for distinguished club status, clubs must contribute at least \$5 per member to Kiwanis International. The board approved disbursement of \$300.00.
- Lt. Governor Expense – The board approved the budgeted item of \$100.00 to our Lt. Governor, Larry Bechtel.
- Memorial Gifts – The memorial gifts to the club for Carole Weber and Mable Hoel were discussed. Since Mabel was a teacher, Janet Butler volunteered to check with Ann Lamkey at North Ward about purchasing something for the school. Janet will report back next meeting and the board will discuss further.
- Salvation Army Angel Tree – Friends Remembered still has angels for needy children at their store. The Salvation Army suggests that people

select an angel and bring in a gift card so the parents can purchase the actual gifts.

- Christmas Gift Exchange – Mike Damler has asked about how the gift exchange should be handled this year. The board suggested the same procedure as last year.
- Christmas Gathering at Riverbend Retreat – John Davis has invited the Kiwanis club to a Christmas party to be held Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Everyone should bring a snack or dessert to share. Members can invite a guest or prospective Kiwanis member.
- Midwinter I-I District Convention – The convention will be held in Lisle at the Hilton Hotel, February 22-24. Registration will be available online or in the Illeiwian Magazine.

(Full text on club website)

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## Happy New Year!!



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New items on the website include: Riverbend Retreat Party photos, Christmas Parade photos, ChristmasTown Movie Night photos, Gift Exchange photos

Web Site Tip: If you bring up the members list and it does not format correctly the first time, click your “refresh” button and it should be fine.

Please provide any information, pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or website to: [dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org)