



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2009

2009 Events

January 7, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
February 4, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
February 13-15, Fri-Sun	Midwinter Convention, Decatur IL
February 28, Saturday	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
March 4, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
April 17, Friday	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
June 25-28, Thur-Sun	Kiwanis Int’l Convention – Nashville, TN
August 6-9, Thur-Sun	I-I District Convention – Lincolnshire IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

January 5	Gary Weber
January 12	Elaine Bryant
January 19	Andy Brzozkiewicz
January 26	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
February 2	Carol Burwash
February 9	David Butler
February 16	No Meeting – President’s Day
February 23	Janet Butler
March 2	Cathy Chaplin
March 9	Janet Cox
March 16	Mike Damler
March 23	Pat Damler
March 30	Marge Conn

April 6	Mark Conn
April 13	John Davis
April 20	Dave Dobson
April 27	Jeannine Fortney

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

Meeting of December 1, 2008

There was a total attendance of 33 members and 2 guests – Carol Martin (soon-to-be member) and Joe Burgess, our program speaker.

Members were reminded about the Christmastown Parade at 6p from Ervin Park on Friday, December 5th. Members who can help decorate should be out at the park about 5p. Members who plan to walk or ride in the parade should arrive by 5:45p.

Members were reminded that Dennis Opperman will be a contestant at the Christmastown Karaoke Night on Saturday, 12/6 from 7p-10- at the Community Building. Come out and cheer Dennis on!

Janet Butler reported that the charter for the new Key Club has arrived. We are still waiting on other material. Tentatively a Chartering Meeting/Party is being planned for January after TCHS final exams.

The sale of crocheted necklaces is going very well. Over \$600.00 in sales have been turned into Wayne Ward so far.

Ed Wachala reminded members that there is an inter-club meeting at Prairieland tomorrow at 9:30AM. David Butler, Janet Butler, Debbie Graber and Wayne Ward plan to attend.

Janet Butler advised members that there were several pictures on the club's website of Kiwanians participating in various Veterans Day activities. Check it out.



Tom Stephenson introduced out speaker Joe Burgess, Superintendent of District 301 Schools. Joe began by thanking club members for all we do in the schools, especially the K-Kids program at North Ward.

Curriculum revisions are being looked at in all the schools, looking vertically and laterally to align with state standards. It is a bottom-up process with the teachers taking the lead. Language and Arts is being done first and is about half done. Next in line is Math.

A District Improvement Team is investigating options regarding the school buildings, renovating/updating needs and space issues. Except for the current kindergarten classes, the average class size in the district is 18-20 students. The high school was built in 1957, East Prairie in 1969 and the new North Ward in 2002. One issue is the current kindergarten class which at about a 100 is much larger than expected, and all-day kindergarten took two more classrooms in the facility. The high school needs some updating as well, particularly the science labs. It also needs a general face lift, so options of renovating and building will be explored.

Joe expects a school tax rate of about 4.4%. This tax rate should generate an estimated \$94 million for the district. The school board meets the 4th Monday of each month. Joe finished up with a fun acronym quiz.

Grandparents & Grandchildren

- She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"
- After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
- A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

Meeting of December 8, 2008

There was a total attendance of 29 members and no guests.

Jim Wood was welcomed back! Jim had been absent from several meetings due to a foot injury. It was great to see him doing well!

It was a busy weekend for Kiwanians as we completed the first weekend of The 14 Days of Christmastown. Many brags were made on members who helped and/or participated in the parade, community building decorating/setting up/knocking down, the 5K run, the vendor craft fair and Karaoke Night. In particular the Kiwanians who are also Chamber of Commerce members – Jason Maus, Christmastown chairperson and committee members Jerry Hall, Katona Hall, Kim Higgins and David Butler – were thanked for all their time and effort in making the weekend a fun time for families.

Mike Damler reported on the Sullivan inter-club meeting. Mike, Pat Damler, Jerry Hall and Don Miller attended.

At the December 3rd Board meeting, the Board members voted to ask each member to bring a \$10.00 donation for SAM Food Pantry in lieu of a gift exchange. This decision was well received from the members. Mike Damler volunteered to organize a Christmas program of singing, fun and fellowship. So bring your \$10 on December 15th and come and have a great time!

Janet Butler read a thank you note from Joe Burgess for having him as a guest speaker, and again thanking club members for all we do in the schools.



Wayne Ward presented Janet Butler with a certificate from the Kiwanis International Foundation for being a Sustaining Donor for the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Janet Butler reported on the inter-club meeting at Decatur Prairieland on December 2nd. Janet, David Butler, Debbie Graber and Wayne Ward attended. About thirty-five 3rd, 4th and 5th graders from St. Patrick's School sang Christmas songs to us. They also shared information and results regarding some problem solving team contests that they had participated in.

Sherrie Hoel reported that there was over \$400 in necklace/bracelet sales from being at the Christmastown Craft/Vendor Fair.



Our speaker was Wayne Ward, club Secretary providing information about Kiwanis International, the I-I District and our club. Wayne is a charter member of the club and has been Secretary for about seventeen years. No one is more qualified in the club than Wayne to speak about Kiwanis. See below for some of the information he reviewed:

Kiwanis International –

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. There are about 8,000 clubs in 96 countries with more than 260,000 adult members and approximately 320,000 youth members. The organization's mission is: To Serve the Children of the World. Kiwanis International headquarters is located at 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Their website is 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: 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 (We sponsor a club at TCHS), Builders Clubs – junior high/middle schools, K-Kids Clubs – elementary schools (We sponsor a club at North Ward) and Action Clubs – challenged individuals of all ages.

Kiwanis I-I (Illinois & Eastern Iowa) District –

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. Each division has a Lt. Governor who reports to the I-I District Governor. The I-I District headquarters is located at 111 S 2nd Street #202, Dekalb, IL 60115. Jea Nae Remala is the I-I District Executive Director. Their website is www.ii-kiwanis.org.

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.

Tuscola Kiwanis Club –

- We meet every Monday, except major holidays, at noon at Tuscany's Steak and Pasta House on Route 36, Tuscola.
- Each member pays annual dues of \$100.00. The dues are collected \$50 at a time in January and July of each year. \$61.90 goes to Kiwanis International, \$25.00 goes to the Illinois-Iowa District and the club keeps \$13.10 for club administration. The club pays the dues for the K-Kids & Key Club Faculty Advisors. The club is billed by Kiwanis International based on the number of members on the club's roster on 12/31 of each year.
- Each member having lunch at a meeting pays \$8.00. \$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.
- The "brag" money goes for club administration.
- All money collected from a fundraiser attended by the public must be used for service projects, not club administrative costs.
- The Board of Directors is composed of: President, Past President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and 6 Directors. The Directors normally service 3 year terms with two Directors turning over each year. The Kiwanis fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th. New officers take over on October 1st of each year. The club's Board of Directors makes decisions regarding the club's activities, sets each year's budget and approves expenditures.
- 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 Honenberg, 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.
- Programs that the club sponsors or the club provides some level of funding and/or volunteers (list may not be complete):
 - Graduating Senior Scholarships – 3 \$500 in 2008
 - B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) Program at East Prairie
 - K-Kids Club at North Ward
 - Key Club at Tuscola Community High School
 - Nunn Scout Building
 - BETHS Place
 - SAM Food Pantry

- Peace Meals Program
 - Trauma Dolls
 - Share Food
 - Kiwanis One Day Project
 - Tuscola Chamber of Commerce Projects
 - Tuscola Health Dept Care Seat Checks
 - Tuscola BSP Easter Egg Hunt
 - Tuscola Christmas Bureau
 - Salvation Army
 - Circle K Outreach
 - Children's Miracle Network
 - North Ward Breakfast Program
 - Spastic Paralysis
- The club's policy on individuals requesting funding is as follows: The president or a member will make an announcement, provide information and pass around an envelope for the members who would like to financially support the request.
 - Programs are assigned alphabetically. The board believes this method gives our club a variety of different types of programs.
 - The club website is www.tuscolakiwanis.org. If there is an error or problem with the website, please contact our webmaster, David Butler (dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org).
 - 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
 - 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.
 - 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.

- There are 3 charter members still active in the club: Carl Quinn, Wayne Ward and Jim Wood.

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army 12-13-08



Sherrie & Donna



Kevin & Allen



Wayne & Clarice



Ed & Carl

Nutrition Alert

Can't eat Beef - Mad cow...
 Can't eat chicken - Bird flu...
 Can't eat eggs - Salmonella...
 Can't eat pork - fears that bird flu will infect pigs...
 Can't eat fish - heavy metals in the waters have poisoned their meat...
 Can't eat fruits and veggies - insecticides and herbicides...
Hmmmmmmmmmm!!!!!!!



I believe that leaves Chocolate!

Meeting of December 15, 2008

There was a total attendance of 45 members and 1 guest, Jack, son of Jason and Jonda Maus.

In lieu of a gift exchange, members were asked to bring a \$10.00 donation for SAM Food Pantry. Through those generous donations, over \$600.00 was raised for the pantry.



Past Lt. Governor, Mike Damler and President, Janet Butler inducted new member, Katona Hall. Katona is sponsored by Kim Higgins. Welcome Katona!!!!

Dennis Opperman serenaded members with his “Bing Crosby” rendition of “White Christmas”. Dennis had members join in for the last chorus.

The meeting was turned over to Mike Damler for the Christmas festivities. Mike began by pulling a number from the ticket basket. The number was Ed Wachala’s ticket. Dave Dobson (sorry you had to miss the meeting, Dave) had prepared a wonderful treasure hunt. Ed went from clue to clue with everyone enjoying the fun and laughter. Mike then challenged us with a memory game. Kim Higgins won a Tuscany’s Gift Certificate for her skill of remembering eleven items that Mike had shown us. The next activity was to find the member who paired up with the words from your slip of paper. For example, there was brush & comb, below & above, etc. Members got up and mingled to find the right member. It was a great meeting with fun and fellowship! Thanks, Mike!!!!

Fun & Fellowship at the 12-15-08 Meeting



Dennis



Ed & Mike



Jaci



Mike & Darrell



Trying to remember



Darrell



Trying to remember



Could that be our President?



Janet Cox



Tim

Meeting of December 29, 2008

There was a total attendance of 31 members and 3 guest – Phil Tegler from Paris, Jan Allison and speaker, Tim Frick.

Ed Wachala passed around a sign-up sheet for an inter-club meeting at Mattoon at noon on Wednesday, January 14th. There was a discussion that the Mattoon Club has changed their meeting place. The Mattoon Club now meets on Wednesdays at noon at the American Legion, 1903 Maple Street, behind Hardees off of Lakeland Blvd.

Gary Weber reported that he had the pancake breakfast inventory ready. Due to the serious illness of Jan Houser, a new Pancake Breakfast chairperson or co-chairpersons will need to be found. The Board will discuss at the January 7th Board meeting.



Past Lt. Governor, Mike Damler and Secretary, Wayne Ward inducted new member, Darcey Helmick, the Key Club Faculty Advisor. Darcey is sponsored by Key Club Advisors Janet Cox and Clarice Hausman, and President Janet Butler. Welcome Darcey!!!!

The semi-annual dues of \$50.00 are due by the end of January. Please give your payment to Treasurer Candy Hudson.



Jim Wood introduced our speaker, Tim Frick from the Eastern Illinois Electric Cooperative. Tim was kind enough to step in for Bob Dickey who could not attend. His topic was Geothermal Heating and Air Conditioning Systems. The Eastern Illinois Electric Cooperative does among other things energy testing and qualifying builders for tax credits.

Geothermal heating and air-conditioning is the most efficient and low cost system except for a solar system located in an area of enough sunlight. A geothermal system also provides free hot water. Such a system basically moves heat---from the ground into the house to warm---from the house to the ground to air condition. A geothermal system's air conditioning will be 2-3 times more efficient compared to a typical electric system, and save 75% on heating expenses.

A geothermal system is very comfortable because it maintains a very constant temperature. The system has multiple speeds. 1st stage is low, 2nd stage is high and if it is very very cold, it will go to the 3rd stage which kicks in electric strips (where installed) for extra heating power.

Generally, for new construction of about 2,000 square feet, a geothermal system will cost about \$15,000-\$20,000 to purchase and install. To retrofit an existing structure, the cost can vary significantly.

Scholar Joseph Campbell said: "A celebrity serves himself or herself. A hero goes out and redeems society." You may have noticed that there aren't many celebrities in Kiwanis. But there are quite a few heroes.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

December 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, December 3rd by President Janet Butler, with the following members present: David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Clarice Hausman, Candy Hudson, Don Miller, Kevin Nolan, Earl Pendergrass, Dan Russell, Patty Russell and Wayne Ward.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of November 2008 Board Meeting – After two minor edits, a motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month's minutes. Minutes approved.
2. November 2008 Monthly Report – Wayne reported that several of the service hours were estimated because many members did not report their time. Janet Butler volunteered to obtain the North Ward hours each month from the North Ward log for Kiwanis members. The monthly report lists 300 hours on preparing necklaces, 110 hours of Community Service, 160 hours of Youth Service, 239 hours for Human and Spiritual Values and 12 hours for Young Children Priority One. Meeting attendance for the month was 55%. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month's minutes. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Candy Hudson provided copies of the report for Board review. Income for the month was \$2,203.00. Total disbursements were \$1,920.00. The bank balance as of 12/3/08 was \$7,452.86. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month's minutes. Report approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursements – Sherrie Hoel submitted a bill in the amount of \$365.91 for yarn and necklace supplies. Wayne Ward submitted a bill in the amount of \$33.64 for K-Kids pins and certificates. A motion was made and seconded to approve these reimbursements. Reimbursements approved.
5. Club Roster – Wayne reported that the club roster must be finalized by the end of December. The number of members on the roster as of 12-31-08 will be the number that Kiwanis International will bill for annual dues in the amount of \$87.00 per member. Current members requesting to resign from the club are Rick Broch, Paul Wisovaty, Mark Jacobs and Toni Jones. The board reluctantly approved dropping them from membership.
6. Circle K Outreach – A motion was made to pay out the budgeted \$75.00 for Circle K Outreach and was seconded. Payment approved. Because our club now sponsors a Key Club, the club does not need to pay out a \$75.00 Key Club Outreach payment.
7. New Member Approval – Katona Hall has submitted an application for membership. She is being sponsored by Kim Higgins. The Board unanimously approved her application for membership.

8. Semi-Annual Dues – Semi-annual dues of \$50.00 are due in January 2009.
9. Financial Audit/Review – The committee requests that this item be table until February 2009. Approved.
10. Christmas Gift Exchange – After a discussion about the best way to exchange gifts at the Christmas meeting on December 15th, Kevin Nolan suggested that member make a \$10.00 donations for SAM Pantry in lieu of gift exchange. A motion was made and seconded. Motion approved.
11. Key Club Update – Some Key Club supplies have been received but not the banner. The tentative plan is to have a chartering celebration on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of January. All Key Club members, their parents and Tuscola Kiwanis Club members would be invited.
12. K-Kids Update – Nothing new was added to the report from the two K-Kids that attended a recent club meeting. Approximately 20 K-Kids will be in the Christmastown parade.
13. Christmastown Parade – Butler’s are supplying glow necklaces for everyone marching with and riding on the Kiwanis entry. Those helping to decorate should be at the park about 5p.
14. Boys & Girls Clubs – Kiwanis International is promoting each club to be come associated with a Boys or Girls club in their area. The nearest clubs to Tuscola are Champaign and Decatur who have active Kiwanis Club to help them. The Board’s consensus was that we would not pursue this activity.
15. State Registration Requirement – Janet Butler handed out information received from the I-I District office that each Kiwanis club would need to start in 2009 filing an Annual Report with the Illinois Attorney Generals Office. It appears that the filing cost is \$15.00 plus a \$250.00 charge for not filing earlier. There will be more discussion at the January 2009 Board Meeting to give Board members an opportunity to review the information.
(Full text available on club website)

Happy New Year!

New items on the website include: December meeting photos, Ringing the bell and events.

Website 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 or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org .