



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

2010 Events

Wednesday, January 6 th	Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's
Wednesday, February 3 rd	Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's
February 12 th – 14 th	I-I District Mid-Year Convention, Oak Brook Hills Marriott, Oak Brook Hills, IL
Saturday, February 20 th	Pancake-Sausage Breakfast, Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 9 th	Fish Fry Supper, Forty Martyrs Hall
June 24 th – 27 th	Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas, NV
August 5 th – 8 th	I-I District Convention Bloomington-Normal Marriott, Normal, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

January 4	Janet Cox
January 11	Steve Niemann
January 18	Donna Motley
January 25	Barb Moss
February 1	Dennis Opperman
February 8	Dianna Pangburn
February 15	No Meeting – President's Day
February 22	Earl Pendergrass
March 1	Diana Phillips-Gray
March 8	Lyn Selen
March 15	Ed Wachala
March 22	Wayne Ward
March 29	Alan Shoemaker

April 5	Jim Wood
April 12	Elaine Bryant
April 19	Dan Russell
April 26	Patty Russell

If your program date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so we can arrange a date swap for you.

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

Helen Keller said: "I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; I will not refuse to do the something I can do." This is the operating principle of Kiwanis. None of us can cure all the world's ills. But each of us can do something. And together, we can do even more. Our ideals of volunteerism inspire us to do all we can.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Do What Dad Says

A teenaged, new driver became lost in a snowstorm. He didn't panic however, because he remembered what his dad had once told him. "If you ever get lost in a snowstorm, just pull over, wait for a snow plow to come by and follow it."

Sure enough, pretty soon a snow plow came by, and he started to follow it. He followed the plow for about forty-five minutes.

Finally the driver of the truck got out and asked him what he was doing. He explained that his dad had told him if he ever got lost in a snow storm, to follow a plow.

The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the Wal-Mart parking lot, do you want to follow me over to K-Mart now?"

Meeting Notes – December 7, 2009

- Attendance

34 - Members

1 - Guest: Charlie McGrew, Douglas County Sheriff, our speaker

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Christmastown Parade – The Kiwanis entry was awarded 3rd prize in the Chamber of Commerce contest. Thanks our chairperson, Sherrie Hoel and to everyone who provided items and helped decorate. On our entry there were 37 K-Kids. What could be better?...lots of children on the Kiwanis entry.

Cookies – Our thanks goes out to Paul Jones who provided cookies at our meeting. Mmmmmmm.

Jan Houser Update – Mike gave an update regarding Jan. She is at the Newman nursing home and doing very well.

Carl Quinn Update – Jim Wood gave an update regarding Carl. He is continuing to lose weight that he can ill afford to lose. Efforts are being made to increase his caloric intake. Keep him in your prayers.

Christmas Bureau – Jim Wood reported that donations of \$6,900 were collected. Seventy-six local families consisting of 278 individuals will be helped with vouchers/gift cards this Christmas season.

K-Kids – Jeannine reported that the K-Kids have adopted a family with four children to help them have a Merry Christmas.

Program:

Art Moss introduced our guest speaker, Charlie McGrew, Douglas County Sheriff. Charlie wanted to update our members on some of his office's activities and projects from the last few months.

Charlie's office worked with the FBI to arrest Lonnie Lynch of Arthur for performing medical procedures without a license, and for using a device that is not authorized for use on humans per a FDA ruling. During the search of Mr. Lynch's premises, a fast food bag with \$50,000 was seized. Mr. Lynch pleaded guilty in Douglas County. Charlie's office and the FBI are looking for other people in the area for the same offenses that Mr. Lynch was arrested.

In 2012, the radio frequencies for Charlie's office are changing so new radios are required. A grant for \$7,500.00 was applied for and granted, however there must be a 25% local matching grant. The Douglas County District Attorney's office is supplying the local portion. The radios have been purchased; no county tax monies were

used. The grants also allowed the purchased of repeaters for the squad cards so the officers can talk to the office when out of their vehicles.

Charlie's office also obtained a federal grant of \$40,000 for a life scan system. The equipment will digitally scan fingerprints that can be transmitted to the Illinois State Police through the existing communications path. The State Police will immediately notify Charlie's office if there is any information on the person whose fingerprints were sent such as an outstanding warrant.

Charlie has started a Rural Crime Watch program that works in conjunction with the Crime Stoppers program. Sign will be posted in selected rural areas.

A new bill has passed in Illinois providing \$25.00 per convicted drug offender to the Illinois State Police Drug Task Force program. This will provide additional funding for the program that also receives forfeited drug funds, drug fees and federal grants.

Another federal grant has been awarded that will pay for 50% of new body armor purchased. This comes at a great time since most of the current body armor will expire between now and the next two years.

As you are aware, the six 911 dispatchers in Douglas County provide service 365 days a year twenty-four hours a day. They handled 522 Douglas County 911 and 4,190 non-emergency administrative calls in November 2009.

Charlie closed his program by thanking our members for their many contributions to our community.

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army



Great Job! – More Photos on website

Meeting Notes – December 14, 2009

- Attendance

- 41 Members

- 6 Guests: Paul Wisovaty and from Clinton: Richard Kaufman, Tim Followell, Dr. John Veirs, Roger Mix and Wanda Mix.

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Inter-club Meeting – An inter-club meeting is planned with the Decatur Early Birds for Thursday, December 17th. Members planning on attending are Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Earl Pendergrass and Ed Wachala.

Annual Christmas Party – Mike Damler led the merriment and fun with his team of Janet Cox and Darrell Helm. Dave Dobson prepared his traditional “Find Your Gift From Clues” hunt. Several members participated with Tim Hoel winning a Tuscola Kiwanis Club shirt.

BETHS Place – Items and cash donations were brought for BETHS Place. At the next meeting, the donation amount will be reported.



Great job, Mike!!!

More photos on club website

Meeting Notes – December 28, 2009

- Attendance

23 - Members

2 – Guests: Jane Wood and our speaker, Angela Wenthe

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

BETHS Place – Members made cash donations of \$920.00 plus some items from their “wish” list. Wow....again members show their generosity to a local organization. Great job!!!!

Salvation Army – Paul Wisovaty reported to Kevin that on December 19th at IGA, Kiwanians raised almost \$600.00. Overall, about \$8,000.00 was raised for Tuscola during the “bell ringing” this season, an increase of about a \$1,000 over 2008. Great job!!!

Inter-Club Meeting – Ed Wachala is looking for members to attend an inter-club meeting in Champaign on Thursday, January 28th at noon. Let Ed know if you would like to attend.

TCHS Donation Request – Kevin received a donation request to help fund state championship rings for students who can't afford the cost. Kevin advised that the Board would discuss this request at the January Board meeting.

New Member Induction – Ann Lamkey, sponsored by Janet Butler, was inducted into our club by President, Kevin Nolan and Secretary, Wayne Ward.



Welcome, Ann!!!!!!!

Program:

Ken Nolan introduced our speaker, Angela Wenthe. Angela is from the Champaign office of the American Cancer Society. She covers nineteen counties. In 2009, 1.4 million people were diagnosed with cancer, 60,000 of those in Illinois.

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

There are many free services for cancer patients. Transportation and financial resources are the top two. For more information, go to www.cancer.org.

It Was So Cold...

It was so cold...

the snowflakes froze in the air. Birds hopped from one snowflake to another to get into the trees.

It was so cold...

my mail broke when I tried to pry open the envelope!

It was so cold...

my dental fillings became dislodged due to the constant shivering!

It was so cold...

the politicians had their hands in their OWN pockets!

December 2009 Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, December 2nd at noon by President, Kevin Nolan, with the following members present: Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Sherrie Hoel, Jaci Manzella, Don Miller, Steve Niemann, Kevin Nolan, Dan Russell and Wayne Ward. The following items of business were discussed:

1. November Board Meeting Minutes –A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
2. November Monthly Report –Wayne submitted a draft copy for the Board members to review. A couple of changes are needed before submittal. Janet Butler will find out how many children benefit from the tutoring at North Ward School. The donation to the Tuscola Christmas Bureau will be added. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report with Wayne's additions. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Due to the absence of Candy Hudson the Treasurer's report was tabled for the January Board meeting.
4. Requests for Disbursements – The following budgeted disbursements were discussed: Circle K Outreach \$75, Nunn Scout Building \$200, BETHS Place \$100, Peace Meals \$100 and Lt. Governor's Expenses \$100. A motion was made to approve the budgeted disbursements. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Members' Dues/KI Payment – Wayne reported that all members on the club roster at the end of December will be billed for dues payment by Kiwanis International in the amount of \$87.00. It is important to have the correct number of members on the roster that the club is sure will be paying their dues. If not, the club will be required to pay the dues even if the member didn't pay our club. Several Board members agreed to contact some of our members that have not been attending meetings to see if they are planning to continue their membership.
6. New Fundraising Ideas – Wayne and Kevin received several ideas for a new fundraising event for 2010 as follows: Corporate/Business Participation, Celebrity Softball Game, Garage/Rummage Sale, Raffle of Item(s) at Pancake Breakfast and Fish Fry events and a Bratwurst Meal. There will be more discussion at the next Board meeting however, there was a lot of interest in the Garage/Rummage Sale. Jaci will check on the dates for the community wide garage sale and bring back information to the Board.
7. BETHS Place Donations – Any items that are brought for BETHS Place at our December 14th meeting do not need to be wrapped. The items will be delivered immediately following our 12/14 meeting.

(Full text available on club website)



Happy 2010 New Year!!!!

New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos and “Ringing the Bell” photos.

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