



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2011

2011 Events

Wednesday, January 5 th	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
Wednesday, February 2 nd	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
Saturday, February 12 th	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 29 th	Fish Fry Supper – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thu-Sun, July 7 th -10 th	Kiwanis International Convention, Geneva
Thu-Sun, August 4 th -7 th	I-I District Convention, Davenport, IA

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

January 3	Kevin Nolan
January 10	Steve Niemann
January 17	Donna Motley
January 24	Dennis Opperman
January 31	Dianna Pangburn
February 7	Earl Pendergrass
February 14	Lyn Selen
February 21	No Meeting – President's Day
February 28	Alan Shoemaker
March 7	Robert VanCleave
March 14	Ed Wachala
March 21	Wayne Ward
March 28	Gary Weber
April 4	Jim Wood
April 11	Doris Young

April 18	Dan Russell
April 25	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.

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

Senior Texting Codes

If you are among the many Seniors that are texting and tweeting, here is a list of suggested Senior texting codes. If you qualify for Senior Discounts, these codes could be useful to you:

ATD: At The Doctor's

BTW: Bring The Wheelchair

CBM: Covered By Medicare

CUATSC: See You At The Senior Center

FWB: Friend With Beta Blockers

FWIW: Forgot Where I Was

FMI: Found My Insulin

FMM: Found My Medication

GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!

GHA: Got Heartburn Again

IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On?

LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out

LOL: Living On Lipitor

LWO: Lawrence Welk's On

OMMR: On My Massage Recliner

CFTC: Can't Find The Car

ROFL-CGU: Rolling On The Floor Laughing And Can't Get Up

SGGP: Sorry, Gotta Go Pee

WAITT: Who Am I Talking To?

TTYL: Talk To You Louder

WTP: Where's The Prunes?

WWNO: Walker Wheels Need Oil

Meeting Notes – December 6, 2010

- Attendance

39 - Members

0 – Guests

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Tuscola Christmas Parade – The parade was a great success! About 17 Kiwanians and 20 K-Kids participated.



Program:



Candy Hudson began her program with “What Makes Kiwanis So Special?” First on her mind was the generosity of the members with their time and their money. Members make a positive difference in the community.

Candy then tested members’ knowledge of Christmas trivia from songs and movies. Good fun for all!

Meeting Notes – December 13, 2010

- Attendance

40 - Members

3 - Guests: Kaley Slaughter, Julie Slaughter and Dan Miller, our speaker

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Inter-Club Meeting – David Butler, Janet Butler, Tim Hoel, and Topy Moody attended an inter-club meeting with Prairieland Decatur on December 7th. A wonderful Christmas program and sing-along was presented by 7th & 8th grade students from St. Patrick’s school.

Ben Retires – Ben Mingo has officially retired! A great open house at the Tuscola Ag building was held for Ben on Friday afternoon, December 10th. Several Kiwanians dropped by to congratulate Ben, and to wish him and his wife well.



Congratulations, Ben!

Salvation Army Ring The Bell – A sign-up sheet was passed to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 18th at North Line & Prairie Streets. [Note: Not enough members were available on that date to make the schedule work; cancelled.]

Key Club Member of the Month – Kaley Slaughter and her mother, Julie Slaughter attended our meeting. Kaley was honored as the November Key Club Member of the Month for her service hours and participation in club activities.



Key Club Faculty Advisor,
Darcey Helmick
And TCHS Freshman, Kaley Slaughter

Program:



Art Moss introduced our speaker, Dan Miller. Dan works in the safety department at the Lyondell plant west of Tuscola. Dan advised that having proper equipment and procedures makes for a safer work environment.

Dan gave members many tips so everyone has a safe holiday season. Safety tips included the subjects of Christmas decorations and trees, fireplaces, food, party plans, shopping, travel and stress relievers. A timely presentation to benefit all members!

Meeting Notes – December 20, 2010

- Attendance

46 - Members

2 - Guests: Riley Nolan, son of Kevin Nolan and Paul Wisovaty

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Tuscola Kiwanis Song – Guest Paul Wisovaty joined members to sing the nostalgic Kiwanis song (to the music of Good King Wenceslaus).



Key Club Activities – Darcey Helmick provided an update on recent Key Club activities. Key Clubbers partnered with FFA for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. The club adopted for Christmas a family with a single mom and three children.

K-Kids Activities – Jeannine Fortney reported that the North Ward K-Kids had adopted three families for Christmas.

OK To Say Merry Christmas – Dave Dobson reminded us that it is OK to say Merry Christmas. Don't take Christ out of Christmas.

Awesome Poem – Dave Dobson also dazzled us with one of his original poems in the Christmas spirit. Great job!!!

Merrier Christmas for BETHS Place – In lieu of gift exchange, members made donations to BETHS Place.



Members donated \$1,124.00
AWESOME!!!!!!

Program:

David Butler and his assisting reindeer, Janet Butler led the merry making during the club's Christmas party.



For a starter, each table team was provided 20 Christmas related questions to match answers. First place was key chain flashlights and second place was Christmas tree ornaments. Competition was fierce. Then "Name That Christmas Carol" was played for candy kisses. The meeting was closed with the singing Christmas carols. Great fun for all!!!!

Meeting Notes – December 27, 2010

- Attendance

- 33 Members
- 6 Guests: Matt Best, son of Lorraine Best, Tyler Sapp, grandson of Paul Jones/nephew of Kim Higgins, Rick Moss/Becky Moss, son/daughter-in-law of Art & Barb Moss, Alli Moss, granddaughter of Art & Barb Moss and our speaker, Lauren Moss, granddaughter of Art & Barb Moss.

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Meeting Place –



Amishland Buffet in The Red Barn

Mike Damler announced that our new meeting location would be Amishland Buffet in the Red Barn south of Tanger Outlet Mall. The club will begin meeting there January 3rd, 2011. Costs: \$1.00 no drink or just water, \$3.00 drink, \$9.00 soup, salad, drink, roll and dessert, and \$11.00 full buffet and drink. All prices include tip, tax and a donation to Spastic Paralysis and club “kitty.”

Buffet is available at 11:00AM. Enter at the south-east corner of the buffet (not the regular entrance). A Kiwanian will collect money from members as before.

Free Lunch Change – The free lunch program will continue with reimbursement to the winner being the amount paid in on that day. For example, if the winning member paid \$3.00 for a drink only, they would be reimbursed \$3.00.

Kiwanis Dues – Semi-annual dues of \$50.00 per member are due by the end of January 2011.

A Bloom Above & Beyond – Linda Kocher and Tom Battershell made a \$125.00 donation to our club in the form of Tuscanos gift certificates. The gift certificates were used at our final meal at Tuscanos. Wayne will send a thank you note for the donation.

Program:



Lauren Moss, our speaker, shared photos and her experiences from the June 2010 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC. Lauren began by thanking members for their donations that helped make her trip possible. Her highlights included the National Cathedral, Arlington Cemetery, White House, Library of Congress, WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial.

December 2010 Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at the Damler residence on Wednesday, December 1st at 12:05p by President, Mike Damler, with the following members present: Linda Damler, Mike Damler, Kim Higgins, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Candy Hudson, Jaci Manzella, Don Miller, Kevin Nolan, Alan Shoemaker, 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 – A motion was made and seconded to approve the monthly report. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – As of December 1st, the checking account balance was \$1,299.48. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursement or Budget Requests – Budgets items were approved for disbursement as follows: \$350.00 for club's annual KIF donation.
5. Christmastown Parade – Dennis Opperman will be at the park at 10:00AM on December 4th with a trailer. Members will decorate the float before the parade begins at 11:00AM.
6. Meeting Location Situation – Tuscano management will fulfill the commitment to Kiwanis for lunch through December. The Board agreed to continue to hold the December meeting at Tuscano's. The Board is reviewing options for a 2011 meeting site. Proposals are being taken from Jarman Center and Amishland Buffet in the Red Barn. The Board will let members know where to meet on January 3rd at the December 27th meeting.
7. Semi-Annual Dues – Semi-annual dues of \$50.00 per member are due by the end of January 2011.
8. Club Incorporation Forms – Wayne Ward reported that the club incorporation forms have been submitted for the year.

(Full text available on club website)



Winter Wonderland

New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos and more. Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:

dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org

(If you need a screen and/or projector for your program, contact David or Janet Butler.)