



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2012

2012 Events

Wednesday, January 11	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
Wednesday, February 1	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
Saturday, February 11	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, March 30	Fish Fry Supper – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 31	I-I District Midyear Conference, Peoria, IL
Thu-Sat, June 28 to July 1	Kiwanis International Convention, New Orleans, LA
Wed-Sun, August 8-12	I-I District Annual Convention, Springfield, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

January 2	Beth Linstead
January 9	Jaci Manzella
January 16	Kathryn McCumber
January 23	Laura Meyer
January 30	Don Miller
February 6	Topsy Mooday
February 13	Art Moss
February 20	No meeting – President's Day
February 27	Barb Moss
March 5	Dennis Opperman
March 12	Donna Motley
March 19	Vera Nauta
March 26	Steve Niemann
April 2	Kevin Nolan
April 9	Mary Schultz
April 16	Alan Shoemaker

April 23	Dan Russell
April 30	Patty Russell
May 7	Pat Sturgis
May 14	Tom Sturgis
May 21	Robert VanCleave
May 28	No Meeting – Memorial Day Holiday

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

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

The Polish Divorce (In honor of Ed Wachala's heritage)

A Polish man moved to the U.S. and married an American girl. Although his English was far from perfect, they got along very well. One day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him. The lawyer said that getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:

Have you any grounds?	Yes, an acre and half and nice little home.
No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?	It made of concrete.
I don't think you understand. Does either of you have a real grudge?	No, we have carport, and not need one.
I mean what are your relations like?	All my relations still in Poland .
Is there any infidelity in your marriage?	We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player.
Does your wife beat you up?	No, I always get up before her.
Why do you want this divorce?	She going to kill me.
What makes you think that?	I got proof.
What kind of proof?	

She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at drugstore and put on shelf in bathroom.

I can read English pretty good, and it say: ~~~Polish Remover~~~

Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2011

- Attendance

47 – Members

3 – Guests: Laura Van Cleave, daughter-in-law of Robert Van Cleave, Marlene Lincoln and our speaker, Judge Frank Lincoln.

- Free Lunch Winner – Judge Frank Lincoln (winnings generously donated to our ELIMINATE project container)
- Birthdays – Kim Higgins, 12/7
- Brags – Tammy Baer, Lorraine Best, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Janet Butler, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Judy Landeck, Jaci Manzella, Barb Moss, Dennis Opperman, Alan Shoemaker, Robert Van Cleave, and Doris Young.
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Trauma Doll Workshop – Over twenty Kiwanians met for the trauma doll workshop on November 30. The group completed over 70 dolls. Great food! Great fellowship! See photos in this newsletter and on our website.

The ELIMINATE Project – Mike Damler reported that members donated \$120.00 of their primarily loose change in the month of November. Great job! Keep it up!

Club Christmas Party – Members are encouraged to wear crazy Christmas sweaters to our meeting on December 19. Don't forget to bring your \$10 donation for SAM Food Pantry.

Program:



Betty Leonard introduced our speaker, Judge Frank Lincoln. The topic of his presentation was Unique Courthouses in Illinois, including information about the Douglas County Courthouse.

A courthouse is a public building housing courts of law. There are 102 counties in Illinois. Twenty-eight of Illinois' courthouses were built in the 1880s to the 1890s. Frank talked about several unique courthouses including the elaborate Macoupin County courthouse.

The area that is now Douglas County was created in 1859, separated from Coles County. The first courthouse was built in 1861. The current courthouse is the third structure. It was started in 1911 and completed in 1913 at a cost of \$160,000. The historical Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) room is housed on the first floor. Frank also talk about some of the artwork and murals that reside in the courthouse.

Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2011

• Attendance

50 – Members

7 – Guests: Members of the Hee Haw group: Tom Hawk, Sharri Kerkhoff, David Shunk, Bonnie Smith, David Smith, Alan Soard and computer support, Teresa Davis

- Free Lunch Winner – Ed Wachala
- Birthdays – Steve Niemann 12/16
- Brags – Tammy Baer, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Clarice Hausman, Sherrie Hoel, Jaci Manzella, Art Moss, Carol Martin (by Jan Chappell), Lyn Selen, Robert Van Cleave, Ed Wachala, and Doris Young.
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Interclub Meeting – Topy Mooday has organized an interclub meeting with Paris Noon on Tuesday, 12/13. Members planning to go are Kathryn McCumber, Betty Leonard, Topy Mooday, Earl Pendergrass and driver, Gary Weber.

Club Christmas Party – Members were reminded to bring a \$10 donation for SAM Pantry to our 12/19 meeting.

Program:

John Davis introduced ARTCo's Hee Haw group who entertained members with a great selection of short skits. The group included Hee Haw's best characters played by John Davis, Tom Hawk, Sharri Kerkhoff, Lynn Selen, David Shunk, Bonnie Smith, David Smith, Alan Soard and computer support, Teresa Davis



Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2011

- Attendance

53 – Members

1 – Guest: Paul Wisovaty

- Free Lunch Winner – Barb Moss

- Birthdays – Kevin Nolan 12/19, Tom Sturgis 12/20, Maureen Bergeson 12/24, Carol Burwash, 12/24, Barb Moss 12/25 and Debbie Graber 12/26

- Brags – Carol Beals, Jan Chappell, Jeannine Fortney, Laura Meyer and Topy Moody

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Jaci Manzella reported that the club received a letter from the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) advising that the chapter was disbanding, and would Tuscola Kiwanis be interested taking over the annual Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt. Jaci advised that the Board was leaning towards adopting the event with members' support, and a volunteer member to co-chair the event with possibly the Tuscola Rotary. Jaci also advised that there were three Kiwanians (Carol Burwash, Janet Butler and Sherrie Hoel) that were former BSP members, and that they would be willing to help. A final decision regarding the Easter Egg Hunt will be made at the January 2012 Board. If you have any comments, for or against, this project that you would like to share with the Board, email: board@tuscolakiwanis.org.

The Eliminate Project – Key Club president Rachel Craddock reported that the Key Club is planning the following fundraisers: Quilt Raffle, Valentine's Dance with fundraising during the week, and a Bowl-A-Thon on 4/1/12 with pledges and bowling.

SAM Food Pantry – Member donations raised \$556.00 for SAM Pantry. Great job, Kiwanians!!!

Santa's Visit – Santa made a special visit to the party bringing candy kisses for the choir and candy canes for members. Special Santa coffee mugs were given to Mike Damler, our latest Amador recipient, Paul Jones, for his service to SAM Pantry, and Wayne Ward for his many years as club secretary. A bag of coal was given to Tim Hoel for impersonating Santa.

Christmas Cheer for Lisa – An envelope was given to Lisa, our server, filled with member donations for the great service she provides each Monday.

K-Kids Projects – Jeannine reported that K-Kids had raised over \$500.00 for gifts and food for the two families that the club adopted for Christmas.

Kiwanis Dues – Members were reminded that semi-annual dues of \$50.00 are due to Candy Hudson in January 2012. If members wish to pay the entire year (versus another \$50 in July), Candy will also be happy to receive \$100.00.

Kiwanians of Tuscola – Guest Paul Wisovaty led members in the carol, Kiwanians of Tuscola, with special lyrics to the melody of Good King Wenceslas.

Programs:



The TCHS Honors Choir performed Christmas carols for our Christmas party meeting. In thanks, Jaci Manzella presented the choir with a \$200.00 donation to help with their expenses.



More photos in newsletter and on website.

A special poem, written by Dave Dobson for the occasion, was read by Jaci Manzella:

A Grinch Christmas

Up on the housetop reindeer paws,
Tearing my roof with their cute little claws,
Poking small holes round the chimney near,
Ruining my barrel of Falstaff Beer!

Ho ho ho – Who wouldn't go?
Ho ho ho – I'd like to know,
Who thinks that Christmas is shiny bright?
Not when an elf has to work all night!

First comes the stocking of Little Mike,
He wants a train and a brand new bike.
But what do I have, now let me see?
Oh, a prize that jumps called the "Loyalty Bee"!

Now comes the sock of Little Tim,
What can I give that will gladden him?
An Angel, whose name is Albert Pujols,
The Cardinals can't pay him, so he's off the rolls!

Then there's the girl who drives me wacky,
She's a loan officer whose name is Jaci.
I'll give her a hammer – she'll think that's swell,
She'll use it each Monday on the Kiwanis bell!

One little scamp – his last name's Helm,
Scatters his mischief all over this realm.
His latest trick – he couldn't get the hang,
Of how to be a part of the Hee Haw Gang!

Well I guess that's all that I can do.
The sun's coming up and I'm almost through.

It kills me to say it, but I guess it's all right,
Merry Christmas to All, and to All a good night!

Dave, great job!

Christmastown Parade 12/2/11



Glenn Linstead, husband of Beth arrives with truck/trailer



Time to decorate!



Santa Tim Hoel with Sherrie Hoel and Gary Weber



Trailer full of K-Kids and Kiwanians!



Rachel Craddock - Miss Tuscola & Key Club President



Lauren Moss (on left) - Jr. Miss Tuscola, granddaughter of Art & Barb Moss

Great job!!!!

More Photos on Website

Christmas Party 12/19/11



More Photos on the website

December 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Amishland Buffet on Wednesday, 12/14/11 at 12:05 PM by President Jaci Manzella with the following Board Directors present:

	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Jaci Manzella – Pres.
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Sherrie Hoel (2012)	x	Steven Niemann (2012)
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Alan Shoemaker P-Elect
x	Mike Damler – Past Pres	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.		
x	Pat Damler – V.P.	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of November Board Meeting – Mike Damler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted to the Board members. Sherrie Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. November Monthly Report – Janet had provided Board members an advance copy of the monthly report to review. The number of hours for volunteering is 684 hours with 49 hours of fundraising. Kim Higgins made a motion that the report be approved and submitted. Alan Shoemaker seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members. As of 12/14/11 the current balance in the Treasury is \$4,042.85. Due to Kiwanis International and the I-I District have been paid in full. Mike Damler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – No requests
5. Club Christmas Party – Jaci reported that she has arranged for the Honors Choir to provide singing for our 12/19 meeting. After discussion, Mike made a motion to provide \$200.00 from club funds toward Honors Choir’s expenses. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved. Paul Wisovaty will be joining us for the Kiwanis version of Good King Wenceslas. Mike has lyrics for four songs for a sing-along. It was also discussed that an tip envelope would be passed for Lisa, our waitress, for Christmas. Jaci will notify members with email before the 12/19 meeting.
6. 2012 I-I District Midyear Conference – Janet advised that she had sent an email to members with the details for the March 31, 2012 one-day midyear I-I District Conference in Peoria. This will be the official visit to the I-I District by Kiwanis International President Alan Penn. The district is hoping for a great turnout for the reception and dinner honoring the KI president. For more information or to register, go to the I-I District website.

7. Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt – The club received a letter from the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) advising that the chapter was disbanding, and would Tuscola Kiwanis be interested taking over the annual Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt. Janet Butler, a former BSP member, gave an overview of what it takes to put on the event that serves on average 300 children. BSP was handling the event with about 10 people, though a few more would be helpful. Funding of \$300-400 was being provided previously by The Moose Lodge, Women of the Moose, Tuscola Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and our club. Alan said that Rotary might be interested in co-sponsoring the event, and providing a co-chair. He will have it on the agenda for Rotary’s early January Board meeting. Janet said that she would check and see what interest the Women of the Moose might have since they received the same letter. After some discussion, the Board members leaned toward taking on the event if the interest is there and a Kiwanis co-chair volunteer can be found. At a member meeting, Jaci will bring members up-to-date and determine the support or lack of it from members’ feedback. A final decision regarding the Easter Egg Hunt will be made at the January 2012 Board meeting based on the additional information gathered.
8. February Board Meeting – Due to numerous Board members unavailable for the February 8, 2012 Board meeting, Jaci rescheduled the meeting for February 1, 2012. Board members....update your 2012 calendar.
9. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Janet Butler - Secretary



New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos, Christmastown Parade, Christmas Party 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.)