



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2013

2013 Events

Wednesday, January 9	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn-noon
Saturday, February 9	Pancake Breakfast, Forty Martyrs Hall
Wednesday, February 13	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn-noon
Saturday, March 16	I-I District Mid-Year Meeting, Urbana, IL
Friday, March 22	Fish Fry Dinner, Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 23	Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Wed-Sun, June 26 – 30	Kiwanis Int'l Convention, Vancouver, Canada
Saturday, July 13	Kiwanis Club Leadership Training, Tuscola, IL
Thu-Sun August 8 – 11	I-I District Annual Convention, Naperville, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

January 7	Tammy Baer
January 14	Janet Cox
January 21	Kiwanis Speaker
January 28	Judy Heilich
February 4	Darrell Helm
February 11	Kim Higgins
February 18	<u>No Meeting – Presidents' Day</u>
February 25	Darla Gardner
March 4	Debbie Graber
March 11	Candy Hudson
March 18	Paul Jones
March 25	Judy Landeck
April 1	Jerry Leonard

April 8	Jaci Manzella
April 15	Kathryn McCumber
April 22	Laura Meyer
April 29	Topy Moody

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](#)

Lessons We Can Learn from a Snowman

Wearing white is always in style - even after Labor Day.

Getting outside in the winter is good for your health.

It's fun just to hang out in your front yard.

We're all made up of mostly water.

Accessories don't have to be expensive.

If you're a little bottom heavy - hey, that's okay!

You know you've made it when they write a song about you.

If you look down and can't see your feet - you're probably not very active.

Don't get too much sun!



Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2012

• Attendance

48 – Members

6 – Guests: Decatur Early Birds-Richie Barnett, Ned Hawbecker, John Pulley and Chuck Zweck; Shannon Smith and our speaker, Michael Smith.

• Free Lunch Winner–Robert Van Cleave

• Birthdays – Sharon Wax, 12/1, Kim Higgins 12/3

• Brags – Pete Buckley, David Butler, Janet Butler, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Darla Gardner, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, Jaci Manzella, Art Moss, and Alan Shoemaker,

• News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Christmas Party Donations – Members voted to benefit SAM Pantry with our \$10.00 donations from our 12/17 meeting.

Computers for Kids – Alan presented Michael Smith, superintendent of Tuscola schools, with a check for \$2,100.00 for new computers for the North Ward Computer Lab. The donations were made in memory of Clarice Hausman by members and others.



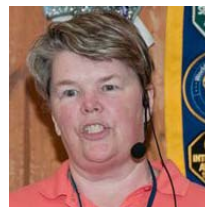
Quilt Raffle Update – Jan Chappell reported that over 70 raffle tickets have been sold for the red/white/blue quilt. The tickets will be sold at our Pancake Breakfast and Fish Fry Supper adding to the over \$300 that has been raised so far.

Traveling Gavel – Carol Burwash, David Butler, Tim Hoel, Gary Weber and Doris Young delivered the Lt. Governor's traveling gavel to Clinton on 11/27. Beneath the cover of candy, the gavel was embedded in foam.



More photos on our website

Program:



Janet Butler provided a Kiwanis Education program, providing information about our club, its activities, its fundraisers, our district and Kiwanis International.

For information she covered, go to:

<http://www.tuscolakiwanis.org/documents/NewMember%20Information.pdf>

Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2012

- Attendance

41 – Members

2 – Guests: Carol Bauer-wife of Bill Bauer and our speaker, Ben Sluder.

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Martin

- Birthdays – Bill Bauer 12/14 and Steve Niemann 12/16

- Braggs – Lorraine Best, Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Jan Chappell, Jeannine Fortney, Maribeth Opperman, Nancy Runge, and Gary Weber

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Ink Cartridge Recycle Report – Mike Damler reported that we have \$43.66 in credit for recycling ink cartridges and cell phones.

Thank You Note & Donation – Michael and Shannon Smith sent a thank you note for the \$2,100.00 donation in memory of Clarice Hausman for new computers for the North Ward Computer Lab, and made a \$120.00 donation to SAM Pantry.

Wreaths Across America – April Kauffman reported that the local Civil Air Patrol members would be holding a ceremony at the courthouse at 10am on Saturday, 12/15 honoring our military, and then placing wreaths on veteran graves at the Tuscola Township cemetery and the Mattoon Resthaven cemetery.

Program:



Jeannine Fortney introduced her grandson-in-law, Ben Sluder. Ben is a Supply Chain Manager for Caterpillar in Decatur.

Ben is a 1993 TCHS graduate. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Illinois and a Master's degree in Akron.

Ben has held several positions with Caterpillar with ever increasing responsibility. He shared several pictures of mining sites using CAT equipment such as off highway trucks, tractors, bulldozers, etc. He has traveled to suppliers and customers in such countries as Australia, Finland, Indian and Russia. Ben shared some of his travel experiences including a robbery.



Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2012

- Attendance

56 – Members

8 – Guests: Champaign interclub-Darrell Boege, Harold Edwards, Bob Espeseth, Patrick Jolliff, Charles Smith, Clyde Smith and Tim Wild; Tyler Sapp, grandson of Paul Jones

- Free Lunch Winner – Kim Higgins
- 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 – Held over to next meeting
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Fundraiser – Alan Shoemaker asked for members' input regarding a new fundraiser to benefit the Music Departments at the Tuscola schools. Through a show of hands, members confirmed their support. Tammy Baer is chairing a committee for this purpose. If you are interested in helping, contact Tammy.

Donations – Members donated \$860.00 to benefit SAM Pantry. Wow! Great job, Kiwanians! Alan Shoemaker also presented Lisa, our server with an envelope of member donations to thank her for her great service to us.

Reminders – Alan reminded members that due to the holidays, our next meeting is January 7, with a Board meeting on January 9.

Program:



Our club Christmas party was hosted by Tim and Sherrie Hoel. Members enjoyed a holiday version of Bingo, chocolate candies, and table teams competing by completing a toy-to-decade worksheet. Great fun was had by all! Great job, Tim & Sherrie!!!!



More photos on our website



Merry Christmas, Lisa!

Christmastown Parade 12/1/12



More photos on our website!

Ringin' the Bell 12/8/12



More photos on our website!

December 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Amishland Buffet on Wednesday, 12/12/2012 at 12:04 PM by President Alan Shoemaker with the following Board Directors present:

x	Tammy Baer – V.P.	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Donna Motley (2015)
x	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Tom Sturgis (2015)
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.	x	Alan Shoemaker – Pres.
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		
x	Pat Damler – Pres. Elect	x	Jaci Manzella – Past Pres.		Guest: Sherrie Hoel

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of November Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved. Complete report on our website.
2. November Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of volunteer hours was 714 service hours and 110 fundraising hours. Fifty-five members participated in Peanut Days. David Butler made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. Complete report on our website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 12/12/12, the current balance in the Treasury is \$7,241.96. This balance included \$2,850.00 in donations in memory of Clarice Hausman and \$4,192.49 for peanut sales (less \$850.00 for the purchase of the peanuts). Janet Butler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Jaci Manzella seconded the motion and it was approved. Complete report on our website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Disbursements approved as follows: \$102.52 for Bring Up Grades supplies to Janet Butler, \$52.50 for Bring Up Grades postcards to Mike Damler, and \$210.00 donation to the North Ward Milk Program. Kim Higgins made a motion to approve the disbursements. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. Sherrie Hoel requested approval to spend up to \$50.00 for supplies/items for the 12/17 Christmas Party meeting that the club will reimburse her upon receipts being provided. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the request. Pat Damler seconded the request and it was approved. After reviewing and discussing a donation request letter from Special Olympics, Pat Damler made a motion to decline donating club funds at this time. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. Computers For Kids – At the November Board meeting, Board members discussed doing a new fundraiser for Computers for Kids for new computers for the North Ward and East Prairie computer labs. Through the donations in memory of Clarice Hausman, we have been able to donate \$2,100.00 however, Board members confirmed we still want to pursue a new fundraiser for the purpose of purchasing even more computers. One idea from last month was a Moose Pork Chop Dinner. Alan is still working on getting the 2013 schedule and talking to the Moose about partnering with us for Computers For Kids. Based on member support for this effort, Alan Shoemaker volunteered to chair a committee with Board members Lorraine Best and Pat Damler. Alan is looking for some club members to join this committee. If you are interested, please contact Alan.
6. Possible New Fundraiser – Alan Shoemaker asked Board members what they thought about the club doing a second new fundraiser this Kiwanis year, possibly partnering with another organization/group. There was much discussion. If we move forward with a second new fundraiser, Tammy Baer suggested partnering with the Music Boosters who raise money for the East Prairie and TCHS Bands (such as purchasing instruments) and the Choruses. There is no longer money in the school budgets for their needs. There was a consensus that the Board members thought this would be a worthy cause to do a fundraiser, but wanted feedback from club members before making any commitments. Alan will poll members for their opinions as well, before we proceed or any commitments are made. Member support or lack of it will determine if we move forward. If it is decided to proceed, Tammy Baer volunteered to chair a committee for this purpose with Janet & David Butler volunteering to be on her committee. Tammy would also be looking for some additional club members to join this committee.
7. State of Illinois Authorized Club Agent – Janet Butler requested that the Board approve to change the club's authorized agent for the State of Illinois from Wayne Ward to Janet Butler, current club Secretary. Tim Hoel made a motion to approve her request. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved.
8. Don Miller – Don Miller has retired as the manager of Tuscola Shopko (Pamida) and sadly directed us to drop his membership from the Tuscola Kiwanis Club. Don lives in Sullivan. As directed by Past President Jaci Manzella and the Board, Janet Butler had been holding a certificate to thank Don and Pamida for all they have done in our community with a plan to present it to Don at a meeting. Unfortunately, with the switch from Pamida to Shopko, Don had not been able to attend meetings. After discussion, it was agreed that at our January 7 meeting, Janet would send around a retirement card for members to sign. She will send the card, certificate and a personal note to Don at that time.
9. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at Amishland Buffet at noon.
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 P.M.

Janet Butler - Secretary



And winter is upon us...

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.)