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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER

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2015 Events/Activities

Wednesday, January 14	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Wednesday, February 11	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, February 21	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thursday, March 19	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, March 20	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 28	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Friday & Saturday - May 1 & 2	I-I 100 th Year Event – Gurney, IL
Thur-Sun – June 25-28	Kiwaniis Int’l Convention – Indianapolis IN
Thur-Sun – August 6-9	Kiwaniis I-I District Convention – Peoria, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

January 5	Nancy Runge
January 12	Mary Schultz
January 19	Alan Shoemaker
January 26	Char Snyder
February 2	Pat Sturgis
February 9	Tom Sturgis
February 16	NO MEETING - President’s Day
February 23	Wayne Ward
March 2	Darlene Wiesener
March 9	Carey Wood
March 16	Jim Wood
March 23	Stuff Easter eggs

March 30	Doris Young
April 6	Bill Bauer
April 13	Carol Beals
April 20	Maureen Bergeson
April 27	Margo Blaudow
May 4	Elaine Bryant
May 11	Dan Russell
May 18	Patty Russell
May 25	NO MEETING – Memorial Day
June 1	Andy Brzozkiewicz
June 8	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
June 15	Pete Buckley
June 22	Carol Burwash
June 29	Dave Butler.

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 Volunteer Hours
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

Senior Citizen Discount

After being retired for a couple of years and completing all the jobs on his wife's "honey-do" list, George became somewhat bored and decided to enroll in a couple of adult-education courses at his local community college.

He saw on the registration form that there was no tuition fee for persons over 65.

As he handed in his paperwork, he announced to the clerk, "I'm 68." Then, pulling out his wallet, he asked if she wanted to see his driver's license.

She replied, "No, that's okay." A little surprised, he asked, "Oh, do I look honest?"

"No," she answered, "You look 68."

[Comment from Janet – He needs to join Kiwanis!!!]

Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2014

- **Attendance**

50 – Members

2 – Guests: Lyndsey Tschopp, Key Club member and our speaker, Emma Sementi, Key Club Lt. Governor

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Andy Brzozkiewicz
- **Birthdays** – Sharon Wax 12/1, Kim Higgins 12/7, Jerry Reynolds 12/7, and Marci Shoemaker 12/7
- **Brags** – Jeannine Fortney, Dennis Opperman, Cindy Surma, and Doris Young
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

K-Kids Food Drive for SAM Pantry – Jeannine Fortney reported that the K-Kids donated over 700 items from their North Ward food drive to SAM Pantry. This included over 150 jars of peanut butter and assorted jellies.

Key Club Recognition – Key Club member Lyndsey Tschopp was honored for her service hours. Lyndsey went with a youth group during the summer to Kentucky. The group re-painted and re-built a porch.



North Ward Needy Families – Jeannine reported that members had donated \$323 so far from passing an envelope.

Old Cell Phones – Members were reminded that in addition to ink jet cartridges, the club collects old cell phones, too. The box is on the head table at each meeting. The amount the club is paid from the recycling vendor is donated to Children’s Miracle Network.

Program:



Dennis Opperman introduced our speaker, Key Club Lt. Governor Emma Sementi. Emma is the Key Club Lt. Governor for Divisions 25 & 27 in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa (I-I) District. Key Club is the oldest and largest high school service organization in the world. Key Clubs are in 31 countries with over 260,000 members in over 5,000 clubs. The Key Club International President is Maria Palazzolo from Springfield, Illinois, the daughter of Past I-I Governor Paul Palazzolo.

The main purpose of the Key Club Lt. Governor is the same as a Kiwanis Lt. Governor. The LTGs open, strengthen and support clubs. Emma was involved in restarting the Urbana High School Key Club. A LTG also champions district and Kiwanis projects such as the Eliminate Project and the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation so that clubs will fundraise and donate to these important causes.

As a Key Club LTG, Emma provides resources and support to the Key Clubs in her divisions, trains officers, writes a monthly newsletter, attends leadership rallies, and attends divisional council meetings.

Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2014

- Attendance

53 – Members

1 – Guest: Susan Patterson, our program

- Free Lunch Winner – Dave Morgan
- Birthdays – Bill Bauer 12/14
- Braggs – Tammy Baer, Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Carol Burwash, Dave Butler, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Carol Hausmann, Judy Heilich, Judy Landeck, Jaci Manzella, Kathryn McCumber, Laura Meyer, Toppo Mooday, Dave Morgan, Donna Motley, Kevin Nolan, Patty Russell, Paul Wisovaty, and Doris Young
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Christmastown Results – Janet Butler reported that donations of \$118.00 were made towards the Ervin Park Toddlers' Playground, \$51.00 in crocheted necklace sales, and \$370.00 in quilt raffle tickets. Lisa, our server, was the winner of the lovely Christmas quilt donated by Sandy Robinson. A thank you note was sent to Sandy on behalf of the club by Janet.

North Ward Needy Families – Jeannine reported that members had donated an additional \$99 in the passing of this week's envelope.

Club Christmas Party – Members were reminded to bring \$10 (or more if they wish) to the club's Christmas party on December 22, 2014. In lieu of gift exchange, the cash donations will be given to SAM Food Pantry.

Program:



Kathryn McCumber introduced our guest, Susan Patterson. Susan is a well-known musician in Tuscola, playing both the piano and organ. Susan led a sing-a-long with members. She provided lyric sheets and gave some history of each song. Fun was had by one and all!



Susan at her keyboard

Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2014

- Attendance

57 – Members

4 – Guests: Frank Lincoln, Lloyd Murphy, Lauren Moss, and our speaker, Tim Smith

- Free Lunch Winner – Barb Moss
- Birthdays – Kevin Nolan 12/19 and Tom Sturgis 12/20
- Braggs – Wilma Allen, Janet Butler, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Toppo Mooday, Val Morgan, and Barb Moss
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

North Ward Needy Families – Members donated an additional \$100 plus a \$100 donation from CHI Overhead Doors. We can thank Char Snyder and her husband Rick Bontrager's efforts in procuring the CHI donation. So in total, Kiwanis and CHI provided \$622.00 in donations. With the North Ward teachers' donations, over \$900 was raised to assure the 27 needy North Ward children and their families had some Christmas. Janet reported that a thank you note had been sent to CHI Overhead Doors to Rick's attention.

Program:



Nancy Reynolds introduced our speaker, Tim Smith. Tim is writing a book on “Uncle” Joe Cannon, and in particular is trying to determine how and when “Uncle” was used with Joe Cannon's name.

Joseph (Joe) Gurney Cannon, a U.S. Representative from Illinois was born to a Quaker family in Guilford, Guilford County, N.C. on May 7, 1836 and moved with his parents to Bloomingdale, Indiana in 1840. He studied law at the Cincinnati Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1858. He began his practice in Terre Haute in 1858.

Joe moved to Tuscola, Illinois in 1859. He met his wife Mary in Tuscola. Joe owned several different homes in Tuscola. Joe and his brother Will founded the 1st National Bank of Tuscola, and the family owned it until the 1950s. Will and Joe were also involved in banking in Danville, and owned farm land. Joe and his brother were multi-millionaires. Joe dedicated the Douglas County Courthouse. He was in Tuscola for nineteen years.

Joe was state's attorney for the twenty-seventh judicial district of Illinois from March 1861 to December 1868. He was elected as a Republican to the U.S. House of Representatives forty-third Congress and to eight succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1891). He was chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Forty-seventh Congress), Committee on Appropriations (Fifty-first Congress).

Joe moved to Danville in 1878 and was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1890 to the Fifty-second Congress.

He again was elected to the Fifty-third Congress and to the nine succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1913). He was chairman on the Committee on Appropriations (Fifty-fourth through Fifty-seventh Congresses), Committee on Rules (Fifty-eighth through Sixty-first Congresses); Speaker of the House of Representatives (Fifty-eighth through Sixty-first Congresses).

As Speaker of the House, Joe had great power. Republicans and Democrats respected him, and he was able to gain support from members of both parties. If Joe did not support a proposed legislation, he would keep it in committee and not have it come to the floor for a full vote. As rules changed, his power was reduced and more legislation came to the floor for a full house vote.

Joe received fifty-eight votes for the presidential nomination at the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1908. He was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1912 to the Sixty-third Congress and again elected to the Sixty-fourth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1915-March 3, 1923).

Joe was known as a fiery debater, courageous, direct, and honest. His integrity was never questioned. He had strong opinions that were seldom changed, and was known as the “Tyrant of Illinois.” Joe was on the cover of the first edition of “Time” magazine. Joe was a Kiwanian.

Joe declined re-nomination for Congress at the end of the Sixty-seventh Congress and retired from public life in 1923. He died at age 90 in Danville on November 12, 1926 and buried in Danville’s Spring Hill Cemetery.



Uncle Joe Cannon

Meeting Minutes – December 22, 2014

- Attendance

59 – Members

4 – Guests: Tommy Chappell, Alli Moss, Duncan Nolan, and Margaret Van Cleave

- Free Lunch Winner – Andy Brzozkiewicz

- Birthdays – Maureen Bergeson 12/24, Carol Burwash 12/24, Barb Moss 12/25, and Debbie Graber 12/26

- Brags – Vicki Bishop, Pete Buckley, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Dave Morgan, Jaci Manzella, Paul Wisovaty, and Sue Wisovaty

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to our server, Lisa – Tammy Baer presented Lisa with a Christmas card from the club and the cash donations that had been made by members when an envelope had been passed.



PROGRAM:

Our hosts, Pat Damler and Carol Beals, our elf on the shelf, provided fun activities for our club's Christmas celebration. The festivities began with the "Kiwanians of Tuscola" song from May 1990. Carol then warmed us up with a "snowball" fight. Assisted by Pete, Pat and Carol passed out a Christmas song picture game. Everyone tried to guess the name of the song from the pictures in each square. Lots of laughs and fun for everyone!



Elf on the Shelf, Carol Beals



"Snowball" Fight!

Meeting Minutes – December 29, 2014
CONDUCTED BY PAT DAMLER

• **Attendance**

43 – Members

2 – Guests: Betsy Stuerke and Rev. Jeff Rausche, our speaker

• **Free Lunch Winner** – Sharon Corum

• **Birthdays** – Colleen Bean 12/29 and John McDaniel 1/4

• **Brags** – Pete Buckley, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, and Tim Hoel,

• **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

SAM Pantry Christmas Donation –

Members generously donated \$710.00 for SAM Pantry. Betsy Stuerke was present to accept the check. Our donations will put a lot of food on the shelves!



2015 Easter Egg Hunt – Tammy Baer announced that the Board is looking for a Kiwanis to chair the Easter Egg Hunt that is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. If you are interested, please contact Tammy, an officer or Board member.

PROGRAM:



Jerry Reynolds introduced our speaker, Rev. Jeff Rausche. Jeff is an associate director, working for seven years, at Chaddock located in Quincy, Illinois. Chaddock was founded as a ministry college by the United

Methodist Church in 1853. In 1900 the college was closed and sold, and 32 acres were purchased to start an orphanage. The orphanage first focused on children from the “orphan trains.”

Today the Chaddock team includes over 220 highly trained employees who serve thousands of children and families every year through foster care and a full range of preventative, educational, and treatment services.

Chaddock is on the cutting edge of residential treatment for children who have experienced severe abuse, neglect, or other trauma in their early years of development, and is nationally-respected for the excellent results demonstrated in their Developmental Trauma and Attachment Program (DTAP). Many of the children in this program are adopted by loving families, but the unresolved issues from their early childhood prevent them from forming loving, nurturing relationships. However, three out of four children in this successful program, whose issues were so profound that they were unable to live in a home environment, are able to return home or go to a less restrictive environment in an average of 18-24 months.

Chaddock’s on-campus school, meeting the accreditation of 29 states, provides specialized education for 90 residential students and for 40 students from the Quincy area. Chaddock is raising funds to build a new school that would service 130 students.

Our foster care program is consistently rated as one of the top programs in the state of Illinois. The ultimate goal of our program is to provide a safe and loving home for children in need.

For more information go to: chaddock.org

Lt. Gov. Butler's Traveling Gavel Delivered to Decatur Noon – 12/2/14



Tim presenting the gavel



President Tom Pratt unwrapping package with difficulty



Tom realizes that gavel is embedded in a block of ice!

More photos on our website and our Facebook

Christmastown Parade – 12/6/14



More photos on our website and our Facebook

Kiwanis Table - Christmastown Craft Fair 12/6/14



More photos on our website and our Facebook

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB
2014 DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 12:07PM by President Tammy Baer with the following officers, club directors, and guests present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres	X	David Butler – Vice Pres	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Pat Damler – Past Pres	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Jim Hausmann (2017)		Guests: Carol Burwash
	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas		Dave & Val Morgan
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Leonard – Pres Elect		Tim & Sherrie Hoel

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of November Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. November Monthly Reports – Janet Butler had emailed Board members copies of the monthly Tuscola Volunteer Hours report and the Kiwanis International monthly report for their review. There was a total of 967 hours reported. Jerry Leonard made a motion to approve the reports. Donna Motley seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copy of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 12/10/14, the current balance is \$8,468.56. The main expenditure was the payment of the club’s 2014/2015 dues to Kiwanis International. David Butler made a motion to approve the report. Carol Beals seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –Carol Beals made a motion to disburse the \$200.00 pledge for Camp Independence. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. Pat Damler made a motion to approve a \$100.00 donation request for the PASS after-school program to help children whose families cannot afford to pay the fee. Jim Hausmann seconded the motion and it was approved.

Janet Butler made a motion to decline Salvation Army’s cash donation request since club members “ring the bell” to raise funds for Tuscola. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The Board agreed that Tammy Baer would report our decision to members at our next meeting, and advise them if any member wants to further support Tuscola Salvation Army individually to donate to the Tuscola kettles.

Jerry Leonard made a motion to decline Camp New Hope's request for a cash donation. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved. Jerry suggested that the camp be contacted for a program, and if someone did so, an envelope would be sent around the next week for any members who wish to donate to the camp. Carol Beals volunteered to contact the camp and if interested, schedule a camp speaker for her date in April.

5. Key Club Service Hours – Mike Damler sent a copy with Pat of the Key Club's November Service Hours report. Total club service hours for October were 187.1 hours with a year-to-date total of 680.6 hours. The top 5 members for October were Maria Meyer, Ashley Mattingly, Alexis Nau, Emma Sementi, and Helen Swearingen. Janet will include the information from the monthly reports, as received, in the club's monthly newsletters, and Mike or Tammy will share the information at regular club meetings, as received. The Board also discussed possibly doing a before-end-of-school-year event with the Key Club recognizing the top five or so Key Clubbers in service hours and/or including that recognition during Honors Day before or after awarding the Kiwanis Scholarships. The question was asked if service hours were taken into consideration in determining the scholarship winners. Pat Damler agreed to go back and talk to Mike about our discussion to get this feedback and suggestions before the Board discusses it further.
6. Quilt Raffle – A total of \$370.00 was raised from the quilt raffle. The Christmas quilt was donated to the club as a fundraiser by Sandy Robinson. Janet Butler made a motion to designate the \$370.00 towards the Ervin Park Toddlers' Playground. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet advised that she would send a thank you note to Sandy this week advising her how much the quilt raised, and that Lisa Wireman from the Red Barn buffet won the quilt.
7. Ervin Park Toddlers' Playground – With the \$123.00 raised at Christmastown and the \$370.00 raised from the quilt raffle, total donations so far for the playground is \$493.00. The club has pledged \$2,000 for the playground. The club has also asked for a donation from the Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF). The Board and guests discussed how we might go about raising the remaining funds of \$1,507. One suggestion was to have another Peanut Day in April 2015. Dave Morgan suggested that once we heard from KIF in February, a letter would go out to all members advising them of the KIF donation and asking for individual member donations of \$25.00 for the playground. Janet Butler made a motion to implement Dave's suggestion. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. If the request for member donations is successful, there will be no need for another Peanut Day or other fundraiser to meet the club's playground pledge. In case we must do further fundraising, Pat Damler asked Board members to email her any other ideas for raising the playground donation.

8. Upcoming Fundraisers – Our Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for February 21, 2015, chaired by Toppo Mooday and assisted by Judy Heilich. The Fish Fry Dinner is scheduled for March 20, 2015, chaired by Pat Damler and assisted by Pat & Tom Sturgis. Pat Damler reported that she will be talking to Curt McDaniel about providing a second fryer to increase our capacity. Both events are held at Forty Martyrs Hall. Mark your calendars!
9. Easter Egg Hunt – The Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 28, 2015. Janet will be sending letters in early January 2015 requesting donations from Tanger Mall, TEDI/Chamber, Tuscola Moose, Tuscola Women of the Moose, Tuscola Rotary, Tuscola Tourism, and Tuscola Woman’s Club to help fund this event’s expenses. Tammy will be asking for a member to step up to chair this event. Mark your calendars!
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Baby....it's cold outside!

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