

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2006

Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting – July 5th at noon at Tuscany's
 - Membership Recruitment Dinner – Tentatively scheduled for August
 - Peanut Sales Days – Tentatively scheduled the 3rd weekend of September
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Upcoming Program Assignments

July 3	No Meeting
July 10	Ben Mingo
July 17	Kevin Nolan
July 24	Dennis Opperman
July 31	Jaki Ottolini
August 7	Carl Quinn
August 14	Ed Wachala
August 21	Wayne Ward
August 28	Carole Weber
September 4	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 11	Gary Weber
September 18	Paul Wisovaty
September 25	Jim Wood

Hope you had a fun and safe July 4th!
Tuscola festivities and fireworks scheduled for July 8th!

Meeting of 6/5/06

There were 23 members and 1 guest, Mike Timlin, our speaker, in attendance.

Members were reminded to turn in their May volunteer hours to Wayne Ward.

The traveling gavel was presented in a seed corn bag to the Decatur Noon Club on May 23rd. The presentation included a poem by Dave Dobson. The members attending were Carol Burwash, Paul Wisovaty, Betty Leonard and Earl Pendergrass.

Mike Damler read a thank you note from Annie Sutherland for the scholarship she received from our club. On Honors Day, the Tuscola graduating seniors received over \$40,000 in scholarships.

The news regarding Greg Hankey was not good. He suffered a relapse on May 20th and is not speaking or swallowing. Please keep him in your prayers.

Edie Griffith and Janet Butler volunteered to coordinate the preparation of the I-I District Convention basket. So far items for the basket include pear honey, homemade egg noodles, and a small Amish cookbook.

Carol Burwash again encouraged members to attend the August I-I District Convention in Dubuque, Iowa. She advised that most of the important events take place on Saturday, 8/5 so if you want to come for just one day, that would be the best day.

Club members have now brought in enough empty ink cartridges that we have filled a second box. Candy Hudson reported that \$32 was generated from the first box sent. Mike Damler volunteered to send off the second box. Proceeds go to the Children's Miracle Network.



Our speaker for today was Mike Timlin. He is the president of a new, non-profit organization called “Scouting in Tuscola.” Mike was a scout from age eight to eighteen. The organization’s goal is to help the multiple scout units in Tuscola and projects such as leadership training for scouts. The organization was incorporated in Illinois in February 2006. Because the organization is not affiliated with the Boy Scout organization, all funds raised by the organization stay in Tuscola. The organization has also had the opportunity to provide better communications and coordination between the groups that use the scout building such as the girl scouts.

One of the organization’s priorities is the Tuscola Scout Building. Its funding no longer covers its expenses primarily due to increased utility bills. The building also needs a new, more efficient furnace. The building hosts 7-10 meeting per week. There are about 145 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts that depend on the use of the building for their meetings.

Fund-raising includes a golf outing and dinner scheduled in about two weeks. The Boy Scouts also keep the landscape waste facility open on Sundays for the City of Tuscola. The city will make a donation to the organization for this service. There will be a carwash at Ironhorse Golf Course. Other fund-raisers will be held during the year.

Mike thanked Darrell Helm and Mike Damler for maintaining the landscape and lawn at the scout building. Their services to the scout building are very much appreciated!

My doctor's office gives each patient a card with the date of the next appointment. One lady came in with her card on August 23rd, and here's what happened:

- **Lady:** "My card says to be here on the 28th at 10am, and I'm here!"
- **Receptionist:** "But, ma'am today is the 23rd."
- **Lady:** "No it isn't, my card says the 28th!"
- **Receptionist:** "I know your card says the 28th, but that's next Monday."
- **Lady:** "No, my card says to be here on the 28th, and I'm here!"

This went on for several minutes until the receptionist got out a calendar.

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Meeting of 6/12/06

There were 20 members and 1 guest, our speaker Jerry Hall, in attendance.

Paul Wisovaty reminded members that the Vietnam Traveling Wall would be in Tuscola from July 5th through July 10th. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. If you have not had the chance to volunteer, please contact Paul.

Carol Burwash advised Edie Griffith and Janet Butler that the I-I District Convention basket would be a basket from Division 27. Richard Kaufman will be contacting Janet to coordinate the basket preparation with the other clubs.

There is an inter-club meeting on Thursday, 6/22 in Champaign. Ed Wachala passed around a sign-up sheet.



Today's speaker was Jerry Hall from the Tuscola Journal newspaper. The Journal is a Hasting Publication, and Jerry is the Sales Manager. The staff also includes Colleen Lehmann-editor, Craig Hastings-contributing editor, Eric Hastings-photographer, Scott Gower-graphic design and Michelle Coartney-pagination. The first issue of the current Tuscola Journal was issued April 11, 2006. It is published weekly on Tuesdays.

The Journal's emphasis is on local activities and local news. Each edition includes the court report,

obituaries, back in the day and many other regular columns. A year's subscription is \$25 for Douglas County residents.

Henry David Thoreau said: "It's not enough to be busy. The question is, "What are we busy about?" We Kiwanians can answer that question with pride. We're busy with fellowship and service, working to benefit others, not just ourselves.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of 6/19/06

There were 24 members in attendance.

There is an inter-club meeting at noon in Champaign on Thursday, 6/22. Betty Leonard, Carole Weber, Ed Wachala will meet at the Butlers' at 11:15AM. One of the Butlers will also go.

Carol Burwash again asked for ideas for the I-I District Convention basket. Janet Butler advised that Richard Kaufman had not contacted her, however Janet said she would email Richard this week.

Debbie Graber provided an update on Greg Hankey. He has not yet been moved from Carle Hospital. The plan is still to move him to a nursing home near Watseka where his mother and sister live. He is still not speaking, not swallowing and is blind in his left eye. No positive progress at this point.

Ed Kenny, fund-raising chairman for the I-I District Convention, provided Carol Burwash with 10 raffle tickets to benefit Spastic Paralysis Research. The tickets are \$10 each. Contact Carol Burwash if you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket.

Cindy Bickers has scheduled a trauma doll workshop at her home at noon on Friday, June 30th. Cindy will provide sandwiches and beverages. Members can bring additional food though Cindy advised that it is not necessary for all attendees to bring food as there is always plenty.



Today's speaker was Kathryn McCumber. Kathryn had been absent from meetings lately due to some wonderful traveling and visiting with her family. On her trip to Texas, there were 20 family members enjoying Austin, Texas. They did a boating trip on Lake Travis, toured the Texas capitol building and visited the University of Texas campus. Kathryn returned home to do laundry and re-pack, and was off to New Hampshire. She attended the graduation of one of her grandson's from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. The nation's ninth oldest college and a member of the Ivy League, Dartmouth is a private, four-year, liberal arts, coeducational college with schools of business, engineering and medicine as well as 18 graduate programs in the arts

and sciences.

Kathryn shared with us some of her thoughts regarding the **Lord's Prayer**.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, Jesus responded with what we know as the Lord's Prayer. The fact that the disciples requested a model for praying shows us that we don't have to feel guilty when we don't understand prayer and need help with it. We seem to think we should know instinctively about praying, but from their question we see that even the disciples -- who were

with Jesus every day, witnessing his life and seeing how he prayed -- still needed help with praying. The Lord wants us to talk to Him through prayer.

Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many.

By William A. Foster

Meeting of 6/26/06

There were 22 members and 6 guests. The guests included co-speaker Wayne Meyer, Lt. Governor Richard Kaufman, and members of the Decatur Noon Club – Dan Maguire, John Coulter, Paul Lourash and Bob Emmons.

Officers and board members were reminded of the board meeting at Tuscany's at noon on July 5th.

There are still raffle tickets available for \$10 each to raise money for spastic paralysis at the I-I District Convention.

Carole Weber, Ed Wachala, Betty Leonard and David Butler attended the Champaign Noon Club meeting on June 22nd. The program was presented by a State Police officer.

Mike Damler reported on the B.U.G. program. There were 143 East Prairie students that brought up grades. Sixteen students brought up grades twice. No student brought up grades three times during the 2005-2006 school year. Packets of post cards were distributed to members for notes to be added and mailed.

Earl Pendergrass and Wayne Meyer presented the programs. Earl was 81 years old on July 3rd. Earl took the aviation cadet exam in 1942 and was one of 14 that passed. Of those 14, only 4 passed the written test and 2 passed the physical. Earl signed up at age 17½ and then finished high school before reporting for duty. He was in the service for 29 months. There was two years of training for 90 days of flying. He flew on 26 mission of the 411 missions flown. Earl was on the last mission flown in World Was II. He is still an active member of the 376th Bombers group.

Wayne Meyer talked about his experience in the Korean War. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force as an Air Police. He was inducted on February 11, 1954. Fighter pilots needed security training when the fighter bomber went nuclear in 1955. In 1963 the Reserve Squadron in Decatur needed Air Police and he signed up.

Earl and Wayne both promoted visiting the traveling Vietnam Wall which will be in Tuscola north of the East Prairie School from July 6 through July 10.

I Want To Be A Bear

In my next life, I want to be a bear

If you're a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.

Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that, too.

If you're a bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them, too. I could deal with that.

If you're a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Yup..... Gonna be a bear!

By Richard D'Andrea Dover

Highlights from the June 2006 Board Meeting

- Monthly Reports - The March and April reports for the I-I District and Division 27 Lt. Governor submitted by Wayne Ward were approved.

- Treasury Balance - Treasurer, Candy Hudson, reported the club has a balance of \$4,518.41.
- I-I District Convention Basket - Edie Griffith and Janet Butler agreed to coordinate the basket preparation for the I-I Convention. Mike Damler will check with Lt. Governor Richard Kaufman to see if it will be a Division basket or a Tuscola club basket.
- I-I District Convention – Carol Burwash received the form for registering the club’s delegates. It must be submitted by 7-15-06.
- Vietnam Traveling Wall – The board approved a donation of \$100.00.
- S.A.M. Food Pantry – The board approved payment of \$200.00 to the food pantry, as budgeted.
- Torpedo’s Swim Team – The board approved payment of \$400 to the swim team, as budgeted.
- Skip-A-Meal – Candy Hudson reported that \$144.00 had been collected for this program to benefit the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund. The board approved a payment for \$150.00 for this fund.
- Lay Person of the Year – The board recommended one of our club members for nomination. The forms will be prepared and sent.
- Membership Approval – Rick Broch’s request to re-join the club was approved. A check for \$60.00 will be sent to Kiwanis International.
- Kiwanis Peanut Day Blimp – The Peanut Day Committee called Wayne Ward about the blimp that the club rented last fall. Duncan MacGibbon still has the blimp. Clarice Hausman and Mark Jacobs will contact Duncan and send the blimp back this week.
- Website – David Butler advised that Kiwanis International has a new, free template for Kiwanis websites. He is preparing a test site and asked all board members to test the new site for any problems, before David puts it online for the entire membership.
- B.U.G. – Mike Damler provided Mrs. Hatfield the brochure with all the Bring Up Grades supplies and asked her to prepare a list of what she will need for the next year.

(Full text on club website)

I REALLY LOVE
THE PARABLE
OF THE MUSTARD
SEED.



'CAUSE IT MAKES YOU
THINK OF HOW GOD'S
KINGDOM STARTS WITH
A TINY WORD AND GROWS
TO BE A STRONG
PLACE OF HOSPITALITY?



NAW — 'CAUSE IT
MAKES ME THINK
OF HOT DOGS!
AND I LOVE HOTDOGS!



See the new web site! The website now follows the template requested by Kiwanis International. The 2006 Treasurer's Reports are on under the "News" category. Click on "2006 Treasurer's Reports" and a window will come up for an ID and password; use the same as for accessing the member list. If you have questions, send email to one of the addresses below. There are also updates to the B.U.G. information including the 2006 May list of student winners.

Please provide any information, pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or web site to:

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