



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2012

## 2012 Events

Wednesday, July 11	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
August 3 & 4 (set-up 8/1 & 8/2)	Kiwanis Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wednesday, August 8	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
Wed-Sun, August 8-12	I-I District Annual Convention, Springfield, IL

## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

July 2	Jim Wood
July 9	Doris Young
July 16	Tammy Baer
July 23	Janet Butler
July 30	Carol Beals
August 6	Lorraine Best
August 13	Maureen Bergeson
August 20	Andy Brzozkiewicz
August 27	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
September 3	<b><u>No Meeting – Labor Day Holiday</u></b>
September 10	Peter Buckley
September 17	Carol Burwash
September 24	Jan Chappell
October 1	Officer/Director Installations
October 8	Marge Conn
October 15	Linda Damler
October 22	Mike Damler
October 29	Cathy Barnard

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

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**Don't Forget to Give Janet Butler Your July Volunteer Hours  
at the end of the month!**

**[Click here to enter hours online](#)**

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**How about a riddle?**

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?
2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away ?
4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?
5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

The answers to the riddles are at the end of the newsletter. How did you do?

## Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2012

- Attendance

43 – Members

0 – Guests:

- Free Lunch Winner – Wayne Ward



Is this a happy man or what?

- Birthdays – Tammy Baer 6/10
- Brags – Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Clarice Hausman, Jaci Manzella, Art Moss, Kevin Nolan, Maribeth Opperman, and Earl Pendergrass
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Honor Flight – Earl Pendergrass shared some of his experiences from his May Washington, D.C. Honor Flight. He was accompanied by his son John, and welcomed back by his daughter Nancy.



Nancy, Earl & John

SAM Food Pantry Thank You – Jaci read a thank you note from SAM Food Pantry for the club's support for the Postal System Food Drive.

Children's Miracle Network – Mike Damler reported we have earned \$146.00 from our ink cartridge and cell phone donations for the Children's Miracle Network.

Bring Up Grades Program – Mike Damler reported there were 43 East Prairie winners comparing the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> grading period. We had 16 double winners for the 2011/2012 school year. Mike handed out postcards to members who volunteered to write a note and send the card to the winners.

### Program:

David Butler provided an entertaining



program of animated characters for members to identify. The characters covered periods

from the 1940s to current. Sweet treats were the prizes for winning members!

## Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2012

- Attendance

35 – Members

7 – Guests: Decatur Noon Interclub-Charlotte Ballance, Shirley Elkins, John Couter, and Bob Emmons; Jennifer Nolan, wife of Kevin, Ginger Campbell, guest of Tammy Baer and our speaker Jim Ingram.

- Free Lunch Winner – Art Moss

- Birthdays – Kathryn McCumber 6/15 and Betty Leonard 6/17

- Braggs – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Peter Buckley, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, Betty Leonard, Jaci Manzella, Art Moss, Dan Russell, and Patty Russell

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

The Eliminate Project – From our members' generosity, we have now raised over \$1,000 for the Eliminate Project.

Thanks to Tim Hoel – The club's cross, crafted and donated by Nick Sebastian, has a home at our meetings. Thanks, Tim.



## Program:



Wayne Ward introduced our speaker, Douglas County Clerk Jim Ingram. Jim has been in office since 1990.

If you ever wondered what the County Clerk is responsible for, here is some information that Jim shared:

- Keeper of the County Seal
- In charge of County Records
- Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Board
- All Accounts Payable
- Insurance Administrator
- Election Authority
- Tax Administrator
- Vital Records Administrator
- DBA (Doing Business As)
- Notary
- Branding Authority
- Recorder of deeds, plats, liens, etc.
- Overseer of budgeting and auditing process
- Assisting the needs of the public

Jim gave out a special thank you to Janet Cox for leading the Student Election Judge program. This is a great program and really helps out the adult judges during elections.

## Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2012

- Attendance

40 – Members

1 – Guest: Nick Sebastian, soon-to-be-new member.



Welcome, Nick!

- Free Lunch Winner – Donna Motley
- Birthdays – Art Moss 6/18
- Brags – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Jan Chappell, Linda Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Clarice Hausman, Kara Kinney, Jaci Manzella, Kathryn McCumber, Toppo Mooday, Pat Sturgis, Wayne Ward and Jim Wood
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Nominate a Deserving Kiwanian for Recognition – In follow up to the June Board meeting, Jaci discussed the nomination form for recognizing a club member for the 2011/2012 Kiwanis year. Hardcopy of the form was available, and Janet Butler e-mailed the form to members that afternoon. [Jaci has appointed a Nomination Committee with two Board members and two club members: Alan Shoemaker, Lorraine Best, Barb Moss and Kevin Nolan.] Copy of the form can be found later in this newsletter.

Sparks in the Park Parade – The parade will line up on Parke Street beginning at 4PM on Friday, July 6. A sign-up sheet went around for members who would like to ride on the trailer. Members are also welcome to walk with the club's entry and give out candy. Contact Jaci if you want your name added.

Membership Recruitment Dinner – The dinner will be held again this year, however members will not be required to provide the names of two people as potential members. The format will be basically the same as last year and members will be encouraged to bring potential-member guests. Letters will not be sent out and no follow up calls will be made. Potential-member guests' dinner will be paid for by the club. Carol Burwash has agreed to be the chairperson for this event. All members are encouraged to attend with or without a guest. It is an annual event that members enjoy!

Kiwanis Garage Sale – The sign-up sheets began going around for the August Kiwanis garage sale and will do so for the next few meetings. If you would like to volunteer but do not have a chance to sign up at a meeting, contact Janet Butler.

### Program:

Our speaker today was member Gary



Weber. Gary took a fantastic trip to Mexico in April and wanted to share some of his experiences and photos at Chichen Itza. It is a Mayan ruin built between 600 – 1250

A.D. For photos and information go to:  
[www.chichenitza.com](http://www.chichenitza.com)

## Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2012

- **Attendance**

43 – Members

1 – Guests: Nick Sebastian-soon to be new member, Ellie Lacine and our speaker, Steve Lacine.

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Jerry Leonard
- **Birthdays** – None
- **Braggs** – Janet Boyer, Jan Chappell, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Judy Landeck, Nick Sebastian, and Robert Van Cleave
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

**Kiwanis Garage Sale** – The sign-up sheets continue to go around. If you have not had a chance to sign up at a meeting, call Janet Butler 253-5107. She can review the slots that are still open and sign you up!

**Danville Noon Interclub** – Topy reported that six members-Marge Conn, Jeannine Fortney, Jerry Leonard, Topy Mooday, Gary Weber, Doris Young- went to the Danville Noon meeting on June 21. The speaker was a WWII Navy veteran and shared his experiences from that time.

**Sparks In The Park Parade** – The parade is Friday, 7/6 at 5:00PM. Diane Pangburn has volunteered the trailer, Dennis Opperman the truck/driver, Tim Hoel the straw bales, Gary Weber the power converter and David Butler music and sound system. The line up for the parade begins at 4:00PM on Parke Street. Dennis will work out the details with the Pangburns and Tim to have our entry there. Plan to arrive by 4:30PM.

**Thank You Note** –Mike Damler read a thank you note from Leslie Borries for her \$750.00 scholarship from our club.

Note: Meeting conducted by Secretary Janet Butler due to Jaci Manzella's absence.

### **Program:**



Janet Butler, subbing for Steve Niemann, introduced Ellie Lacine and our speaker, Steve Lacine. He began by thanking the club for its

financial support over these many years. Steve took over the swim team in 2011 from Pat & Jo Mosely who had run it for over 20 years. He got involved with the swim team in 1995 due to his six children. His son Michael and daughter Mary are coaches along with Eric Kennedy and Rachel McCumber.

Last year the team had 50 swimmers; this year there are 65. The ages are 5 to 18. The team is in a conference in the South Division competing with Charleston, Effingham, and Shelbyville. There are 5-6 regular meets, an all conference meet and an all-star state meet. Steve talked about competitive swimming at the state and college levels. For example, there are about 1,800 swimmers competing for 50 spots on the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team. However, the Torpedoes Swim Team program is dedicated to helping children learn and improve their swimming skills. If a child is really serious about becoming a competitive swimmer, they would probably need to join the Mattoon or Champaign swimming clubs to practice all year long.



**Tuscola Kiwanis Club**

# 2011/2012 NOMINATION FORM

Members,

Would you like to nominate a fellow Kiwanian for recognition for the 2011/2012 Kiwanis year? The Board will review nominations, after considering the Nominating Committee's recommendations, and award a "Kiwanian of the Year Award" and/or "Distinguished Service Award(s)", as deemed appropriate. Award(s) will be presented after September 30, 2012.

Please complete this form to nominate a member for a 2011/2012 award:

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Person you are nominating \_\_\_\_\_

### **Why should this Kiwanian be recognized by the club?**

Club Participation (Consider service project and fundraiser participation, meeting/district meeting/convention attendance, assisting with meeting tasks, bringing new ideas forward, etc.)

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Club Leadership (Consider officer, Board director, committee chairperson/co-chairperson participation and any other activities that show leadership in the club.)

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Volunteerism (Consider volunteering related to club and community activities.)

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What special thing(s) did this Kiwanian do this year that should be recognized?

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**Attach additional pages if needed.**

**- RETURN TO ALAN SHOEMAKER OR LORRAINE BEST NO LATER THAN JULY 30, 2012 -**

## June 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Amishland Buffet on Wednesday, 6/13/2012 at 12:05 PM by President Jaci Manzella with the following Board Directors present:

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

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of May Board Meeting – Tim Hoel made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. May Monthly Reports – Janet had provided Board members an advance copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of volunteer hours was 668 service hours. Lorraine Best made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved. David Butler offered to post the Tuscola monthly reports on the club website. Board members accepted the offer so the reports would be readily available to members.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 6/13/12 the current balance in the Treasury is \$11,128.88 including allocations of \$1,009.58 for the Eliminate Project and \$156.40 for the 2013 Easter Egg Hunt. David Butler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Sherrie Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – None requested.
5. Sparks in the Park Parade – The 2012 parade will be on Friday, July 6 at 5:00PM. Members Dennis Opperman, Diane Pangburn and Tim Hoel have volunteered a truck/driver, trailer and hay bales respectively. There will be room for many members to ride on the trailer. Members are also welcome to walk with the entry and hand out candy to bystanders. Gary Weber will provide the power inverter and David Butler will provide a system with patriotic music. Jaci is looking into what member(s) may be storing decorations for the trailer. Member who are riding or walking should report to Irvin Park about 4:30PM. Janet will prepare a sign-up sheet to be sent around beginning at our June 18 meeting.
6. September & October Board Meeting Dates Changed – Janet Butler requested that the September and October Board meeting dates be changed to dates when she is not out of town. After discussion, the September Board meeting was changed to Friday, September 7 and the October Board meeting was changed to Wednesday, October 3. Janet thanked the Board for accommodating her travel schedule.

7. Recognizing Members – The Board reviewed the nomination form drafted by Janet Butler. Janet will update the form as discussed and e-mail it for final approval. The Board agreed a committee of two Board members and two club members will review the nominations and make recommendations to the Board. Alan Shoemaker volunteered to chair the committee and Lorraine Best volunteered to be the second Board member to serve on the committee. The Board will make the final determinations on which members will be recognized, if any in a given year. Awards may include a Tuscola Kiwanian of the Year and/or Distinguished Service Award(s). For the 2011/2012 year, if a Tuscola Kiwanian of the Year is awarded, this member will also receive a Kiwanis International Zeller Award for the club donating \$1,250.00 to The Eliminate Project. If there is no such award for 2011/2012, the \$1,250.00 donation to the project will still be submitted before September 30, 2012. Janet Butler made a motion to put this process in place and make the Eliminate Project donations before 9-30-12. Sherrie seconded the motion and it was approved.
8. Membership Dinner – Jaci reported that a member had suggested to her that we take a break and not have the dinner since we have increased club membership to 80, and are currently +8 from last year. After discussion, Board members thought a less structured process would be appropriate for this year. Club members enjoy the fellowship and enjoyment this dinner brings each year. David made a motion that we have the dinner but we won't require members to give us the names of two prospective members. Furthermore, we will encourage members to bring a prospective member (club pays for the prospective member's dinner) but we won't send out letters or make follow-up calls. To get a count for the dinner, members will have to sign up, and provide guest names, as needed. Carol Burwash has agreed to chair the membership dinner committee. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved.
9. KI Convention Amendments – There are a number of proposed amendments that will be voted on at the KI Convention in New Orleans. The most important is a proposal for a dues increase from \$42.00 to \$57.00. Janet reported that there had not been a dues increase by KI since 2003, and due to loss of members, the KI Board felt they could no longer hold the line on dues. After discussion, Janet & David Butler, our voting delegates, were directed to vote "no" in the dues increase. Attached is a summary of the dues increase and other proposed amendments that Janet thought the Board and members should be aware.
10. Key Club Convention Ad – Janet was sent a copy of the March 2012 Key Club Convention booklet which included the \$25.00 ad that "shouted out" to the Tuscola Key Club.
11. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 11 at noon at the Amishland Buffet.
12. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Janet Butler  
Secretary

## Proposed Amendments – 2012 Kiwanis International Convention

All proposed amendments submitted by the KI Board or the KI Council except where noted below.

1. REMOVING SPECIFIC AGE - Membership in a club is open to ~~persons eighteen (18) years of age and over adults~~ who satisfy the qualifications.....
2. REDUCING REGULAR MEETING REQUIREMENT - A club shall hold at least ~~two (2)~~ one (1) regularly scheduled ~~meetings~~ meeting each month.....
3. KI DUES INCREASE EFFECTIVE 10-1-12 - Each club shall pay to Kiwanis International for each member...., the sum of ~~forty-two dollars (US\$42.00)~~ fifty-seven dollars (US\$57.00) per annum.
4. NEW OBJECT OF KIWANIS – To encourage, support and promote an equal opportunity to serve. Submitted by The Kiwanis Club of Montavilla, Oregon. KI Board does not support this amendment.
5. NEW KI COMMITTEE – Establish a new Past International Trustees Committee. No cost to KI; all members pay own expenses. Committee will focus on improving and enhancing KI's commitments/goals; will take on a major study on a specific topic and make recommendations as requested by the KI Board. Submitted by The Kiwanis Club of Starkville, Mississippi. The KI Board takes no position on this.
6. REMOVE DISCRETION OF THE KI BOARD OVER THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS REQUIRED TO FORM A NEW CLUB – The minimum number of members ~~for the organization to~~ organize and charter of a prospective club shall be determined by the ~~Board of Trustees~~ House of Delegates, but shall not be less than fifteen (15) active members. Submitted by the California-Nevada-Hawaii District Board of Trustees. KI Board does not support this amendment.

### Amendments Adopted by the KI Council 1-14-12

The KI Bylaws provide that by a vote of 2/3 by all members of the KI Council, the council may enact or amend any provisions of the bylaws that required a majority vote. These remain in force unless rescinded at the next KI convention. No requests to rescind were received so these changes will stand. These changes were to assist clubs that have a small membership.

1. Eliminate requirement for a club to have a Vice President.
2. Reduce required number of club Board directors from 5 to 3.



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### Answers to the Riddles

1. The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. (That one was easy, right?)
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry (shot; held under water; and hung).
3. Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.
4. Sure, you can name three consecutive days: yesterday, today, and tomorrow!
5. The letter "e" which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph.

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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](mailto:dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org)

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