



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

**JULY 2013**

## 2013 Events

Wednesday, July 10	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon
Saturday, July 13	Kiwanis Leadership Training, Tuscola, IL
Wednesday, August 7	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon
Thu-Sun August 8 – 11	I-I District Annual Convention, Naperville, IL

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## Looking Ahead - 2014 Events

Thursday, April 10	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 11	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 12	Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt

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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

July 1	Dennis Opperman
July 8	Patty Russell
July 15	Nancy Runge
July 22	Dan Russell
July 29	Maribeth Opperman
August 5	Art Moss
August 12	Vera Nauta
August 19	Nick Sebastian
August 26	Barb Moss
September 2	<b><u>No Meeting – Labor Day</u></b>
September 9	Pat Sturgis
September 16	Tom Sturgis

September 23	Robert Van Cleave
September 30	Office/Board Installations
October 7	Wayne Ward
October 14	Gary Weber
October 21	Carey Wood
October 28	Jim Wood
November 4	Mary Schultz
November 11	Doris Young
November 18	Wilma Allen
November 25	Tammy Baer
December 2	Bill Bauer
December 9	Carol Beals
December 16	Club Christmas Party – Bring \$10
December 23	<b><u>No Meeting – Christmas Week</u></b>
December 30	Maureen Bergeson

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 July Volunteer Hours at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

### **Did You Know?**

**Whew, scientific proof. What a relief to learn this !**



Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was ? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses.

Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an Event Boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.

**It's not us! Blame the door!**

## Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2013

### • Attendance

49 – Members

5 – Guests: Decatur Noon Interclub: Shirley Elkin, Bruce Gibbons, Hadi Gibbons, and John Couter; and Marnie Foltz, our speaker

### • Free Lunch Winner – Mike Damler

### • Birthdays – 6/3 Carol Beals

• Brags – Peter Buckley, David Butler, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Darrell Helm, Tim Hoel, Kathryn McCumber, Steve Niemann, and Doris Young

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

Member Recognition – Alan reminded members that nominations to recognize a fellow Kiwanian are due by July 30, 2013 to Pat Damler. Form at end of this newsletter, available at meetings, and on the club website.

Thank You Note – The club received a thank you note from kindergarten teacher Mrs. Brookins and her class for the equipment that our club donated to their learning center.

Kiwanis International Patches – The club received a Kiwanis International Foundation annual gift patch and a Skip-A-Meal patch for our donations. Wayne's wife Joann will generously sew them on one of our banners.

B.U.G. – Bring Up Grades – Mike Damler handed out postcards to be sent to the latest B.U.G. winners from East Prairie. There were 40 winners for improving their grades from the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-week grading period to the 4<sup>th</sup> 9-week grading period of the 2012/2013 school year. Of the 40 winners, 9 students were second time recipients during this school year. Well done!

### Program:



Donna Motley introduced our guest, Marnie Foltz from the The Jarman Center. Marnie spoke about the newly formed C.H.O.P.s (Children of Old People) support group and The Jarman Center. Jarman, Tuscola's former hospital, is a senior living facility and its monthly charge includes three meals a day, weekly housekeeping, flat laundry, cable TV, planned activities, rooms with private baths and bedroom, and all utilities (except personal telephone). Also included is access to common areas: lounges, kitchenette, exercise room, and game room. Emergency necklaces are provided as well.

C.H.O.P.s is a group for adults who need a place to vent, learn, and build a buddy system while navigating caretaking for an older person. The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6PM at The Jarman Center. An informative speaker is usually scheduled.

For more information on C.H.O.P.s and/or The Jarman Center call 253-2325 or go to: [www.jarmancenter.com](http://www.jarmancenter.com)

## Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2013

- Attendance

46 – Members

2 – Guest: Mallory Davidson and Brian Moody, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Betty Leonard

- Birthdays – Tammy Baer 6/10 and Kathryn McCumber 6/15

- Brags – Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Debbie Graber, Carol Hausman, Tim Hoel, Jaci Manzella, Patty Russell, and Doris Young

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Marilyn Davidson Memorial High Heel Dash – Mallory Davidson wanted to promote this fun event which the proceeds go towards computers for East Prairie Middle School. It is scheduled in downtown Tuscola on Saturday, June 22 with registration at 7:15a and the event at 8:00a.

Trauma Doll Workshop – Reminder... the next trauma doll workshop will be Wednesday, June 19 at 5:30PM – 9:00PM at the Butler home (114 W Van Allen). If you would like to attend and have not had a chance to sign up on the sign-up sheet, contact Janet at [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or 253-5107.

BETHS Place Thank You – The club received a thank you card from BETHS Place for the spring cleanup that was done as the club's Kiwanis One Day project.

Recycled Cartridges – Mike Damler reported that the club has received \$83.00 from the old ink jet cartridges and phones that we have turned in so far this year.

### Program:



Kevin Nolan introduced our guest speaker, Brian Moody. Brian is the Tuscola Economic Development Inc. (TEDI) Executive Director. Brian gave members an update on what has been going on in Tuscola regarding economic development.

Work will begin soon on the old Dixie Truck Stop property. On the front portion of the property will be a new convenience store with a new road linking Prairie Street to Shopko behind the store. Options are still being looked at for the back portion of the property.

The biggest news for downtown is in the old 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank building at 100 N. Main Street. This building will be the home of John McDevitt's Yellow Dog Studio plus a collective of 30-50 artists. The business specializes in creating works of art from recycled materials.

There is still no decision on the \$1.2 billion Cronus fertilizer plant location though Brian expects a decision in 2-4 weeks. If Douglas County is selected, the plant would be located on 240 acres near Cargill, on the north side of Route 36 and would employ about 150 full-time employees.

## Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2013

- Attendance

45 – Members

3 – Guests: Decatur Early Birds  
Interclub: Ned Hawbecker, Fred  
Saurmann, and Rich Barnett

- Free Lunch Winner – Donna Motley
- Birthdays – Betty Leonard 6/17 and Art Moss 6/18
- Brags – Pete Buckley, Jeannine Fortney, Kathryn McCumber, and Vera Nauta
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Club Honors Kathryn McCumber's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Alan Shoemaker presented Kathryn a birthday card from club members and a \$90.00 donation to the Josie McCarty Art Scholarship Fund in honor of this milestone birthday.



Congratulations, Kathryn!

Member Recognition – Alan reminded members that nominations to recognize a fellow Kiwanian are due by July 30, 2013 to Pat Damler. Form at end of this newsletter.

### Douglas County Disaster Response Exercise

– Pat Damler passed around a sign-up sheet for this exercise on Saturday, July 27. If you are interested in volunteering and have not had an opportunity to sign up, contact Pat Damler.

Sparks In the Park – David Butler passed around a sign-up sheet for assisting with parking on Saturday, July 6 at Ervin Park from 4-8p and/or 10-11p. If you would like to help and have not had an opportunity to sign up, contact David Butler.

Membership Recruitment Dinner – Carol Burwash has volunteered to again chair the membership recruitment dinner. More details will follow. Tentative date is Thursday, August 22 at Amishland Buffet.

I-I District Convention – Alan advised members that online registration at [www.iikiwanis.org](http://www.iikiwanis.org) was available for the August 8-11 district convention.

New Member Challenge – A challenge has been issued! Alan Shoemaker and an anonymous member will each donate \$25.00 to Computers for Kids for every Rotarian that joins our club before September 30, 2013. Let's go get 'em!

### Program:

Steve Niemann presented photos and information about his trip to China, Hong Kong and India as part of an Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program. This is a two year program that Steve attended in 2010-2012.



## Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2013

- Attendance

38 – Members

1 – Guest: Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell

- Free Lunch Winner – Jeannine Fortney
- Birthdays – None
- Brags – Wilma Allen, Lorraine Best, David Butler, Janet Butler, Jan Chappell, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Debbie Graber, and Dennis Opperman
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Trauma Doll Workshop – The June 19 workshop was a great success with 74 dolls being completed, and about the same number ready to be stuffed for the next workshop. There were 23 Kiwanians and two guests, Cathy Feldman and Fred Heilich. Great job!

Membership Recruitment Dinner – Mark Your Calendars! – The membership recruitment dinner has been set for Thursday, August 22 at the Amishland Buffet. More details to follow from Chairperson Carol Burwash.

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Douglas County Relay for Life – Jan Chappell reported that about \$58,000 was been raised, and thanked the Kiwanians who participated and donated.

Eliminate Project Donations – Mike Damler reported that members have donated \$2,230.81 to the Eliminate Project since October 1, 2012 to June 17, 2013. Awesome! Keep up the good work!

Interclub Meeting - Lorraine Best, Mike Damler, Darrell Helm, Betty Leonard, Carol Martin and Maribeth Opperman celebrated with Decatur Golden K their 32<sup>nd</sup> Club Anniversary on Tuesday, June 18.

### Program:

David Butler presented a True/False quiz to



members on “Old Wives’ Tales – Fact or Fiction?” There were forty-two tales, and Lorraine Best won the prize with only ten wrong answers. Great fun for all!



**Trauma Doll Workshop – June 19, 2013**



**Mmmmm...lots of great food!**



**74 Dolls Completed!**

**More photos on our website!**

## June 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Tuscola Downtown Diner on Wednesday, 6/12/2013 at 12:05 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.		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of May Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our website.
2. May Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of service volunteer hours was 695. Jerry Leonard made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved. The full reports are on our website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 6/12/13, the current balance in the Treasury is \$16,847.61. Candy reported that \$450.00 was received from the I-I District in district dues because the club grew over 25% in 2011/2012. Kim Higgins made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – None were requested.
5. Dues Update – All dues for club members are paid and up to date.
6. Music Programs & Computers for Kids Fundraising Committees – No updates from Alan Shoemaker or Tammy Baer.
7. 2012/2013 Distinguished Club Criteria – The Board reviewed the club’s progress in meeting the criteria. President-Elect Pat Damler and Secretary Janet Butler are both registered for CLE training. Regarding satisfying eight of the criteria, the club has met seven, and there should be no problem meeting one more item. The club must bring in at least two more new members before 9-30-13, however the club’s goal is to bring in five more new members so the club is +1 over last year. The membership recruitment dinner is expected to satisfy the new member criteria.



8. Membership Recruitment Dinner – Board members discussed a recruitment dinner in the August time frame. Members felt the location, dinner and how the invitations were handled last year worked well, and it was suggested that Carol Burwash be asked if she would chair the dinner again. Tentative dates are Thursday, August 22 with a second choice date of Thursday, August 29 at the Amishland Buffet. Janet volunteered to contact Carol. She will report back to the Board after talking to Carol. [NOTE: Janet spoke with Carol and she gladly volunteered to chair the dinner this year. She plans to confirm the dinner date with the Amishland Buffet on Monday, June 17 and will advise.]
9. Club Member Recognition – No nominations have been received by Pat Damler so far. Nomination forms are available at the front desk of our meetings and on the club's website. Form is also enclosed with this newsletter. In July, Janet will put forms on the tables as well. Nominations must be submitted to Pat Damler no later than July 30, 2013.
10. District Convention – Board members were asked to read the Illeiwon biographies by July 10 for the three Governor-Elect candidates. At the July Board meeting, the club's two voting delegates will be selected, and given voting direction for the club. Board members welcome any input from the club's membership.
11. Sparks In the Park – Alta Long, city treasurer, made a request via Dave Butler asking if some Kiwanis members would help with parking control on Saturday, July 6 from about 4p-6p and 9:30p-10:30p. David requested permission to pass around a sign-up sheet for this request and agree to take the lead. Since last year went well, Kim Higgins suggested that Dave check with the person that organized the parking control last year. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approved David's request. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
12. Douglas County Emergency Operations Plan Test – Alan received a request from Joe Victor, Douglas County Emergency Management Agency Director, asking for volunteers on July 27 for a full-scale exercise to test the county's emergency plan. About 70 volunteers are needed in the Atwood area and 140 more in the Garrett area. There are many different roles and capacities that a volunteer can do during the test. The test is anticipated to begin at 9:00AM and to conclude around 1:00PM on Saturday, July 27. Pat Damler advised that she would be involved in the test with MRC, and would be willing to present the request to members. After some discussion, Board members agreed to pass around a sign-up sheet for members that may be interested. The names and phone number will be provided back to Joe so that the members on the list can be contacted individually to arrange volunteering, if he/she so desires. Janet Butler volunteered to provide the sign-up sheet for Pat to pass around after she discusses the test.

13. Donation in Honor of Kathryn McCumber's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Via email discussion and voting, motions were made by Janet Butler and modified by Alan Shoemaker to donate \$90.00 to an organization or charitable fund that Kathryn. Janet Butler volunteered to find out what would be appropriate and to procure a birthday card to be presented to Kathryn by Alan. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved. After some research, Janet determined that a fund that is near and dear to Kathryn's heart is the Jose McCarty Art Scholarship Fund. The birthday card and \$90.00 check has been provided to Alan for presentation to Kathryn at our June 17 meeting.
14. Financial Review Committee – No update from David Butler.
15. Member Reminder – A reminder to members was requested to be in the Board meeting minutes. So everyone who attends a meeting is counted, members....please be sure and go by the front desk so one of our "lunch" ladies can mark you down.
16. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at the Downtown Diner at noon.
17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Janet Butler – Secretary



*America Free, America Proud! Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!*

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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.)



# 2012/2013 NOMINATION FORM

## Tuscola Kiwanis Club

Members,

Would you like to nominate a fellow Kiwanian for recognition for the 2012/2013 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, 2013.

Please complete this form to nominate a member for a 2012/2013 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 PAT DAMLER NO LATER THAN JULY 30, 2013 -**