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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER

JULY 2014

2014 Events/Activities

Wednesday, July 9	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thu-Sun, July 17-20	Kiwaniis Int’l Convention, Chiba, Japan
Thu-Sun August 7-10	I-I District Annual Convention, Bloomington, IL
Wednesday, August 13	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, October 4	Pancake Breakfast–Homecoming – Tuscola Community Building
Fri-Sat, November 7 & 8	Peanuts Days Fundraising (tentative)

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

July 7	Debbie Graber
July 14	Carol Hausmann
July 21	Jim Hausmann
July 28	Judy Heilich
August 4	Darrell Helm
August 11	Kim Higgins
August 18	Candy Hudson
August 25	April Kauffman
September 1	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 8	Judy Landeck
September 15	Jerry Leonard
September 22	Jaci Manzella
September 29	Officer/Director Installations
October 6	Kathryn McCumber
October 13	Toppo Moody

October 20	Art Moss
October 27	Barb Moss
November 3	Donna Motley
November 10	Vera Nauta
November 17	Steve Niemann
November 24	Kevin Nolan
December 1	Dennis Opperman
December 8	Maribeth Opperman
December 15	Jerry Reynolds
December 22	Club Christmas Party – bring \$10
December 29	Nancy Reynolds

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](#)

Facts About Fourth of July

Solo Signature By Hancock

John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 55 signers did not sign it until August 2 or even later.

Independence Day Unlucky for Presidents?

Three U.S. presidents have died on July 4. Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Five years later, James Monroe died on July 4, 1831.

The Origins of Uncle Sam

The origin of Uncle Sam probably began in 1812, when Samuel Wilson was a meat packer who provided meat to the US Army. The meat shipments were stamped with the initials, U.S. Someone joked that the initials stood for "Uncle Sam". This joke eventually led to the idea of Uncle Sam symbolizing the United States government.

Make Room for the Hot Dogs!

More than 150 million hot dogs are consumed on the July 4. That's roughly 1 dog for every two people in the U.S.

Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2014
Conducted by V.P. Jerry Leonard

• **Attendance**

45 – Members

10 – Guests- Interclub Champaign-Urbana: Darrell Boege, Patrick Jolliff, Lori Liay, and Clyde Smith; Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell; guests of Wilma Allen: Jack Allen, Debra Smith, Kendall Alexander, Cody Lewis and Brittany Hosselton.

• **Free Lunch Winner** – Bill Bauer

• **Birthdays** – 6/3 Carol Beals

• **Brags** – Linda Damler, Mike Damler, Debbie Graber, Betty Leonard, and Jaci Manzella

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

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Relay For Life – Reminder...Event begins at 1PM on Saturday June 21 until 1AM Sunday June 22. If you would like to help with our Chocolate Shop, see Lorraine Best or Sharon Corum.

Program:



Wilma Allen introduced her guests: Brittany Hosselton-TCHS Ag teacher and FFA faculty advisor, Kendall Alexander-FFA member, and Cody Lewis-FFA member. FFA was founded in 1928 as Future Farmers of America admitting males only. In 1969 females were also welcomed into membership. In 1988 it was changed to National FFA Organization, simply referred to as FFA, to recognize its members' diverse interests in food, fiber and natural resource industries, encompassing science, business and technology, in addition to agriculture production.

Today FFA is one of the largest youth organizations in the U.S. It strives to make a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education.

FFA functions within the three-circle model of agricultural education – Instruction, SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) and FFA.

To be an active member of FFA, students must have a SAE project. SAE projects are grouped into four different areas:

- Exploratory – learning about the 'big picture' of agriculture and related careers
- Research/Experimentation and Analysis – conducting research or analysis of information to discover new knowledge
- Ownership/Entrepreneurship – planning and operation of an agriculture-related business
- Placement – working either for pay or experience in an agricultural setting

Kendall and Cody shared some of their experiences attending FFA conventions and competitions, and some of their individual projects.

Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2014

- **Attendance**

52 – Members

7 – Guests: Decatur Early Birds

Interclub: Rich Barnett, Bob Burkit, Ned Halbecker, and Charles Zweck; Theresa Davis, wife of John Davis, Marc Davis, son of John Davis, and soon-to-be-member, Eloise Kennedy

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Patty Russell

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

- **Brags** – Lorraine Best, Pete Buckley, Pat Damler, John Davis, Kathryn McCumber, Barb Moss, Patty Russell, Pat Sturgis, Wayne Ward, and Carey Wood

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

B.U.G. Bring Up Grades – Mike Damler reported that there were 65 students that brought up their grades from the 3rd 9-week session to the 4th 9-week session. There were 14 repeat winners! Mike passes out postcard to be sent to congratulate the winners.

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Kiwanitized Clothing – If you would like to provide an article of clothing to Janet Butler to have a Kiwanis logo/name and club name embroidered on it, contact Janet Butler.

Program:



John Davis' program was a biography of his life. He was born in Belleville, Illinois. His family moved to Columbia, Illinois. His father was a chemist.

John graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in Accounting. He started his career in public accounting with Coopers & Lybrand.

On July 1, 1989 he married his wife, Theresa. Soon after he started own business. John and Theresa have one son and one daughter.

John began as an insurance agent in Tuscola in 1998 for State Farm Insurance and continues in that business.

Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2014

- Attendance

50 – Members

1 – Guest – soon-to-be-member Eloise Kennedy

- Free Lunch Winner – Kim Higgins

- Birthdays – 6/17 Betty Leonard and 6/18 Art Moss

- Brags – Pat Damler, Jan Chappell, Jeannine Fortney, Tim Hoel (on behalf of Pete Buckley), and Patty Russell

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Relay For Life – An envelope was passed for members who wished to donate to the American Cancer Society. A total of \$250 was donated at this meeting.

Member Recognition – Pat Damler reminded members that nominations for club recognition awards were due to Carol Burwash by July 30th.

Garage Sale – The garage sale is fast approaching. If you would like to know what dates/times the committee stills needs help, contact Janet Butler.

I-I District Convention – David Butler reminded members that the district convention is being held in Bloomington August 7-10. You can register online at www.iikiwanis.org. The last day to reserve your hotel room at the convention rate is July 15.

Program:



Janet Cox presented her program about the Latin language. Janet taught Latin for over 30 years, and wanted to share with members that Latin is still part of our everyday vocabulary.

Here are some vocabulary examples that Janet shared:

<u>Latin</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>English</u>
Vir	man	virile
Femina	woman	feminism
Barbarus	uncivilized	barbaric
Ego	I	egotist
Murus	wall	mural
Spectare	to look at	spectator
Satis	enough	satisfy
Urbs	city	urban
Custos	watchman	custodian
Canis	dog	canine

Janet is passionate that Latin is not a dead language. We use it every day!

Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2014

- Attendance

53 – Members

8 – Guests: Decatur Noon Interclub: Lt. Gov. Shirley Elkin, Charlotte Ballance, John Couter, and Bob Emmons; Lydia Manzella, daughter of Jaci Manzella; grandsons of Jan Chappell: Tommy Chappell, Colton Tewksbury and Jake Tewksbury

- Free Lunch Winner – Elaine Bryant
- Birthdays – 6/28 Sharon Corum
- Brags – Lorraine Best, David Butler, Jan Chappell, Marge Conn, Pat Damler, Darla Gardner, Carol Hausmann, Judy Landeck, and Jerry Leonard
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New Member Induction – New member Eloise Kennedy, sponsored by David Butler, was inducted into our club by Lt. Governor Shirley Elkin and President Pat Damler.



Welcome, Eloise!

Relay For Life – Lorraine Best reported that the Douglas County Relay For Life event raised over \$48,000 for the American Cancer Society. Kiwanian Jim Hausmann was recognized by the relay team as their “Hero” for his electrical work for this event and past events. Through online team donations, passing an envelope and the proceeds from our “Chocolate Shop”, our club raised \$1,042. See event photos later in this newsletter. Great job, Kiwanians!

Quilt Donation – Sandy Robinson has donated a beautiful quilt to our club as a fundraiser. We will sell raffle tickets at our garage sale, our homecoming pancake breakfast, and Christmastown. Tickets are \$5 each or \$3 for \$10. Members are welcome to purchase tickets. See Janet Butler.



Garage Sale – The garage sale is this week. If you would like to know what dates/times the committee stills needs help, contact Janet Butler.

I-I District Convention – So far David Butler, Janet Butler, Pat Damler, and Jerry Leonard plan to attend all or a portion of the district convention in Bloomington August 7-10. If you are planning to attend, please advise Pat Damler or Janet Butler.

Member Recognition Nominations – Pat Damler reminded members that nominations for club recognition awards were due to Carol Burwash by July 30th.

“The Formula” Training – David Butler, Janet Butler, Mike Damler and Pat Damler attended training in St. Louis June 20-21 for club builders and club councilors. The formula is: Love It. Share It. Live It. This is Kiwanis’ formula for improving lives. The focus is strengthening clubs and building new clubs with the ultimate goal being more service to our communities and the world. See photos later in this newsletter.

Program:



Jeannine Fortney introduced fellow Kiwanian Beth Linstead. Beth is the K-Kids Faculty Advisor and a 4th Grade teacher at North Ward Elementary School.

Beth’s topic was Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The purpose is to provide consistent standards across the U.S. and prepare students for today’s world with more focus on critical thinking, analytical skills and problem solving.

Illinois has joined more than 40 states in a collaborative effort to raise learning standards and improve college and career readiness for all students, regardless of where they live. The new Common Core State Standards establish clear expectations for what students should learn in English language arts and mathematics at each grade level. The standards are high, clear, and uniform to ensure that students are prepared for success in college and the workforce.

Illinois adopted the Common Core in 2010 and teachers and administrators across the state are fully implementing the new standards during the 2013-14 school year. The Common Core determines what educators should teach, not how they should teach. Teachers will continue to have the freedom to tailor lesson plans to the individual needs of their students. The Common Core’s higher standards and emphasis on applying knowledge to real world situations will better prepare Illinois students for the challenges facing them after high school graduation.

CCCS brings a need for changed and improved testing. Twenty-six states are working together in the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The new assessment system will greatly increase the number of graduating students who are ready to succeed after graduating. Twenty-six states have adopted the new K-12 Common Core State Standards in English and math and are pooling their resources for an internationally benchmarked assessment system. New standards in other subjects are being developed, too. Students who score proficient on the assessments will be on track for success in college and the workplace. Younger schoolchildren will demonstrate they are on pace for high school. The new online assessments will be better aligned with higher education demands.

Compared to traditional tests, the online assessments will aim to engage students in more meaningful demonstrations of their knowledge and understanding. The New Learning Standards incorporate more real-world situations so students can learn important skills to utilize in the workplace and higher education.

The online assessments will also provide teachers and administrators more feedback on student progress from K-12, allowing for them to better target and adjust instruction. Students and parents will also benefit from more information about performance compared to achievement standards, as well as state comparisons.

As with anything, change is difficult and these changes require key shifts in thinking for teachers, students and parents.

Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2014

- Attendance

45 – Members

6 – Guests: I-I Governor Pattie Heath; Zachary Tewksbury, grandson of Jan Chappell; Joann Ward, wife of Wayne Ward; Vickie Harris, Mitchell Schuff and our speaker, Holly Schuff

- Free Lunch Winner – Pat Damler

- Birthdays – 7/1 Darrell Helm and Diane Pangburn; 7/6 Cathy Buckley

- Brags – Wilma Allen, Tammy Baer, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Pattie Heath, Darcey Helmick, April Kauffman, Judy Landeck, and Carey Wood

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Walter Zeller Award Presentation – Governor Pattie Heath and President Pat Damler presented Wayne Ward with his Walter Zeller Award for donating \$1,250 to the Kiwanis Eliminate Project.



Gov. Pattie Heath, Wayne & Pat

Peace Meals – David Butler thanked the members who delivered Peace Meals in the month of June. No panic calls to him all month. Great job, Kiwanians!

Romanian Child in Need – Dennis Opperman told the story of a blind Romanian child who is blind that has an 80% chance of gaining his sight, if operations are performed in the U.S. The family does not have the funds to pay for the needed surgery. Dennis passed around an envelope for members who wished to help out this child. A total of \$342.00 was donated by our generous members!

Garage Sale Results – The garage sale was a great success! The club took in \$3,425.41 gross. Forty Martyrs will be paid \$200.00 for the use of the hall. If there are no further expenses turned in, the net will be over \$3,200. Thanks to everyone for donating and volunteering!! Great job!! Photos later in this newsletter.

Program:



Darla Gardner warmed us up with a few exercises before presenting her speaker, Holly Schuff. Holly's topic was the products of Genesis Pure and their possible health benefits.



Kiwanis Training – The Formula June 20-21 – St. Louis



Incoming Governor Jim Dooley gathering the I-I Kiwanians



Pat and Mike in training



Janet, Mike & Pat enjoying time with Governor Pattie Heath and Gary Heath

Pat, Mike, Janet and David attended “The Formula” training in St. Louis. The focus of “The Formula” is to strengthen existing clubs and form new clubs.

More photos on our website

Relay For Life - June 21



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Kiwanis Garage Setup/Sale June 25-28



More photos on our website

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB
June 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, 6/11/2014 at 12:05 PM by President Pat Damler with the following Officers, Directors and members present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres. Elect	X	Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Lorraine Best (2014)	X	David Butler –Webmaster	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Pat Damler – President		Alan Shoemaker – P.Pres.
X	Carol Burwash (2014)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas.	X	Guests: Carol Beals and
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Jerry Leonard – V.P.		Kim Higgins

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of May Board Meeting – Candy Hudson advised that the \$75.00 expenditure for advertising was for the Fish Fry, not the Egg Hunt. Carol Burwash made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as amended. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report on our club website will be updated.
2. May Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of volunteer hours was 970 service hours. David Butler made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report will be on our club website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 6/11/14, the current balance in the Treasury is \$16,812.26. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report will be on our club website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the following disbursements: \$61.96 to IGA for K-Kids Picnic supplies and \$88.40 to Mike Damler for B.U.G. supplies. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. The Eliminate Project – Pat Damler reported that clubs were being encouraged to make a pledge because based on pledge dollars, UNICEF acts upon those pledges now. During the discussion, Janet Butler stated that she was uncomfortable obligating the club to a pledge amount that would go out five years. Board members agreed with her position. Janet made a motion that the club submits a pledge, but only in the amount that had already been donated, already been collected-but not sent, and what will be budgeted as usual in 2014/2015. Margo seconded the motion and it was approved. This pledge will exceed Bronze Level club recognition. Janet will submit the paperwork.

6. Kiwanis Garage Sale – Pat and Janet reported that everything for the garage sale was on track. Janet sent an email that morning to ask members for help in specific areas.
7. Relay For Life – Lorraine Best reported that everything was on track for The Chocolate Shop and all time slots are filled. Shortly after 1:00PM, there is an opportunity for Kiwanians to walk a lap with one of the club’s banners. Members will be asked to participate if they can, and wear Kiwanis clothing. There is now an informal contest between Kiwanis and Rotary to raise the most money for the event. Lorraine asked if an envelope could be sent around to members at our 6/16 meetings for voluntary donations. The Board agreed, and since there are not two more meetings until the 6/21 event, Pat Damler advised that she would send out an email advising our members about the informal contest, the envelope, and the group walk. David will give Lorraine the two club banners at our meeting on 6/16 for the walk and the chocolate shop.
8. 2014 TCHS Scholarships – Pat Damler presented the four scholarships at Honors Day on May 23. The winners are: Katie O’Hearn, Key Club President, Victoria Price, Tucker Robinson, and Tristan Williams.
9. Youth Protection Policy & Background Checks – Janet Butler reported that Jeannine Fortney completed the online background check, and of course, passed. Janet will follow up with Mike Damler on the status of his background check. Janet plans to do a “Kiwanis Education” program at a regular meeting sometime in the next few months to review the Youth Protection Policy with club members.
10. New Charleston Club – David Butler reported that the paperwork and money has been submitted to charter the new Charleston Kiwanis Club. Pat Damler, Tim Hoel, Janet Butler and David have all attended one or more preliminary meetings with the Charleston people. They are still working on officers and directors, with a firm volunteer for President and Treasurer. David will advise the Board and club members when the charter event is scheduled. It will be an evening event, and all members will be welcome. It is traditional for visiting clubs to bring a monetary gift to help the new club get started.
11. Builders Club Update – Tammy and Margo advised that we have Carol Munson’s, the East Prairie principal, support to establish a Builders Club. It will be open to all East Prairie students. The next step is to find a Faculty Advisor before meeting frequency, dates/times, etc. are established. Tammy and Margo have 2-3 possibilities. They will be approaching their first choice. Will provide an update at next Board meeting.
12. I-I District Convention – Janet reported that District Convention, August 7-10 in Bloomington, online registration is open at: www.iikiwanis.org. Board members David Butler, Janet butler and Pat Damler plan to attend. The Board will select the club’s three delegates at its July meeting. Any member attending, please advise Pat or Janet.

13. Key Club Graduates' Recognition – David suggested that the club purchase an ad next May in the Tuscola Journal's special graduating seniors section. After discussion, David made a motion to budget a line item for \$100.00 in 2015 for such an ad, with the content to be worked out later. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.
14. 2013/2014 Club Member Awards – Chairperson Carol Burwash with Lorraine Best and Pete Buckley will be the committee to review and make recommendations to the board for Kiwanian of the Year, Distinguished Service Awards and the Paul Jones Volunteer of the Year Award. Nomination forms are due to Carol Burwash no later than July 30, 2014. Nomination forms will be available at meetings beginning June 16, with the July club newsletter, and will be sent via email by Janet Butler.
15. Embarras River Basin Agency (ERBA) Donation Request – A donation request was received from ERBA to purchase school supplies from children from low income families. After discussion, David Butler made a motion to donate \$100.00, and to add a line item in the 2014/2015 budget. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and was approved.
16. Peanut Days – Kim Higgins reported that the cost of peanuts is \$1 less per case for this year. Kim and the Board discussed what dates to have Peanut Days, and how many cases of peanuts to purchase. If our request is approved by the city, Peanut Days will be November 7 & 8. Kim will check with the city, and advise if the dates will not work. The Board directed Kim to order the same quantity of peanuts as last year.
17. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 9 at noon at The Smith House.
18. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Freedom Rings—Happy 4th of July!

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