

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2006

Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting – June 7th at noon at Tuscanys
- Membership Recruitment Dinner – Tentatively scheduled for August
- Peanut Sales Days – Tentatively scheduled the 3rd weekend of September

Upcoming Program Assignments

June 5	Lisa McCallister
June 12	Jaci Manzella
June 19	Kathryn McCumber
June 26	John McDaniel
July 3	No Meeting
July 10	Ben Mingo
July 17	Kevin Nolan
July 24	Dennis Opperman
July 31	Jaki Ottolini
August 7	Earl Pendergrass
August 14	Carl Quinn
August 21	Ed Wachala
August 28	Wayne Ward

Meeting of 5/1/06

There were 21 members and 1 guest, Rick Broch.

Janet Butler reported that there will be a Relay for Life to raise funds for the American Cancer Society at East Prairie School. The relay will be on Friday, May 12 from 6:00PM to 6:00AM. Janet will be walking in the relay as part of the Douglas County Health Department's team. Janet was happy to take orders for Luminarias that will carry the names of cancer survivors and those lost to cancer, and/or any donations to the American Cancer Society. Everyone is welcome at the event!

There was discussion about the inter-club meeting coming up May 23rd with the Decatur (Noon) Club. It is time for our club to pass on the traveling gavel. Ideas were discussed. The idea that garnered most support was to wrap up the gavel, bury it in a bucket of soil, and if possible, have corn growing on the top.

Members were reminded by Carol Burwash to donate their \$7.00 for the Skip-A-Meal project, if not previously done.

Carol Burwash reminded the club that there was still a women's medium white Tuscola Kiwanis polo shirt available for \$29.

The club has agreed to prepare and provide a fund-raising basket to the 89th annual I-I District Convention, "Hit It Big" in Dubuque, Iowa, from August 3-6. The basket will contain locally made items from the Tuscola area. Carol Burwash is asking the club for additional ideas for items.

Mike Damler reported that 14 students had applied for the two Kiwanis Club Scholarships. Earl Pendergrass and Jeannine Fortney volunteered to assist Mike in determining the winners. The scholarships will be presented by Mike Damler at Honors Day at the school.

Paul Wisovaty advised that it was time for the annual wiener roast for our club's K-Kids. Tentatively, he is planning for the week of May 15th. More information to follow. Paul also reported that students were washing teachers' cars every day this week at lunchtime for Teacher Appreciation. Paul invited club members to come out and support the children's efforts.

Candy Hudson had arranged for Jerry Hall from the Tuscola Journal to be our speaker. Due to an unforeseen problem, he did not attend. Candy said that it would probably be possible to re-schedule him for another date.

A new client had just come in to see a famous lawyer.

Client: "Can you tell me how much you charge?"

Lawyer: "Of course, I charge \$200 to answer three questions!"

Client: "Well that's a bit steep, isn't it?"

Lawyer: "Yes it is. And what's your third question?"

Author Unknown

Meeting of 5/8/06

There were 27 members and 7 guests. The guests included our speakers Dr. Rick Davidson and his daughter Mallory. Other guests were Rick Broch and visiting members from the Clinton Club – Silvia Comfort, Tim Followell, Ron Ispen and Richard Kaufman, our Lt. Governor.



Paul Wisovaty reported that the K-Kids picnic is scheduled for tomorrow, May 9th. He asked members that could attend to bring hot dog sticks, and to arrive at Ervin Park between 2:30PM and 3:00PM.

Carol Burwash offered a free I-I jacket (size large) to the member who spoke up first.

Carol Burwash reported that Mark Jacobs would be the Peanut Sales chairman this year. Tentatively, the peanut sales will be the 3rd weekend in September.

Members were reminded to donate their \$7.00 for the Skip-A-Meal project, if not previously done.

Helen Bahl reported that a past president of the club, Dorene Abel is seriously ill and on heavy pain medication.

Pat Damler reported that member Greg Hankey had suffered a stroke on Tuesday, May 5th, while mowing his lawn. He had surgery on May 3rd to remove a blood clot. He is at Carle Hospital, room 4110 and doing much better.

Richard Kaufman, Lt. Governor, reminded the members about the 89th annual I-I District Convention, “Hit It Big” in Dubuque Iowa from August 3-6. He encouraged everyone who could to attend.



Today’s speakers were Dr. Rick Davidson and his daughter, Mallory, invited by Mark Jacobs. Last summer, Rick and Mallory joined 64 other volunteers for a trip to Jamaica to provide free dental care to a mountainous, poor area of Jamaica. They were gone for a week and worked about 4 days. Their “clinic” at Kew Park was in a two room

school house with no air-conditioning, no screens, no running water, and electricity that experienced brown-outs daily. Conditions and equipment were pretty primitive as compared to facilities in the U.S. The team saw 76 patients on the first day using 15 dental chairs. They also spent a day at Mt. Carey at a clinic with 1 dental chair and church pews used in lieu of dental chairs. Mallory and Rick shared their daily experiences with us. The team provided dental care to children and adults. For these Jamaicans, this yearly visit is the only time that they receive dental care and for that, they are very thankful. Rick and Mallory plan to go again this year in July.

G.K. Chesterton wrote: “The way to love anything is to realize it may be lost.” Kiwanis serves children, and we all know how short childhood is. As Kiwanians, let’s continue working to help every child grow and develop to his or her full potential, knowing how quickly childhood is outgrown and lost.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of 5/15/06

There were 21 members and 2 guests. The guests were our speakers, Judy Landeck and Linda Brewer.

The K-Kids picnic was held at Ervin Park on May 9th. See section below for more detail and picture.

The inter-club meeting on May 23rd with Decatur Noon Club was discussed regarding delivering the traveling gavel. Carol Burwash had procured a seed corn bag, and asked members for foam “peanuts”. The gavel will be buried in the “peanuts” and sealed well.

Members were reminded by Carol Burwash to donate their \$7.00 for the Skip-A-Meal project, if not previously done.

There were no takers for the free I-I jacket (size large) that Carol Burwash offered at the last meeting. There was a consensus that Carol should keep the jacket.

In follow-up to the basket that the club will provide to the 89th annual I-I District Convention in, Carol Burwash asked the members about items. Janet Butler advised that she had purchased some dry noodles made in Tuscola, and a jar of pear honey made in Chesterville. Carole Weber advised that she was going to have a local craftsperson make an item for the basket.

Carol Burwash advised that the Golden K Club will be celebrating their 25th club anniversary on June 14th at the Skovill golf course in Decatur. Breakfast begins at 8:00AM with the celebration going from 9:00AM – 10:30AM. Having members attend was discussed, and Carol advised that she would check with Ed Wachala to see if a visit of four members would qualify toward an inter-club patch. Carol will bring this topic forward to the next meeting.

Pat Damler updated members on Greg Hankey's condition. Greg has been moved to rehabilitation, room 3371. A get-well card was passed around for members to sign.

Carol Burwash reported that Duncan MacGibbon has dropped his membership. Janet Butler volunteered to provide a speaker for May 22nd since Duncan will not be providing one.

The May/June Illeiwon showcases the 89th annual I-I District Convention, "Hit It Big in Dubuque" from August 3-6. The convention is being held at the Grand River Convention Center, Dubuque, Iowa. The registration fee is \$40 if postmarked by July 1st or \$50 after that date. The opening keynote dinner on Thursday, 8/3 is \$25. On Friday, 8/4 the luncheon is \$16 and the dinner event is \$28. On Saturday, 8/5 the buffet breakfast is \$15, the spastic paralysis luncheon is \$20 and the Governor's banquet is \$28. On Sunday, 8/6 the inspirational breakfast is \$15. The registration form is on page 6. There are rooms blocked at 3 hotels. Hotel rates and information are on page 10. Mike Damler, Wayne Ward, Carol Burwash and possibly Darrell Helm plan to attend. Carol Burwash encouraged members to attend this informative and fun event.

Mike Damler reported that Earl, Jeannine and he have read and ranked all 14 scholarship applications. Mike is also planning to ask Sue Elder from the school to also provide input. A decision should be made regarding the two scholarships by the next meeting.



This week's speakers, Judy Landeck and Linda Brewer, were invited by Betty Leonard. Both women are on the committee that is preparing the Tuscola History Book for publication. This project really started about 50 years ago when Pat Phillips, a retired photographer who worked for photographer Jim Pettit, wondered what was going to happen to all the pictures and

negatives that Jim had accumulated. Linda Brewer brings her vast collection of Douglas County and Tuscola history books to the project. The committee includes

Linda Brewer, Boyd Henderson, Judy Landeck, Judge Frank Lincoln, Alan Michener and Pat Phillips.

In October, 2004 the City of Tuscola passed a resolution whereby the city took on the fund raising for this project. That allowed the committee to focus on procuring, preparing and organizing the material and photographs for the book. Tentatively, the book will be organized by such sections as businesses, churches, school, social information and farms with sub-chapters as needed.

The book should be ready no later than the July 2007 Tuscola Sesquicentennial Celebration. So far over 300 copies have been ordered from 22 different states. Copies may be pre-ordered by calling the Tuscola Visitor Center at 253-6240. If purchased before June 1, 2006 the cost is \$35. After that date, the cost is \$45.

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.

By George Burns

Meeting of 5/22/06

There were 21 members and 7 guests. The guests included speaker Susan Hays, Rick Broch and Elvis Bunch, and members of the Paris Early Risers Club – Alan Moore, Ron Bouslog, Jim Mathis and Marg Erkenbeck.



Paul Wisovaty, Betty Leonard, Carol Burwash and Earl Pendergrass will be attending an inter-club meeting with the Decatur Noon Club on Tuesday, 5/23. They are meeting at the courthouse at 10:45AM. Because Earl was not in attendance, Ed Wachala advised that he would contact Earl to confirm that he is

going. If Earl cannot go, Ed will go in his place. They will be presenting the traveling gavel.

Dorene Abel is still not doing well. At the request of Carol Burwash, our club newsletter will be mailed to Dorene each month. Janet Butler advised Carol that she would send Dorene the April and May newsletters with the June newsletters when sent next week.

Carol Burwash again put out a call for ideas and/or items for the convention basket.

Greg Hankey is doing well, and is still doing therapy at Carle Hospital.

Carol Burwash again encouraged members to attend this informative and fun event. The club has enough delegates, however Carol said “the more, the merrier.” The May/June Illeiwon showcases the 89th annual I-I District Convention, “Hit It Big in Dubuque” from August 3-6. The convention is being held at the Grand River Convention Center, Dubuque, Iowa. The registration fee is \$40 if postmarked by July 1st or \$50 after that date. The opening keynote dinner on Thursday, 8/3 is \$25. On Friday, 8/4 the luncheon is \$16 and the dinner event is \$28. On Saturday, 8/5 the buffet breakfast is \$15, the spastic paralysis luncheon is \$20 and the Governor’s banquet is \$28. On Sunday, 8/6 the inspirational breakfast is \$15. The registration form is on page 6. There are rooms blocked at 3 hotels. Hotel rates and information are on page 10.

The scholarship sub-committee of Jeannine Fortney, Earl Pendergrass and headed by Mike Damler selected the two winners of a \$500 scholarship each. And the winners are.....Carly McCrory and Annie Sutherland. Mike will present the scholarships on Friday, 5/26 during the Honors Day ceremonies.



Anna Sutherland



Carly McCrory



This week's speaker was Susan Hays from the Douglas County Health Department. Susan's topic was West Nile Virus. The virus originated in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. When it came to the U.S. in 1999, it spread from New York metropolitan area to California in just three short years.

In Illinois, West Nile virus was first identified in September 2001 when laboratory tests confirmed its presence in two dead crows found in the Chicago area. The following year, the state's first human cases and deaths from West Nile disease were recorded and all but two of the state's 102 counties eventually reported a positive human, bird, mosquito or horse case. By the end of 2002, Illinois had counted more human cases (884) and deaths (67) than any other state in the nation.

In 2003, the epicenter of West Nile disease moved westward. Colorado reported the highest number of cases (2,947), easily surpassing the caseload record for the mosquito-borne disease set the previous year by Illinois. The number of West Nile human cases in Illinois fell dramatically with just 54 reported and only one death. Illinois' caseload in 2004 was slightly higher than the previous year with 60 reported cases and four deaths. In 2005, Illinois' first human cases were reported on July 29 and the first death occurred on August 27.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) maintains a sophisticated disease surveillance system to monitor animals and insects that can potentially carry the virus: dead crows, robins, blue jays, mosquitoes and horses. Mosquitoes can either carry the virus or get it by feeding on infected birds. The surveillance system also includes infectious disease physicians, hospital laboratory directors and infection control practitioners, local health departments and staff from IDPH's laboratory, environmental health and infectious diseases divisions who test for and report suspect or confirmed cases of various diseases that can be caused by mosquito-borne viruses.

Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain that can be caused by arboviruses (viruses carried by arthropods, such as mosquitoes and ticks) or by other types of viruses. In Illinois, arboviruses are primarily transmitted to humans by the bites of infected mosquitoes. Most individuals who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience no symptoms of the disease or will have only very mild symptoms. Approximately 1 to 2 percent will develop recognizable symptoms. Some persons

may have mild symptoms, such as a fever and headache. Severe infection may cause rapid onset of severe headache, high fever, muscle aches, stiffness in the back of the neck, problems with muscle coordination, disorientation, convulsions and coma. Symptoms usually occur 5 to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. Not all viruses that cause encephalitis are carried by mosquitoes.

The best way to prevent West Nile encephalitis and other mosquito-borne illnesses is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and neighborhood and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

How can you help protect your family and yourself from mosquitoes and the diseases they may carry?

During the summer, mosquitoes can develop in any standing water that lasts more than 7 to 10 days. Consequently, you can begin protecting your family from mosquitoes by reducing the amount of standing water available for mosquito breeding around your home:



- Dispose of discarded tires, cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or other unused similar water-holding containers that have accumulated on your property. Do not overlook containers that have become overgrown by vegetation
- At least once per week, empty standing water from containers on your property, such as tire swings, or bird baths.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors. Drainage holes drilled in the sides of containers allow sufficient water to collect in which mosquitoes may breed.
- Clean clogged roof gutters, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug up the drains. Flooded roof gutters are easily overlooked but can produce hundreds of mosquitoes each season.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use. A wading pool becomes a mosquito producer if it is not used on a regular basis.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in bird baths. Change water in bird baths and wading pools on a weekly basis.
- Store boats covered or upside down, or remove rainwater weekly.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens are fashionable but become major mosquito producers if they are allowed to stagnate.

- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used. A swimming pool that is left untended by a family that goes on vacation for a month can produce enough mosquitoes to result in neighborhood-wide complaints. Be aware that mosquitoes may breed in the water that collects on swimming pool covers.
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts free of grass clippings, weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- Fill in low areas on your property to eliminate standing water. Ponds or streams where fish are present or the water is disturbed by current or wave action do not produce many mosquitoes.
- Report possible mosquito breeding sites to your local mosquito control agency if one exists in your community.

Should you stay indoors?

It is not necessary to limit outdoor activities unless there is evidence of mosquito-borne disease in your area. However, you can, and should, try to reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes.

- Minimize time spent outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Be sure door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time, or when mosquitoes are most active. Clothing should be light colored and made of tightly woven materials to keep mosquitoes away from the skin.
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure and to protect small babies when outdoors.
- Consider the use of mosquito repellent according to label directions when it is necessary to be outdoors.
- Generally, repellents with about 25 percent - 35 percent DEET work best for adults; use lower concentrations for children. Do NOT use products containing DEET on infants. For longer protection use DEET up to about 50%, but no more than 50%.
- Insect light electrocutors ("bug zappers") or sound devices do little to reduce biting mosquitoes in an area.
- Spraying your backyard with an insecticide fog or mist is effective only for a short time. Mosquitoes will return when the effect of the spray has ended.
- Installing bird or bat houses to attract these insect-eating animals has been suggested as a method of mosquito control. However, there is little scientific

evidence that this significantly reduces the mosquito population around homes.

If you see a dead bird (primarily perching birds, robins and blue jays) that is in good condition and there is no apparent trauma, call the Douglas County Health Department at 253-4137 so see if they are interested in the bird for West Nile Virus testing. If it is on the weekend, bag and refrigerate the bird.

Young Son: "Is it true, Dad, I heard that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?"

Father: "That happens in every country, son."

Author Unknown

K-Kids Picnic

The K-Kids picnic, held on May 9th at Ervin Park, was a great success! Club members assisting chairman Paul Wisovaty were Janet Boyer, Carol Burwash, Dave Dobson, Jeannine Fortney, Joe Fortney, Clarice Hausman, Earl Pendergrass, Carl Quinn, Wayne Ward and Carole Weber. Toasting marshmallows was a big hit with the kids!



Friendship with one's self is all important, because without it one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world.

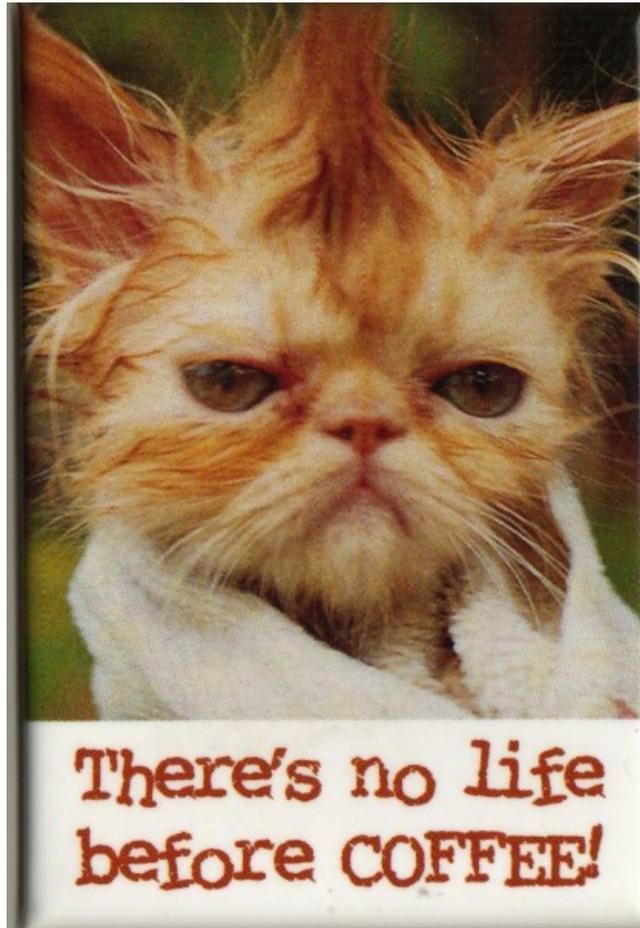
By Eleanor Roosevelt

Highlights from the May 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 \$3,961.23.
- Skip-A-Meal – So far \$105.00 has been donated to the Skip-A-Meal project to raise funds for The Children’s Fund. The money will not be sent for a couple weeks to allow more time for those that have not been present to donate.
- Membership Recruitment Dinner - Dave Dobson will chair a membership recruitment dinner probably in August. More details later.
- I-I District Convention Basket – Our club has decided to prepare a basket of locally made products to be auctioned at the convention to raise funds for Spastic Paralysis Research. Flesor’s Candy has been suggested as an item; any suggestions would be welcome.
- Peanut Days – Wayne Ward moved and Darrell Helm seconded that the peanut days be held the 3rd weekend in September to coincide with Kiwanis Peanut Days across the country. Motion approved. Tentatively Mark Jacobs agreed to chair this year’s Peanut Days fund-raiser.
- K-Kids Wiener Roast – The annual spring wiener roast for the K-Kids will be held in Ervin Park on Tuesday, May 9th. Those members that can assist should be at the park by 3:00PM.
- Scholarships – Mike Damler reported that 14 students had applied for the two Kiwanis Club Scholarships. Earl Pendergrass and Jeannine Fortney volunteered to assist Mike in determining the winners. The scholarships will be presented by Mike at Honors Day at the school.
- Webmaster Board Position – The board approved an additional position for the board of directors for the club’s webmaster. Darrell Helm motioned and Candy Hudson seconded. Current webmaster, David Butler, will now be a board member.

- Dylan Nolan Memorial – A memorial gift of \$165.00 has been given to the Tuscola Library for the purchase of children’s books as a memorial to Dylan Nolan. The entire Tuscola Kiwanis Club offers their sympathy to Kevin and Jennifer for their loss.

(Full text on club web site)



See the web site for new stuff!! For example, see the K-Kids article from the Journal, latest BUG list and pictures from the annual spring K-Kids picnic.

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

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