



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2007



2007 Upcoming Events

June 6, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
July 6, Friday	Tuscola Sesquicentennial Parade – 7PM
July 4-8, Wed thru Sun	Kiwanis International Convention – Marriott RiverCenter, San Antonio Texas
July 11, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
August 10-12, Fri thru Sun	I-I District Convention - Giovanni's Convention Center, Rockford, Illinois

2008 Upcoming Events (Plan Ahead)

February 22-24	Mid-Winter Convention – Lisle IL
April 4	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
June 25-28	Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, FL
August 7-10	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

June 4	Kevin Nolan
June 11	Dennis Opperman
June 18	Earl Pendergrass
June 25	Cliff Ponder
July 2	Carl Quinn
July 9	Beth Riefsteck
July 16	Dan Russell
July 23	Patty Russell
July 30	Ed Wachala

August 6	Wayne Ward
August 13	Carole Weber
August 20	Gary Weber
August 27	Paul Wisovaty

Don't Forget to Give Wayne Your May Volunteer Hours!

Meeting of May 7, 2007

There was a total attendance of 32 members and 2 guests, Joyce Alexander and our speaker, Jim Williams.

There will be an inter-club meeting at Monticello on Thursday, May 10th. Mike Damler, Dave Dobson, Clarice Hausman and Jerry Hall are planning to attend.

Members were reminded to provide their Skip-A-Meal donations to Candy. These donations go to the Kiwanis International Children's fund.

Mike Damler provided an update regarding the two 2007 Tuscola High School Seniors scholarships. The committee to review the applications and select the winners is Mike Damler-chairperson, Janet Cox, Dan Russell and Patty Russell. Two \$500 scholarships will be announced on Honors Day.

Mike Damler reported that the Club received a check for \$96.00 for the cell phones, used ink cartridges and used toner cartridges. Members....keep those items coming!!!! A box is put out at every meeting for these items.

Carol Burwash and Janet Butler advised members that they are participating in Relay For Life to benefit The American Cancer Society. If you are interested in supporting this cause, please contact Carol or Janet. The event is at the TCHS track on Friday, June 15th beginning at 6:00PM.

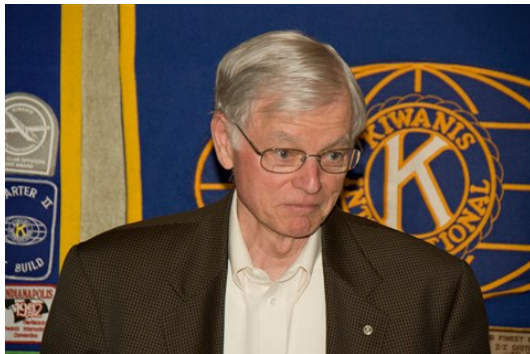
Paul Wisovaty advised members that the K-Kids spring picnic would be Monday, May 14th at Ervin Park. Paul will be bringing the food, Wayne Ward-the drinks, Jim Wood-the firewood and Carole Weber-cups, plates, napkins. Members who

can help are asked to be there about 2:30PM and bring hot dogs/marshmallow sticks.

Darrell Helm presented the members with the officers' slate for 2007/2008 as follows: President-Clarice Hausman, President Elect-Janet Butler, Vice-President-Kevin Nolan, Treasurer-Candy Hudson and Secretary-Wayne Ward. A motion was made and the slate approved.

Wayne Ward received a request for financial assistance from Emma Sementi. She will be a 4th grader at North Ward School this fall. She will be attending the National Young Scholars Program held at Northern Illinois University from July 28th to August 2nd. The tuition is \$1,780 for the program. She is doing fundraising to help cover the cost by asking organizations and/or organization members to make a contribution towards her expenses. If you would like to help Emma, please send your contribution to:

Miss Emma Sementi
28 Prairie View
Tuscola, IL 61953



Our speaker, Jim Williams, is a field coordinator for AgrAbility Unlimited. This is a joint program of the University of Illinois Extension and the Central Illinois Easter Seals. This program seeks to promote independence in agriculture for people with disabilities and their families.

Services:

The program seeks ways to overcome disabilities through:

- A toll-free information and referral hotline
- Networking with local agricultural and rehabilitation professionals
- Community Resource Coordination
- Equipment Modification Information
- Job Restructuring
- Alternative Job Development

AgrAbility offers:

- Comprehensive Assistance to farmers, farm workers, and their families who have any form of disability.
- Individualized Services aimed to increase self-sufficiency and independence.

AgrAbility assists with:

- On-Site assessments to determine adaptive requirements
- Equipment/Worksite Modification and Consultation
- Job Task Restructuring
- Agricultural Occupation Alternatives
- Stress Management Referral
- One-to-One Peer Support Network
- Safety/Secondary Injury Awareness

All services are free and confidential. For more information, go to:

<http://www.agrabilityunlimited.org/>

Only those who do nothing make no mistakes.

Author: Unknown

Meeting of May 14, 2007

There was a total attendance of 29 members and 4 guests: Jane Wood, wife of member Jim Wood; Kara Kenny of the Farm Bureau, guest of Ben Mingo; Mark Conn, guest of Barb Moss and our speaker, Marge Conn, guest of Barb Moss.

There was an inter-club meeting at Monticello on Thursday, May 10th. Mike Damler, Dave Dobson, Clarice Hausman and Jerry Hall attended. The club's 2007/2008 officers were announced.

Ed Wachala provided a sign-up sheet for an inter-club meeting with the Decatur Noon club on Tuesday, June 12th.

Paul Wisovaty reminded members of the K-Kids picnic today. Please be at Ervin Park about 2:30PM with your hot dog/marshmallow sticks.



Our speakers today were guest Marge Conn and member Barb Moss. Marge is Queen of The Redhat Ladybugs of Tuscola chapter. She started this Red Hat chapter in January 2003. The society's only rules for a red hatter are: You must be a woman of 50 or over and you must attend functions in full regalia. The Ladybugs' rules are to have fun and eat dessert first.

There is currently over 40,000 Red Hat Society chapters. How did this all start?

While visiting a friend in Tucson several years ago, Sue Ellen (Queen Mother and founder) impulsively bought a bright red fedora at a thrift shop, for no other reason than that it was cheap and, she thought, quite dashing. A year or two later she read the poem "Warning" by Jenny Joseph, which depicts an older woman in purple clothing with a red hat. Sue Ellen felt an immediate kinship with Ms. Joseph. She decided that her birthday gift to her dear friend, Linda Murphy, would be a vintage red hat and a copy of the poem. She has always enjoyed whimsical decorating ideas, so she thought the hat would look nice hanging on a hook next to the framed poem. Linda got so much enjoyment out of the hat and the poem that Sue Ellen gave the same gift to another friend, then another, then another.

One day it occurred to these friends that they were becoming a sort of "Red Hat Society" and that perhaps they should go out to tea... in full regalia. They decided they would find purple dresses which didn't go with their red hats to complete the poem's image. The tea was a smashing success.

Soon, each of them thought of another woman or two she wanted to include, and they bought more red hats. Their group swelled to 18, and they began to encourage other interested people to start their own chapters (18 women don't fit well around a tea table). One of their members passed along the idea to a friend of hers in Florida, and their first "sibling" group was born.

So are you wondering what all these women do? The standard answer to the question, "What do you do?" is... Nothing.

Their main responsibility is to have fun! They see these groups as an opportunity for those who have shouldered various responsibilities at home and in the community their whole lives, to say goodbye to burdensome responsibilities and obligations for a little while. Meetings, teas, activities, etc. are the place to have fun. Members feel like they have all been so dutiful and so "busy" for so long that they deserve a break. The Red Hat Society calls itself a "dis-organization," and members are proud of the lack of rules and by-laws.

If you are interested in more information, go to: <http://www.redhatsociety.com/>



Jane Wood, Marge Conn, Barb Moss, Jan Houser, Kathryn McCumber



Who's this?

An Irish blessing goes: "May you live a long life full of gladness and health, with a pocket of gold as the least of your wealth. May the dreams you hold dearest be those which come true. The kindness you spread keep returning to you." As Kiwanians we know that gold is the least of our wealth because the kindness we spread can make others' dreams come true.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

K-KIDS SPRING PICNIC 5-14-07



A Good Time Was Had By All!



Pictures courtesy of Jim Wood

Meeting of May 21, 2007

There was a total attendance of 31 members and our guest speaker, Rick Moss, son of Art & Barb Moss.

Darrell reminded board members that the next board meeting is June 6th.

Paul Wisovaty asked members to honor and remember our country's veterans, past and present by attending the Tuscola Memorial Day service on Monday, May 28th at 10:00AM at the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Mike Damler reported the passing of Dr. Luis Amador at the age of 87. Dr. Amador was the Medical Director of the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation. In 1952, the I-I District initiated this project, too large for any one Club or one Division. Since then this foundation has invested over four million dollars in research grants. Kiwanis continues to support this foundation.

In 1992-1993 the I-I District created the Luis V. Amador Medallion Award. This award honors the contributions of our Medical Director and allows a Divisional Council to extend special recognition to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service within his or her community. A contribution of \$500.00 is

made to the endowment fund of the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation in the name of the recipient.



Our speaker was Rick Moss. Rick is a former network administrator for the University of Illinois. He left in 2000 to start his own business. His company specializes in signs for tradeshow. They also do indoor and outdoor banners.

Technology has brought many changes to the sign/banner industry. Most signs were originally wood and the letters were hand-painted. The next generation was primarily vinyl letters on heavy cardboard. Next came large format printing on vinyl. Today's signs are usually a foam board with all the text, photos and screening printed directly to the board. There are inks that will stand up with outside weather as well. Rick advised that a typical poster size board will take from 3 min. to 20 min. to print depending on complexity.

SMART DOGS

Four men were bragging about how smart their dogs were.

One man was an engineer, the second man was an accountant, the third man was a chemist, and the fourth was a government worker.

To show off, the engineer called to his dog. "T-square, do your stuff." T-square trotted over to a desk, took out some paper and a pen, and promptly drew a circle, a square, and a triangle.

Everyone agreed that was pretty smart.

The accountant said that his dog could do better. He called to his dog and said, "Spreadsheet, do your stuff." Spreadsheet went out into the kitchen and returned with a dozen cookies. He divided them into four equal piles of three cookies each.

Everyone agreed that was good.

The chemist said that his dog could do better still. He called to his dog and said, "Measure, do your stuff." Measure got up, walked over to the fridge, took out a quart of milk, got a ten-ounce glass from the cupboard, and poured exactly eight ounces without spilling a drop.

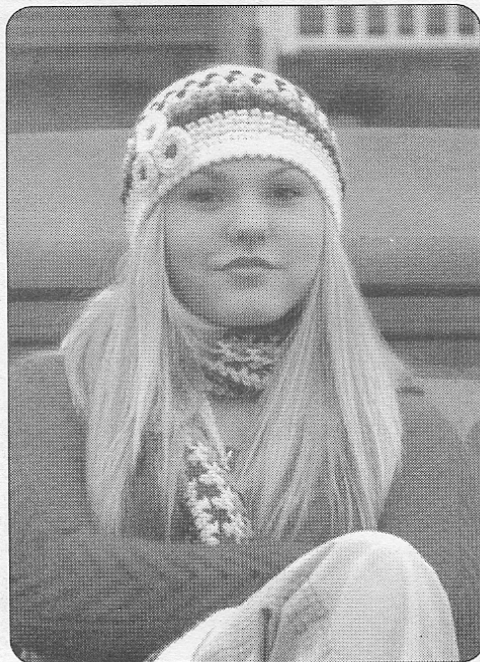
Everyone agreed that was pretty impressive.

Then the three men turned to the government worker and said, "What can your dog do?" The government worker called to his dog and said, "Coffee Break, do your stuff." Coffee Break jumped to his feet, ate the cookies, drank the milk, claimed he had injured his back while doing so, filed a grievance report for unsafe working conditions, put in for worker' compensation, and went home for the rest of the day on sick leave.

They all agreed that was brilliant!

2007 Tuscola Kiwanis Scholarship Winners

Each year, the Tuscola Kiwanis Club selects two graduating high school seniors for a \$500 scholarship each. On TCHS' Honors Day, Mike Damler presented our winners with the scholarships. Congratulations Rebecca and Erin!!!!



Rebecca Endres



Erin Riley

There is no investment you can make which will pay you so well as the effort to scatter sunshine and good cheer.

Author: Orison Swett Marden

Highlights from the May 2007 Board Meeting

- April Monthly Report – Wayne Ward reported that members had 461 service hours which included 40 hours for the Kiwanis One Day project. The Board approved the report.
- Treasurer's Report – Candy Hudson reported the current balance in the Treasury is \$5,288.01 as of 5-2-07.
- Skip – A – Meal – This project raises money for the Kiwanis International Children's fund. It has not been mentioned at the last two meetings, therefore the collection of funds is low. It will be mentioned at the next meeting and the total collected will be sent to International after the June board meeting.
- Election of Officers – The slate of officers should be elected before the 2nd meeting in May. Darrell named the Board members present as the Nominating Committee. The following slate of officers will be submitted to the membership at the May 6th meeting: President-Clarice Hausman, President-Elect-Janet Butler, Vice President-Kevin Nolan, Secretary-Wayne Ward and Treasurer-Candy Hudson. New board members will be elected at a later date.
- Club Shirt Orders – Wayne reported that 22 shirts have been ordered. He also ordered B.U.G. Certificates, speaker Ball Point Pens and a supply of Membership Pins. The total bill was \$629.47 and paid for by Wayne. Those members receiving shirts should provide their payment of \$25.00 per shirt to Candy. Candy will reimburse Wayne for the remaining charges.
- Sound System – The club is still in need of someone with knowledge of sound systems to check out and set up the system donated to the club by Jaki Ottolini. David Butler said that he had some expertise with electronics and that he would check out the system.

- Tuscola Sesquicentennial – There was a discussion as to what our club would do during and for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The Board decided that we would not have a fund raising event. The club will have an entry in the parade. The Club will offer volunteers to help in the organization of the parade on the day of the parade and offer volunteers to help with the Sesquicentennial booth.
- Agriculture Books – Carole Weber is checking with the Tuscola public library regarding which of the 14 books (provided by Martha Burris) the library does not have.
- Scholarships – Since Mike Damler was unable to attend the Board meeting, there was no report regarding the status of awarding the scholarships.
- American Cancer Society Relay For Life – Jerry Hall asked what the club was planning to do regarding the Relay For Life even schedule at TCHS in mid-June. It was determined that the club has members fund raising and participating in the event. Therefore, individual members should donate to a participating club member if they wish.
- Swim Team Donation – The Club has been a contributor to the Tuscola Swim Team since 1986 when the swim team was chartered. Wayne will check to see who is the current Treasurer of the swim team so that our budgeted donation can be made.
- Club Leadership Training – Clarice Hausman, Janet Butler and Wayne Ward will be attending training on Saturday, May 26th in Champaign. Registration has already been submitted and paid.

(Full text on club website)

ROBINS

Two robins were sitting in a tree. "I'm really hungry", said the first one.

"Me, too" said the second. "Let's fly down and find some lunch."

They flew to the ground and found a nice plot of plowed ground full of worms. They ate and ate and ate and ate 'til they could eat no more.

"I'm so full I don't think I can fly back up to the tree", said the first one.

"Me either. Let's just lay here and bask in the warm sun", said the second.

"O.K." said the first. They plopped down, basking in the sun.

No sooner than they had fallen asleep, a big fat tom cat snuck up and gobbled them up. As he sat washing his face after his meal, he thought, "I love baskin' robins."

(For our esteemed president, Darrell Helm)

Author: Unknown

New items on the website: Pictures from K-Kids picnic, program photos

Web Site Tip: If you bring up the members list and it does not format correctly the first time, click your "refresh" button and it should be fine.

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

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