



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2008



Don't miss the June 9th meeting! Bob Hall, I-I District Key Club Administrator will be our program speaker, and will be bringing some Key Club members.

2008 Upcoming Events

June 4, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
June 25-28, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, FL
July 9, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
August 7-10, Thu-Sun	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL

2009 Future Events – Plan Ahead

February 13-15, Fri-Sun	Mid-Winter Conference, Decatur IL
April 17, Friday	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
June 24-27, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis Intl Convention – Nashville, TN

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

June 2	Kara Kinney
June 9	Bob Hall – I-I District Key Club Administrator
June 16	Judy Landeck
June 23	Ken Landeck
June 30	Betty Leonard
July 7	Jason Maus
July 14	Kiwanis Education Program
July 21	Jonda Maus
July 28	Kathryn McCumber
August 4	Laura Meyer

August 11	Don Miller
August 18	Ben Mingo
August 25	Topy Mooday

**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your June Volunteer Hours
before the end of the month!**

Meeting of May 5, 2008

There was a total attendance of 29 members and one guest, our speaker Chuck Knox.

Judy & Ken Landeck have volunteered to co-chair the Peanut Sales Days fund raiser. Dates for the event have not as yet been set.

Clarice reminded Board members that the May Board meeting would be Wednesday, May 7th at noon at Tuscanys.

Janet Boyer provided members with a Trauma Doll update. Janet has provided several dolls, zipped up individually in a plastic bag, to the Tuscola Fire Department. Other organizations that we provide the dolls still do not need replenishing. There is no need to schedule a workshop at this time.

Clarice passed along information from Paul Wisovaty regarding the K-Kids spring picnic. It will be held Tuesday, May 13th at Ervin Park. Jim Wood will provide the fire wood and Paul will bring the supplies. Volunteers are asked to come out to the park about 2:30PM and bring hot dog/marshmallow sticks.

Wayne reported that the I-I District is proposing a realignment of its Divisions. It is being proposed that Tuscola would be in Division 26 with Mattoon, Paris, Shelbyville, Sullivan and Toledo. Clubs are encouraged to provide feedback. If this is passed at the I-I Convention, it would take effect for the 2009/2010 Kiwanis year.

Wayne also reminded members that I-I District Governor, Judy Sunderland would be our speaker at our May 12th meeting.



John Davis introduced our guest speaker, Chuck Knox. Chuck is a member of the Douglas County Board. Chuck spoke about the proposed county sales tax increase of ½ % that will be on the November 2008 ballot.

The increase would provide more funds for public ambulance services and improvements to the jail. The situation for county ambulance and First Responder services are very serious with service to Villa Grove and Arcola in jeopardy now. Monies from the increase will subsidize public ambulance services and First Responders.

Upgrades and expansion to the jail are critical. The jail needs to be able to separate female and violent inmates from the regular male population. There is a need for cameras and electric locks. Staffing is also an issue with the need to add three more staff members. The balance of the funds expected from the tax increase would be used for the Fire Departments, law enforcement activities and a reserve from funds in case sales taxes fall short due to the current downturn in the economy.

Chuck hopes that voters will support this tax increase; more funding is critical to Douglas County. Get out and vote in November!

Man's Best Friend

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote: I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night???"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote: "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

Author: Unknown

Meeting of May 12, 2008

There was a total attendance of 34 members and 2 guests, our speaker Judy Sunderland – I-I District Governor and Division 27 Lt. Governor, Larry Bechtel.

An inter-club meeting with Decatur Golden K is planned for Wednesday, May 14th. Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Dave Dobson and Ed Wachala plan to attend.

David Butler is chairing the 4th of July parade for the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce. David asked for volunteers to help with the parade by marking spots, directing participants, etc. Tim Hoel is assisting David for this event. David sent around a sign-up sheet.

Clarice briefly discussed the club organizing a club entry into the July 4th parade.

Clarice advised that Decatur Golden K was hosting a Golf Outing at Scovill Golf Course on June 6th. See Clarice for more details.

Clarice reported that the Sullivan Club is now meeting at the Sullivan Masonic Hall.

Clarice reminded members that there is no club meeting May 26th.

Wayne reminded members that the K-Kids spring picnic will be held Tuesday, May 13th at Ervin Park. Jim Wood will provide the fire wood and Paul will bring the supplies. Volunteers are asked to come out to the park about 2:30PM and bring hot dog/marshmallow sticks.

Jeannine Fortney reported that beginning in the Fall that North Ward needs at least two volunteers to help teachers in the cafeteria for the 3rd Graders Game Club. This would be on Wednesday and Fridays from about 2:30-3:00PM. If you are interested in volunteering, check with Jeanine. In addition, the school needs the following board games for the Game Club: Battleship, Boggle, Clue, Connect Four, Guess Who?, Hangman, I Spy Eagle Eye Games, Life, Operation, Perfection, Pop-O-Matic Trouble, Scrabble, Scrabble Jr, Sorry, Topple and Yahtzee. Contact Jeannine if you can donate any of the above games. They do not need to be new, but in good condition with all the pieces.

Mike Damler reported that he hoped to have the last B.U.G. results on the last day of school or shortly after. He will bring in the postcards for distribution.

Mike Damler also reported on the Kiwanis scholarships. There are 8 applications for the 4 scholarships. Mike will discuss the applicants with Sue Elder before making the final decision. Mike thanked his committee members, Janet Cox and Elaine Bryant for all their help. The scholarships will be presented on Honors Night, Wednesday, May 21st at 7:30PM in the TCHS Gym.

Patty Russell advised the club that John and Sharon Wax's grandson is very ill. Sharon is a member of our club. Patty asked if the club would assist in some way. Clarice advised that this would be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Pat Damler announced that the American Legion would be doing their Poppy Sales fund raiser on Friday, May 16th and Saturday, May 17th.



Wayne Ward introduced our speaker, I-I District Governor Judy Sunderland. Judy thanked our club for all that we do and continue to do for our community and the children of the world. She said that she was very proud of our club for its growth, funding contribution and community activities.

Judy is from Dunlap, Illinois and has been I-I District Governor since October 1, 2007 and will become Past Governor on September 30, 2008. Her special project that she has asked clubs to support during her year as Governor is the Penguin Project in East Peoria. Kiwanis funding provides an opportunity for fifty disabled children mentored by fifty non-disabled children to put on stage productions. Some of the productions that have been done are The Music Man, Annie and most recently, High School Musical.

Judy wants all clubs to focus on three things: 1) Growth 2) Service 3) Fun. She thinks that our club has all three down pat. We had lots of fun and laughs with Judy.

Judy is proud to be a Kiwanian and tells all Kiwanians, "Be Proud of What You Do!"

The Things Kids Say

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but in it, they all jump up and down with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. They go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks; they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wreck center for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

K-Kids Spring Picnic





Paul, Clarice, Jim, Sherrie, Carol, Tim, Ken, Jeannine, Judy, Dave, Wayne and Dave Butler behind the camera. What a gang!!!!

Muhammed Ali said: “A man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life.” You are never too old to learn new things and explore new experiences. Growing up isn’t just for children; we should keep growing up every year of our lives.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of May 19, 2008

There was a total attendance of 33 members.

During the inter-club meeting on May 14th with Decatur Golden K, Dave Dobson was thanked for all his help regarding membership growth. Golden K had invited 150 people to a membership breakfast and gained 8 new members. Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Dave Dobson and Ed Wachala attended.

Wayne told members to check their latest Illeiwon for an article written by Jeannine Fortney, and submitted by Wayne. The article is about the volunteer work that Kiwanis members have been doing at North Ward to help students improve their reading skills.

Jeannine Fortney reminded members that in August the North Ward school needs at least two volunteers to help teachers in the cafeteria for the 3rd Graders Game Club. This would be on Wednesday and Fridays from about 2:30-3:00PM.

Jim Wood reported that the Tuscola Methodist church is looking for volunteers that can help with their after school Latch Key program. The program runs from about 3:00PM to 5:30PM on school days. See Jim if you are interested.

Mike Damler announced the four scholarship winners: Alyssa Gordon, Kaela Kroenung, Elizabeth Otto and Matthew Whittington. The scholarships will be presents on Honors Night Wednesday, May 21st at 7:30PM in the TCHS Gym.

Clarice asked if any member can provide a truck and trailer for the July 4th parade. Please contact Clarice if you can help out.



When no program speaker materialized for the meeting, Dave Dobson volunteered to provide a program. He started with a trip down memory lane listing things such as eating things that are bad for us but no ill effects, no video games, 2-3 channels on television, no computers, no internet, children played outside all day in the summer, friends rounded up friends for a game of softball and many more.

He finished with a credo of personal beliefs from the popular book “*All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten*.” This is a book of short essays by Robert Fulghum first published in 1986.

The title of the book is taken from the first essay in the volume, in which Fulghum lists lessons normally learned in American kindergartens and explains how the world would be improved if adults adhered to the same basic rules. Such rules include sharing, being kind to one another, not stealing, saying you’re sorry, cleaning up after yourselves, and living a meaningful, balanced life of work, play, and learning.

The book actually contains fifty short essays. Topics include surprises, holidays, childhood, death and the lives of interesting people such as Mother Teresa.

The Obedient Wife

There was a man who had worked all his life, had saved all of his money, and was a real miser when it came to his money. Just before he died, he said to his wife, “When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me.” And so he got his wife to promise him, with all of her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money into the casket with him.

Well, he died.

He was stretched out in the casket; his wife was sitting there - dressed in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, and just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, “Wait just a moment!” She had a small metal box with her; she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and they rolled it away.

So her friend said, “Girl, I know you were not fool enough to put all that money in there with your husband.” The loyal wife replied, “Listen, I’m a Christian; I cannot go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money into the casket with him.”

“You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him!?!?!?”

“I sure did,” said the wife. “I got it all together, put it into my account, and wrote him a check. If he can cash it, he can spend it.”

Author: Unknown

2008 Scholarship Winners



Alyssa Gordon



Kaela Kroenung



Elizabeth Otto



Matthew Whittington

Highlights from the May 2008 Board Meeting

Attendees: David Butler, Janet Butler, Dave Dobson, Debbie Graber, Clarice Hausman, Darrell Helm, Candy Hudson, Donald Miller, Kevin Nolan, Earl Pendergrass, Dan Russell and Wayne Ward.

- April Monthly Report – The report showed 583 hours of community service in addition to the 50 hours at BETHS Place for Kiwanis One Day.

- Treasurer's Report –Candy reported a balance of \$5,757.30 as of May 7th.
- Community Parade-4th of July – David Butler is chairing the 4th of July parade for the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce. David told the Board that he hoped that Kiwanians would volunteer to help with the parade by marking spots, directing participants, etc. The club will also need to decide if they will provide an entry to the parade.
- Peanut Sales Days – Ken and Judy Landeck have agreed to co-chair the annually peanut days fund raiser. A date has not been set; however the traditional Kiwanis International promotion is the 3rd weekend in September.
- Skip-A-Meal – The club collected \$200.00 during the month of April. A check for that amount will be issued and Wayne will send to the Kiwanis International Foundation with a letter.
- Car Seat Check – Don Miller reported that the Douglas County Health Dept's car seat check will now be held on June 21st in the Pamida parking lot from 9AM to 1PM. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be sent around at regular Kiwanis meeting in June.
- Financial Controls – There was a discussion regarding a better system for handling money at club fund raisers. Darrell and Candy were appointed to draft cash controls and to determine the proper protocol for discussion at the next Board meeting.
- Member Approval – The Board approved new member, David Lough. David was sponsored by Jerry Hall.
- Swim Team Donation – The Board approved issuing a \$400.00 check to the Torpedoes Swim team as budgeted.

(Full text on club website)



Grrrrrr! Awwww, let me have some fun!

New items on the website include: K-Kids spring picnic, scholarship winners, meeting 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: dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org .

NOTE: THE JULY KIWANIS CALENDAR AND NEWSLETTER WILL BE A FEW DAYS LATE IN JULY. THE BUTLERS WILL BE RETURNING FROM IRELAND JULY 4TH.