



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2012

2012 Events

Wednesday, June 13	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
Thu-Sat, June 28 to July 1	Kiwaniis International Convention, New Orleans, LA
Wednesday, July 11	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
August 3 & 4 (set-up 8/1 & 8/2)	Kiwaniis Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wed-Sun, August 8-12	I-I District Annual Convention, Springfield, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

June 4	David Butler
June 11	Wayne Ward
June 18	Gary Weber
June 25	Steve Niemann
July 2	Jim Wood
July 9	Doris Young
July 16	Tammy Baer
July 23	Cathy Barnard
July 30	Carol Beals
August 6	Maureen Bergeson
August 13	Lorraine Best
August 20	Andy Brzozkiewicz
August 27	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
September 3	Peter Buckley
September 10	Carol Burwash
September 17	Janet Butler
September 24	Jan Chappell

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

June.....Weddings

Father Henry was planning a wedding at the close of the morning service. After the benediction Father Henry had planned to call the couple down to be married with a brief ceremony before the congregation.

For the life of him, he couldn't think of the names of those who were to be married. "Will those wanting to get married, please come to the front?" Father Henry requested.

Immediately nine single ladies, three widows, four widowers, and six single men stepped to the front.

"Oh, my! What do I do now?" Father Henry panicked.



Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2012

- Attendance

43 – Members

1 – Guests: Winnie Crowder, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Tom Sturgis

- Birthdays – Paul Jones 5/10

- Braggs – Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Paul Jones, and Kevin Nolan

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

K-Kids Picnic – Members were reminded of the K-Kids picnic on Tuesday, 5/15 at the Ervin Park North Pavilion. We are serving at 11:30AM. Bring you hot dog sticks!

Peace Meals – June is our club's month for Peace Meals. Chairperson David Butler sent around a sign-up sheet. Meals are served Mondays through Thursdays.

Newsletter Banner Patch – Jaci read a letter from the I-I District recognizing our club's newsletter and providing a banner patch.

Program:



Pat Sturgis introduced our speaker, Winnie Crowder. Winnie is the Director of Advancement at the Cunningham Children's Home in

Urbana. The home was established in 1895 by Mary & Joseph Cunningham on 15 acres of land. It is a mission and ministry of the United Methodist Women of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference. This home has a rich history of caring for abused and/or neglected children. About 70% of the children are wards of the state of Illinois.

Cunningham Children's Home is a safe place where children and adolescents with serious emotional and behavioral disabilities can heal, learn, and grow. Today Cunningham offers residential treatment, specialized foster care, independent living programs, and therapeutic special education to children and adolescents ages 5-21. There are about 40 children in residence in one of four family style cottages or one of the two group homes.

The average stay for a child is twelve to eighteen months. The goal is to help a child achieve predetermined behavior goals that will allow him or her to live in a less structured environment. This typically takes about 12 to 18 months, but many of the children stay longer. This happens when Cunningham continues to be the best placement for the child.

If you would like more information and/or make a donation go to:

<http://www.cunninghamhome.org>

Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2012

- Attendance

41 – Members

2 – Guests: Nick Sebastian, our speaker and his wife Sandy Helm Sebastian.

- Free Lunch Winner – Elaine Bryant
- Birthdays – Clarice Hausman 5/18, Susan Hays 5/20
- Braggs – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Jan Chappell, Linda Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Clarice Hausman, Kara Kinney, Jaci Manzella, Kathryn McCumber, Toppo Mooday, Pat Sturgis, Wayne Ward and Jim Wood
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Kiwanis Scholarship Winners – On Honors Day, May 14 Jaci presented \$750 scholarships to each Key Clubber below:

Leslie Borries, David Frye & Kayce Patton

USPS Food Drive – Joyce Brzozkiewicz reported that 1,064.9 pounds of food was collected and \$305.00 in cash donations for SAM Pantry, which is equivalent to 2,284.9 pounds of food. Great job!

Sparks in the Park Parade – The parade will take place on Friday, July 6 at 5:00PM. Jaci reported that Diane Pangburn has volunteered a trailer. Jaci is looking for a truck and hay bales. If you can provide a truck or hay bales, contact Jaci.

2012/2013 Officer and Board Director Elections – The membership elected the slate of 2012/2013 officers and Board members. See page 6 for names/photos. Positions are effective October 1, 2012.

Program:



Tom Sturgis introduced our speaker, Nick Sebastian. Nick and his wife Sandy Helm Sebastian, a Tuscola native moved from Montgomery Alabama to Tuscola in 2009. He is a retired Public Safety

Chaplain. Nick continues to work as a chaplain with the Tuscola Police and Fire departments, the county Sheriff departments and the Illinois State Police. He shared many of the critical incidents (shootings, tornadoes, etc.) that he has been called in to assist victims.

Nick's passion is helping others which complements his hobby of making stained-glass crosses...his Ministry of the Cross. He presents crosses in honor and/or remembrance to fallen officers, military away from home, cancer related, special recognitions, etc. He has made over 1,240 stained-glass crosses. Nick presented Cross #1,241 to the Tuscola Kiwanis Club to recognize our contributions to our community, financially and in volunteering.



Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2012

- Attendance

37 – Members

2 – Guests: Tyler Sapp, grandson of Paul Jones and Lt. Governor Gary Goeken from Decatur Golden K

- Free Lunch Winner – Jim Wood
- Birthdays – Carol Beals 6/3, Janet Boyer 5/26, Andy Brzozkiewicz 5/21, Janet Butler 5/27, Dan Russell 5/31, and Lyn Selen 5/30
- Brags – David Butler, Mike Damler, Jeanne Fortney, Tim Hoel, April Kauffman, Carol Martin
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Lt. Governor Gary Goeken – Gary thanked the new 2012/2013 incoming officers for stepping up and taking a leadership role in the club. He will begin introducing our incoming Lt. Governor Darrell Helm to the Division 27 clubs. On a sad note, the Decatur Prairie Land club is giving up their charter and closing.

Nominating Committee – Jaci thanked the nominating committee of Judy Landeck, Dennis Opperman and Jim Wood for the great slate of candidates for the 2012/2013 officers and Board members.

Donations for Lori Griffith – Jeannine reported that with our \$343 donation, the K-Kids fundraiser and other Tuscola school staff that a total of \$1,700 was donated to help the Griffith family with expenses.

Sparks In The Park Parade – The parade is Friday, 7/6 at 5:00PM. Diane Pangburn has volunteered the trailer, Dennis Opperman the truck/driver, Tim Hoel the straw bales, Gary Weber the power converter and David Butler music and sound system.

Sandy Robinson Donates Quilt – Sandy Robinson has donated a quilt in support of our community activities to the club to be used as a fundraiser. Jaci has asked for a member(s) to volunteer to organize ways to raise money with this quilt. If you would like to serve, contact Jaci.



Program:



Robert Van Cleave presented his program on Arcola area Broom Corn History. Arcola is considered the Broom Corn Capital of the World. There are still three companies in Arcola that are in the broom corn business.

Robert said that cutting broom corn was the first real money he ever made when he was around age 12 or so. Making broom corn brooms began in Massachusetts in 1796 by Levi Dickson with 30 brooms. The industry came to Arcola in 1867. Robert shared the process of making brooms from broom corn.

2012/2013 Officers and Board Directors

Officers



Alan Shoemaker
President



Pat Damler
President Elect



Tammy Baer
Vice President



Candy Hudson
Treasurer



Janet Butler
Secretary

Board of Directors



Jaci Manzella
Past President



Dave Butler
Webmaster



Lorraine Best
Term Expires 2014



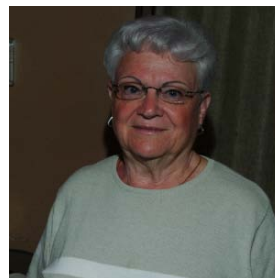
Kim Higgins
Term Expires 2013



Tim Hoel
Term expires 2013



Jerry Leonard
Term expires 2014



Donna Motley
Term expires 2015



Tom Sturgis
Term expires 2015

U.S.P.S. Food Drive for SAM Pantry – May 12, 2012



Off they go with a mail carrier....



Waiting for more food....

More Photos on our Website

K-Kids Spring Picnic – May 15, 2012



Tim starting the fire



Here they come!



Hot dogs all around



Linda, Debbie, Lorraine & Carol



Topsy & Janet



Mmmmm...marshmallows

More Photos on our Website

May 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Amishland Buffet on Wednesday, 5/9/2012 at 12:05 PM by President Jaci Manzella with the following Board Directors present:

	Lorraine Best (2014)		Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Jaci Manzella – Pres.
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Sherrie Hoel (2012)	x	Steven Niemann (2012)
x	David Butler – Webmaster		Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Alan Shoemaker P-Elect
x	Mike Damler – Past Pres	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.		
x	Pat Damler – V.P.	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of April Board Meeting – Jerry Leonard made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Sherrie Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. April Monthly Report – Janet had provided Board members an advance copy of the monthly report to review. The number of volunteer hours was 777 service hours. Alan Shoemaker made a motion that the report be approved and submitted. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 5/9/12 the current balance in the Treasury is \$12,059.36 including allocations of \$887.60 for the Eliminate Project and \$156.40 for the 2013 Easter Egg Hunt. Mike Damler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – David & Janet Butler requested reimbursement for their KI Convention Registration fees in the amount of \$390.00. Disbursements of \$200.00 to the Torpedo Swim team and \$250.00 to TCHS to recognize Juniors for high achievement in state exams were discussed. Mike Damler made a motion to approve these reimbursements and disbursements, Candy Hudson seconded and it was approved.
5. Sparks in the Park Parade – The 2012 parade will be on Friday, July 6 at 5:00PM. Jaci will reach out to members for a truck, trailer and hay bales.
6. Recognizing Members – Alan Shoemaker suggested the club consider recognizing a member or members with an award for Kiwanian of The Year and/or Outstanding Achievement. After some discussion the Board thought this was a good idea. Janet Butler and Alan Shoemaker agreed to draft a nomination form for members to nominate a member for such an award, considering items such as volunteer hours, attendance, taking a leadership role (committees, officers, Board members, etc.) in the club, bringing new ideas, etc. Such awards would not necessarily be given every year. Alan Shoemaker made a motion to proceed, David Butler seconded, and it was approved.

7. Postal Food Drive for SAM Pantry – The food drive is coming up on Saturday, May 12. The Board was concerned that residents had not received the reminder post cards. Janet Butler volunteered to follow up with the post office. [Note: Post office advised Janet that reminder post cards would not be delivered, because U.S.P.S. decided not to print them this year. Jaci contacted Carly and an online reminder was sent out to email addresses for subscribers of the Tuscola Community Newsletter.]
8. 2012/2013 Elections – Due to not having a Vice President candidate confirmed, Jaci postponed the officer/Board director elections on May 7. Janet advised that even if the VP slot is not confirmed by Monday, members must vote on the other positions at our May 14 meeting.
9. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 13 at noon at the Amishland Buffet.
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:51 P.M.

Janet Butler
Secretary



....Summer's here

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

(If you need a screen and/or projector for your program, contact David or Janet Butler.)