



# Kiwaniis®

## TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB

### NEWSLETTER

#### JUNE 2014

### 2014 Events/Activities

Wednesday, June 11	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, June 21	Douglas County Relay for Life – TCHS
Wed & Thurs, June 25 & 26	Garage Sale Set-Up – Forty Martyrs Hall
Fri & Sat, June 27 & 28	Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wednesday, July 9	Board Meeting – TBD
Thu-Sun, July 17-20	Kiwaniis Int’l Convention, Chiba, Japan
Thu-Sun August 7-10	I-I District Annual Convention, Bloomington, IL
Saturday, October 4	Pancake Breakfast–Homecoming – Tuscola Community Building

### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

June 2	Wilma Allen
June 9	John Davis
June 16	Janet Cox
June 23	Jeannine Fortney
June 30	Darla Gardner
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	<b>No Meeting – Labor Day</b>
September 8	Judy Landeck
September 15	Jerry Leonard
September 22	Jaci Manzella
September 29	Officer/Director Installations
October 6	Kathryn McCumber
October 13	Topy Moody
October 20	Art Moss
October 27	Barb Moss

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](#)

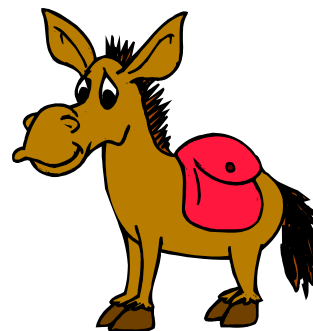
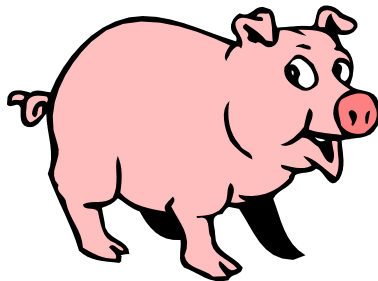
### Marriage and Relatives

A couple drove several miles down a country road, not saying a word.

An earlier discussion had led to an argument, and neither wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules and pigs, the husband sarcastically asked, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "In-laws."



## Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2014

- Attendance

50 – Members

0 – Guests

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Hausmann
- Birthdays – None
- Brags – Pete Buckley, David Butler, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Judy Heilich, April Kauffman, Barb Moss, and Leo Plaszczyński
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

K-Kids Fundraising – The K-Kids raised \$333 for the Eliminate Project at Tuscola IGA.

Skip-A-Meal – Members generously donated \$405.00 during April. The donations go to the Kiwanis International Foundation Children’s Fund.

Peace Meals – June is the club’s month to provide volunteers to deliver Peace Meals lunches. Chairman David Butler sent around a sign-up sheet.

Eliminate Project – Members have raised and donated \$6,791 to date for the Eliminate Project since the project’s beginning. May is “Eliminate Project Month” for the club. Secretary Janet Butler sent out thirty letters to Kiwanians that cannot regularly attend meetings so that they can participate in supporting this project.

Postal Food Drive for SAM Pantry –Joyce Brzozkiewicz reminded members about the May 10 event.

### Program:



David and Janet Butler were chaperones at the Key Leader Camp in Hudson, Illinois from April 25-27. Since the club sponsored two Key Clubbers to attend, Alexis Nau and Krupa Patel, they thought club members would be interested in what Key Leader is all about and what occurred at the camp.

Key Leader is a weekend leadership program for today's young leaders. This life-changing event focuses on service leadership. Attendees will learn the most important lesson of leadership—it comes from helping *others* succeed.

The weekend retreat includes large and small group workshops, discussions and team-building activities. Students have opportunities to learn leadership skills that will help them to change their schools, communities, and world for the better. Participants will make amazing new friends and have experiences they will never forget.



Alexis  
&  
Krupa

## Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2014

- **Attendance**

49 – Members

4 – Guests: Colleen Clark, daughter of Pete Buckley, Wes Clark, granddaughter Lucy Clark, and our speaker, John McDevitt

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Betty Leonard
- **Birthdays** – None
- **Braggs** – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Janet Butler, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, Jim Hausmann, Kathryn McCumber (for Marge Conn), and Char Snyder
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

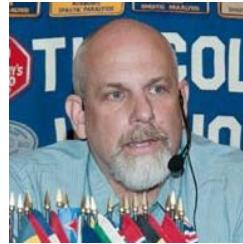
Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive – The results of the food drive were outstanding....with 4,374 pounds collected in food and equivalent cash donations. The club received a grateful thank you note from Betsy Stuerke.

2014/2015 Club Officers and Director Elections – Pat Damler conducted the elections. Chairman Jim Wood put forward a slate of nominations—President-Tammy Baer, President Elect-Jerry Leonard, Vice President-David Butler, Secretary-Janet Butler, Treasurer-Candy Hudson, and new Club Directors-Carol Beals & Jim Hausmann. No nominations were made from the floor. Mike Damler made a motion to accept the nominations. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved by a show of hands. See photos in this newsletter on page 7.

K-Kids Thank You – Members received a thank you note from the K-Kids and Beth Linstead for donating the food and beverages so they could make Teacher Appreciation Week extra special.

### **Program:**

Mike Damler introduced his guest speaker, John McDevitt owner of the Vault Arts Collective.



The Vault is a privately owned collective of about 60 independent artists located at 100 N. Main St., Tuscola, IL. The venue

showcases art work, hosts art related events, and provides an opportunity for artists to join a like-minded community.

The Vault is located in a historic former bank building in downtown Tuscola. The two-story 12,000 sq ft building is an ideal venue for retail, exhibit, studio, and event space for the arts. The goal is to establish and maintain a diverse range of talents and mediums allowing a home for established, as well as burgeoning artists.

Items on display and for sale include paintings, ceramics, pottery, woodworking, fabrics, and more. Each artist is independent and some do custom work, if requested. The first Saturday of each month a themed art event is held from 6p-10p, usually with music. Sometimes there are also guest exhibitors as well.

## Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2014

- Attendance

50 – Members

2 – Guests: Shannon & Mike Smith, our speakers

- Free Lunch Winner – Jerry Reynolds
- Birthdays – 5/20 Susan Hays, 5/21 Andy Brzozkiewicz, 5/24 Nancy Reynolds, 5/26 Janet Boyer, 5/27 Janet Butler, 5/30 Lyn Selen, 5/31 Dan Russell and 6/1 Nick Sebastian.
- Brags – Lorraine Best, Pete Buckley, David Butler, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Kim Higgins, and Jaci Manzella
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Relay For Life – Lorraine Best and Sharon Corum sent around sign-up sheets for the club’s “Chocolate Shop” to provide chocolate related food and/or items, and shifts to work the booth. If you will not have a chance to sign up at a meeting, contact Lorraine Best or Sharon Corum.

Garage Sale – The garage sale is fast approaching. Sign-up sheets continue to circulate our meetings. If you would like to know what dates/times the committee stills needs help, contact Janet Butler.

## Program:



Mike Smith      Shannon Smith

Linda Damler introduced our guest speakers, Mike and Shannon Smith. Mike is the Tuscola School District Superintendent. Shannon is the district’s Technology Coordinator. Mike began the program by reporting that the finances of the school district are much improved since 2012. The district is still not where it needs to be, but the progress is ahead of schedule. The Tuscola city tax (now a county tax) has really helped the school district with capital expenditures.

Shannon’s philosophy is to use technology to teach and show knowledge. She calls it CCSS (Common Core State Standards) Meets Technology. Some of the activities and projects that students from North Ward, East Prairie and TCHS have done are videos, websites, audio projects, adding foreign language subtitles to movie clips, how to demonstrations like geometry graphing, skyping with students around the world and more.

The school district is always happy to accept donations of money, new equipment such as PCs and i-Pads, and used equipment in good condition. Shannon is working on procuring more i-Pads for the three schools. The district can buy an i-Pad for about \$400, or \$380 on an order of 20 or more. If more questions, contact Shannon.

**Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive – May 10, 2014**



More photos on our website

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**Club Officers and Director Elections 2014/2015 – May 12, 2014**

**Officers**



Tammy Baer  
President



Jerry Leonard  
President Elect



David Butler  
Vice President



Candy Hudson  
Treasurer



Janet Butler  
Secretary



Pat Damler  
Past President

**Club Directors**



Dave Butler  
Webmaster



Carol Beals  
Term Expires 2017



Margo Blaudow  
Term Expires 2016



Peter Buckley  
Term Expires 2016



Jim Hausmann  
Term expires 2017



Donna Motley  
Term expires 2015



Tom Sturgis  
Term expires 2015

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**Kiwanis 2014 TCHS Scholarship Winners**

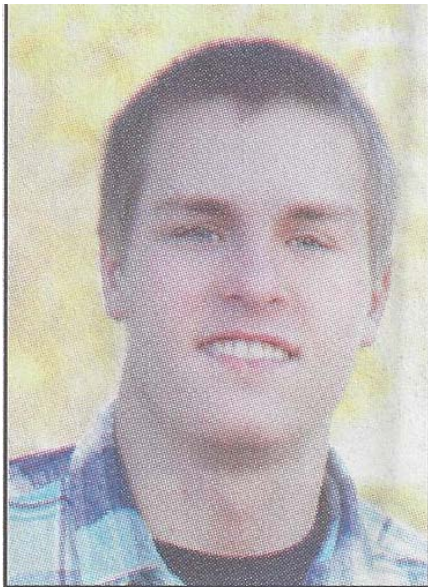


**Katie O'Hearn**

President – Key Club



**Victoria Price**



**Tanner Robinson**



**Tristan Williams**



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**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB**  
**May 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, 5/14/2014 at 12:02 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)
	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: Mary Schultz,
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Jerry Leonard – V.P.		Maribeth Opperman, and Doris Young

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of April Board Meeting – Carol Burwash made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
2. April Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of volunteer service hours was 999 service and 179 fundraising hours. Tom Sturgis made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 5/14/14, the current balance in the Treasury is \$17,374.54. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Margo Blaudow made a motion to approve the following disbursements: \$269.73 to Janet Butler for 2015 Egg Hunt eggs and prizes, \$227.40 to Janet Butler for B.U.G. certificates, pins, and other administrative items from the KI store, \$162.99 to Carol Burwash for 2015 Egg Hunt prizes, \$75.00 to The Tuscola Journal for 2014 egg hunt advertising, \$12.39 to Tuscola IGA for 2014 egg hunt candy, \$150.00 budgeted to BETHS Place and \$200.00 budgeted to Torpedo Swim Team. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. The Eliminate Project – Since the beginning of the project, members’ donations through April total \$6,791. May is the club’s “Eliminate Project Month.” Candy reported that so far \$210.00 was donated by members who cannot attend meetings regularly in response to the mailing that was done May 1. Due to a major donation/pledge in May, our club has now reached the Bronze Club Level for recognition. In September or October the Board will review where the club is regarding Eliminate donations and determine if a Silver Level pledge is achievable.
6. Kiwanis Garage Sale – The signup sheets started around at the May 12 meeting and will continue for several meetings. Pat reported that the committee has everything well in hand. Maribeth Opperman reported that Kiwanis has been offered items from the estate of Betty Weber Cooch. It was agreed to accept the items using what we can for the sale and discarding anything that is not good for the sale or Goodwill. Maribeth will confirm to the family that the club is accepting the items.
7. Relay For Life – Co-chair Lorraine Best and Sharon Corum attended the May 5 Relay For Life meeting. A site was selected for our Chocolate Shop. The committee has things well in hand for the club’s participation in the event.
8. 2014 TCHS Scholarships – Pat Damler reported that Mike Damler and committee have evaluated the applications and the four winners have been selected. Pat will present the scholarships at Honors Day on May 23. Pat will send an email after the event to announce the winners to club members, and will also announce the winners at our next regular club meeting.
9. Youth Protection Policy & Background Checks – Janet Butler reported that to be in compliance with Kiwanis International’s Youth Protection Policy that our K-Kids and Key Club “Club” Advisors, Jeannine Fortney and Mike Damler, need to have a background check. Janet suggested that it would be appropriate for the club to reimburse our advisors for those costs. This can be done from the Kiwanis International website for about \$20.00. Tom Sturgis made a motion to reimburse our SLP club advisors. Carol Burwash seconded the motion, and it was approved. Janet will contact Jeannine and Mike to start the process. Janet also reported that she will do a “Kiwanis Education” program sometime in the next few months to review the Youth Protection Policy with club members.
10. Lt. Governor News – Incoming Lt. Gov. David Butler reported that Pat Damler will serve with him as Division 27 New Club Builder. Their focus will be restarting a club in Sullivan. Mike Damler will serve with David as Division 27 Club Councilor. Their focus will be the struggling clubs in division 27. Janet Butler reported that she is now the “out of division” Lt. Gov. for struggling Division 26, as well as the incoming LTG.

11. New Charleston Club – David Butler, Tim Hoel and Jim Dooley, I-I Governor Elect, have been working very hard meeting with people in Charleston to start a new Kiwanis Club there. It appears that this is going to happen in the next month or so. David asked that the Board approve our Tuscola Club as the sponsor of the new Charleston Club. Sponsorship means assisting the new club, helping officers and club directors, attending meetings, encouraging interclubs with Tuscola and other clubs, and mentoring the new club. Donna Motley made a motion to approve the sponsorship of the Charleston Club. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.
12. 2015 Easter Egg Hunt – Pete Buckley generously volunteered \$100.00 towards purchasing new plastic eggs for next year’s Easter egg hunt. Carol Burwash advised that she and Janet Butler had already purchased enough new ones to have enough for 2015. Pete was concerned that some of the eggs are still unclean and sticky from having coffee dumped into the container. (The committee will assure that this does not happen next year.) It was agreed to table Pete’s offer until after the 2015 egg hunt with the idea that any plastic eggs that were unclean or not in good condition would be discarded. Then a count will be taken to see how many must be purchased for the next year.
13. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 11 at noon at The Smith House.
14. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary

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*It's A Grand Old Flag!*

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New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos and more. Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:

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