



# Kiwaniis®

## KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

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### 2015 Events/Activities

Saturday, June 6	Relay For Life - TCHS
Wednesday, June 10	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thur-Sun – June 25-28	Kiwaniis Int’l Convention – Indianapolis IN
Wednesday, July 8	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thur-Sun – August 6-9	Kiwaniis I-I District Convention – Peoria, IL
Saturday, October 10	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.

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### 2016 Events/Activities

Friday, March 11	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 19	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Saturday, April 16	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall

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### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

June 1	Andy Brzozkiewicz
June 8	John Davis
June 15	Pete Buckley
June 22	Carol Burwash
June 29	Jan Chappell
July 6	Dave Dobson
July 13	David Butler
July 20	Marge Conn
July 27	Jack Corum

August 3	Mike Damler
August 10	Linda Damler
August 17	Sharon Corum
August 24	Pat Damler
August 31	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
September 7	<b>No Meeting – Labor Day</b>
September 14	Janet Butler
September 21	Jeannine Fortney
September 28	Officer/Club Director Installations
October 5	2014/2015 Club Awards/Recognitions
October 12	Darla Gardner
October 19	Debbie Graber
October 26	Carol Hausmann
November 2	Jim Hausmann
November 9	Judy Heilich
November 16	Darrell Helm
November 23	Kim Higgins
November 30	Sherrie Hoel

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](#)

**You Never Know What Kids Will Say**

Teacher: Mark, can you tell me what you would like to be in the future?

Mark: I'd like to be a billionaire and be famous.

Teacher: Interesting...what about you Esther.

Esther: I'd like to be Mark's wife!



## Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2015

### • Attendance

48 – Members

1 – Guest: David Porter, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Nancy Reynolds
- Birthdays – 5/10 Dave Morgan
- Brags – Pete Buckley, David Butler, and Linda Damler
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Upcoming Event Reminders –Saturday, May 9 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, Tuesday, May 19 K-Kids Picnic, Saturday, June 6 Douglas County Relay for Life, and Peace Meal Deliveries in June. Sign-up sheets are going around for these volunteer opportunities.

Eliminate Project Matching Donation Challenge - Andy & Joyce are matching The Eliminate Project donations (up to \$1,500) that are made by club members during May 2015.

Election of 2015/2016 Officers & Club Directors – Tammy Baer read the slate of candidates, and asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Wayne Ward made a motion to close the nominations. David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved. Having no contested positions, Tammy called for a verbal vote. All candidates were elected unanimously. See page 6 for names, photos, and positions.

Kiwanis International Recognition for Club Building – Tammy Baer presented David Butler with a Kiwanis International Certificate of Recognition for new club building.

Key Club News – Secretary Alex Nau reported 143 volunteer hours for April with a school-year total of 1,916 hours. Top 5 Key Clubbers for the year are Alexis Nau, Sydney Hoel, Ashley Mattingly, Lindsey Tschopp, and Maria Meyer.

Thank You Note – Tammy Baer read a thank you note from BETHS Place, thanking the club for its spring cleanup.

### Program:



Elaine Bryant introduced our speaker, David Porter, a 1983 graduate of TCHS. He is the owner/editor of the Lebanon Advertiser newspaper. The newspaper was founded in 1911. Lebanon is about a two hour drive from Tuscola with a population of about 4,400. David bought the newspaper about 18 months ago. He has added color, and computerized the pagination. Circulation has gone up 10% since his purchase.

The paper is put out by volunteers and David. He edits stories and photos that are sent to him, as well as the material that he writes such as editorial and “soft” news.

David write a weekly column “Ramblin’ Man” that runs in 10-12 newspapers. He outsources that actual printing, labels and list management for the Lebanon Advertiser.

## Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2015

- Attendance

53 – Members

7 – Guests: Rev. Ralph & Debbie Deal, Dan & Ruth Whobrey, Leland & Delores Lust and our speaker, Ted Lust

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Hausmann

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Carol Beals, Janet Boyer, Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Pete Buckley, David Butler, Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Darla Gardner, Tim Hoel, Jerry Leonard, Eloise Kennedy, David Morgan, and Jim Wood

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive – Joyce Brzozkiewicz thanked and bragged on everyone who helped out for the food drive on May 9. The food drive collected 1,964.4 pounds of food and \$560.00 in donations which is equivalent to 2,240 pounds of food, for an excellent total of 4,204.4 pounds.

Key Club News – Key Clubbers set up a “Box City” in the TCHS Gym and slept in boxes on the floor the night of Saturday, May 9. The purpose was to raise awareness for local homelessness and raise donations for the Mattoon Area PADS homeless shelter. A total of \$708.92 was donated for the shelter. Awesome job!

2015 TCHS Kiwanis Scholarships – Mike Damler announced this year’s winners of a \$1,000 Kiwanis scholarship: Alli Moss, co-president of Key Club, Grace Hardwick, Anna Heinz, and Dakota Little.

Camp New Hope Donations –The grand total for member donations for Camp New Hope was \$575.00. This will provide a scholarship to one summer camper plus a little extra. That “little extra” put Camp New Hope over their campaign goal. The club has a smiley face and recognition on their website.

### Program:



Dan Russell introduced our speaker, Ted Lust. He always had a love a music and still does. It all started with a gift of a Sears guitar one

Christmas from his parents. Ted was raised on a farm near Hammond Illinois and is a 1968 high school graduate.

He started in a rock n roll band in 1963. In the mid-70s he was doing country music. In 1992 he started doing events as a DJ. Currently he is performing again, and doing DJ gigs. Ted loves melodies and harmonies. He believe that “Music says what words can’t.” Members then enjoyed several songs by Ted and his friends.



## Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2015

- **Attendance**

48 – Members

6 – Guests: Soon-to-be-member Cathy Means, Lauren & Alli Moss, grand-daughters of Art & Barb Moss, Rev. Ralph Deal, Ted Lust, and our speaker, Danita Lust

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Kathryn McCumber
- **Birthdays** – 5/20 Susan Hays, 5/21 Andy Brzozkiewicz, 5/24 Nancy Reynolds, 5/26 Janet Boyer, 5/27 Janet Butler, 5/28 Barb Wills, 5/30 Lyn Selen, and 5/31 Dan Russell
- **Brags** – Tammy Baer, Pete Buckley, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Jaci Manzella, Dave Morgan, Valerie Morgan, Alli Moss, Barb Moss, and Jim Wood
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Upcoming Event Reminders –Saturday, June 6 Douglas County Relay for Life, and Peace Meal Deliveries in June. Sign-up sheets are going around for these volunteer opportunities.

Relay For Life – Pete Buckley announced that our club’s theme for RFL will be Don Ho’s Hawaii. Carol Beals donated colorful beads, pins and ribbon. Walkers can buy for a \$1 their first bead with either ribbon or a pin for completing an hour of lap walking. Additional beads for completed walking are free.

Jim Hausmann is volunteering his equipment and time to provide electricity and lighting for the event, including our club’s tents. Leis will be provided for members working our tents and walking the laps. So come in your best Hawaiian attire!

### **Program:**



Patty Russell introduced our speaker, Danita Lust from the Illinois State Employment Security office in Champaign. Danita has worked for this state agency for over

25 years. Previously she was a hairdresser and worked for Kelley Temporary Services. Danita is originally from Atwood, but has lived in Tuscola since the early 1970s.

Danita currently works as a Business Services Coordinator. She works with employers and job seekers. To assist job seekers, events are held at least monthly sometimes for veterans only seeking work.

One of the tools available to employers looking for help and job seekers is the Illinois Job Link website. Employers can post positions, and job seekers can post resumes and looks for open positions. Registration is free and there is no charge for use of the website. Veterans have priority during the first 48 hours when a job is posted so veterans should check the website often.

For more information, go to:

<https://illinoisjoblink.illinois.gov>

**2015/2016 Officers & Club Directors Election – May 4, 2015**

**Officers**



Jerry Leonard  
President



David Butler  
President Elect



Jan Chappell  
Vice President



Candy Hudson  
Treasurer



Janet Butler  
Secretary



Tammy Baer  
Past President

**Club Directors**



Dave Butler  
Webmaster



Carol Beals  
Term Expires 2017



Maureen Bergeson  
Term Expires 2018



Margo Blaudow  
Term Expires 2016



Peter Buckley  
Term expires 2016



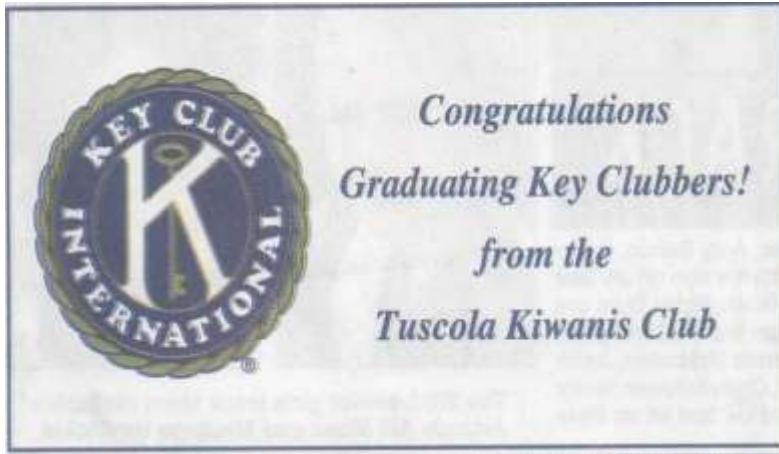
Jim Hausmann  
Term expires 2017



Jerry Reynolds  
Term expires 2018

These officers and club directors will take office October 1, 2015

**Kiwanis 2015 TCHS Scholarship Winners**



Alli Moss  
Co-President - TCHS Key Club



Grace Hardwick



Anna Heinz



Dakota Little

**Camp Independence Kiwanis Playground Dedication**  
**May 2, 2015 – State of Illinois Kiwanis Day**



More Photos on Club Website



**KI President Dr. John Button's Centennial Visit to I-I District**  
**May 1-2, 2015**



I-I Gov. Jim Dooley welcomes KI President Dr. John Button



David Butler receives Centennial Award



Jim Rochford "roasts" Gov. Dooley

More Photos on Club Website

**Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive – May 9, 2015**



Great Job!!!!

More Photos on Club Website

**K-Kids Spring Picnic – May 19, 2015**



More Photos on Club Website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB**  
**2015 MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 12:00 PM by President Tammy Baer with the following officers, club directors, and guests present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres	X	David Butler – Vice Pres	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Pat Damler – Past Pres	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Jim Hausmann (2017)		Guests:
	Pete Buckley (2016)		Candy Hudson – Treas		Carol Burwash, Tim &
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Leonard – Pres Elect		Sherrie Hoel

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of April Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the minutes be approved, with the park name correction that was noted. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. April Monthly Reports – Janet Butler had emailed Board members copies of the monthly Tuscola Volunteer Hours report and the Kiwanis International monthly report for their review. There was a total of 806 service hours reported. Carol Beals made a motion to approve the reports. Donna Motley seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 5/13/15, the current balance is \$19,469.42. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the report. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements – Janet Butler requested reimbursement for \$22.05 for postage stamps that were used for the 45 May Eliminate letters to selected members and \$256.69 for prizes purchased for the 2016 Easter Egg Hunt for a total of \$278.74. David Butler made a motion to approve the request. Carol Beals seconded the motion and it was approved. Tammy Baer reported that ERBA has requested a donation to assist in purchasing school supplies for low-income students. Janet Butler made a motion to disburse \$100.00 to ERBA that was budgeted for that purpose. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet will provide her receipts to Candy. Also, Candy will be providing a \$275.00 check each to Andy Brzozkiewicz and Donna Motley to reimburse them as the winners of the 4/27 ICON registration drawing.

5. Dues Owed from January 2015 – Tabled due to Candy’s absence.
6. Andy & Joyce Brzozkiewicz Eliminate Project Donation Challenge – Due to having only three meetings in May because of the Memorial Day holiday, the Board extended the May Eliminate Project Matching Challenge to Monday, June 1. All Eliminate donations made from May 1 through June 1 will be matched by Andy and Joyce up to \$1,500.00 which is the cost for a Centennial Award.
7. Easter Egg Hunt – Janet Butler provided Board members with an overview and update regarding the costs, prizes, candy and eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt including the status of where we are for the 2016 hunt. Copy of the handout is enclosed.
8. Douglas County Relay For Life – Pete Buckley and Debbie Graber provided two emails for the Board to review, and with questions to answer. Below are the items reviewed and decisions made:
  - Do we have a sufficient amount of baked goods to sell or should we ask for additional baked goods and/or purchase energy bars to sell? Do not buy energy bars. If you think we are short of baked goods, pass around the sign-up sheet again.
  - We need a theme for our team. What does the Board suggest? Go with a Don Ho Hawaiian theme. Janet Butler volunteered to provide some Hawaiian leis for members to wear.
  - The team needs items for a silent auction. Debbie will donate some baskets and ask if Dr. Hemmer would donate a gift certificate. Pete will ask if Richard Kidwell would donate a gift certificate from Daylight Donuts, and will provide some FBI coffee cups and t-shirts. Donna Motley volunteered some jams/jellies. What would the Board like us to do? Send around a sign-up sheet for Kiwanians to donate items or gift certificates with a deadline to get them to Pete or Debbie. Then Pete and Debbie will prepare the baskets and spread items out the number of baskets that seems appropriate. Feel free to ask for member volunteers to help put the baskets together.
  - The team needs a team activity. Pete suggested his bag toss game. Suggestions? The Board was not clear on whether this activity is just for fun or is also a part of fundraising or it something we need to award prizes? Pete and Debbie will be asked to clarify.
  - Will we have electricity? Yes, Jim Hausmann will be providing electricity and a couple of lights for our tent(s).

- Should we sell frozen ice pops? No, so that we don't have to have freezers or equipment to keep something frozen. We will need coolers to ice down Gatorade and water bottles. There is free ice at the community building.
- Health Permit – Pete is confirming that the Health Dept. Certificate that the club used for Pancake and Fish Fry is good for all of 2015.
- Is 2 tables and 8 chairs enough? For the Kiwanians working the tent(s), that will be fine. For members wanting to “hang out” at our tent(s) that are not on duty, they should probably bring their own chairs.

It was suggested by Carol Beals and Carol Burwash that we have something to “award” the walkers. Carol Beals advised that she had many different colored beads that she would donate that could be put on a ribbon as a bracelet or necklace. The ribbon would be cut as requested. Each lap or hour a walker completed, they could come by the Kiwanis tent. Maybe we would charge a \$1 for the ribbon and first bead, and then each additional bead would be free. Janet Butler said that she already had some ribbon that she could donate. Pete and Debbie can consider this suggestion.

9. Personal Hearing Devices – This item was tabled as no action had been taken.
10. Kiwanis International Convention (ICON) – Janet Butler reported that so far she had been advised of 15 members and 3 guests that are registered for the convention. Andy Brzozkiewicz and Donna Motley were the winners of the 4/27 registration drawing and will be reimbursed \$275.00 each. Both are the club's voting delegates at ICON during the business session. The club's alternate voting delegates are Joyce Brzozkiewicz and Doris Young.
11. TCHS Kiwanis Scholarships – Janet Butler reported that the certificates and cover letters in folders have been delivered to the high school by Mike Damler. President Tammy Baer will present the scholarships on Honors Day at 9AM in the high school gym on Friday, May 15.
12. 2016 Pancake Breakfast – Pat Damler reported back to the Board that any Saturday in April 2016 was available at Forty Martyrs Hall. After discussion, the pancake breakfast date was set for Saturday, April 16, 2016. Pat will reserve the date on the Forty Martyrs calendar.

13. Club Information Card – David Butler passed around an information card about Decatur Golden K. Jerry Leonard and David suggested that such a card be developed for our club. The cards would be provided to guests, speakers who are not members, and any other event where handing out the cards to prospective members would be good. It was suggested and agreed that we would hand them out at Relay For Life. The Butlers volunteered to draft a Tuscola Kiwanis information card and email the draft to Board members for review and finalizing. The Butlers also agreed to print 500 cards to get the club’s supply started. Carol Beals suggested the cards be printed on yellow card stock.

14. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting is June 10, 2015 at noon at The Smith House

15. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary



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