

# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2006

### Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting – March 1<sup>st</sup> at noon at Tuscany's.
- Club's 20 Year Celebration – Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at Linda and Mike Damler's home. More details to follow.
- Fish Fry – Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow

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**Reminder:** We still have some members that haven't paid their first installment of 2006 dues of \$50. Please do so as soon as possible to Treasurer, Candy Hudson. Dues will now be collected by the end of January and July.

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### **Gone Missin'---Help!**



The club is trying to locate the magnetic Kiwanis logo signs that were last seen (we think) on the truck that pulled the 2005 Kiwanis HarvestFest parade wagon. Has anyone seen them since? Any ideas where they went? Please contact Carol Burwash or Wayne Ward.

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### Upcoming Program Assignments

March 6	Joe Fortney
March 13	Debbie Graber
March 20	Edie Griffith
March 27	Greg Hankey
April 7	Clarice Hausman
April 10	Darrell Helm
April 17	Kim Higgins
April 24	Jan Hauser

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Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, March 21, 2006! You can vote early from February 27<sup>th</sup> until March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30a.m. to noon at the county clerk's office at the courthouse. No reason/excuse is required for early voting.

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### **Pancake Breakfast**

The pancake breakfast on Saturday, 2/25 was great success! The event raised \$840.00 in gross receipts. There were many positive comments about the food and the coffee. The chocolate milk went over well, too!



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### **Meeting of 2/6/06**

There were 25 members and 1 guest.

At the Division 27 late winter meeting, Mike Damler was elected Division 27 2006-2007 Lt. Governor. Kudos, Mike! At the meeting the Children's Miracle Network was discussed. There are six Illinois hospitals that are a part of this network and no child is denied treatment regardless of ability to pay. Kiwanis clubs can raise money for Children's Miracle Network by sending in pre-labeled boxes filled with empty ink-jet cartridges (except Brother and Epson).

Final details were discussed for the Pancake Breakfast on 2/25/06. A sign-up sheet went around for attending members.

Cindy Bickers introduced the presenter, John Lindblom. He serenaded us with songs famous for being sung by Frank Sinatra. Songs included "New York, New York" and "My Way".



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**"If you always give, you will always have."**

*Chinese Proverb*

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## Meeting of 2/13/06

There were 24 members and 3 guests.

Raising funds for the Children's Miracle Network was discussed again. Carole Weber volunteered to chair a committee for this project. She will be announcing a committee meeting soon and will ask for volunteers.



The program presenter was Dorothy Kennett from Bloomington. She shared her experiences with us from her volunteer work in Africa. She raised funds in the U.S. to create a library for God's Golden Acre at Cato Ridge, Kwa Zulu Natal in the Republic of South Africa. This was part of the Give a Child a Home project. This facility helps about 100 children who have been orphaned and/or abandoned as a result of AIDS or violence. It was not easy to be a volunteer for this facility. Volunteers must make a 6-month time commitment and be approved by the Starfish Greathearts Foundation located in the United Kingdom. Starfish is a charity that supports children in South Africa who have been orphaned or made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS.

Dorothy told her fascinating story about how she was finally able to get approval to be a volunteer and to provide a library/study for the residents of God's Golden Acre. There were many challenges to find supplies, furniture and resources, however Dorothy succeeded with the help of many people. Dorothy plans to return again in the next few months. For more information on the foundation, you can go to: [www.starfishcharity.org](http://www.starfishcharity.org) .

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Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do.  
Attitude determines how well you do it.

*By Lou Holtz*

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## Meeting of 2/27/06

There were 23 members and 10 guests. Seven of the guests were from the Sullivan Kiwanis Club for an inter-club meeting. The other guests were Jennifer Nolan and son Riley, and our program presenter Jim Ingram.

There were many brags for the Pancake Breakfast volunteers. We had many compliments on the food and the coffee. Kudos to Darrell Helm for assuring everything would go off like clockwork.

Clarice Hausman, Paul Wisovaty, Ben Mingo, Janet Butler and David Butler attended an inter-club meeting with the Paris Early Birds. Due to Clarice's superb driving, we arrived before any of the members. We rapped on the window and the cook let us in. We were the Early Early Birds for this inter-club meeting. A wonderful buffet breakfast was service. The program was presented by Toby Wilson who talked about the Junior League Basketball that Paris is a participant.

Wayne Ward, Carol Burwash, Ed Wachala and Paul Wisovaty attended the I-I Division mid-winter conference. There was discussion about possibly re-drawing the IA-IL districts to make more districts. Nothing is decided at this time. There was also discussion about fundraising for the Children's Miracle Network through sending in empty ink-jet cartridges.

Carol Burwash asked the members if anyone was interested in CPR training in Decatur through the Kiwanis. It will be an all day event costing \$60 on 4/8 or 4/29. If you are interested, please contact Carol Burwash as soon as possible.

The program presenter was Jim Ingram, Douglas County Clerk. He demonstrated a new voting machine, the TSX. It is touch-screen technology with headsets for the visually impaired. There are 20 such units at \$5,800 each with \$100,000 of funding coming from a federal grant. These units also provide unlimited ballots. Voters can still use the AccuVote OS optical scan system to vote, as in the past. After the program, interested members tried out the new system.



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**"It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action."**

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### **Highlights from the February 2006 Board Meeting**

- Wayne Ward advised that for the January monthly report to the I-I District and Division 27 Lt. Governor, there were 16 service projects with a total of 262 hours.
- Candy Hudson reported that the balance in the treasure was \$4,767.38.
- International and I-I District dues are due on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The board approved the payment for \$3,192.00. Candy has issued and mailed the check to the International Office.
- The Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Montreal, Canada from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wayne Ward and Ed Wachala have registered for the convention. Anyone else wanting to attend, the registration form is in the current Kiwanis Magazine.

(Full text on club web site)

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You're getting older when getting "lucky" means you found your car in the parking lot on the first try.

*Author Unknown*

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### **January-February Illeiwon**

The January-February Illeiwon had an article from the I-I District Statistical Secretary, Ed Walker. In the Top Ten Clubs in Points the Tuscola Kiwanis Club ranked #3 with 1,060 points. This is a great accomplishment for the club and many thanks to our secretary, Wayne Ward, for submitting the monthly reports.

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### **Traveling Vietnam Wall**

Paul Wiscovaty announced that the half-scale traveling Vietnam Wall will be on display in Tuscola from July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>. Many volunteers will be needed. Let Paul know if you can help out. Paul will provide more details later.

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See the web site for new stuff!! For example, see pictures from the 2006 pancake breakfast.

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

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