



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2007



Upcoming Events

March 7, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
March 24, Saturday	Club’s 21 st Anniversary Party – Mike & Linda Damler’s home 7:30PM
March 30, Friday	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
April 4, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
July 4-8, Wed thru Sun	Kiwanis International Convention – Marriott RiverCenter, San Antonio Texas
August 10-12, Fri thru Sun	I-I District Convention - Giovanni’s Convention Center, Rockford, Illinois

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

March 5	Jan Houser
March 12	Candy Hudson
March 19	Mark Jacobs
March 26	Judy Landeck
April 2	Ken Landeck
April 9	Jim Lee
April 16	Ben Mingo
April 23	Kathryn McCumber
April 30	John McDaniel
May 7	Betty Leonard
May 14	Art Moss
May 21	Barb Moss
May 28	No Meeting

Don't Forget to Give Wayne Your February Volunteer Hours!

Meeting of February 5, 2007

There was a total attendance of 25 members and 4 guests as follows: Chub Conner (our speaker), Suzanne Conner, Mary Kay Kalmar and Carol Weemer.

Carol Burwash reported on the Pancake Breakfast/Lunch. There was a total of 108 diners, and after expenses, the club should clear approximately \$550.00 for this fund raiser.



Darrell reminded the board members that there was a meeting on Wednesday, February 7th at noon at Tuscany's.



Beth Riefsteck reported that the K-Kids were doing extremely well in raising funds for their Children from Chernobyl project. They have raised almost \$1,000.00.

On Tuesday, February 6th the K-Kids' pins will be given out at the East Prairie Library at 12:30P.M.

Darrell Helm and Mike Damler inducted our newest member, John Davis. He was sponsored by Carole Weber. Welcome, John!!



Our speaker, Chub Conner, was provided by Clarice Hausman. Chub is a Community Relations Specialist with Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy in Rantoul. Chub shared information about the academy, its goals and its students.

The Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy is currently on its 28th class and starting its fifteenth year of operation. The program has become immensely popular and has the potential of providing thousands of "at-risk" young men and women in Illinois with a new start. Where traditional educational methods have failed, the Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy has succeeded and proved to be a tremendous alternative for young people who have the ability to excel, but need an intensive, structured environment.

The graduates of the Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy are disciplined and accomplished. They are on the road to becoming successful and contributing members of society and their community.

Lincoln's ChalleNGe is an investment in the future of Illinois communities. The cost to society without this program could be much greater if our youth are lost to unemployment, welfare, drugs, gangs or the judicial system. Current federal legislation provides a full time commitment to the Youth ChalleNGe Programs across the nation.

The following 8-core objectives are the goals established by the National Guard Bureau as the criteria for each cadet attending a Youth Challenge Program:

1. Academic Excellence pertains to the cadet increasing their educational grade level and/or obtaining a GED. The cadet must also pursue continuing their education or obtaining verifiable employment.
2. Job Skills includes the completion of the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), conducting personal career research, construction of a resume, responding to job advertisements and demonstrating interview skills. The cadet must demonstrate knowledge and skills required to seek, obtain and maintain employment.
3. Physical Fitness is determined by the participation in regularly scheduled physical fitness training, as well as demonstrating knowledge of fitness concepts. The cadets must improve their level of fitness in all categories of the President's Council on Physical Fitness Training.
4. Leadership/Followership concerns several aspects of leadership. The cadet will hold a leadership position on their team. They must show evidence of personal motivation and self-discipline on a continuing basis. Cadets must demonstrate moral and ethical leadership skills, good citizen values, respect for oneself and others, honesty and loyalty.
5. Health, Sex Education & Nutrition consist of the cadet demonstrating an understanding of substance abuse on physical health and well being. They must show an understanding of proper nutrition, sexually transmitted diseases and the importance of achieving good health.
6. Life Coping Skills is one of the most all-encompassing objectives of the program. This involves the understanding of basic economics and personal financial management, personal coping strategies (i.e., ability to deal with emotions such as anger, grief), conflict resolution strategies and the ability to set and achieve goals.

7. Responsible Citizenship will enable cadets to have a basic understanding of the Constitution and U.S. Government. This includes an understanding of the election and voting process. Students participating in the student government accomplish this by serving as a committee member or a student government officer.
8. Community Service is accomplished by cadets participating in the planning, conduct and completion of community service projects and must complete 40 hours of community service activities. This is designed to give cadets an understanding of their role as a community member and the need to assist those in need.

A youth attending a Challenge Program must achieve 80% of each objective's criteria, and he/she must complete all eight objectives before graduating from the Resident Phase and moving into the Post Resident Phase. A local mentor is provided for 12 months to each successful student when they leave the academy.

These objectives are taught during the 200 hours of classroom instruction and during daily activities. Cadets also attend classes for computer literacy to become familiar with current computer programs.

The Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy is run by active members of the Illinois National Guard and retired military personnel. All instructors are certified teachers, and program counselors are qualified and experienced professionals.

The Resident Phase is the first five and a half (5.5) months spent in Rantoul at the ChalleNGe facility. The days are long, and the mental and physical activities are rigorous with very limited personal time. In addition to the physical training and classroom instruction, each cadet is required to complete 40 hours of community service activities as well as play an important role in the upkeep of living quarters and training facilities.

Cadets receive a weekly stipend of \$10 to cover incidentals and encourage good money management skills. Meals, bedding, and clothing are all provided and there are no costs to the cadet or their family for participation in the program.

During the Resident Phase, cadets are supervised at all times and remain at the facility unless participating in an authorized, off-site activity. There are scheduled breaks when all cadets return home for a specified amount of time, such as Thanksgiving or Easter. If a cadet misses more than five (5) days of training, they are immediately considered for dismissal from the program. Cadets may also be

dismissed for successive disciplinary problems or if they fail one of the random drug tests.

What are the criteria for admission?

Volunteer; 16-18 years old high school dropout by the start of the new class; resident of Illinois and a US citizen or legal resident; not currently involved in the legal system or have a court case pending; drug free at the start of class.

If you would like more information, go to www.ngycp.org/state/il/aboutus.php

THIS IS THE TRUE JOY IN LIFE

This is the true joy in life,
the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one;
the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap-heap;
the being a force of nature instead of a feverish selfish little of clod
of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote
itself to making you happy.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and
as long as I can live, it is my privilege to do for it what I can.

I want to be thoroughly used up when I die,
for the harder I work, the more I live; I rejoice in life for its own sake.

Life is no “brief candle” to me.
It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to
make it burn as brightly as possible,
before handing it on to future generations.

The above passage is from George Bernard Shaw’s book, Man & Superman. Mike Damler shared the passage with the attendees at the Division 27 Winter Conference in Decatur on February 3, 2007. The passage does a great job in depicting what Kiwanians are all about as we serve the children of the world and our community.

As I was saying..... Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.

Author: Unknown

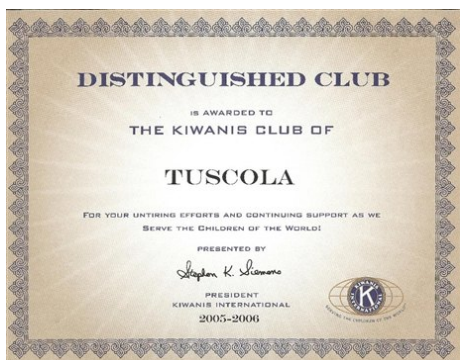
Meeting of February 12, 2007

There was a total attendance of 24 members and 1 guest, our speaker, Dorothy Kennett.

Darrell Helm reported on the Pancake Breakfast advising that the gross receipts were \$831 this year versus \$840 last year. The board decided that there would not be extended hours for the pancake breakfast next year. Darrell also reviewed items from the February Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Highlights beginning on page 11.

Mike Damler had the latest results from the B.U.G. program. There are new people directing the program at East Prairie. Volunteers took packets of post cards to be sent to the winners. The Tuscola Journal 2-20-07 article is posted on the website. Go to Sponsored Programs.

Darrell Helm, Mike Damler, Wayne Ward and Joann Ward attended the Mid-Winter conference. Wayne reported that our club received a “Distinguished Club” award and the banner patch. To be a distinguished club, a club must increase membership, attend at least two conferences and contribute to Spastic Paralysis. Tuscola was the only club in Division 27 to receive this award.





Our speaker today was Dorothy Kennett. Since we last saw her, she has been to Africa and back. She showed several pictures of the new library at God's Golden Acre. Dorothy reported that she had learned more about AIDS from her latest trip. She met a girl, Amanda, with AIDS and showed before treatment and after treatment pictures. Amanda will need treatments everyday for her entire life to control AIDS unless a cure is found.

On her latest trip, with funds provided by donors such as our club, computers were installed in the library. More software is needed and little is available there locally. A "Life Skills" training program targeted for ages 15-25 was developed, and the building was remodeled to support this program. The training will include child development, nutrition, first aid, arts, music, literature, English and more. The training is scheduled to begin in March. Dorothy shared many pictures from this latest trip.

No meeting next week due to President's Day Holiday.

Frank Lloyd Wright said: "The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes." As Kiwanians, let's look around us and see the hope represented by every child, the opportunities to increase the happiness of others. We will never be truly old until we stop appreciating life's beauty.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of February 26, 2007

There was a total attendance of 34 people at this meeting with 26 members and 8 guests: Jeannie Craddock, Ruth Slaughter, Kim Carson and Tuscola High School cast members – Sean Higgins, Zach Laley, Michelle Ogden, Rachael Sapp and Tyler Sapp. (More about them later.)

Ed reminded members that there was an inter-club with Decatur Golden K on Wednesday, 2/28 at 9:30A.M. David Butler, Janet Butler, Jerry Hall, Ed Wachala and Carole Weber plan to attend.

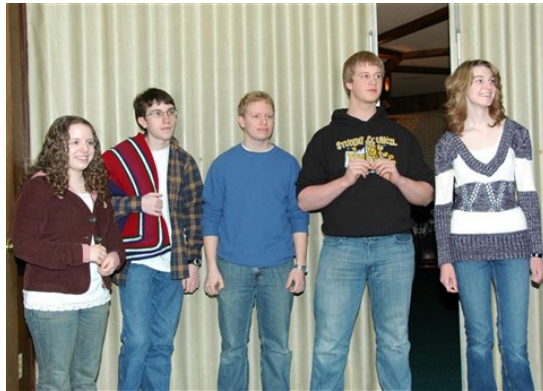
Pat Damler reported that there was an opportunity for another inter-club if at least 4 people were interested in attending. The Champaign club is meeting Thursday, March 1st from noon to 1P.M. at the Round Barn Banquet Center. The cost is \$9 and the speaker is U. of I. coach, Ron Zook. Clarice Hausman, Jerry Hall, Betty Leonard and Kathryn McCumber volunteered to go.

Darrell Helm presented Carol Burwash with her “Distinguished Club” pin as she was the club’s president during the period when the club earned this award.

Darrell Helm and Jeanne Fortney advised that our club can assist with Share Food on June 23rd, July 28th or August 25th. The club needs to select a date so that Jeanne can advise First Christian Church.

Today’s program was brought us by Kim Higgins. We were serenaded by most of the members of “Cast A” from the musical “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown”, the spring musical being presented by Tuscola Community High School Drama Club in March. Also present were Ruth Slaughter, accompanying them on the keyboard, and Jeannie Craddock directing the singing:

Tyler Sapp – Charlie Brown	Michelle Ogden – Snoopy
Rachael Sapp – Lucy	Sean Higgins – Linus
Zach Laley – Schroeder	



The songs from the musical we enjoyed were:

“You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown”
“My Blanket”

“Moonlight Sonata”
“Snoopy”

This was a wonderful treat for everyone! Thank you, Kim!

If you would like to see the entire musical, it will be presented at the Tuscola High School cafeteria/theater as follows:

Thursday, March 8 (opening night)	7:00P.M.
Friday, March 9	7:00P.M.
Saturday, March 10	7:00P.M.
Sunday, March 11	2:00P.M.
Friday, March 16	7:00P.M.
Saturday, March 17	2:00P.M. & 7:00P.M.
Sunday, March 18	2:00P.M.

Come out and support these talented students!

We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.

By Marian Wright Edelman

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB 21ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Be sure your calendars are marked for Saturday evening of March 24th!! Mike and Linda Damler are again hosting a club anniversary celebration.

When: Saturday, March 24th

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Where: 703 Pheasant Run Road, Tuscola
253-3097 Cell: 217-649-6758

Beverages will be provided. Members are asked to bring a appetizer or dessert. Spouses and significant others are welcome!

Please contact Mike by phone (numbers above), in person or by sending an email to: pdamler@tuscolakiwanis.org and let him know your attendance plans.

Taste of Heaven

An 85-year-old couple, having been married almost 60 years, die tragically in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years, mainly due to the wife's nearly neurotic interest in health food.

When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite, complete with Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aahed" the old man asked St. Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," St. Peter replied, "Remember, this is Heaven."

Next they went out back to see the championship golf course the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges every day, and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on Earth. The old man asked, "What are the green fees?"

"This is Heaven," St. Peter replied. "You play for free."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out. "How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet?" St. Peter asked. "This is Heaven. It's free!"

"Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol foods?" the old man asked timidly. "That's the best part ... you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

The old man looked at his wife and said, "You and your #@!%&~ bran muffins. I could have been here ten years ago!"

Highlights from the February 2007 Board Meeting

- January Monthly Report – Wayne Ward reported that only 8 members turned in service hours so he relied on the general activities of the group. The report indicated a total of 453 public service hours accomplished by club members in January.

- Treasurer's Report –Candy Hudson reported that all but 6 members had paid their semi-annual dues. The annual club dues for Kiwanis International and the I-I District have been paid in the amount of \$4,210.00. The net income from the Pancake Breakfast is approx. \$550.00. The current balance in the Treasury is \$4,436.94 as of 2-5-07.
- Pancake Breakfast/Lunch – The Board agreed that the additional time from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. was not productive, therefore next year's breakfast will not have the additional time. At least 30 members participated in this event....Kudos to the club members!!
- 21st Anniversary Party –Mike Damler reported that the event would be March 24th at his home. A notice will be provided to each member at a later date.
- Hugh O-Brian Youth Program (H.O.B.Y.) – Information was received from H.O.B.Y. The Tuscola Woman's Club has traditionally sponsored a high school student to attend this youth training event. Kiwanis International has now started their own "Key Leadership" program for high school age youth. They sponsor events throughout the United States. There is one "key Leadership" event to be hold in Illinois.
- Missionary Support Request – A request was received from Molly Lehman to assist financially and through prayers with her planned missionary trip. The board decided to pass an envelope at a couple of club meetings for voluntary member donations. (Update: At the February 26th meeting, the members were advised that Molly will not be making the trip after all.)
- Lt. Governor Report – Mike Damler, Division 27 Lt. Governor, was present for an official visit to the Board. He reported that Larry Bechtel, Decatur Golden K, was elected as Division 27 Lt. Governor for fiscal year 2007/2008. Mike gave Darrell Helm 10 tickets for an I-I District fund raiser. The tickets are \$10.00 each with the winners to be drawn at the I-I District Convention in Rockford in August. Mike also reported that Division 27 is growing in membership. The Sullivan Club is possibly gaining 6-7 new members.

- Membership Sponsors – Kiwanis International has a promotion called, “You Hold The Key” to recruit new members. Beginning July 1, 2006 and running through June 1, 2007, if you recruit 1 new member, you receive a bronze key lapel pin and 1 entry into the random drawing. Recruit 2 new members and receive a silver key lapel pin and an additional entry in the random drawing. Recruit 3 new members and receive a gold key lapel pin and 3 entries into the random drawing. The drawing will be held at the 2007 Kiwanis International Convention.

1st Prize – 2 winners – Trip to the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention (airfare, hotel and registration)

2nd Prize – 1 winner – Spend the day at the home of the 2006-2007 International President, Nelson Tucker, Northridge, CA

3rd Prize – 2 winner – Spend the day at the International Office with the Executive Director

4th Prize – 1 winner – Kiwanis International Life membership

5th Prize – 50 winners - \$100 gift card to the Kiwanis Family Store

6th Prize – 100 winners - \$25 gift card to the Kiwanis Family Store

The Tuscola club already has 11 members whose names have been entered in the drawing for having recruited 1 new member.

- B.U.G. Program – Mike reported that the teachers at East Prairie are slow to report the grades. As soon as the list has been completed, cards will be sent.
- Sound System – The Board discussed the possibility of obtaining a speaker system for the meeting room. Several Board members will be investigating costs and possibilities.
- Sesquicentennial Activities – The committee is requesting that each service organization have some sort of booth or activity during the Sesquicentennial Celebration in July. Nothing definite was determined, however all club members should suggest some possible activities.

(Full text on club website)

Some of the artists of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers.

They include:

Herman's Hermits--- Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker.

The Bee Gees--- How Can You Mend a Broken Hip.

Bobby Darin--- Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash.

Roberta Flack--- The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face.

Johnny Nash--- I Can't See Clearly Now

The Commodores--- Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom.

Leo Sayer--- You Make Me Feel Like Napping.

The Temptations--- Papa's Got a Kidney Stone.

Tony Orlando--- Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall.

Helen Reddy--- I Am Woman, Hear Him Snore.

Leslie Gore--- It's My Procedure, and I'll Cry If I Want To.

New items on the website: Member introductions (log into the members section and scroll down for member introductions), pictures from the Pancake Breakfast, pictures from the Decatur Golden K inter-club meeting 2-28-07 and Tuscola Journal article with our latest B.U.G. winners (under sponsored programs).

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:

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