



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2008



**FLASH – Don’t miss the chance to meet Judy Sunderland, I-I District Governor!
She will be our speaker at the March 10th meeting.**

2008 Upcoming Events

March 5, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
March 28, Friday	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
April 2, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscanys
April 5, Saturday	Kiwanis One Day Project
June 25-28, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, FL
August 7-10, Thu-Sun	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

March 3	Jerry Hall
March 10	Judy Sunderland – I-I Gov.
March 17	Edie Griffith
March 24	Darrell Helm
March 31	Kim Higgins
April 7	Sherrie Hoel
April 14	Tim Hoel
April 21	Jan Houser
April 28	Candy Hudson
May 5	Mark Jacobs
May 12	Kiwanis Education Program
May 19	Toni Jones
May 26	No Meeting

**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your March Volunteer Hours
before the end of the month!**

Meeting of February 4, 2008

There was a total attendance of 33 members and 2 guests, Kelly German-guest of Steve Niemann and our speaker, Dr. Bill Hemmer.

Jan Houser thanked everyone who helped at the Pancake Breakfast Saturday, February 2nd. Eighty-eight people were served. The event grossed \$702.00.

Jan House also reminded members to vote Tuesday, February 5th at the Tuscola Community Building. The polls are open 6am to 7pm.

Paul Wisovaty announced that the Polish Legion would be having a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 9th from 7am to 10am as a fundraiser for a TCHS scholarship.

Jeannine Fortney reported that the K-Kids would be holding a fundraiser for the Children of Chernobyl. They will be also asking for used tennis shoes that will be re-cycled, not to be worn again, but to be used for things like gym floors.

Jerry Hall reported that there is a person with cancer in Newman that needs a ramp built. Does Kiwanis have people with the skills to help with such a project? The Board will discuss at the next board meeting.



Debbie Graber provided our speaker, Dr. Bill Hemmer. Bill's topic was "Whole Foods."

Before the 1940s and 1950s, people primarily ate natural, "whole foods" – meat, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, etc. As time moved forward, people began to eat more and more "processed" food with

chemicals and preservatives.

Someone got the idea of extracting the best from a food and concentrating it into usually pill form. For example, carrots are rich in vitamin A. Beta carotene, part of vitamin A is extracted and given in high doses. Is that better than eating carrots? No.

Bill advises if you take a partial vitamin in high doses, your body must complete the vitamin to use it. Ultimately the process depletes your body of that vitamin.

Bill suggests that people get away from processed foods with synthetic vitamins and minerals. Eat whole foods and if you supplement your diet with vitamins, take whole food vitamins, not synthetics.

Oh, My!

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher.

"They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried.

The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way."

A few minutes later, the officer radios in.

"Disregard." He says. "She got in the back-seat by mistake."

Author: Unknown

Meeting of February 11, 2008

There was a total attendance of 30 members and 2 guests: Ryan Kleiss, prospective new member and our speaker, Gregg Puls from Kiwanis International in Indianapolis.

Clarice asked members if someone could volunteer to go in the inter-club meeting in her place on Tuesday, February 12th to the Decatur Noon Club. Kathryn McCumber volunteered to go in Clarice's place.

Clarice reminded members that there was no meeting on February 18th due to Presidents' Day holiday.

Clarice advised that the club would be electing new officers at the April 14th meeting. She must establish a nominating committee consisting of 3 past presidents and 2 regular members. Clarice asked for volunteers for the committee.



Wayne Ward introduced our speaker, Mr. Gregg Puls from the Kiwanis International office in Indianapolis. Gregg is the Manager of Annual Giving. This includes programs such as Annual Club Gift, Skip-A-Meal, Kiwanis Leadership Society, Kiwanis Children's Fund and Direct Mail.

Gregg oversees the Grant Program for the Kiwanis Children's Foundation. This is worldwide in scope. The foundation provides grants to local clubs for children's projects. The foundation supports leadership programs for Key Clubs, K-Kids and Circle

K. Disaster assistance is also provided in some cases such as Katrina, California wildfires and Asia tsunami damages to assist children and affected Kiwanis members.

In 2007, to boost the impact of the Kiwanis Children's Fund, Kiwanis International created the Sustaining Donor program. The Children's Fund is the foundation's primary, unrestricted fund that supports grants, scholarships, and our Service Leadership Programs. Over the years, Kiwanis has provided more than \$182 million in grants to meet the needs of children worldwide. Those needs are growing, and to continue meeting them, we need to bolster the Children's Fund by encouraging people to become regular givers and to consider increasing what they give.

The Sustaining Donor program—with its motto of "Every Kiwanian, Every Year" will recognize those members who support the Children's Fund on an annual basis. Recognition will come in various ways, depending on the amount donated over the course of a year. Kiwanians who donate at least \$100, for example, will receive a certificate of appreciation. Those who donate at least \$250 will receive the certificate and a special gift from the Foundation. Donors of at least \$500 will receive the certificate and gift, as well as regular updates from the Foundation

President. And in addition to these three rewards, those who give a total of at least \$1,000 during the year will be invited to a Foundation reception staged at the Kiwanis International convention.

While the Sustaining Donor program encourages all Kiwanians to give at least \$100 per year, a gift of any size is appreciated. It's our hope, though, that a Kiwanian who routinely gives \$25 or \$50 will seriously consider increasing it and becoming a Sustaining donor.

Donations are solicited from Kiwanis clubs and members to support the efforts and projects from the local to international level. Gregg suggests that when club members donate, they spread those donations out so that 80% goes to their local club, 10% to their District and 10% to the Kiwanis International Foundation.

At the end of the meeting, Clarice handed out a member satisfaction survey and asked the attending members to fill it out and return it to her before they departed.

The Chinese sage Confucius said: "Caring, that is, consideration for others, is the basis of a good life, a good society." Through Kiwanis, caring men and women can create a good life for themselves, and through voluntary service, a good society.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

INTER-CLUB MEETING 2/12/08 – DECATUR NOON CLUB



Tim Hoel, Kathryn McCumber, Pat Damler
& David Butler (behind the camera)



Pat presents traveling gavel



Unwrapping...unwrapping...unwrapping



Yes, there is a gavel!

Meeting of February 25, 2008

There was a total attendance of 31 members and 1 guest, Gail Page, wife of member Ed Wachala.

Tim Hoel reported that the traveling gavel was delivered to the Decatur Noon club at the inter-club meeting February 12th. David Butler, Pat Damler, Kathryn McCumber and Tim attended. Much fun was had watching the Decatur Noon member removing yards and yards of crepe paper expertly wrapped by Ed Wachala to get to the gavel.

Wayne reported that he and Clarice had a great time at the Mid-Winter District Convention held February 22-24 in Lisle, Illinois. In attendance were the President-Elect and Vice-President of Kiwanis International, and the I-I District Governor Elect, Gary Heath. Our club was recognized as a Distinguished Club receiving a certificate and patch. Darrel Helm was recognized as a Distinguished Club President.

Wayne reported that the club has received \$462.00 from Kiwanis International and \$275.00 from the I-I District for meeting the goal of 25% growth in 2006/2007. This money is earmarked for TCHS Scholarship moneys.

Clarice reported that the Nominating Committee for officers in 2008/2009 will be Jim Wood, Carol Burwash, Carl Quinn, Gary Weber and Steve Niemann. The elections of officers for 2008/2009 will be at the April 14th meeting.

Pat Damler reported on the upcoming fish fry on Friday, March 28th. She advised that she had ordered 200 pounds of fish. After some discussion, it was decided to

raise the amount to 240 pounds; Pat is also checking the price. The health permit has already been acquired. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was sent around to cover thawing the fish on Thursday, 3/27 and the fish fry on Friday 3/28. Clarice volunteered to provide slaw, Janet Cox for beans, Jerry Hall for publicity and Wayne to bring the fryer. Pricing was discussed and established at \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10. Pat will make sure that everything else needed is being taken of by a member.

Ed Wachala advised that there would be an inter-club on Thursday, March 20th at 6:45am with the Decatur Early Birds.

Clarice asked members to submit ideas for the club's "One Day Service" project scheduled for Saturday, April 5th.

Clarice also reported that the I-I District will be promoting a new project called "Miracle Mile Day." Clarice is asking for two members to volunteer to find more about this project and to chair the project if our club participates.



Our program today was presented by Clarice Hausman. Clarice had Beth Reifsteck work with her 4th grade students to prepare some questions for our group. So Clarice hosted her version of "Are You Smarter Than A Fourth Grader?"

Clarice asked a number of questions covering topics such as math, English, music, science, etc. The top winner, answering the most questions, was Kevin Nolan. Following close behind was Mike Damler. The group had great fun and found out our North Ward 4th graders are pretty smart!

Watch What You Wish For!

A married couple, in their early 60s was celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary at a quiet, romantic little restaurant. Suddenly, a tiny beautiful Fairy appeared on their table. She said: "For being such an exemplary married couple and especially on this day, I will grant you each a wish."

"Oh, said the wife, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband."

The fairy waved her magic wand.....and Poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II luxury liner and ten thousand dollars appeared in her hands.

Then it was the husband's turn. He thought for a minute and said: "Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. So I'm going with my mind and not my heart. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me."

The wife and the Fairy were shocked and outraged! But a wish is a wish.

So, the Fairy waved her magic wand.....and Poof! - the husband became 92 years old.

Highlights from the February 2008 Board Meeting

- **January Monthly Report** – The report showed 525 hours of community service.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Income from various sources was \$3,289.50. Payments made included the club's annual dues of \$5,148.10, a \$600.00 memorial donation to the North Ward library and a \$100.00 donation to Beta Sigma Phi for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Candy reported a balance of \$4,278.74 as of February 6th.
- **Tax Exempt Status** – Wayne reported that the Illinois Dept of Revenue needed additional information to provide the club with a Tax Exempt Number. Wayne advised that the information is available and will send it as requested.
- **Nominating Committee & Election** – The Board approved the election of the club's officers for 2008/2009 will take place at the April 14th meeting. A Nominating Committee is to be appointed by Clarice to include 3 past presidents and 2 additional members. Officers to be elected include President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members to fill a 3 year term. Currently David Dobson will be completing a 3 year term and Don Miller is completing the 3 year term of Kevin Nolan. Don has only service one year on the board.

- Wheel Chair Ramp Construction – Jerry Hall reported at the last meeting that a person with cancer in Newman was in need of a ramp. The request was discussed and the Board determined that our club did not have any members with the skills needed to build such a ramp.
- Key Club and Circle K Outreach – The Board approved a \$75.00 budgeted payment to the Kiwanis District office for Key Club and Circle K Outreach.
- Membership Increase – The club received a check for \$462.00 from Kiwanis International as a rebate for our club adding 11 new members and achieving the goal of at least 25% net growth for 2006/2007. This money has been designated to be used for an additional TCHS scholarship.
- North Ward School Smart Board – The Board discussed the possibility of having a special fund raiser and/or joining with other service organizations to purchase an additional Smart Board for the school. More discussion will be done at a future meeting.
- Mid-Winter District Convention – The convention will be held February 22-24 in Lisle, Illinois. Clarice and Wayne have both made reservations to attend.
- Kiwanis International Annual Convention – The convention will be held June 26-29 in Orlando, Florida. If a club member is interested in being a delegate to the convention, there is \$700.00 in the club budget to help with expenses.
- Plastic Utensils – Janet Cox reported that SAM's Club has sets of heavy duty plastic ware that includes 120 each of spoons, knives and forks. Boxes of forks only are also available. The majority of the Board agreed that to be cost effective the plastic ware would be purchased at SAM's Club.

(Full text on club website)



The reason dogs have so many friends is that they wag their tails,
Not their tongues!

New items on the website include: Pancake breakfast photos, traveling gavel presentation at inter-club meeting.

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: dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org