



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2012

2012 Events

Wednesday, March 14	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
Friday, March 30	Fish Fry Supper – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 31	Easter Egg Hunt (new service project) – Ervin Park
Saturday, March 31	I-I District Midyear Conference, Peoria, IL
Sunday, April 1	Bowl-A-Thon (ELIMINATE fundraiser with Key Club)
Wednesday, April 11	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
Saturday, April 21	Kiwanis One Day Service Project – BETHS Place
Thu-Sat, June 28 to July 1	Kiwanis International Convention, New Orleans, LA
August 3 & 4 (set-up 8/1 & 8/2)	Kiwanis Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wed-Sun, August 8-12	I-I District Annual Convention, Springfield, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

March 5	Dennis Opperman
March 12	Donna Motley
March 19	Vera Nauta
March 26	Steve Niemann
April 2	Kevin Nolan
April 9	Mary Schultz
April 16	Alan Shoemaker
April 23	Dan Russell
April 30	Barb Moss
May 7	Pat Sturgis
May 14	Tom Sturgis
May 21	Robert VanCleave

May 28	No Meeting – Memorial Day Holiday
June 4	Ed Wachala
June 11	Wayne Ward
June 18	Gary Weber
June 25	Elaine Bryant
July 2	Tammy Baer
July 9	Cathy Barnard
July 16	Carol Beals
July 23	Maureen Bergeson
July 30	Lorraine Best

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 March Volunteer Hours
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

Check To See Who Is At the Door

A man answered the knock on his door, and was surprised to see a six-foot cockroach standing there. He was even more surprised at the hard slap in the face the giant insect gave him before running off.

The same thing, it turned out, happened to his neighbor.

The next night, the bug knocked on the door again, but the man was prepared. He kicked the bug and it ran off.

Worried about his contact with the cockroach, the man went to his doctor and told him the story.

The doctor replied, "I know, there's a nasty bug running around."

Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2012

- Attendance

49 – Members

3 – Guests: Tommy, grandson of Jan Chappell and our speakers: Dee Dee Williams, daughter of Topy Mooday and Jan Kane.

- Free Lunch Winner – David Butler

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Dave Dobson, Jeannine Fortney, Paul Jones, Topy Mooday, Vera Nauta, and Patty Russell

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

The ELIMINATE project – Mike Damler updated members on our “loose change” jar for the ELIMINATE project. So far we have collected \$521.00 with our jar. Great job, Kiwanians! Keep it up!

Pancake Breakfast – The Breakfast King, Gary Weber, reminded members of the pancake breakfast coming up on Saturday, 2/11. Members who can help with set-up should come to Forty Martyrs Hall on Friday, 2/10 at 4:00PM.

Easter Egg Hunt – Janet Butler reported that a \$100 donation from the Women of the Moose had been received for the Easter Egg Hunt. A thank you note has been sent.

SAM Food Pantry – A thank you note was received from Betsy Stuerke thanking members for the \$646.00 that was donated from the club’s Christmas party.

Program:



Dee Dee Williams



Jan Kane

Topy Mooday introduced our speakers today, Dee Dee Williams, her daughter, and Jan Kane. The topic was their trip to Haiti in 2011. There is still much to do in the damaged areas of Haiti hit hard by the 2010 earthquake. The trip was part of the Building Hope & Homes in Haiti sponsored by the LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Volunteers help, as they did, to construct hundreds of permanent, sustainable homes to be completed over the next few years. Employing the Lutheran Village concept of building communities and economic stability through home ownership and small business development, each location is set to feature a chapel, orphanage, clinic, school, and business office and will employ a project manager, business manager, and site manager.

Dee Dee and Jan are also involved with Friends of the Children of Haiti. This was established by Dick and Barb Hammond 25 years ago. They have built a medical and dental clinic where U.S. doctors and nurses go for 10 days 6 times a year. The organization hopes to have the clinic open full time in the future. There is no free public education so another program established by Barb Hammond is a child sponsorship. For \$25.00 a month, you can provide a child with food, education and health care.

If you would like more information about the organization and/or a child sponsorship, go to:

<http://www.fotcoh.org>

Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2012

- Attendance

44 – Members

5 – Guests: Darren Elder and Rick, Becky and Karen Moss and our speaker, Alli Moss

- Free Lunch Winner – Gary Weber

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Jan Chappell, Linda Damler, Mike Damler, Darla Gardner, Darrell Helm, Jaci Manzella, Topy Mooday, Kevin Nolan, Gary Weber and Jim Wood

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Volunteers Requested – Debbie Graber asked if any members could help her husband move a wheel chair ramp from Atwood to Tuscola for her son.

Pancake Breakfast – The pancake breakfast was a great success! The club netted approximately \$1,100.00



Our Breakfast King, Gary Weber

Program:



Art Moss introduced his granddaughter, Alli Moss. Alli went on an educational trip to Washington, D.C. last year. She told about her experiences and showed pictures of places she visited. She thanked club members for helping her financially to make the trip.

Some of the places she visited were Einstein's Statue, Korean War Memorial, Washington Monument, Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, Ford Theatre, Mt. Vernon-home of George Washington, Nurses Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Marine Corps War Memorial, White House (inside tour), Arlington National Cemetery (saw the changing of the guards), National Cathedral, and many other sites.



Lincoln Memorial

Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2012

- Attendance

41 – Members

3 – Guests: Steve French, and our speakers Diane & Dave Zell.

- Free Lunch Winner – Debbie Graber
- Birthdays – Kara Kinney 2/29
- Brags – Elaine Bryant, Janet Butler, Jan Chappell, Janet Cox, Jeannine Fortney, Darrell Helm, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel, Clarice Hausman, Kathryn McCumber and Robert Van Cleave
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Honolulu Interclub – The Butlers and the Hoels attended a meeting of the Honolulu Kiwanis Club on February 8. A box of Flesor's candy was presented for the members to enjoy. The Honolulu club sponsors one Key Club and two Circle K clubs.



Banner presented by Honolulu President
More Photos on website

Easter Egg Hunt – The egg hunt, with volunteers from Tuscola Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, will be held Saturday, March 31. A sign-up sheet went around to gather members who can help at the event.

K-Kids/Kiwanis Event – Jeannine reported that the K-Kids are interested in a joint Wii Bowling event similar to last year. After discussion, a tentative date of April 14 was set. Jeannine will go back to Beth Linstead, K-Kids Faculty Advisor, and see if that date will work.

Fish Fry Dinner – Members were reminded the Fish Fry is coming up March 30. The Fish Queen will be passing around sign-up sheets at the next meeting.

Division Council Meeting – Darrell Helm was unanimously elected as the Division 27 Lt. Governor 2012/2013. Shirley Elkins, Decatur Noon Club, was elected Lt. Governor Elect 2013/2014.



Congratulations, Darrell!

Program:



Diane & Dave Zell



Souvenirs, Photos and Information

Patty Russell introduced Diane and Dave Zell. Diane, with Dave's assistance, shared their experiences from their trip to Kenya and Tanzania. Through a Vantage tour they had the opportunity to visit a Maasai village. The group took food and a hen to the orphanage founded in 2007. The children were excited to see them. They sang for the visitors and showed them where they slept. The orphanage was for children 4-13 years of age, most from parents who died from AIDS. The orphanage has places for 21 children at this time.

The Maasai people raise cattle for food and use all parts of the cattle. Huts are made by the women. There is one school in the village for 4-6 year olds. At 7, the children must go to a combined school several miles away. There are no buses...no transportation. They walk.

Diane and Dave went on several photo safaris. They saw the "big 5" - lions, elephants, rhinos, cape buffalo and leopards, plus many other animals. Diane said their accommodations on the tour were quite good including private bathrooms. It was a trip of a lifetime!



Pancake Breakfast – February 11, 2012



More photos on website

February 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Los Potros Restaurant on Wednesday, 2/1/2012 at 12:05 PM by President Jaci Manzella with the following Board Directors present:

x	Lorraine Best (2014)		Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Jaci Manzella – Pres.
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Sherrie Hoel (2012)		Steven Niemann (2012)
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Alan Shoemaker P-Elect
x	Mike Damler – Past Pres	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.		
x	Pat Damler – V.P.		Jerry Leonard (2014)		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of January Board Meeting – Mike Damler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved with the two minor corrections noted. Sherrie Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. January Monthly Report – Janet had provided Board members an advance copy of the monthly report to review. The number of volunteer hours was 508 hours. David Butler made a motion that the report be approved and submitted. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members. As of 2/1/12 the current balance in the Treasury is \$ 8,634.46. In January, \$150.00 was donated to BETHS Place. David Butler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Janet Butler was reimbursed \$50.00 for the Kiwanis emblems used for clothing; this is a pass-through item funded by the members who participated, no cost to the club. Disbursements included a budgeted \$100.00 to help the current Lt. Governor with expenses (Jaci will present to Gary Goeken at the Division 27 Council meeting in Decatur on 2/25) and a budgeted \$400.00 to the Kiwanis International Foundation. Mike Damler made a motion to approve these disbursements, Sherrie Hoel seconded and it was approved.
5. Upcoming Events – Jaci reminded members of the following events: Pancake Breakfast 2/11, TCHS Key Club Valentine Dance 2/11, 2/18 Regional ACE Workshop-Bloomington, Evening at Mardi Gras 2/19, Division 27 Council Meeting-Decatur 2/25, Fish Fry 3/30, 3/31 Easter Egg Hunt, I-I Mid-Year Conference-Peoria, 4/1 TCHS Key Club Bowl-A-Thon, and Kiwanis One Day-BETHS Place 4/21. David Butler, Janet Butler, Pat Damler, Darrell Helm and Jaci Manzella currently plan to attend the Division 27 Council meeting. David Butler, Janet Butler and Jaci Manzella are registered to attend the I-I Mid-year Conference.

Interclub chairperson, Topy Mooday is hoping at least one more member will attend so that the conference can count as March's interclub meeting.

6. Officer and Member Training – There was some discussion about what training was available as an option to members, directors and officers, and what training should be completed to be considered for Distinguished status in 2012/2013. Janet Butler agreed to research this subject on the I-I website, and provide via email further information for the Board.
7. Key Club Valentine Dance – The proceeds of this dance will be donated to the Eliminate Project. Our Eliminate Project chair, Linda Damler, requested (via Mike) that the club assist with the dance possibly with the decorations or the DJ. After discussion, Janet Butler motioned that the club provide \$200.00, the cost of the DJ. Sherrie Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved. Alan Shoemaker suggested that Rotary be approached as well regarding helping out with needed items and/or expenses.
8. Gordon Food Service – This company is the source for our breakfast sausages this year. Jaci reported that they have many items that could be ordered, and have an incentive program. This might be a cheaper source for paper products and other supplies. It was generally agreed that we would not be interested in purchasing the fish fry fish from this vendor for three reasons...we like doing business locally when we can, IGA stores the fish for us until we are ready, and IGA moves the frozen fish to refrigeration in advance of our date so that the fish is partially thawed. Jaci will do more checking into what items are available from the vendor and at what pricing.
9. Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball – Jaci read an email letter that she received from the Harlem Ambassadors asking if the club would be interested in a fundraising event by sponsoring this show. After discussion, the matter was dropped for lack of a motion. Several Board members were concerned that this event would be too costly and require too many resources to sponsor and organize.
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 P.M.

Janet Butler
Secretary



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

dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org

(If you need a screen and/or projector for your program, contact David or Janet Butler.)