



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2014

## 2014 Events/Activities

Monday, March 10	Wii Event with K-Kids – North Ward Library
Saturday, March 15	Governor’s Visit Luncheon - Amishland Buffet
Thursday, April 3	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 4	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 5	Kiwanis One Day – BETHS Place Spring Clean-up
Saturday, April 12	Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt (rain date 4/19)
Wed & Thurs, June 25 & 26	Garage Sale Set-Up – Forty Martyrs Hall
Fri & Sat, June 27 & 28	Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thu-Sun, July 17-20	Kiwanis Intl Convention, Chiba, Japan
Thu-Sun August 7-10	I-I District Annual Convention, Bloomington, IL
Saturday, October 4	Pancake Breakfast–Homecoming – Tuscola Community Building

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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

March 3	Tim Hoel
March 10	Carol Burwash – Eliminate Update
March 17	Jan Chappell
March 24	Andy Brzozkiewicz
March 31	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
April 7	Jack Corum – Members stuff eggs
April 14	Sharon Corum
April 21	Dave Dobson
April 28	Marge Conn
May 5	Tammy Baer

May 12	Mike Damler
May 19	Pat Damler
May 26	<b>No Meeting – Memorial Day</b>
June 2	Wilma Allen
June 9	John Davis
June 16	Janet Cox
June 23	Jeannine Fortney
June 30	Darla Gardner
July 7	Debbie Graber
July 14	Carol Hausmann
July 21	Jim Hausmann
July 28	Judy Heilich

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](#)

### What Did He Say?

Paddy was visiting in New York City. He was patiently waiting, and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing.

The cop would stop the flow of traffic and shout, "Okay pedestrians".

Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted "Pedestrians" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"



## Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2014

- Attendance

50 – Members

1 – Guest: Dale Van Cleave, guest of Robert Van Cleave

- Free Lunch Winner – Jim Wood
- Birthdays – 2/4 Patty Russell
- Brags – Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Tim Hoel, and Robert Van Cleave
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Pancake Breakfast – The Batter Babes (also known as Judy Heilich and Topyy Mooday) reminded members that the pancake breakfast was at 3:30PM on Friday, 2/7. We will be serving breakfast on Saturday, 2/8 from 7AM – 10AM.

Illini Women's Basketball – Several Kiwanians enjoyed an evening of Illini Women's Basketball arranged by Illini fan Doris Young. There are more photos on our website. Check them out!



Go Illini!

Kiwanis One Day – Mark your calendars. We will again do a spring clean up for BETHS Place on Saturday, April 5. A sign-up sheet will be sent around in March.

Easter Egg Hunt – We will be stuffing Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at our regular meeting on April 7. The hunt will be Saturday morning, April 12. A sign-up sheet will be sent around in March.

Jukebox Friday Night – Tammy reminded members that volunteered to provide a dessert to drop them off at the high school on Friday, 2/7 between 2-4PM.

### Program:



Janet Butler shared photos and stories from her and David's trip to Northern Italy in October 2012. As Janet said, the primary purpose of the trip was to eat pasta, pizza, truffles, and chocolate...and drink red wine...and see a few sites along the way.

The main focus of the trip was Milan, Lake Como, Turin (Torino), Barolo/Barbaresco red wine country south of Turin, Cinque Terre and Perugia.

Highlights of the trip included Leonardo Da Vinci's "The Last Supper" in Milan, Milan Cathedral, La Scala Opera House, Barolo/Barbaresco wine tastings, hiking in Cinque Terre, the truffle festival in Alba, and the European Chocolate Festival in Perugia. And of course, lots of fabulous meals!!



## Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2014

- Attendance

50 – Members

2 – Guest: Paul Wisovaty, guest of Wayne Ward and our speaker, Leann Meyer

- Free Lunch Winner – Judy Heilich
- Birthdays – Leo Plaszczynski 2/16
- Brags – Tammy Baer, David Butler, Mike Damler, Debbie Graber, Judy Heilich, Judy Landeck, Topy Mooday, Barb Moss, Dennis Opperman, Paul Wisovaty, and Doris Young
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Pancake Breakfast Results – The breakfast was a success! Fifty-five Kiwanians participated...great turnout! We took in \$1,410.73 with expenses of \$258.27 for a net amount of \$1,152.46. This included a \$50 donation from First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust and a \$100 donation from Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Homes in Tuscola. Thank you notes will be sent by Secretary Janet Butler. Great job, everyone!!!

Jukebox Friday Night – Tammy Baer thanked members for the donations of desserts, and the attendance of many members in support of the event. The event raised enough funds to meet the goal of the Music Boosters...the purchase of a bass clarinet, software and projector. These efforts help keep music in our schools!!

Garage Sale – The garage sale committee is coming together. Chairperson April Kauffman reported that Elaine Bryant, Janet Boyer, Janet Butler, Pat Damler, Judy Heilich, Topy Mooday and Doris Young would be serving on the committee. Sign-up sheets for helping to setup/organize and work the sale will be sent around later.

K-Kids/Kiwanis Wii Event – A sign-up sheet went around for this March 10 event after our regular meeting from 1:30pm to about 3:30pm. There will be bowling and other Wii-based activities. Can you out bowl a K-Kid? Kiwanians are welcome to participate, or just observe our K-Kids having fun. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, contact Jeannine Fortney or Janet Butler.

### Program:



Maureen Bergeson introduced our speaker, Leann Meyer. She has been in the interior design business for 25 years. She has enjoyed owning her own business for the last 11 years, Drapery Interiors by Design in Savoy.

She shared with us new trends and many popular products including samples of fabrics, shades, wallpaper, shutters, rugs, etc. It was hard not to get the “bug” to redecorate with all the beautiful items!

**NOTE: NO MEETING 2/17 DUE TO PRESIDENT'S DAY**

## Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2014

- Attendance

54 – Members

1 – Guest: Kathy Adams, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Cindy Surma
- Birthdays – 2/24 Margo Blaudow and 2/29 Kara Kinney
- Brags – Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Kathryn McCumber, Barb Moss and Nick Sebastian
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Dues – If you've been busy or out of town, don't forget that club dues of \$50 were due January 31. If you want to pay for the entire year so nothing is due July 31, pay \$100 to Tuscola Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis/K-Kids Wii Event – The sign-up sheet for this 3/10 event went around again. If you would like to attend and did not get a chance to sign up, contact Jeannine Fortney or Janet Butler.

Wayne Ward's Eliminate Donation Challenge - Wayne Ward has generously offered to match The Eliminate Project donations (up to \$1,250) that are made by club members in the month of March 2014. Fill up those donation bottles! Let's maximize Wayne's wonderful offer!

Relay For Life - The Douglas County Relay For Life is at East Prairie School on Saturday, May 31 beginning at 1:00PM to 1:00AM Sunday, June 1. The Board voted to have a "Chocolate Shop" at the event with cookies, brownies, water, etc.

All funds raised will benefit the American Cancer Society. Sign-up sheets asking for volunteers to man the booth, provide food items and/or bottled water will be sent around in early May. An envelope will also be passed in May for members who would like to make a donation to the American Cancer Society in support of this event.

Builders Club – Establishing a Builders Club at East Prairie is moving forward. The annual cost would be approximately \$500, so from a financial perspective the Board's consensus was that the club can afford to establish a club. Margo Blaudow and Tammy Baer volunteered to be co-Club Advisors for the Builders Club. Further updates will be provided as available.

### Program:



Pete Buckley and his guest, Kathy Adams provided the program. Pete, a former FBI agent and Kathy, a current FBI agent related the story, processes and details about a 2006 kidnapping case they worked together. The victim was taken at gun point from the La Bamba Restaurant in Champaign.

It was a legitimate kidnapping though at first they were not sure. Working with many other law enforcement groups and capitalizing on the kidnappers mistakes, the victim was rescued. The two kidnappers got sentences of 30 and 31 years. Very interesting program!

## Pancake Breakfast – February 8, 2014



Let's get set up!



Time for breakfast!



Show me the Money!!



The Entertainment!!

More photos on our website

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**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB**  
**February 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, 2/12/2014 at 12:05 PM by President Pat Damler with the following Officers, Directors and members present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres. Elect	X	Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Donna Motley (2015)
	Lorraine Best (2014)	X	David Butler –Webmaster	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Pat Damler – President		Alan Shoemaker – P.Pres.
X	Carol Burwash (2014)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas.	X	Tim Hoel-member
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Jerry Leonard – V.P.	X	Wayne Ward-member

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of January Board Meeting – David Butler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
2. January Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of service volunteer hours was 613. Carol Burwash made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 2/12/14, the current balance in the Treasury is \$11,469.59. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Donna Motley made a motion to approve the following budgeted disbursements: Key Club \$500 for district convention expenses, Mike Damler \$16.65 for B.U.G. supplies, Judy Heilich \$183.27 for pancake breakfast supplies, Forty Martyrs \$150 for pancake breakfast and fish fry, the Butlers \$370 for international convention registration fees, Aktion Club Outreach \$100 and Circle K Outreach \$100. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. The Eliminate Project – For the 3/10/14 program, Pat Damler will be giving the club an update on The Eliminate Project. Pat will remind members that May has been designated as the club’s “The Eliminate Project Month.” All members will be asked to consider making a special donation during the month of May for The Eliminate Project. So that members who cannot regularly attend meetings can participate, a hardcopy letter will be sent asking for their consideration to make this special donation to the project.

6. Governor's Luncheon – Mark your calendars! The governor's luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, 3/15/2014 at the Amishland Buffet at 11:30AM in Tuscola. This is a joint luncheon with Divisions 25, 26, 27 and 28. Lt. Governors Sara Hunt and Shirley Elkin have not as yet issued the invitations with the cost of the luncheon. The cost will include a donation to Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation and/or The Eliminate Project in honor of Governor Pattie Heath. More details will follow.
7. Division 27 Council Meeting – The Division 27 Council Meeting in Decatur on Saturday, 2/8/14 was rescheduled due to weather for Saturday, March 8. President Pat Damler and Secretary Janet Butler will attend. The division needs candidates for 2014/2015 Lt. Governor and 2014/2015 Lt. Governor Elect. If you are interested in serving in either position, contact Pat.
8. Easter Egg Hunt – Janet Butler gave an update from Chairman Alan Shoemaker. Alan contacted the city regarding the use of the North Pavilion and the three baseball diamonds. There will probably be a tournament in one of the diamonds. The committee will determine how to make the egg hunts work on the day if we are short a diamond. Alan contacted Tuscola Tourism to apply for a \$200 grant for advertising the event. This would be for signs/banners that can be re-used each year. The letters requesting donations have been sent to the organizations that have provided financial support to the event in the past. Alan will contact Tuscola IGA regarding candy and will borrow a megaphone from the high school for the event. Alan will schedule a committee meeting for late February.
9. Garage Sale – Mark your calendars. Janet Butler gave an update for Chairperson April Kauffman. Forty Martyrs Hall has been reserved. The set-up will be Wednesday, June 25 and Thursday, June 26. The sale will be Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28. April is forming her committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, contact April at [akauffman@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:akauffman@tuscolakiwanis.org). More information will be sent to club members soon including acceptable and unacceptable garage sale items.
10. Builders Club – Discussion continued regarding trying to establish a Builders Club at East Prairie School. The annual cost would be approximately \$500 so from a financial perspective the consensus was that the club can afford to establish the club. Margo Blandow and Tammy Baer volunteered to be co-Club Advisors for the Builders Club. Jerry Leonard made a motion to move forward with establishing a Builders Club at East Prairie, provided a faculty advisor can be found and any administrative approvals that are needed are procured. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved.

Before approaching the East Prairie principal, a proposal will be created. Janet Butler volunteered to assist Margo and Tammy. She suggested that they talk to Carmen Morgan, teacher at EP, for her input, and that Carmen might agree to be the Faculty Advisor. Janet will set up a meeting with Carmen, Margo, Tammy and her.



11. Douglas County Relay For Life – The Board discussed how the club might participate in the event this year. The Relay For Life is at East Prairie School on Saturday, May 31 beginning at 1:00PM to 1:00AM Sunday, June 1. It was decided that the club would sell items such as cookies, brownies, water, etc. All funds raised will go to the American Cancer Society. Wayne Ward advised that he had a sun canopy that could be used. Sign-up sheets asking for volunteers to man the booth, food items and/or bottled water will be sent around in early May. An envelope will also be passed in May for members who would like to make a donation to the American Cancer Society in support of this event.

12. March Eliminate Project Donations Match – WOW...MEMBERS YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO DOUBLE YOUR MARCH DONATIONS TO THE ELIMINATE PROJECT! Wayne Ward has generously offered to match The Eliminate Project donations (up to \$1,250) that are made by club members in the month of March 2014. Fill up those donation bottles! Let's maximize Wayne's wonderful offer!

Janet Butler made a motion that if at least \$1,250 was donated in March (members' donations and Wayne's matching donation) that the club would honor Wayne with a Zeller Award. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved.

13. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 12 at The Smith House at noon.

14. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary



*May The Luck O' the Irish Be With You!*

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

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