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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

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2015 Events/Activities

Wednesday, March 11	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thursday, March 19	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, March 20	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 28	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Wednesday, April 8	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Friday & Saturday - May 1-2	I-I 100 th Year Anniversary Event – Gurney, IL
Thur-Sun – June 25-28	Kiwaniis Int’l Convention – Indianapolis IN
Thur-Sun – August 6-9	Kiwaniis I-I District Convention – Peoria, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

March 2	Darlene Wiesener
March 9	Carey Wood
March 16	Jim Wood
March 23	Stuff Easter eggs
March 30	Doris Young
April 6	Bill/Carol Bauer
April 13	Carol Beals
April 20	Maureen Bergeson
April 27	Margo Blaudow
May 4	Elaine Bryant
May 11	Dan Russell
May 18	Patty Russell
May 25	NO MEETING – Memorial Day

June 1	Andy Brzozkiewicz
June 8	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
June 15	Pete Buckley
June 22	Carol Burwash
June 29	Dave Butler
July 6	Janet Butler
July 13	Jan Chappell
July 20	Marge Conn
July 27	Jack/Sharon Corum
August 3	Linda Damler
August 10	Mike Damler
August 17	Pat Damler
August 24	John Davis
August 31	Dave Dobson

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!**

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Being Irish

Gallagher is in Boston and he is patiently waiting on a street corner to cross. He is watching the traffic cop carefully at the busy crossing.

The cop stops the flow of traffic and shouts, "Okay pedestrians". Then he allows the traffic to pass. He did this several times, and Gallagher is still standing on the sidewalk.

After the cop has shouted "Pedestrians" for the tenth time, Gallagher approaches him and says, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"



Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2015

- Attendance

39 – Members

1 – Guests: our speaker, Cheryl Mund

- Free Lunch Winner – Dave Dobson
- Birthdays – Patty Russell 2/4
- Braggs – Pat Damler, Betty Leonard, and Paul Wisovaty
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Thank You Note – The club received a thank you from Treasurer Erica Leonard from Scouting in Tuscola for the \$200.00 donation that was made for the Nunn Scout Building.

Program:



Pat Sturgis introduced our speaker, Cheryl Mund. Cheryl is the Director Supervisor of Entryway Services at Carle Hospital in Urbana. She has been with Carle for 12 years.

Cheryl came to talk about the use and stories of the trauma dolls that the club provides. The dolls are primarily used in the emergency room (ER) and pediatrics. Carle has an ultra-violet machine where a doll can be put inside and sterilized. When that is done, even a child going into surgery can go in with the doll.

In the ER dolls are given not only to young patients, but children who have come in with a family. This helps keep children quiet during family trauma in ER. Cheryl told a story of two young girls who had come into emergency from a house fire with nothing more than their nightgowns. There were smiles, and hugs for the dolls when the dolls were given. Cheryl said that even teenagers have been given the dolls for comfort.

Cheryl thanked members for the donated dolls and hopes that we will continue in the future. No other organization brings something like this, and the dolls are greatly appreciated. Our trauma dolls are another “thing” that our club does that helps children! And we love to gather in fellowship and complete them.

Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2015

- Attendance

45 – Members

3 – Guests: Cathy Means, guest/niece of Char Snyder, Deon Chester, guest of Char Snyder, and our speaker, Jeff Hanley

- Free Lunch Winner – Jim Wood

- Birthdays – Erica Leonard 2/20

- Braggs – Tammy Baer, Jeannine Fortney, Jim Hausmann, Kim Higgins, Judy Landeck, Betty Leonard, Topy Mooday, Dennis Opperman, Maribeth Opperman and Barb Wills

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

No announcements or business.

Program:



In the absence of Tom Sturgis, Pat Sturgis introduced our speaker, Jeff Hanley. Jeff is the owner of ten Audibel Hearing Centers. Hearing loss affects not only the person with the hearing loss, but those around him/her. Jeff has been in the business for 15 years, and his philosophy is “Hearing Better – Better Life.

Jeff was in the Army for several years and has hearing loss himself. After the Army as he looked for a job, he went on a call with a man in the hearing aid business. That began Jeff’s interest in the field, and he started his first Audibel location.

Starkey Hearing Technologies, parent company of Audibel, is the only American-owned and operated provider of hearing solutions. It was founded and is still headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minn. Audibel is nationwide and with every hearing device comes free maintenance care and cleanings.

The Starkey Hearing Foundation works year round "So the World May Hear[®]." To date, over one million people who have hearing problems have been given free hearing devices in countries such as Uganda, Peru, Kenya, Jordan, Sri Lanka, Philippines, and many more. Every time someone purchases a hearing device from an Audibel center that center makes a donation to the Starkey Hearing Foundation.

Jeff made an offer to club members. For any Tuscola Kiwanian that purchases a hearing device from one of his Audibel centers, he will donate \$25.00 to our club.

Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2015

- Attendance

54 – Members

5 – Guests: Joann Ward, wife of Wayne Ward, Gary Weber, soon-to-be-a-member Deon Chester, soon-to-be-a-member Heather Madden-guest of Jerry Hall, and our speaker, Jennifer Roscoe

- Free Lunch Winner – Bill Bauer
- Birthdays – Margo Blaudow 2/24, Eloise Kennedy 2/25
- Brags – Tammy Baer, Carol Bauer, Elaine Bryant, Pete Buckley, Janet Butler, Linda Damler, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, Jaci Manzella, Toppo Mooday, Donna Motley, Dennis Opperman, and Doris Young
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Music Booster Fundraiser – Tammy Baer reported that the music booster fundraiser of 2/21 went well. There were gross sales of About \$5,000. Tammy thanked the Kiwanians that provided snacks and beverages for the students.

Pancake Breakfast – Mike Damler presented the pancake breakfast preliminary results. A total of 66 customers were served including Kiwanians. The weather really affected the turnout; we served 164 last year. Thirty-eight Kiwanians came out in the snow to support and work our pancake breakfast. Gross sales including meals, boxes of sausages and the 50/50 was \$732.00.

Key Club Volunteer Hours – Mike Damler reported that Key Clubbers reported 136 volunteer hours in January. The club's year-to-date total is 1,368 hours.

Kiwanis One Day Project - Tammy asked members to give feedback to club officers or directors, advising if we should continue to assist BETHS Place or are there any new ideas for this April service project.

Division 27 Council Meeting – Lt. Gov. David Butler reported that Charles Smith from Decatur Golden K was elected the 2015/2016 Lt. Governor, and our own Pat Damler 2015/2016 Lt. Governor Elect.

Fish Fry Dinner – Pat Damler reminded members that our Fish Fry is coming up March 20. Sign-up sheets will start going around next week.

Program:



Wayne Ward introduced our speaker, Jennifer Roscoe from WCIA Channel 3. Jennifer has been at WCIA for 20 years, with 15 of those years as a news anchor. She is known for her special segments, “Kids To Know” and “Angels Among Us.”

Jennifer grew up in the Chicago suburbs and went to Elk Grove High School. She graduated from the U of I in 1993 with a degree in Broadcast Journalism.

Jennifer loves her job and Champaign-Urbana, is fiercely loyal to her alma mater, and plans to stay in central Illinois. She is not planning to move to a bigger market in the future. Jennifer shared some of her favorite stories and interviews.

Agnes Joan Spence – In Memoriam
Tuscola Kiwanis Club

January 13, 1933 – February 22, 2015

Joan was the dear mother of Janet Butler and Sherrie Hoel and grandmother of April Kauffman. She was a St. Louis Cardinals fan. Though her health did not allow her to attend many meetings, club projects or fundraisers, Joan believed in what the club has done and is doing for our community, the I-I District, and KI.



Pancake Breakfast – 2/21/2015



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TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB
2015 FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 12:06 PM by President Tammy Baer with the following officers, club directors, and guests present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres	X	David Butler – Vice Pres	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Pat Damler – Past Pres	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Jim Hausmann (2017)		Guests:
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas		Carol Burwash, Andy
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Leonard – Pres Elect		& Joyce Brzozkiewicz
					and Tim Hoel

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of January Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. January Monthly Reports – Janet Butler had emailed Board members copies of the monthly Tuscola Volunteer Hours report and the Kiwanis International monthly report for their review. There was a total of 595 service hours reported. David Butler made a motion to approve the reports. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copy of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 2/14/15, the current balance is \$14,764.10. Donna Motley made a motion to approve the report. Carol Beals seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements – Janet Butler requested reimbursement of \$10.26 for B.U.G. postcards. Donna Motley made a motion to approve the request. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet also provided Treasurer Candy Hudson a \$300.00 check from Tuscola Rotary to assist with the Easter Egg Hunt expenses. A thank you note will be sent.
5. Ervin Park Toddlers’ Playground – Janet Butler reported that the Kiwanis International Foundation did not approve the club’s request for a grant to help build the Ervin Park Toddlers’ Playground. As discussed at a previous Board meeting, Janet will draft a donation request letter. After Board review and input, it will be sent to all Tuscola Kiwanians. The club has pledged \$2,000.00 for the playground. In March the Board will discuss possibly other fundraising to add to the playground donations. Donations will be solicited from the public at the club’s upcoming pancake breakfast and fish fry dinner.

6. Upcoming Fundraisers – Our Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for February 21, 2015, co-chaired by Topy Moody and Judy Heilich. Sign-up sheets have been sent around at two meetings; grills have been lined up. Pat Damler will check with Topy regarding a notice in The Tuscola Journal, and plans to have the club's Pancake Breakfast banner up by the Wednesday before the breakfast. The Fish Fry Dinner is scheduled for March 20, 2015, chaired by Pat Damler and assisted by Pat & Tom Sturgis. Pat is contacting Curtis McDaniel about providing a second fish fryer, and his assistance frying. Both events are held at Forty Martyrs Hall. Mark your calendars!
7. Easter Egg Hunt – Mad Hatter Alan Shoemaker will be calling a committee meeting soon. The committee is Carol Burwash, Janet Butler, Pat Damler, Debbie Graber and Donna Motley. If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact Alan. In addition to committee members, additional members' help will be needed on the day of the hunt, March 28.
8. Kiwanis One Day Project – The Board discussed what project would the club tackle this year in April for a Kiwanis One Day project. For the past few years, members have done a Spring Clean-up for BETHS Place. Tammy will ask members at the next meeting if they have any other ideas and/or support helping BETHS Place again this year. The Board will make a final decision at their March meeting.
9. Personal Hearing Devices – At the request of Kim Higgins, on behalf of Robert Van Cleave, David Butler researched possible solutions for hearing aid wearers that are not hearing well enough at club meetings. There are several solutions, however costly. After discussion, Tammy Baer and David said they would do more research and report back next meeting.
10. Nominating Committee/Elections – Janet Butler advised the Board that it was time for a nominating committee to start to gather a slate for the 2015/2016 Officers and for two Club Director positions. It was agreed that Tammy would ask Jim Wood if he would again chair the committee. If yes, Jim will form his own committee, usually with two additional members. The Board decided that the slate of candidates would be presented by the chairperson on April 27, and the voting would take place at our May 4 meeting.
11. Division 27 Lt. Governor Candidates – David reported that the Division 27 Council Meeting would be February 14 in Decatur. If a member is interested in being 2015/2016 LTG, or 2015/2016 LTG Elect, please call David before 2/14 at 253-5107.
12. Music Boosters Fundraisers – The Music Boosters are holding a fundraising dinner with music on Saturday, February 21. Snacks are needed for the student musicians. Since the club is not meeting Monday 2/16, she will send an email asking members to donate snacks such as chips, cookies, pretzels, etc.

13. Andy & Joyce Brzozkiewicz Eliminate Project Donation Challenge – Andy and Joyce came to the Board and said that they wanted to do an Eliminate Project Donation Challenge. Andy & Joyce have offered to match The Eliminate Project donations (up to \$1,250) that are made by club members during a month. The Board thanked Andy and Joyce, and designated May 2015 as the club’s special Eliminate Project month. In late April, and during May members will be reminded of the challenge. Let’s fill those bottles in May and maximize Andy and Joyce’s wonderful offer!
14. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting is March 11, 2015 at noon at The Smith House
15. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:
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