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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

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2016 Events/Activities

Wednesday, March 9	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Friday, March 18	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 19	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Monday, March 21	Trauma Doll Workshop - Museum
Saturday, April 9	Club 30 th Anniversary Celebration – Flesor’s
Wednesday, April 13	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, April 16	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, June 4	Douglas County Relay for Life - TCHS
Wed/Thursday, July 27 & 28	Kiwaniis Garage Sale Setup – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday & Saturday, July 29 & 30	Kiwaniis Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, October 8	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

March 7	Laura Meyer – Egg Stuffing
March 14	Topsy Mooday
March 21	Art Moss
March 28	Dennis Opperman
April 4	Judy Landeck
April 11	Kathryn McCumber
April 18	Dave Morgan
April 25	Val Morgan
May 2	Kevin Nolan
May 9	Vera Nauta

May 16	Maribeth Opperman
May 23	Jerry Reynolds
May 30	NO MEETING – Memorial Day
June 6	Nancy Runge
June 13	Dan Russell
June 20	Patty Russell
June 27	Alan Shoemaker
July 4	NO MEETING – Independence Day
July 11	Donna Motley
July 18	Marci Shoemaker
July 25	Pat Sturgis
August 1	Tom Sturgis
August 8	Wayne Ward
August 15	Kate Watson
August 22	Darlene Wiesener
August 29	Barb Wills

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](#)

Irish Joke

An Englishman, an Irishman, and a Scotsman were each left 5,000 pounds by a very rich man on the condition that after his death, they would each put 100 pounds into his coffin in case he needed it in the afterlife.

The Englishman and the Scotsman duly put in their 100 pounds.

The Irishman put in a bank check for a 100 pounds!



Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2016

- Attendance

58 – Members

0 – Guests:

- Free Lunch Winner – Wilma Allen
- Birthdays – Judy Landeck 2/1, Patty Russell 2/4
- Brags – Pete Buckley, David Butler, Jan Chappell, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, April Kauffman, Betty Leonard, Toppy Mooday, Dennis Opperman, and Kate Watson.
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Zeller Awards – Cathy and Pete Buckley were presented Kiwanis International Zeller Fellowship Awards for their contributions and positive impact on the club and its fundraising and projects.



30th Anniversary Club Celebration – The club will celebrate 30 years with a party at Flesor's Candy Kitchen on April 9, 2016 from 6p – 8p. Mark your calendars! Details to follow.

Program:



David Butler conducted television theme song trivia with his assistant, Tim Hoel handing out candy prizes for correct answers. Theme songs ran the gamut from the 1950s to the 1990s.

Fun was had by all!

Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2016

- **Attendance**

53 – Members

1 –Guest: Dr. Sally Foote, our speaker

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Tim Hoel
- **Birthdays** – Erica Leonard 2/20
- **Braggs** – Carol Hausmann and Judy Landeck
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Key Club Food Drive – Mike Damler reported that our Key Clubbers held a food drive for SAM Pantry. They collected 2,497 cans of food. Great job!

Upcoming Club Events – Members were reminded of the following events: Fish Thaw 3/17, Fish Fry 3/18, Easter Egg Hunt 3/19, and Trauma Doll Workshop 3/21. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Program:



Sharon Marsh introduced our speaker, Dr. Sally Foote, DVM. Sally is a veterinarian whose practice is in Tuscola, a columnist in The Tuscola Journal, her articles appear frequently in The Champaign-Urbana News Gazette, broadcasts the Paw Report on WILL radio, and has appeared numerous times on WCIA television.

Sally graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 1984. In January of 1989 her practice moved to its present location at 140 W. Sale Street after purchasing it from retiring veterinarian Dr. Robert Smith. She have always practiced small animal, companion medicine with a special interest in pet animal behavior. Sally is currently the veterinary liaison for the Hands 4 Paws local humane association.

Her topic today was “Pets and the Elderly.” Pets provide companionship, make the owner and others feel better. More and more assisted living and skilled nursing facilities allow small pets and/or are friendly to pet visitors.

Pets give a person a purpose...a reason to get up, dress, and care for their pet. Care of a pet requires keeping a schedule and routine. It is a social outlet. For those living independently, a pet (particularly a barking dog) can provide extra security. Just caring or loving on a pet such as petting its fur, stimulates the senses, feeling, memory, etc. Elderly people who have pets tend to have better mental and physical health.



Ranger – Sally’s Certified Therapy Cat

NOTE: No meeting President’s Day – February 15

Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2016

- **Attendance**

48 – Members

11 – Guests: Steve Niemann with exchange students: Romaza Arshad, Susanna Kamierka, Ludo Martinez, and Mat Pereira; Early Birds Decatur interclub – Rich Barnett, Brian Hitchings, Ned Hawbecker, and Chuck Sweck ; Bryant Hitchings, guest of Pat Damler, and Amelia, granddaughter of Debbie Graber.

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Janet Butler

- **Birthdays** – Margo Blaudow 2/24, Eloise Kennedy 2/25

- **Brags** – Maureen Bergeson, Elaine Bryant, Pete Buckley, Janet Chappell, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, and Eloise Kennedy

- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

First Graders' Artwork – Jeannine Fortney brought some samples of a first grade art project. The first graders' artwork was fantastic!



First Grader Artwork

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I-I District Treasurer – David Butler wants to run for 2016/2017 I-I District Treasurer. He requested the club's endorsement for this district office. Wayne Ward made a motion to approve David's request. Carol Burwash seconded the motion and the members approved it.

Program:



Romaza, Susanna, Ludo, Mat

Carol Martin introduced Steven Niemann, a regional coordinator for CIEE. Exchange students Romaza Arshad from Pakistan, Susanna Kamierka from Germany, Ludo Martinez from Italy, and Mat Pereira from Brazil provided a discussion panel to talk about their countries, their experiences of being an exchange student in the U.S. and answer questions from the audience.

If you would be interested in more information and/or possibly being a host family for an exchange student, contact Steve Niemann at srn74@hotmail.com.

Meeting Minutes – February 29, 2016

- Attendance
50 – Members
0 - Guests:
- Free Lunch Winner – Char Bontrager
- Birthdays – Cathy Means 3/3, Pat Sturgis 3/4
- Brags – Janet Butler, Marge Conn, Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Jerry Leonard, Dennis Opperman,
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Dues Reminder – Jerry Leonard reminded members that dues of \$55.00 are due by January 31, 2016, or \$110.00 if you want to pay for the entire year, and have nothing due in July.

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Douglas County Relay for Life – Pete Buckley reported that Relay for Life will be Saturday, June 4th at TCHS. Pete and his committee are working what our club will do for this year at this fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Program:



Janet Butler, club secretary, conducted a session on Kiwanis Education. She reviewed information about our club fundraisers, projects and activities. Janet provided information about Kiwanis International and our district, the Illinois Eastern Iowa District. Information about the I-I District Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation and the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project was discussed.



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TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB
2016 FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday February 10, 2016 at 12:01 PM by President Elect David Butler with the following officers and club directors present:

X	Tammy Baer – Past Pres	X	David Butler – Pres Elect		Guests:
X	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Jan Chappell – Vice Pres	X	Carol Burwash
X	Maureen Bergeson (2018)		Jim Hausmann (2017)	X	Mike Damler
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas	X	Tim Hoel
X	Pete Buckley (2016)		Jerry Leonard – Pres	X	Doris Young
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Reynolds (2018)		

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of January Board Meeting – Pete Buckley made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Maureen Bergeson seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. January Secretary’s 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 739 service hours reported. Carol Beals made a motion to approve the reports. Jerry Reynolds seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. January Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 2/10/16, the current balance is \$17,413.51. Candy reported that only twelve members had not paid the January dues of \$55.00. Follow up will be discussed at next Board meeting. Maureen Bergeson made a motion to approve the report. Jerry Reynolds 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 for club supplies (doll tags, member pins, lanyards, badges, certificates, etc.) in the amount of \$146.45. Tammy Baer made a motion to approve the request. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. New Donation Requests – None

6. Club Foundation Update – Tammy Baer reported that she has the paperwork almost ready to file. As previously approved, Tammy requested a check in the amount of \$50.00 for the filing. Since it must be a cashiers or certified check, or money order, Candy will make out the check to Janet Butler. Janet will provide a cashiers check made out to the Secretary of State for \$50.00 from her bank. Paperwork and check will be submitted to Springfield before next Board meeting.
7. Club 30th Anniversary Celebration – Co-chair Pete Buckley requested that the Board approve club expenditures up to \$500.00 to cover special invited guest dinners and for reimbursing Debbie Graber for the cake ingredients. Debbie is preparing two decorated sheet cakes for the event. Jan Chappell made a motion to approve the committee’s request. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. Pete gave out a handout with the menu, list of club paid dinner guests and other details of the event. It was agreed that Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, Mike Damler and Tim Hoel would be the “tasters” for selecting the meatball menu selection with Flesor’s Candy Kitchen. Pete will contact Devon and set up a date/time for the tasting.
8. Lt. Governor Request – No update from Lt. Gov. Charles Smith regarding the Kiwanis International Foundation grant application to be submitted to the Kiwanis International Foundation by Decatur Golden K on behalf of Division 27 Clubs to benefit the Friends of the Children of Haiti. Deadline to submit to Kiwanis International is April 15, 2016. David Butler will follow up with Charles at the Division 27 Council meeting on February 27.
9. Division 27 Council Meeting – Recovering President Jerry Leonard via Janet Butler requested that the Board designate a member to be the second voting club representative at the February 27 division 27 council meeting, in case he is not able to attend. Secretary Janet Butler will be attending as a voting club representative. After discussion, Maureen Bergeson made a motion that if Jerry Leonard does not attend, that Carol Burwash be designated as the second voting club representative, and if neither can attend, that David Butler, Immediate Past Lt. Governor be designated. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.
10. 2016 Fish Fry Dinner – In Pat Damler’s absence, Mike Damler reported that Pat had met with Pat and Tom Sturgis, and the planning and tasks are well under way for the March 18 event. Judy Heilich had procured the club’s 2016 Health Department certificate, and Janet Butler has delivered it to Pat. Sign-up sheets will start going around at our next club meeting.

11. 2016 Easter Egg Hunt – Janet Butler reported chairman Alan Shoemaker, Carol Burwash and she discussed the March 19 egg hunt after Monday’s club meeting. Alan will be calling a committee meeting shortly. Alan said that the city had donated about 1,500-2,000 eggs that had been found in the community building. It is the intent of the committee to ask Beth Linstead of the K-Kids can go through the eggs, put the halves together as needed, and bag eggs 100 eggs to a storage bag. Janet reported that request letters had went out about 2 weeks ago to The Smith House, Tuscola Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, Tuscola Moose Lodge, Tuscola Rotary Club, Tuscola Woman’s Club and Tuscola Women of the Moose. A \$30.00 donation has been received by The Smith House. Carol Burwash will prepare the sign-up sheet to be started around next club meeting. Alan Shoemaker will be submitting a request to Tuscola Tourism for funds to do advertising and some additional banners. Jerry Reynolds volunteered to contact Tuscola IGA to see what they can do to assist the club with purchasing candy for the event.
12. Tuscola Community Foundation Request – As was done last year, Linda Damler via Mike Damler is requesting to borrow the club’s sound system for TCF’s annual reception at Ironhorse Golf Club. David Butler agreed to provide the transportation of the equipment and its setup. Janet Butler made a motion to approve this request. Tammy Baer seconded the request and it was approved.
13. Key Club Advisor Request – Mike Damler requested approval to recognize some Key Club members by inviting them to be the club’s guest for lunch at a regular club meeting. Janet Butler advised that there are dollars in the budget to support this request to pay for Key Club member lunches. Jan Chappell made a motion to approve this request. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved.
14. 2016 Kiwanis Scholarships – Again the club will be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships. Chairman of the scholarship committee Mike Damler reported that Carol Beals and he are looking at updating the process and application form. Mike will present his recommended changes at the next Board meeting.
15. 2016 Document Shredding Event – No update from Dave & Val Morgan as yet.
16. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 9 at the Smith House at noon.
17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 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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