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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

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2017 Events/Activities

Wednesday, March 8	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thur. & Friday March 30 & 31	Fish Fry Thaw and Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 8	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park (rain: 4/15)
Saturday, April 22	Spring Clean-up – BETHS Place (rain: 4/29)
Saturday, May 20	Document Shredding/Electronic Recycle Event
Saturday, June 10	Douglas County Relay for Life

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

March 6	Linda Damler
March 13	Jack Corum
March 20	Sharon Corum
March 27	Mike Damler
April 3	Easter Egg Stuffing
April 10	Marge Conn
April 17	Pat Damler
April 24	Jeannine Fortney
May 1	Darla Gardner
May 8	Debbie Graber
May 15	Carol Hausmann
May 22	Jim Hausmann
May 29	NO MEETING – Memorial Day
June 5	Judy Heilich

June 12	Kim Higgins
June 19	Sherrie Hoel
June 26	Tim Hoel
July 3	NO MEETING – July 4th Weekend
July 10	Candy Hudson
July 17	April Kauffman
July 24	Judy Landeck
July 31	Betty Leonard
August 7	Jerry Leonard
August 14	Jaci Manzella
August 21	Carol Martin
August 28	Kathryn McCumber

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](#)

No Hiding Place

Walking into his local bar, Shamus said to O'Hara the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman."

"O, bejabbers," said O'Hara, "And how did this one end?"

"Hah, when it was over," Shamus replied, "she came to me on her hands and knees."

"Really?" cried O'Hara, "now that's a switch! What did she say?"

She said, "Come out from under the bed, Shamus, you little chicken."



Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2017

- Attendance

50 – Members

3 – Guests: Bill Thurn-guest of Jan Chappell; Jessica Beer and our speaker Kristen Sackley from Cargill.

- Free Lunch Winner – Jaci Manzella
- Birthdays – None
- Brags – Elaine Bryant, Jeannine Fortney
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Member Induction – John Watson, sponsored by Kate Watson, was inducted by President David Butler and Lt. Gov. Pat Damler.



Welcome, John!!!

Program:



Wilma Allen introduced our Cargill guests, Jessica Beer, and our speaker Kristen Sackley. Kristen an Origination Specialist with Cargill in Tuscola.

She graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Advertising and a MBA (Master of Business Administration). In her job, Kristen assists over 200 farmers and landowners market their corn and soybeans.

Cargill has businesses in 88 countries and is traded on the Chicago Board of Trade. The Cargill World Trading Headquarters is in Geneva Switzerland.

In June 20, 2016 Kristen won a company contest that provided her with a trip, as part of a U.S. Cargill group, that visited parts of northern France and Cargill's headquarters in Geneva Switzerland. She was able to see some of the main sights in Paris, though flooding caused some changes in her itinerary. Traveling to northern France, the group visited farms and coops with their main crops being wheat and rapeseed (canola). Cargill has no elevators in France, but does have some processing plants and assists with marketing.

About the largest farm you will find in France is 500 acres. For someone to farm in France, the person must pass a test. That is not a requirement in the U.S.

France being part of the European Union does not allow any GMO (genetically modified organism) seed. In the U.S., almost all commercial corn and soybean seed is GMO seed. Many farmers that Kristen spoke with were in favor of GMO seed due to improvements like insect and drought resistance. Another law requires the farmers to have a crop in the field at all times.

Kristen really enjoyed the international trip and learned a lot!

Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2017

- Attendance

49 – Members

2 – Guests: Bill Thurn-guest of Jan Chappell; Jeannie Craddock and the TCHS Honors Choir.

- Free Lunch Winner – Sharon Corum

- Birthdays – 2/13 Duane Huffman, 2/20 Erica Leonard, 2/24 Margo Blaudow, 2/25 Eloise Kennedy

- Brags – Tammy Baer, David Butler, Jan Chappell, Linda Damler, Judy Landeck, Toppo Mooday, Dennis Opperman

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Key Club Hosting East Prairie 5th & 6th Grades Student Dance – The dance on Friday, February 10th was a success with eighty-some students attending. Thanks to our generous Kiwanians, there were cookies, brownies, sweets and beverages for the students to enjoy. There were several Kiwanians and East Prairie School faculty providing supervision.

Pancake Breakfast – Members were reminded about their Pancake Breakfast assignments. The sign-up sheets are on the club website.

Program:

Jan Chappell introduced Jeannie Craddock and the TCHS Honors Choir. The group sang several songs that they are practicing for competition. Members really enjoyed the fantastic performances.



Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2017

• Attendance

48 – Members

6 – Guest: Mattoon Interclub-Darold Doehring, Steve Ferguson, Doris Shilling, and Greg Thompson; Lauren Moss, granddaughter of Art & Barb Moss, and our speaker, Lauren Christina

- Free Lunch Winner – Deon Chester
- Birthdays – 3/3 Cathy Means, 3/4 Pat Sturgis
- Brags – Tammy Baer, Deon Chester, Jack Corum, Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Barb Moss
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

K-Kids Collecting Plastic Bags – Jeannine Fortney announced that our K-Kids are collecting plastic bags (i.e. IGA, Walmart, etc.) for donating to a group that weaves them into mats. These plastics mats are sent to low-income 3rd world countries so the people do not have to sit/sleep on a dirt floor.

Thank You from Key Club – David Butler read a thank you note from Key Club for providing treats and assistance for their March of Dimes fundraising dance at East Prairie for 5th & 6th Graders on February 10th.

Lukas Hortin Ethiopia Mission Trip – An envelope was passed today and a total of \$282.00 was donated by our generous Kiwanians for Lukas' mission trip to Ethiopia.

Thank You from SAM Food Pantry – David Butler read a thank you note from Betsy Stuerke for donations to SAM Food Pantry.

Tuscola vs. Arcola “Cola Wars” Blood Drive – A blood drive sponsored by the TCHS National Honor Society is being held in the TCHS Study Hall on Thursday, March 2 from 8:30a-3:30p.

February Pancake Breakfast Results – The turnout was light this year, but the total donations of \$1,145.00 were close to our budgeted amount for this event. We served 105 customers.

Program:



Deon Chester introduced our speaker, Lauren Christina, Clinical Director of the Douglas County Mental Health and Family Counseling, Inc. This

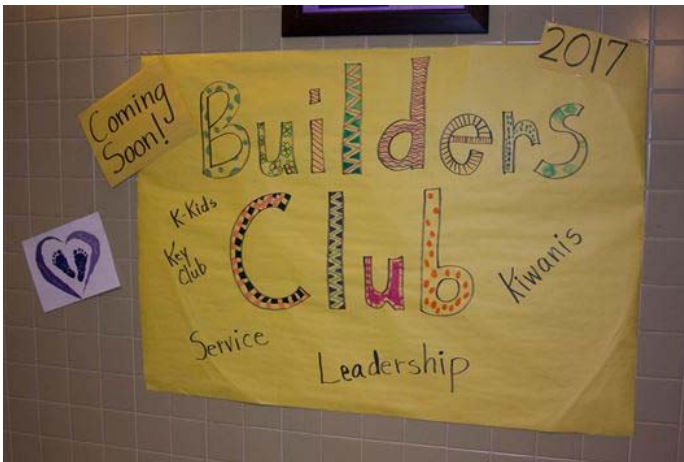
private, not-for-profit organization serves people from ages 3 to into their 80s.

Lauren has been employed there for almost seven years. Their focus is on their clients as individuals and their specific needs. About 95% of the funding is through Medicaid.

Services include counseling, therapy, crisis intervention, adolescent life skills training, youth programming, screening & assessment, psychiatric monitoring, supports groups, and adult and youth drop-in centers.

Lauren passed out and collected a survey regarding the effectiveness of possible programs and services in meeting community needs.

East Prairie Dance Hosted by Key Club – February 10, 2017



More Photos on Club Website

Pancake Breakfast & Setup – February 24 & 25



More Photos on Club Website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2017 FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 12:00 PM by President David Butler with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

X	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Jan Chappell – Pres Elect		Guests:
X	Maureen Bergeson (2018)	X	Jim Hausmann (2017)	X	Tammy Baer
	Char Bontrager (2019)	X	Candy Hudson – Treasurer	X	Carol Burwash
X	Pete Buckley – Vice Pres	X	Jerry Leonard – Past Pres	X	Mike Damler
X	David Butler – Pres	X	Carol Martin (2019)	X	Linda Damler
X	Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jerry Reynolds (2018)	X	Tim Hoel (proxy)
				X	Bill Thurn

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Club Director Proxy Request – Char Bontrager requested via email that Tim Hoel serve as her club director proxy for voting until her health permits her return to Board meetings. Jerry Leonard made a motion to approve the request. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved. Tim Hoel will take Char’s place as a Club Director until her return.
2. Minutes of January Board Meeting – Jerry Leonard 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.”
3. 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 were 809 service hours. Jan Chappell made a motion to approve the reports. Caro Beals seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. January Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 2/8/17, the current balance for the club is \$9,594.12 and the foundation balance is \$8,928.32. Tim Hoel made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Jerry Reynolds seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
5. Dues Update – Candy gave the Board an update on unpaid dues. She has provided several members with an invoice. She will send a friendly email reminder to the other members.

6. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
(none)	\$500.00 – Key Club to assist with district convention expenses \$500.00 – Tuscola School District: (\$250.00 for Chemistry department and \$250.00 for Biology department)

Pete Buckley made a motion to approve the Key Club’s request to assist with district convention expenses. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved.

Janet Butler had received requested wish lists from Eric Butler, TCHS chemistry teacher and Natasha Capell, biology teacher. Janet reviewed the list, and discussion followed. Carol Martin made a motion to donate \$500.00 with half going to each department for their most urgent need. Carol Beals seconded the motion and it was approved.

7. New Donation Requests – None

8. New Member Confirmation – To confirm the email vote, Tim Hoel made a motion to approve new member, John Watson sponsored by Kate Watson. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.

9. February Pancake Breakfast – Janet Butler reported that all is going well. Sign-up sheet is posted on club website. Janet will be picking up the sausage from GFS and storing at Forty Martyrs Hall. The club’s foundation is now set up as tax exempt with GFS. Pat Damler and Tim Hoel will handle signage. Jerry Reynolds will assure we have enough pancake mix. Topy Mooday and Donna Motley will supply the syrup. Sharon Corum will pick any other items needed at GFS. Set up will be at 4:30p on Friday, February 24.

10. Builders Club Update – Tammy reported that an organizational meeting will be held soon, and that the charter application has been submitted. The charter and member materials should be received in about 5-6 weeks.

11. Farm Bureau Summer Outing – The Douglas County Farm Bureau will be holding an event visiting farms and providing a free lunch. They can accommodate about 25 Kiwanians. The Board directed David Butler to advise Farm Bureau that we are interested, and will pass around a sign-up sheet as soon as a date is set.

12. Easter Egg Hunt – Janet Butler reported that the donation request letters had been sent out the last week of January. A \$30.00 donation from The Smith House has been received. Alan Shoemaker had agreed to be our Mad Hatter master of ceremonies on the day, and has reserved the Ervin Park ballfields with the city for our dates, Saturday, April 8 with a rain date of April 15. Carol Martin volunteered to serve on the committee with Alan, Carol Burwash, and Janet Butler.
13. Kiwanis One Day Service Project – The Board agreed that our Kiwanis One Day project would again be a Spring Clean-up for BETHS Place. Tammy Baer checked with BETHS Place, and Saturday, April 22 or 29 would work for them. Janet Butler will send an email to members to determine which date will work best for the Kiwanians who want to help BETHS Place.
14. Fundraising – Tammy Baer suggested that we do a “Monical’s Pizza Day” to benefit our Tuscola Kiwanis Club Foundation. The Board thought this was a great idea. The club’s responsibility is to get the special flyers in the hands of people who will eat at or take out Monical’s on the scheduled day. Tammy volunteered to contact Tuscola Monical’s and see how we can make this happen.
15. Warrior Food Store – The establishment of the Warrior Food Store to help hungry students was brought to the attention of a number of Kiwanians, including Mike and Linda Damler. Linda brought the Board’s attention to The Journal Article and shared what information she had. Mike and Linda Damler had spoken to secretary Janet Butler earlier. It was thought support of this store – either financially and/or volunteering time – was right up Kiwanis’ alley. Janet had emailed Katie Wienke and Betsy Stuerke asking for more information and what opportunities there might be for Kiwanians to volunteer. Katie has not answered as yet, however Betsy replied that the operation of the two food pantries will be independent of each other. Janet will advise further as she receives information.
16. Relay for Life – Pete Buckley reported that he with Debbie Graber and Tim Hoel would chair the 2017 Relay for Life. The event is Saturday, June 10. The overall theme is Disney Movies. The Board directed that Pete, Tim and Debbie select the movie that the Tuscola Kiwanis Team will represent, and advise the Board at its next meeting.
17. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Smith House at noon.
18. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 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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