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## CLUB OF TUSCOLA

**NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2019**

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### **2019 Events/Activities**

Saturday, March 9	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs
Wednesday, March 13	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Thurs/Fri, April 4 & 5	Fish Fry Thaw & Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs
Wednesday, April 10	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, April 20	Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt – rain 4/27 Ervin Park
Saturday, April 27	Drug Collection Event – East Prairie School
Saturday, May 4	Electronic Recycle - Ervin Park
Saturday, May 11	USPS Stamp Out Hunger for SAM Food Pantry
Saturday, June 15	Relay for Life – 4p-10p

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### **Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments**

March 4	Dave Morgan
March 11	Val Morgan
March 18	Donna Motley
March 25	Dennis Opperman
April 1	Maribeth Opperman
April 8	Jerry Reynolds
April 15	Easter Egg Stuffing
April 22	Judy Schenkel
April 29	Sandy Simpson
May 6	Ian Rominger
May 13	Alan Shoemaker
May 20	Glen Simpson

May 27	<b>No Meeting – Memorial Day</b>
June 3	Patty Russell
June 10	Cindy Surma
June 17	Bill Thurn
June 24	Wayne Ward
July 1	Marci Shoemaker
July 8	Kate Watson
July 15	Darlene Wiesener
July 22	Barb Wills
July 29	Paul Wisovaty
August 5	Sue Wisovaty
August 12	Doris Young
August 19	Wilma Allen
August 26	Tammy Baer

If your program date does **not** work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so a date swap can be arranged.

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**Don't forget to give Janet Butler your Volunteer Hours at the end of the month!**

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**“Am I Irish? Are you kidding? I was born green!”**

## Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2019

- Attendance

45 – Members

4 – Guests: Delaney Taylor-granddaughter & Stephanie Taylor-daughter of Pat & Tom Sturgis; Dave Dobson, and Kenny Hogue, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Glen Simpson
- Birthdays – 2/4 Patty Russell
- Brags – Tammy Baer, Pete Buckley, Janet Butler, Dennis Opperman, Jan Thurn
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Teachers' Grant Fund – Mike Damler reported that the fund has \$1,062.88. The committee to develop the process and application will be meeting this month.

Kiwanis International Convention – Pete Buckley reported that online registration is open for the convention being held at Walt Disney World in Florida June 27-29.

Scouting Fundraiser – Forms were provided for tickets to the Tuscola Scouting fundraising dinner at The Smith House on Sunday, March 3. \$25.00 per person.

Spring Pancake Breakfast – Pat Damler started sign-up sheets for the March 9 pancake breakfast at Forty Martyrs.

## Program:



Carol Martin introduced our speaker, Kenny Hogue.

Kenny is the chef/owner of the soon-to-be opened Cast Iron Pub and to-be-opened Summer 2019 Irma Lou's Kitchen in downtown

Tuscola. He grew up in Tuscola and briefly studied computer science at Illinois Wesleyan before embarking upon a career in food.

Kenny started as a cook in Champaign-Urbana about 15 years ago. He moved to Chicago to cook in 2008, and then to New York, and then to San Francisco. For years, he's been dreaming of owning his own restaurant. When he saw an open space in downtown Tuscola, he knew it would be the perfect fit.

Kenny said to WCIA, "Tuscola checks off a lot of boxes for me and my family as far as what we were looking for. It's got a lot of great potential. It's hitting a period of growth. I love what's going on with the downtown here. It just made sense to take what I learned and bring it back to the community,"

Cast Iron Pub will serve craft beer with a limited food menu. Irma Lou's Kitchen will have farm-to-table upscale American food.

## Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2019

- **Attendance**

48 – Members

3 – Guests: Lt. Gov. Bill Meyer, soon-to-be member Ron Gardner-spouse of Darla Gardner, and Mike Jones, our speaker.

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Dave Morgan
- **Birthdays** – 2/20 Erica Leonard, 2/24 Margo Blaudow
- **Brags** – Pete Buckley, Carol Hausmann, Dave Morgan, and Dennis Opperman
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

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**Spring Pancake Breakfast** – Pat Damler continued sign-up sheets for the March 9 pancake breakfast at Forty Martyrs.

## Program:



Sharon Marsh introduced Mike Jones with the Douglas County Animal Control Department and Shelter. In an average year, the shelter finds homes for 300 dogs and 500 cats. Almost all the animals are adopted.

Douglas County Animal Control & Shelter provides many services to the county. The Animal Control portion involves the humane capture of loose animals, enforcement of state and county laws pertaining to animals, and licensing. The Shelter portion provides a safe haven for those animals who no longer have homes (strays, runaways, and those seized due to inhumane treatment or cruelty investigations), as well as providing the necessary veterinary treatments and social interactions to get them on their way to getting a new owner.

The dog adoption fee is \$90.00. Kittens are adopted out for \$35.00. A vet reference and landlord check are required if applicable. A spay/neuter contract is required if the animal is currently unaltered.

The shelter is open for potential adoptions Monday-Saturday 8a-1p 3p-6.

## Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2019

### • Attendance

44 – Members

7 – Guests: Key Clubbers-Caleigh Parsley, Justine Kaufmann, Emma Zimmer, Morgan Jones and Kelsey Slaughter; Chase Kauffman-son of April Kauffman, and Joshua Blackwell, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Tom Sturgis
- Birthdays – 2/25 Eloise Kennedy
- Brags – Pete Buckley, Jeannine Fortney, and Pat Sturgis
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Recognition for Top Service Key Clubbers – The top 5 Key Clubbers in service hours were treated to lunch and received a Key Club flash drive in recognition of their hard work. Each Key Clubber summarized what activities they participated in for their school, church, and/or community.



Caleigh Parsley, Justine Kaufmann, Emma Zimmer, Morgan Jones & Kelsey Slaughter

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Club Dues – Policy Change – Pete Buckley reported that the Board had approved a change in dues policy. Starting with dues for 2019/2020 any members who are 90 or more of age and have a minimum of 10 years in our club, the club will pay their dues. Marge Conn and Kathryn McCumber meet those requirements.

Member Interviews – For members who have joined in the past year or so, Pete Buckley will be interviewing them with six questions so club members can get to know them. The interviews will be published in the club's monthly newsletters as available.

Spring Pancake Breakfast – Pat Damler continued the sign-up sheets for the March 9 pancake breakfast at Forty Martyrs.

### Program:



Dave Butler introduced Douglas County Sheriff Joshua Blackwell. He is a life long resident of Douglas County and took office in December 2018. As sheriff, he is responsible for about 30 employees and a \$2 million budget. On average, there are 20-30 inmates in the county jail. Juveniles are sent to Danville.

Josh started as a dispatcher in 2006, graduated from the police academy, and began as a patrol officer in 2008. In 2011, he was promoted to sergeant.

His office takes about 30,000 911 calls per year. By September 2019 there will be a major upgrade to the system providing additional capabilities such as access by the district attorney and jail, and ability to see where each patrol unit is located.

## Meet Glen Simpson

Interview by Pete Buckley:



Glen joined the Tuscola Kiwanis Club in April of 2018. He was born in Terre Haute, Indiana and grew up in Marshall, Illinois where he attended Marshall High School before attending Eastern Illinois University. Glen graduated with a degree in Art History & Design. Glen fondly recalls working his first job, at age 15, putting together bicycles and cleaning windows at Western Auto Store in Marshall. After graduating from college, Glen designed advertisements for the telephone directory before ending up at the University of Illinois where he was the facilities manager for 21 years before retiring.

Glen is married to fellow Kiwanian, Sandy. They have a son (Evan) who works for the University of Illinois in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. Their daughter (Megan) is a hair stylist in Mattoon. Glen and Sandy have two grandchildren, ages 2 and 1 as well as two step grandchildren, ages 9 and 15. Glen and Sandy live in Tuscola.

When asked to tell us something many people don't know about him, Glen answered that many people don't know that Glen is a worship leader at the Baptist Church in Tolono, Illinois. Glen also mentioned that people may not know that he likes to sing. Glen asked me to tell everyone that he is NOT the creator of the TV show, The Simpsons.

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &  
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION  
2019 FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 11:53AM by President Pete Buckley with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

Tammy Baer – VP	X	Carol Martin (2019)	X	Guests:	
Pete Buckley – Pres	X	Dave Morgan (2020)	X	Carol Beals	X
Carol Burwash (2021)	X	Val Morgan (2021)	X	Pat Damler	X
David Butler – Webmaster	X	Dennis Opperman – Pres Elec	X	Mike Damler	X
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jan Thurn – Past President	X		
Tim Hoel (2019)	X	Doris Young (2020)	X		
Candy Hudson – Treas.	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of January Board Meeting – Jan Thurn made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Carol Martin 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 were 752 service hours. Dave Morgan made a motion to approve the reports. Doris Young seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. February Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 2//13/19, the current balance for the club is \$9,739.95 and the foundation balance is \$9,057.35. David Butler made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Carol Burwash seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
\$25.00 Tammy Baer – Reimbursement for background check	\$221.25 Reimbursement to Ashley Wishard - Builders Club – shipping cost for soldiers’ care packages

Carol Martin made a motion to approve the disbursements. Doris Young seconded the motion and it was approved.

Via email, Janet Butler reported that the Builders Club led a Coin War competition at EP for the purpose of sending 5 soldiers care packages in early February. A total of \$599.48 was donated and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class raised the most, winning the competition. Janet made a motion for the club to pay the shipping for sending the military care packages, providing the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class a treat of ice cream or cookies, and rewarding the Builders Club members with “K” spinners. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None
6. Club Signature Project – Janet Butler reported that the club’s application was submitted on February 6<sup>th</sup> and that the I-I District office had confirmed receipt.
7. Easter Egg Hunt Update – Janet Butler reported that in mid-January she had sent out request letters to those organizations/business that have provided financial donations to help cover the costs. So far, the club has received \$150 Women of the Moose, \$75 Tuscola Stone Company, and \$250.00 TCED. She and David delivered 2 large bags of eggs to Beth Linstead-K-Kids and 1 large bag to Ashley Wishard-Builders Club for matching up eggs. Janet still has 3 large bags of eggs to match. Depending on whether the K-Kids and/or Builders Club can do more, the club may need to hold an “after meeting” egg matching task.
8. Honoring Deceased Kiwanians –Janet Butler reported that the “Honors” banner and two memorial frames had been received. Janet showed the Board the next frame to be presented. She presented a list of deceased members’ name. One deletion was made to the list. Carol Martin made a motion for Janet to have a vendor make a patch for each name (white background, navy blue letters, and gold edging) made for the banner and a title, In Loving Memory, made for the banner. Dennis Opperman seconded the motion and it was approved.
9. Teachers’ Grant Process/Application Update – Tammy Baer advised that she discovered that Arthur has a similar program. She will be procuring information on how that process is run. Tammy and her committee have not met as yet, but will be soon.
10. Monical’s Pizza Community Day – Tammy Baer was able to schedule Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. As approved last month, this will benefit East Prairie Special Education. Tammy will talk to Ashley Wishard about the Builders Club leading a competition by EP grade. It was suggested that flyers of a different color be printed and distributed to each grade. Kiwanians or other attendees can mark on the flyer if they have a

particular grade that they want to have the credit. The class who has the most flyers used will be provided some type of treat.

11. Recycling Christmas paper/boxes – Having explored the feasibility of the project, Dave Morgan withdrew this proposed service project.
12. Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Forty Martyrs Hall. Pat Damler reported that she still had some positions to fill and would be bringing the sign-up sheets to the 2/25 meeting and sending an email outlining the help she still needs. Janet Butler will order the sausage and Dennis Opperman will procure the orange drink. Pat will ask Jerry Reynolds if he would take charge of warming the sausage since Wayne Ward has a previous commitment that day.
13. U.S.P.S. Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive for SAM Pantry – Carol Beals reported that the food drive will again be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May, May 11<sup>th</sup>. She has reserved the Methodist Fellowship Hall for weighing and sorting. She will also talk to Jake Golden at IGA regarding lending a few carts (Dennis Opperman will pick up and return), putting flyers in a bag for each customer starting Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and asking that IGA request customers to “round-up” for Sam Pantry from Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Carol will suggest to Jake that the round-up donations be provided in an IGA voucher so SAM Pantry can purchase at his store. Carol asked for approval to have half-page flyers printed for IGA and the Tuscola Schools distribution and one advertising ad in the Tuscola Journal. Column one coverage will be requested in both local papers. Dave Morgan made a motion to approve Carol’s request. Dave Butler seconded the motion and it was approved. More details to come.
14. Drug Collection Service Project with Tuscola Police - As this was a popular service to the community last year, Dave Morgan volunteered to take the lead this year, too. It was suggested that East Prairie would be a good place to hold the project.  
  
[Note: Dave Morgan reported later that East Prairie School and Tuscola Police have agreed on Saturday, April 27 for the event. Dave Butler has added the event to the club’s online calendar.]
15. Membership Dues Policy – After discussion, Dave Morgan made a motion that beginning with the dues of 2019/2020 for members 90 years or more in age and having at least 10 years membership in the Tuscola Club that the club pay their Kiwanis dues, currently \$110.00 per year. Janet Butler seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet will provide the Board members a list of members who qualify under the new policy.

[Note: Janet reported to the Board later that Marge Conn and Kathryn McCumber qualify for paid dues under the new policy.]

16. 2019 Kiwanis One Day Service Project – There was discussion regarding selecting a service project designated as the club’s One Day Service Project. Possibilities that are going to be investigated: Nunn Scout Building-Tim Hoel will investigate the needs with Jeremy Leonard – and - Irvin Park/Prairieland Playground-Dave Morgan will check with the city. Dave Morgan is also going to follow up with North Ward Principal Jason Wallace regarding extending the pre-school area playground and adding more equipment. This is probably more than a “one day” project and maybe one that if the club wants to move forward with it, the club will want to partner with other organizations/businesses.
17. Mentoring New Members – Pat Damler wanted to raise the Board’s and new member sponsors’ awareness regarding mentoring new members, taking time to speak with them, getting to know them, explaining Kiwanis lingo, encouraging them to participate in projects, etc.
18. Key Club Recognition – Mike Damler reported that the top five Key Clubbers in service hours have been identified. The club will recognize them at our February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with Mike presenting each of them a Key Club flash drive. Dave Morgan made a motion for the club to pay for Darcey Voyles’ and the Key Clubbers’ lunches. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.
19. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday March 13, 2019 at the Smith House at noon.
20. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary

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*We all wish for the luck of the Irish!*

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