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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

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2020 Events/Activities

Saturday, March 7	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wednesday, March 11	Board Meeting – Smith House
Thur-Fri, March 26-27	Fish Thaw/Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park (rain 4/11)
Wednesday, April 8	Board Meeting – Smith House
Saturday, April 18	Document Shredding – Ervin Park 9:00AM
Saturday, May 9	SAM Pantry Food Drive with USPS
Saturday, June 13 (tentative)	Douglas Co Relay for Life – 4:00PM
Wed, July 29 thru Sat, August 1	Kiwaniis Garage Sale
Sunday, August 16 (rain 8/23)	Kiwaniis Family Picnic – Wayne Ward’s Home
Friday, October 2	Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 3	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.
October – Date TBD	SAM Pantry Food Drive with Rotary

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

March 2	Candy Hudson
March 9	Judy Landeck
March 16	Jean Leonard
March 23	Jeff Martin
March 30	Egg Stuffing for Easter Egg Hunt
April 6	Carol Martin
April 13	Carol Hausmann
April 20	Jim Hausmann

April 27	Topy Mooday
May 4	Dave Moody
May 11	Suzanne Moody
May 18	Dave Morgan
May 25	NO MEETING – Memorial Day
June 1	Val Morgan
June 8	Donna Motley
June 15	Dennis Opperman
June 22	Maribeth Opperman
June 29	Jerry Reynolds
July 6	Ian Rominger
July 13	Suzanne Rominger
July 20	Patty Russell
July 27	Judy Schenkel

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!

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2020

- Attendance

39 – Members

0 – Guests

- Birthdays – 2/4 Patty Russell
- Brags – Pete Buckley, David Butler, Jeannine Fortney, Tim Hoel, Topy Mooday, Dave Morgan, and Dennis Opperman
- Free Lunch Winner – Donna Motley
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

RISE Basketball Court Project – Dave Morgan reported that the old concrete has been removed. Next is spreading rock and painting the fence.

2020/2021 Kiwanis Dues – Dennis reminded members that dues of \$55 are due by January 31 with the remaining \$55 due by July 31, 2020. Kiwanians can pay the entire \$110 in January if they wish.

Upcoming events -

- Wednesday, February 12 – Kiwanis/Builders Club/Key Club “Match Game” Event
- Saturday, March 7 Pancake Breakfast at Forty Martyrs Hall 7a-10a

Program:



Kim Higgins provided an informative and humorous program on “hair.” The average person has 100,000 to 150,000 strands of head hair. The follicle of each hair determines if the hair will be straight or curly. Over \$90 billion was spent on hair care products in 2019.

Kim shared photos of hair styles through history. She also shared that she spends about an hour preparing her hair for the day.

Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2020

- Attendance

47 – Members

1 – Guest: Haley Ely, our speaker

- Birthdays – 2/15 Jason Swearingen

- Brags – Janet Butler, Linda Damler, Dennis Opperman, Bill Thurn, and Jan Thurn

- Free Lunch Winner – Jeannine Fortney

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Thank You Note – The club received a thank you note from Barb Wills for the delivery of food in December.

Upcoming events -

-Saturday, March 7 Pancake Breakfast at Forty Martyrs Hall 7a-10a

-Thursday, March 26 Fish Thaw

-Friday, March 27 Fish Fry 4:30p-7p

Program:



Tim Hoel introduced our speaker, Haley Ely from Friendship Hill Retirement Center. This independent living center has furnished or unfurnished studios, 1-bedroom, and 2-bedroom apartments. No lease required. Services include laundry, housekeeping, 3 meals per days, activities, and more.

For more information, go to:

www.friendshiphillretirement.com



Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2020

- Attendance

47 – Members

2 – Guests: Robert White, guest of Judy Schenkel, and our speaker, Bret Beherns

- Birthdays – 2/20 Erica Leonard
- Brags – Maureen Bergeson, David Butler, Kathryn McCumber, Dennis Opperman, Maribeth Opperman, and Sandy Simpson,
- Free Lunch Winner – Kathryn McCumber
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

TCHS Ceiling Tile Project – The Board approved moving forward to replace the ceiling tiles in up to 6 TCHS classrooms. No envelope will be passed. If you wish to donate to this project, make out your check to “Tuscola Kiwanis Club Foundation” and give it to Candy Hudson or Janet Butler.

RISE Basketball Court Project – Dave Morgan reported the project is on hold until warmer weather.

TCHS Teachers Grant Awarded – Dennis Opperman reported that the Board has approved a grant for Deanna Franklin for classroom kitchen equipment.

Upcoming events -

- Saturday, March 7 Pancake Breakfast at Forty Martyrs Hall 7a-10a
- Thursday, March 26 Fish Thaw
- Friday, March 27 Fish Fry 4:30p-7p

Program:



Jerry Leonard introduced Bret Beherns, WCIA Channel 3 Sports Director. Bret lives in Mahomet with his wife and three children. He shared a life changing experience that he had when he was 18 years old --- a fall of 80 feet.

The story starts with a summer job in 2006 building cell phone towers. On June 13, 2006 Bret was the groundman working the cable winch. The load got loose, started falling, and Bret grabbed the rope. He was catapulted 80 feet into the air, fell, and landed on his feet. He was rushed to Springfield Memorial with crushed bones and a torn aorta. Emergency surgery was done to repair the aorta. Bret was in a coma for 13 days with a total of 54 days in the hospital. The damage was so severe to his left ankle/foot that amputation was done about six inches below the knee. It took two years of recovery with Bret figuring out his “new” normal.

Bret completed his degree in Radio & Television at SIU, then began his career at an ABC affiliate in southern Illinois. He made a lateral move to WCIA in 2013 and was offered his dream job in December 2015 as WCIA’s Sports Director.

Bret stated that not only was his accident/recovery life changing for him, but also his family and friends. He believes he is alive and active today due to prayer. Over 100 people were at the hospital praying for him when he was in surgery. Bret says how we handle things shapes us more than the actual event. Bret did and does a lot of praying. His advice is listen to HIM, follow His plan and be patient. He is a living miracle!

Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2020

- Attendance

39 – Members

0 – Guests

- Birthdays – 2/25 Becky Cook Carroll
2/25 Elois Kennedy
- Brags – Elaine Bryant, Jeannine Fortney, Pat Sturgis, and Jan Thurn.
- Free Lunch Winner – Jeannine Fortney
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Easter Egg Hunt – Sign-up sheets will go around in March. Club will stuff the eggs at its March 30 meeting.

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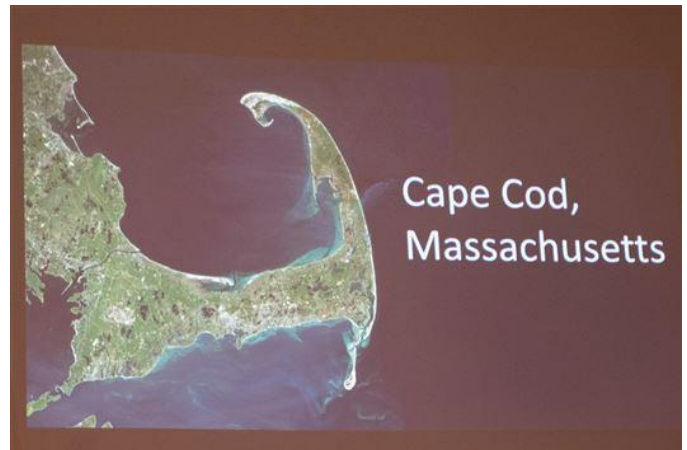
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Program:



Kathryn McCumber introduced Kiwanian Terri Haas, pastor at Tuscola United Methodist Church. While Terri attended college in Boston, she lived in Harwich Port, Massachusetts, a small town of about 12,000 in Cape Cod peninsula.

Terri talked about the town, the Cape Cod area, and her life there. Harwich Port is famous for multi-colored hydrangeas.



RISE Basketball Court Project – Current Progress



Kiwanis/Key Club/Builders Club “Match Game” Event



Our MC and host, Kiwanian John Davis



More photos on club website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2020 FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 12:00PM by President Dennis Opperman with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an “X”:

Tammy Baer – Pres Elect	X	Dave Morgan (2020)	X	Guests:	
Pete Buckley – Past Pres	X	Val Morgan (2021)	X	Pat Damler	X
Carol Burwash – V.P.	X	Dennis Opperman – Pres	X	Tim Hoel	X
David Butler – Webmaster	X	Ian Rominger (2022)		Jason Swearingen	X
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Kate Watson (2021)			
Candy Hudson – Treas	X	Doris Young (2020)	X		
Jean Leonard (2022)					

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of January Board Meeting – Carol Burwash made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Dave Morgan 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. A total of 694 service hours were reported. Dave Morgan made a motion to approve the reports. Val Morgan seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 2/12/20, the current balance for the club was \$8,657.69 and the foundation balance was \$11,240.79. David Butler made a motion to approve the reports. Doris Young seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the Treasurer reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
	\$45.18 – Reimbursement to Dave Morgan for RISE project paint/paint brush

Carol Burwash made a motion to disburse the above requested amount. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None

6. TCHS Teachers Grant Program – The Board evaluated the two following applications as follow:

FCS Kitchen Appliance/Bakeware upgrade – Amount Requested - \$230.64 by Deanna Franklin. The request was for items for the FCS kitchen – blender and assorted pans. After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion to approve the request contingent on verifying that the school would not fund these items. Dave Morgan seconded the motion and it was approved.

[NOTE: Janet Butler emailed Deanna after the meeting, and received back an email from Principal Steve Fiscus stating there were no school budget funds for Deanna’s request. Janet notified the Board, requested the check from Treasurer Candy Hudson, and delivered the check to the TCHS office on 2/13/20.)

2020 Tuscola Summer Speech Clinic – Amount Requested \$600-\$1,800 by Kathy Fair. The request was for partial funding to hold a 6-week speech therapy clinic for up to 20 students. The Board agreed that this request did not fall with the criteria for funds from the club’s TCHS Teachers Grant program. However, Board members felt this was an appropriate program to provide some support. Janet Butler advised that the budgeted \$450.00 for Key Leader would not be spent as no one was attending this year. After discussion, David Butler made a motion that our foundation would donate up to \$450.00 for this program contingent on Kathy raising at least \$3,150.00, but less than \$3,600.00.

[NOTE: Janet Butler emailed Kathy after the meeting advising her of the Board’s decision regarding her request. No further action will be taken unless Kathy contacts us.]

7. RISE Basketball Court Service Project – Dave Morgan reported that the old concrete pad has been removed and the larger area readied for pouring. Dave is checking into concrete bids. The fence has received its first coat of paint, and Dave will be ordering a new post and basketball backboard.

8. “Match Game” Kiwanis/Key Club/Builders Club Event – Janet Butler reported she had contacted Darcey Voyles, Ashley Wishard, John Davis, and Linda & Mike Damler regarding any weather concerns. All were “good to go” regarding moving forward with the event. The event was not canceled.

9. Possible Future Projects for TCHS – Principal Steve Fiscus provided Dave Morgan with a few projects that need to be done at TCHS, but there are no school funds to do so. After Dave reviewed the possible projects with Board members and discussion took place, Carol Burwash made a motion to approve and move forward with the Ceiling Tile Restoration Project for up to 6 classrooms. The project will replace metal ceiling tiles with acoustical tiles. David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved. Dave Morgan will chair the project and will check with Steve Fiscus regarding any asbestos issues which if yes, would stop the project and the disposition of the old tiles. It was agreed that if necessary, not all 6 classrooms had to be done at once. Dave plans to reach out to businesses for donations and gifts in kind. The labor will be provided by the club. There are approximately 250 tiles per classroom for a total of 1,500 tiles. Jim Higgins has agreed to sell us the tiles at his cost of \$2.75 per tile.

10. Pancake Breakfast – March 7 7AM-10AM Forty Martyrs Hall Pat Damler reported that everything was on track for the breakfast.

11. Fish Fry – Friday, March 27 4:30PM-7:00PM Forty Martyrs Hall Pat Damler reported that the cost of fish would be higher than last year, but she does not have the exact amount yet.

12. Easter Egg Hunt – Janet reported that so far donations have been received by Tuscola Stone Company, Women of the Moose, Tuscola Chamber & Economic Development, and The Smith House. Eggs are being matched at North Ward and East Prairie, led by K-Kids and Builders Club respectively. Everything is on track.

13. Tuscola Home Center Account – Janet Butler had emailed a completed application, naming David Butler, Janet Butler, Tim Hoel, Candy Hudson, and Dave Morgan authorized to charge, to Board members for review. After discussion, Dave Morgan made a motion to establish a tax-exempt credit account at Tuscola Home Center. Doris Young seconded the motion and it was approved. Dennis Opperman signed the application and Dave Morgan will deliver to the store.

14. TCHS Key Club Scholarship – The fourth TCHS scholarship, designated for a Key Clubber, has been in existence since the Key Club was established and funded by a few members. More member donations for a total of \$500 are needed for the 2020 \$1,000 Key Club scholarship. Janet Butler asked if any Board members would like to donate. The \$500 was raised with the following pledges: Pete & Cathy Buckley \$100, Pat Damler \$250, Dave & Val Morgan \$100, and Dennis & Maribeth Opperman \$50.

15. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Smith House at noon.

16. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05PM.

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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