

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2006

Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting – May 3rd at noon at Tuscany's
 - Peanut Sales Days – TBD
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Upcoming Program Assignments

May 1	Candy Hudson
May 8	Mark Jacobs
May 15	Betty Leonard
May 22	Duncan MacGibbon
May 29	No Meeting
June 5	Jaci Manzella
June 12	Lisa McCallister
June 19	Kathryn McCumber
June 26	John McDaniel
July 3	No Meeting
July 10	Ben Mingo
July 17	Kevin Nolan
July 24	Dennis Opperman
July 31	Jaki Ottolini

Meeting of 4/3/06

There were 28 members and 2 guests, speaker Lon Tay and his son Lucas.

Carol Burwash confirmed the members that would be attending the CPR training in Decatur on April 8th as follows: Carol Burwash, Janet Butler, Debbie Graber and Ed Wachala.

Paul Wisovaty, due to his absence from the club's 20th anniversary party, was recognized at this meeting as a charter member of the club and given a framed certificate.

The Fish Fry was discussed. Members that could be available were asked to help with the thawing of the fish on Thursday, April 6th at 3:30PM. All members were asked to bring a dessert for the fish fry.

Mike Damler handed out packets of postcards to recognize the students who brought up their grades. This is part of the club's BUG program. Mike asked that the post cards be written and mailed as soon as possible.

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Today's speaker was Lon Tay, invited by Clarice Hausman. He went to school at SIU for broadcasting and started some radio work as a student at WITT radio. Upon graduation in 1992, he decided to pursue television sports casting instead of radio. He interned at WCIA-CBS Champaign and went to television station

WSIL-ABC in Carterville, Illinois. He then moved on to WAND-ABC Decatur for six years before leaving broadcasting for a career in insurance.

Lon shared many of his sporting/broadcasting highlights during his time with WAND. He attended many Illinois Big 10 Championships, NCAA tournaments games, etc. He had the privilege to meet and interview such people at Jack Buck and Harry Carey. The members enjoyed his recollections and stories.

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd (alternating between bride's side and groom's side), put his hands up like claws, and roar. Step, step, ROAR, step step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. The crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. The little boy was almost crying by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

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Meeting of 4/10/06

There were 22 members and 5 guests. The guests included our speaker Jim Harbaugh, and visiting members of the Decatur Early Birds – Larry Reed, Paul Francis, Bill Parr and Ritchie Barnett.



The Fish Fry was a great success. The club grossed almost \$1,500 this year. Members from the Decatur Prairie Land and Sullivan Kiwanis clubs attended the fish fry in support of our efforts. The turnout from the community was tremendous! We ran out of fish before the 7PM closing time.

Members agreed that the sign, owned by the Lions Club, placed on Main Street and Van Allen attributed to the great attendance.

Jeannine Fortney brought up the topic of having yard signs placed in members' yards when we have an event coming up. Jeannine offered her home as a good location due to the frequent traffic on Prairie Street. Cinder Bickers and Janet Butler also offered to have yard signs for Kiwanis events.



Debbie Graber, Ed Wachala, Janet Butler and Carol Burwash all successfully completed CPR training at the American Red Cross facility in Decatur on April 8th. Richard Kaufman, Lt. Governor, graciously paid the training fees and provided lunch to the Kiwanis members and American Red Cross training staff.

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Jim Harbaugh, our speaker invited by Darrell Helm, came to speak about the Moving Vietnam Wall that will be in Tuscola July 6th – July 10th. The organizing committee, which includes Kiwanians Paul Wisovaty and Greg Hankey, has signed a contract and made a deposit of \$1,500. Tuscola is one of two locations in Illinois that will have the wall in 2006. Total funding needed is approximately \$10,000 for the event.

The wall is half scale to the original wall in Washington, D.C. There will be an information center to assist people in locating one of the 58,248 names. The wall must be attended 24 hours a day. There will be an opening ceremony, the raising and lowering of the colors each day, and a closing ceremony with fireworks. The committee expects between 8,000 and 10,000 visitors. The committee is working on raising funding and finding approximately 250 volunteers.

Why do we shrink from change? What can come into being except from change? As Kiwanians, we need to resist the appeal of tradition, because we are in the business of change – change for the better, one child and one community at a time.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of 4/17/06

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Donations provided by the club and members will be used to purchase children's books for the Tuscola Library in memory of Dylan Nolan.

The club has filled one box of used ink cartridges, and it has been mailed off. The monies generated from this program will be used for The Children's Miracle Network. Keep the used ink cartridges coming!



Brian Moody, our speaker provided by Kim Higgins, is the executive director of TEDI (Tuscola Economic Development Inc.). Brian was hired September 15, 2005 and has been very busy. His goal is to find and/or create opportunities for Tuscola to grow in a successful, community-friendly way.

Two of the tools that Brian and Tuscola leaders have been using are Jack Schultz's book, Boomtown USA, the 7½ Keys to

Big Success in Small Towns and Schultz's Boomtown Institute resources:

1. In the book, Schultz shares his practical and inspirational insights for the many small communities competing for jobs in today's economic climate, and provides examples of success stories. There is solid advice and well-researched data on economic success for attracting companies expanding into non-metro areas.
2. The Boomtown Institute's mission is to provoke innovative thinking, encourage leadership and foster investment in communities across the U.S.A. Schultz's speaking tours have taken him to 41 states and more than 220 towns. Boomtown Boot Camp is an intensive two-day strategic planning session for communities. This program brings community leaders together to identify their goals and map the steps needed to attain those goals. A planning guide was developed that walks the community through each of the 7½ Keys and a facilitator leads the group through the planning guide during the two-day sessions.

A project that has been keeping Brian very busy is FutureGen, a high-tech, clean coal-to-energy power plant. Tuscola has been named as an Illinois finalist site. Suitable sites must have optimum geology for underground capture of carbon-dioxide gasses and an ample supply of cooling water. Tuscola meets that criteria and also is close to major rail lines for shipping in coal.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 18th from 6PM to 8PM at the Tuscola Community Building. The purpose of the meeting is to gauge local support. Citizens need to come out, listen to the plans, ask questions and help decide whether Tuscola gets a chance to win this billion-dollar opportunity. The federal government will announce the winning site in the Fall of 2007.

People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves, they have the first secret of success.

By Norman Vincent Peale

Meeting of 4/24/06

There were 18 members and 2 guests. The guests included our speaker, Phil Lamb and Gail Wachala, wife of Ed Wachala.

Carol Burwash reminded members that Saturday, April 29th from 8AM to 3PM there is household hazardous waste collection event. It takes place at Solo Cup North Parking Lot, 1500 E. Main Street in Urbana.

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Dave Dobson, Carole Weber, Pat Damler and Ed Wachala attended an Inter-club meeting with the Decatur Prairie Land club. Dave composed a fabulous poem to introduce our members. The speaker talked about the YMCA soccer program. A poster was given to Pat regarding the Italian National Circus that will be in Decatur May 3rd – May 7th. If interested, see Pat for tickets.

Kevin Nolan advised that he still does not have the final “net” number for the Fish Fry. As previously reported, the fish fry took in almost \$1,500 gross.

The candidates for officers and board members of the Tuscola Kiwanis Club, 2006-2007 were put forward to the members as follows:

President	Darrell Helm
President-Elect	Clarice Hausman
Vice President	Janet Butler
Secretary	Wayne Ward
Treasurer	Candy Hudson
Past President	Carol Burwash
New Board Members (replacing Clarice Hausman, Joe Fortney and Ben Mingo)	Debbie Graber Greg Hankey Earl Pendergrass
Continuing Board Members	Mike Damler Kevin Nolan Carole Weber

Carol Burwash asked if there were any other candidates. No additional candidates were brought forward. Wayne Ward motioned that the slate be accepted as presented. Ed Wachala seconded the motion. The members unanimously confirmed the candidates.



Phil Lamb, our speaker provided by Jan Hauser, is president of Illinois Prairie Ethanol. The Illinois Prairie Ethanol board hopes to begin construction on a new ethanol plant in 2007. Ethanol is a corn-based additive blended with gasoline. One bushel of corn, 7-10 gallons of water plus the coal energy to process will product 2.8 gallons of ethanol and 18 pounds of livestock feed. Already, one out of every six rows of corn in Illinois goes to ethanol production, according to the Renewable Fuels Association. Illinois Senate Bill 2236 will require 10% ethanol in gasoline by 2008, and 15% by 2012.

The tentative location is west of Tuscola near Lyondell Equistar and Cabot Corp. plants. The advantage to this site include purchase of coal fired power from an existing Cinergy plant, the existing water lines and the close proximity to transportation routes including major railroads. It is estimated that 35 new jobs will be created and a demand for more than 18 million bushels of corn.

To fund a feasibility study from ProExporters, the Douglas County board provided \$5,000, TEDI (Tuscola Economic Development Inc.) provided \$7,500, the Douglas County Farm Bureau provided \$7,500 and a grant of \$25,000 was provided by an Illinois Agriculture AgriFirst grant.

It is estimated that it will take \$85 million to build the plant. Prairie Ethanol LCC has been formed to raise funds with share offerings at \$1,000 per share. It is expected to offer such shares in the Fall of 2006.

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room discussing a Living Will. "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all the beer.

Author Unknown



The Traveling Gavel Tradition

Each October, the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Governor presents each new Division Lt. Governor with a handsome, personalized gavel. The Lt. Governors sets up a schedule for the clubs in his or her division to pass the gavel from club to club within twelve months. The purpose is to generate Interclub visits. The gavel must be delivered in some unique way, and finally returns to the lieutenant governor before the end of his or her term.

Great creativity or culinary expertise is appreciated when presenting the traveling gavel. Clubs have presented the gavel with customized chocolate and caramel gavels, built into a bird house packed with birdseed, frozen in a block of ice, suspended in a pan of lime Jell-O, dropped from an airplane in a bag of flour, and buried in a basket of Easter eggs. Clubs enjoy this tradition both for the creative ideas and the opportunity to enjoy the delivery!

"People are always blaming circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want and if they can't find them, make them."

By George Bernard Shaw

Highlights from the April 2006 Board Meeting

- Wayne Ward advised that the March monthly report to the I-I District and Division 27 Lt. Governor was not completed at the time of the meeting.
- Treasurer, Candy Hudson, reported the club has a balance of \$2,540.32.
- It was noted that with Harvest Fest canceled, there would be no need for the club to plan a booth. Carol Burwash advised that she would talk to Kim Higgins about canceling the Shrine Parade Unit.
- Skip-A-Meal – Carol reminded the board that during the last week of April everyone is to skip a meal and donate the cost to the club for submission to the Kiwanis International Children's Fund.
- Wayne Ward and Ed Wachala will attend the International Convention in Montreal, Canada from June 28th to July 2nd
- Membership Dinner – Carol advised that she would discuss with Dave Dobson regarding the organizing of a membership dinner in the new future.
- I-I District Convention – The board discussed preparing a basket of locally made products to be sold at the convention to raise money for the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation. The convention is in August in Dubuque, IA.
- Lincoln Log Cabin Historic Site – The group that went to a Mattoon Interclub meeting on March 22nd heard information about the site and a request for funding, because the site has lost so much state funding. It was decided, due to the club's limited treasury, that the club's funds would be better utilized on local projects.

- Traveling Vietnam Wall – This half scale Vietnam wall will be in Tuscola in early July. There is need for money and many volunteers to help with the Memorial. It was decided to wait until the May board meeting to determine a possible donation. Several Kiwanis members are expected to volunteer their time.
- Sorority Halloween Party – The local sorority has decided to give up the planning of the annual Halloween party, and asked if the Kiwanis club would be interested in doing so. The cost is approximately \$300 for prizes. The board decided that a younger group such as MOPS would be better for taking on such a project.
- K-Kids Leader – Beth Reifsteck accepted the club’s invitation to be a member and for the club to pay her dues. A check for Beth’s dues was written and the application mailed to the International office.
- Scholarships – Mike Damler has provided the information to the school for applicants to apply for a \$500 scholarship. Two such scholarships will be awarded.
- Club Officer Training – The schedule for President, Secretary and Treasurer training has been announced. The closest training for Tuscola will be May 6 in Mt. Vernon. Darrell and Wayne plan to attend; Candy will check her schedule.
- Nomination Committee – Carol Burwash, Ben Mingo and Clarice Hausman will serve as the nominating committee. The officers to be nominated are President Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Wayne and Candy have agreed to retain their positions. Joe and Ben have served 3 years on the board, so at least two board members will be needed. The election will be held on April 24, 2006 during the club’s regular meeting.

(Full text on club web site)



See the web site for new stuff!! For example, pictures from the CPR training and Fish Fry.

Please provide any information, pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or web site to:

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