



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2007



Upcoming Events

May 2, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
June 6, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
July 6, Friday	Tuscola Sesquicentennial Parade – 7PM
July 4-8, Wed thru Sun	Kiwanis International Convention – Marriott RiverCenter, San Antonio Texas
August 10-12, Fri thru Sun	I-I District Convention - Giovanni’s Convention Center, Rockford, Illinois

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

May 7	Betty Leonard
May 14	Art Moss
May 21	Barb Moss
May 28	No Meeting
June 4	Kevin Nolan
June 11	Dennis Opperman
June 18	Earl Pendergrass
June 25	Cliff Ponder
July 2	Carl Quinn
July 9	Beth Riefsteck
July 16	Dan Russell
July 23	Patty Russell
July 30	Ed Wachala

Don’t Forget to Give Wayne Your April Volunteer Hours!

Meeting of April 2, 2007

There was a total attendance of 29 members and 1 guest, Don Miller.

Darrell reminded Board members of the April 4th meeting at noon at Tuscanys.

Mike Damler announced that the Kiwanis One Day project had changed. We will be “sprucing up” the mini-park in the 100 block of South Main Street on Saturday, April 28th at 8AM. Come on out and bring your rakes, pitch forks, wheelbarrows, etc.

Kevin Nolan reported that the Fish Fry had gross receipts of \$1,482.00. We served 186 people at the dinner and should net about \$900 after expenses. Great job, everyone!!!!

Jan Houser suggested that all the quantities used at the Fish Fry (fish, coleslaw, beans, plates, etc.) be written down and passed to next year’s chairman. The inventory of plates, napkins, silverware, placemats, etc. should also be checks. Kevin advised that he was compiling a list.

Darrell reported that Skip-A-Meal was coming up in late April. Donations go to the International Children’s Fund. More information will be coming.



Our program was by Ken Landeck. Little did we know that we had an accordion musician in our midst. Ken took accordion lessons for 5 years from age eleven to sixteen. He also has a natural talent of listening to music and being able to figure out how to play it...also known as playing by ear. This all started with 6 free lessons!

Some of the songs that Ken delighted us with included: Sleepy Lagoon, Aquarius, Theme from a Summer Place, Our Winter Love, Volare and Beer Barrel Polka. Thanks for the mini-concert, Ken!!!!

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2007 when...

1. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
2. You have a list of 12 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
3. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
4. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
5. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
6. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
7. You can't function without your online calendar.

Author: Unknown

Meeting of April 9, 2007

There was a total attendance of 24 members and 2 guests, Jennifer Nolan and Riley Nolan.

Candy Hudson announced for Kim Higgins that the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce annual dinner would be on Friday, April 20th at 7PM at the Douglas County Museum. The Tuscolian of the Year would be announced at the dinner. Tickets cost \$14.00. Kim and Candy encourage Kiwanians to attend.

Darrell Helm reviewed several items from the April Board meeting. See Page 11 for a list of Board meeting highlights.

The club is still looking for a member(s) to go to the Kiwanis International Convention – Marriott RiverCenter, San Antonio Texas July 4-7, 2007. The club has some funding to help defray expenses. If interested, please contact Darrell Helm or Wayne Ward.

Don Miller was inducted into the club's membership by Darrell Helm. His sponsor is Jerry Hall. Welcome, Don!!!!



Don Miller Being Welcomed by Jerry Hall

Judy Landeck and Jerry Hall are on the committee organizing the events for the Tuscola Sesquicentennial celebrations in July. The Board and members need to confirm the activities that Kiwanis will coordinate and/or participate in.

There will be an inter-club meeting on Thursday, April 19th at noon in Champaign at the Round Barn Center.

Ed Wachala is home from bypass surgery. We hope to see him back at Kiwanis meetings soon!!

Jane Wood is recovering and doing rehab from her second hip replacement. She will hopefully be going home later this week.

There was no program this week.

William Shakespeare wrote: "They do not truly love who do not show their love." Kiwanians know that caring about the needs of others isn't enough. We show our care through action, not through words but through service to our community and the children of the world.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of April 16, 2007

There was a total attendance of 28 people at this meeting with 27 members and 1 guest, Martha Burris, our speaker.

Paul Wisovaty reported that Ken Brown, MD is in Family Practice with Provena at its Main Street office in Tuscola. Ken is interested in doing a program for our club. If you need a program, Ken's office number is 253-2013.

Pat Damler reported that she has scheduled Forty Martyrs Hall for the 2008 Fish Fry on Friday, April 4th. Fish thawing preparation will be on Thursday afternoon, April 3rd. Mark your calendars! Thanks, Pat!!

Mike Damler had the B.U.G. results from the 3rd nine-week grading period. There were five students who repeated. Mike passed out packets of postcards to be filled out and sent to the winners. He also provided the results to Janet Butler so that the website could be updated, and the results provided to the local newspapers.

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It was reported that Ed Wachala was doing well and is in cardiac rehab. Jim Wood reported his wife Jane is back home and doing well.

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Janet Butler announced that Champaign County was again having a computer/electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 21st from 8AM to 3:30PM at the Solo Cup North Parking Lot on 1500 E. Main Street, Urbana. She passed out flyers to everyone listing the items accepted.

Debbie Graber announced that the Alleluia Singers would be singing at the Tuscola Christian Church at 7PM on Sunday, April 22nd. The group will present "The Rose of Calvary". The cantata endeavors to portray the life, ministry, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Rose of Sharon. Everyone is encouraged to come.



Our speaker was Martha Burris, a teacher with the Douglas County Farm Bureau. She goes into the classrooms, primarily Kindergarten and 3rd grades, of Douglas County schools and provides information on agriculture. She advised that one of every four jobs is agriculture related.



Martha provides books, programs, etc to over 1,000 students each year. She shared some of her materials and experiences with us.

KIWANIS ONE DAY

Many club members came out to “spruce up” the mini-park at the 100 block of South Main Street on a beautiful Saturday morning, April 28th. Trenches were dug, weed barriers installed, new rock/mulch put down and bushes/plants trimmed. Be sure and take a look next time you drive by.



Great job, Kiwanians!!!

Meeting of April 23, 2007

There was a total attendance of 28 members and 1 guest, Curtis Root our speaker.

Janet Butler conducted the meeting in President Darrell Helm’s absence. The group was very happy to welcome back Ed Wachala!!!

Martha Burris provided Ben Mingo with a list of 15 agriculture related books that are in the Douglas County school libraries. It was suggested that if the Tuscola Library did not have all 15 books that our club may be interested in donating all or some of them. Carole Weber volunteered to check with the Tuscola Library and report back next meeting.

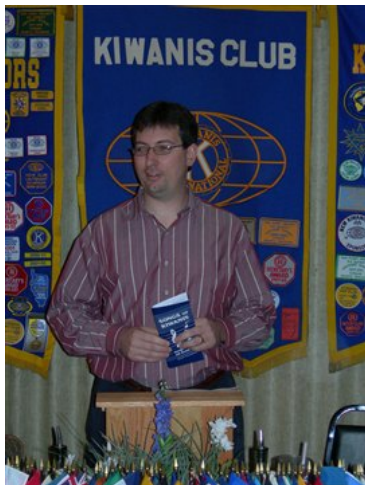
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Janet Butler reported that there are enough member polo shirts on order so that Wayne Ward will be able to order them with our club name. Last Call for polo shirt orders is at our meeting on Monday, April 30th. If you need an order form, contact Janet Butler.

Janet Butler gave an update on the Trauma Doll Workshops. Janet Boyer has agreed to chair this activity. Cindy Bickers agreed to do the sewing prior to a workshop being held. Janet Butler agreed to store extra materials. And 2-3 members have said they would host a workshop at their home. Janet and Janet are in the process of providing Cindy enough cut out dolls so Cindy can sew them up. The next workshop will be scheduled soon. We are also looking for more members (or their spouses) to help out with the sewing of the trauma dolls. If you can assist, please contact Janet Boyer at 253-2654.

There was an inter-club meeting in Champaign at the Red Barn Center on April 19th at noon. Dave Dobson, Clarice Hausman, Ben Mingo, Earl Pendergrass and Carole Weber attended. The Champaign club inducted new members. A good meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Ed Wachala sent around a sign-up sheet for an inter-club meeting in Monticello on Thursday, May 10th at 7:00AM.



Our speaker, provided by Kathryn McCumber, was Curtis Root. Curtis is a member of the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce and Chairperson for the Tuscola Sesquicentennial Committee. Curtis reviewed the events and activities that are currently planned for the multi-day celebration July 4th – July 8th. For a list of events and activities, go to:

<http://www.tuscola.org/festivals/schedule.htm>

Circle Flies

After pulling a farmer over for speeding, a state trooper started to lecture him about his speed, pompously implying that the farmer didn't know any better and trying to make him feel as uncomfortable as possible. He finally started writing out the ticket, but had to keep swatting at some flies buzzing around his head.

The farmer said, "Having some problems with circle flies there are ya?"

The trooper paused to take another swat and said, "Well, yes, if that's what they are. I've never heard of circle flies."

The farmer was pleased to enlighten the cop. "Circle flies are common on farms. They're called circle flies because you almost always find them circling the back end of a horse."

The trooper continues writing for a moment, then says, "Hey, are you trying to call me a horse's behind?"

"Oh no, officer." The farmer replies. "I have too much respect for law enforcement and police officers for that."

"That's a good thing," the officer says rudely, then goes back to writing the ticket.

After a long pause, the farmer added, "Hard to fool them flies, though."

Author: Unknown

Meeting of April 30, 2007

There was a total attendance of 29 members and 2 guests: Sherrie Hoel (Janet Butler's sister) and her husband, Tim Hoel.

Judy Landeck reported that the Tuscola History Books are available at City Hall. If you pre-ordered, there is a list and you can sign for your pre-paid book(s). Books are available for purchase and are \$45 each.

Clarice Hausman reported that Flesor's Candy Kitchen is the winner! It will be featured on CBS' Evening News segment Assignment America by Steve Hartman. The story is expected to air on Thursday, May 5th during the 5:30PM CBS Evening News on WCIA Channel 3.

Darrell Helm reminded board members that there will be a board meeting on Wednesday, May 2nd at noon at Tuscany's.



In the absence of John McDaniel, Dave Dobson presented a program about the Church of Scientology. During a day in Florida when his wife was shopping, Dave went to the library. He was interested in learning about the Church of Scientology. This is a religion that several high profile celebrities have embraced such as Tom Cruise and John Travolta.

Here is some of the information he shared with us:

- The word Scientology literally means "the study of truth."
- Scientology is the study and handling of the spirit in relationship to itself, others and all of life. The Scientology religion comprises a body of knowledge extending from certain fundamental truths.
- Man is an immortal, spiritual being. His experience extends well beyond a single lifetime. His capabilities are unlimited, even if not presently realized — and those capabilities can be realized. He is able to not only solve his own problems, accomplish his goals and gain lasting happiness, but also achieve new, higher states of awareness and ability.
- In Scientology no one is asked to accept anything as belief or on faith. That which is true for you is what you have observed to be true. An individual discovers for himself that Scientology works by personally applying its principles and observing or experiencing results.
- L. Ron Hubbard is the founder of Scientology. He has described his philosophies in more than 5,000 writings, including dozens of books, and three thousand tape recorded lectures. His writings include over 500,000 written pages.
- Dianetics could be said to be what the soul is doing to the body. It provides answers to the fundamental riddles of the mind with a thoroughly validated method that increases sanity, intelligence, confidence and well-being. It gets rid of the unwanted sensations, unpleasant emotions and psychosomatic ills that block one's life and happiness. Dianetics addresses the part of the mind that operates below the conscious level.

- The Scientology religion is about the individual man or woman. Its goal is to bring an individual to a sufficient understanding of himself and his life and free him to make improvements where he finds them necessary and in the ways he sees fit.
- Scientology believes that all drugs, legal and illegal, are directly counter to a person's spiritual betterment. Realizing this biochemical factor must be addressed before any lasting spiritual gain can be made, L. Ron Hubbard developed the Purification Program procedure, a way for the individual to rid himself of toxic drug residuals and free himself of the harmful effects of drugs, repair the spiritual damage done as a result of past drug use and regain the joy of living.
- Auditing" is the application of exact procedures of Dianetics and Scientology. It is called auditing because it is delivered by an "auditor" — one who is trained in the application of exact procedures of Dianetics and Scientology, and applies these procedures to assist the individual. The auditor listens, and directs the individual's attention, to help him find out more about himself and about life.
- Scientology is called a religion because it certainly meets all three criteria generally used by religious scholars around the world to determine religiosity: (1) a belief in some Ultimate Reality, such as the Supreme or eternal truth that transcends the here and now of the secular world; (2) religious practices directed toward understanding, attaining or communing with this Ultimate Reality; and (3) a community of believers who join together in pursuing this Ultimate Reality.
- Does Scientology have a concept of God? Scientology says "yes". Scientology affirms the existence of a Supreme Being, although its dogma is unique and does not include the worship of one. Scientology believes that only through total spiritual enlightenment can one then truly discover and understand the Supreme Being.

More information is available at: <http://www.scientology.org/>

Thanks, Dave for providing the program today!

Highlights from the April 2007 Board Meeting

- March Monthly Report – Wayne Ward reported that members had 394 service hours and 180 hours of fund raising activity in March. The Board approved the report.

- Treasurer's Report –Candy Hudson reported the current balance in the Treasury is \$5,715.68 as of 3-31-07.
- Sound System – Wayne reported that he had received the sound system from Jaki Ottolini and brought the components to Tuscanys. A new cordless microphone was purchased. After checking the system over, it was determined that someone with more knowledge about the systems would be needed to help set it up.
- Kiwanis One Day – The entire Kiwanis world has set Saturday, April 7th as a day to provide some public service to its communities. Due to this date being the day before Easter, many clubs are performing a service on an alternate date. This is also the case for the Tuscola Club. Mike Damler has been arrangements for our club to work on the mini park at Kelsey's Warehouse on Main Street on Saturday, April 28th. We will put down weed barrier and mulch. Bring garden rakes, garden pitch forks, wheelbarrows and edging spades.
- Skip – A – Meal - During the last week in April all club members are invited to skip a meal and donate the cost of the meal which will be presented to the Kiwanis International Children's Funds. Provide your donation to Candy Hudson; one check will be sent from our club. (It is OK to make a donation and have your lunch, too.)
- Donation Requests – The club has received another donation request from a young lady who will be going to Chile on a mission trip with the Tuscola First Christian Church this summer. After much discussion, it was decided that the club's funds should go to areas where several children in the community would be benefited rather than single individuals. It was decided that when such requests from individuals are received, the President will announce it at a meeting and state where the funds are to be sent so than any member that would like to assist the person can do so.
- New Member – A membership application has been received from Donald Miller with the new member fee. Donald is the manager of Tuscola Pamida and was sponsored by Jerry Hall. Membership was approved. An induction ceremony will be held at the next meeting. Welcome Don!!!!

- K-Kids Butterfly House – The K-Kids and their leaders obtained a butterfly house for the butterfly garden that they planted. Though miscommunication it was thought that the butterfly house was a donation, however an invoice was received for approx. \$100.00. Paul Wisovaty made a request that the club pay this cost. The request was approved.
- Memorials – There was a discussion about who should handle memorial flowers or donations. The Board approved giving the President, President Elect and Vice President the authority to handle this for any club member or immediate family member of a club member.
- International Convention – Wayne reported that there is \$700.00 in the club budget for convention expense. If a club member is interested in attending the International Convention in San Antonio July 4-8, please contact Wayne. Paul Palazolla from the Springfield club is a candidate for International Vice President at this meeting, and he is trying to get as many delegates as possible to vote.
- Member Greeting – Dave Dobson reminded the Board that club members are expected to greet one another at the meeting. Darrell will remind members at the next meeting. Those members that arrive after noon will not be expected to greet everyone so that they will have time to get their food before the meeting starts.

(Full text on club website)

These phrases might sound familiar to anyone who has read or written an academic paper, Masters thesis or PhD dissertation:

"IT HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN"... (I didn't look up the original reference.)

"A DEFINITE TREND IS EVIDENT"... (The data is practically meaningless.)

"THESE RESULTS WILL BE IN A SUBSEQUENT REPORT"... (I might get around to this sometime, if pushed/funded.)

"IN MY EXPERIENCE"... (Once.)

"IN CASE AFTER CASE"... (Twice.)

"IN A SERIES OF CASES"... (Thrice.)

"IT IS BELIEVED THAT"... (I think.)

"IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT" ... (A couple of others think so, too.)

"ACCORDING TO STATISTICAL ANALYSIS"... (Rumor has it.)

Author: Unknown

New items on the website: Pictures from Kiwanis One Day

Web Site Tip: If you bring up the members list and it does not format correctly the first time, click your “refresh” button and it should be fine.

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

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