



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2008



**DON'T FORGET - Judy Sunderland, I-I District Governor has re-scheduled her visit! She will be our speaker at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Don't miss it!!!!**

### 2008 Upcoming Events

May 7, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
June 4, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
June 25-28, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, FL
July 9, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
August 7-10, Thu-Sun	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL

### 2009 Future Events – Plan Ahead

February 13-15, Fri-Sun	Mid-Winter Conference, Decatur IL
April 17, Friday	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
June 24-27, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis Intl Convention – Nashville, TN

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### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

May 5	Toni Jones
May 12	<b>Judy Sunderland – I-I Gov.</b>
May 19	Mitzi Kendall
May 26	No Meeting
June 2	Kara Kinney
June 9	Kiwanis Education Program
June 16	Judy Landeck
June 23	Ken Landeck
June 30	Betty Leonard
July 7	Jason Maus

July 14	Kiwanis Education Program
July 21	Jonda Maus
July 28	Kathryn McCumber

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**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your May Volunteer Hours  
before the end of the month!**

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**Meeting of April 7, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 33 members and two guests: Jack Maus, son of Jason & Jonda Maus and our speaker, Brian Moody.

Clarice reported that the club had received its Inter-Club patch for the 2006/2007 Kiwanis year.

Clarice announced that in April Kiwanis members are asked to donate the cost of a meal to the Skip-A-Meal program. Moneys are used for the Kiwanis International's Children's Fund.

Janet Butler sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help clean-up outside at BETHS Place as the club's Kiwanis One Day project. The date is Saturday, 4-19 at 8:00AM.

Janet Butler announced that Carolyn Adkins and Ann Lamkey are holding a breakfast reception for all Tuscola Kiwanis members on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:45AM to 8:30AM. Members will be able to see the books that were purchased from our \$600.00 donation to the library in memory of Mabel Hoel and Carole Weber.

Clarice announced that the 2009 Mid-Winter Convention will be held February 13-15 at the convention center in Decatur. Clarice is asking for a member to serve on the convention committee representing Tuscola. Contact Clarice if interested.

Wayne reminded members that the Kiwanis International Convention is being held in Orlando Florida June 26-29 2008. If any members are interested in going, please contact Wayne. The club has funds available for some convention expenses.

Clarice reminded members that she still has some raffle tickets for the I-I District Convention. Proceeds benefit Spastic Paralysis.

Pat Damler, Fish Fry Chairperson, offered up dates for the 2009 Fish Fry. The date chosen is Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Pat will reserve Forty Martyrs Hall. Please mark your calendars.



Jan Houser introduced today's speaker, Brian Moody, executive director of TEDI. Brian provided some updates regarding TEDI and FutureGen.

A major project underway is the street improvement of Ficklin Street. This will be a concrete street with curbs. Completion is expected by October. This is funded from the TIF District Fund. Other improvements from this fund include the Tuscola cemetery fence improvements.

Brian announced there will be a TEDI Town Meeting on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Ironhorse with refreshments. Admission is \$5.00 or is free to current TEDI contributors. Results of a six-month business survey and interview process will be presented. Surveys were also completed by high school seniors. Presenters will discuss the survey and lead discussion regarding the future direction of Tuscola economic development. TEDI is hoping for a large turnout from the public.

TEDI is ending a 3 year pledge cycle and starting again for new three year commitments. Questions can be directed to Brian.

Regarding FutureGen, there is still some hope for funding. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOT) has received a lot of bad press domestically and internationally. DOT has set a new process and new rules. Possible success is unknown.

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### **Watch What You Wish For!**

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders. The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?" "I'll have the same," says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress returns with the order "That will be \$9.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

This becomes routine until the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress. "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad," says the man.

“Same,” says the ostrich. Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, “That will be \$32.62.” Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. “Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?”

“Well,” says the man, “several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.”

“That’s brilliant!” says the waitress. “Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you’ll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!”

“That’s right. Whether it’s a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there,” says the man. The waitress asks, “What’s with the ostrich?”

The man sighs, pauses and answers, “My second wish was for a chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say.”

*Author: Unknown*

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### **Meeting of April 14, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 34 members and 1 guest, our speaker Kim Hunter-Perkins.

Jeannine reported that North Ward is looking for donations of pop top tabs and used tennis shoes. The shoes are not for wearing. They will be ground up and used for playgrounds, etc.

Clarice reminded members that the cleanup for BETHS Place is Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. If it is raining hard or storming, the cleanup will be rescheduled.

Clarice passed around a petition regarding state funding to support Douglas County Extension and 4-H programs and activities.

Clarice reminded members that the North Ward reception in the library is Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:45AM – 8:30AM. All members are encouraged to attend.

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Clarice presented he slate for 2008/2009 officers and Board members to the attending members. The following list was approved by the membership:

President.....	Janet Butler
President-Elect.....	Kevin Nolan
Vice-President.....	Mike Damler
Secretary.....	Wayne Ward
Treasurer.....	Candy Hudson

Board Members:

- Janet Cox
- Debbie Graber
- Don Miller
- Earl Pendergrass
- Dan Russell
- Gary Weber
- Clarice Hausman – Past President
- David Butler – Web Master

- K-Kids – Beth Reifsteck - Coordinator
- Paul Wisovaty – Advisor



Sherrie Hoel introduced today's speaker, Kim Hunter-Perkins from the Tuscola Health Department. Kim spoke about the Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and its new Douglas County Junior MRC.

The Douglas County MRC was established about 5 years ago. It currently has about 120 adult and 25 junior members. More than half of the volunteer are non-medical. There are 40 members who are nurses.

Douglas County's MRC is one of the only MRCs in the U.S. to have a Junior MRC division. This division allows youth to learn new skills while offering more opportunities to parents to participate in MRC activities. Each year, hours given by youth members are tallied and they receive awards, just as the adult members do. Youth members cannot deploy to a disaster and are limited in some of the activities, however they are able to participate in many activities and training.

On October 2, 2007 Kim was honored by the Illinois General Assembly House of Representatives with a House Resolution sponsored by Representative Chapin Rose. The resolution honors Kim for her work with the Douglas Count MRC.

MRC is always looking for new volunteer members. If interested, give Kim a call at 253-4137.

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### **The Things Kids Say**

A certain little girl, when asked her name, would reply, "I'm Mr.Sugarbrown's daughter." Her mother told her this was wrong, that she must say, "I'm Jane Sugarbrown."

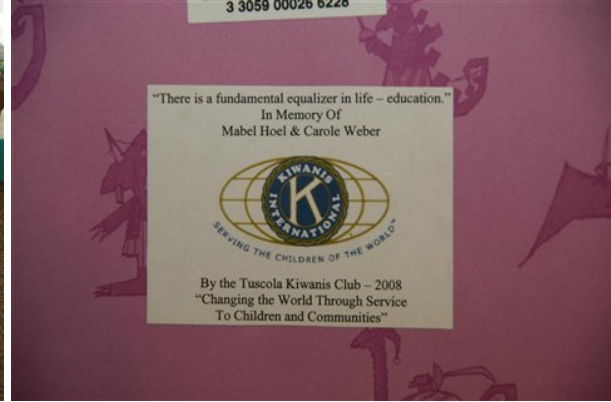
The Vicar spoke to her in Sunday School, and said, "Aren't you Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter?" She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."

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## North Ward Library Reception – April 16<sup>th</sup>



Just a few of the books purchased with the \$600.00 donation



On the inside of each book



A few of the attendees – not a bad looking group



What a breakfast feast!

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Abigail Adams, wife of second President John Adams, asked: “If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind, whom should we serve?” There is only the one choice, between care for oneself and altruism. Kiwanians have chosen altruism. We lay out ourselves in the service of mankind, to change the world one child and one community at a time.

*From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions*

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## Kiwanis One Day Project – BETHS PLACE – April 19<sup>th</sup>



The Crew (plus Wayne behind the camera)



Mmmm...time for a donut break



Wayne working on the brick edging



Almost done!

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### Meeting of April 21, 2008

There was a total attendance of 31 members and 4 inter-club guests from the Decatur Early Birds as follows: Ritchie Barnett, Bob Byrvit, Bill Meyer and Dave Zindel.

Mike Damler reported that this year's scholarship committee members are Janet Cox, Elaine Bryant and Mike Damler. The club will be giving 4 \$500 scholarships this year...two scholarships as in past years, one scholarship funded from achieving 25% membership growth and one scholarship in memory of Carole Weber.



Ed Wachala reminded Pat Damler, Dave Dobson, Clarice Hausman and Carl Quinn about the inter-club meeting Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Decatur Prairie Land.

Patty Russell announced that she would be presenting her Russian Doll program at Decatur Prairie Land on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Patty is hoping at least 3 members will attend with her. If you are interested, please contact Patty.

Clarice announced that FFA will be having a plant sale on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8AM – 2PM in the TCHS Greenhouse. Many types of plants and flowers will be available such as tomatoes, patience, etc.

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Tim Hoel presented the program today. He handed out a quiz to each table, asking members to work together to answer the questions. The multiple choice questions primarily revolved around old TV programs, commercials and slogans. Members were up on the trivia....A+ for everyone!!!! Tim also asked several questions that members called out the answers.

A fun exercise for everyone!

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### **Ten Commandments**

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

*Author: Unknown*

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## **Meeting of April 28, 2008**

There was a total attendance of 33 members and our guest speaker, Mark Kemp.

Clarice reminded members that she still has some raffle tickets for the I-I District Convention. Proceeds benefit Spastic Paralysis. Deadline for purchase is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Clarice reminded members that in April Kiwanis members are asked to donate the cost of a meal to the Skip-A-Meal program. Moneys are used for the Kiwanis International's Children's Fund.

Clarice reported on the inter-club meeting Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Decatur Prairie Land. Pat Damler, Dave Dobson, Carl Quinn and Clarice attended. Clarice received a thank you card from Prairie Land saying how much they enjoyed the Tuscola inter-club visit.

Clarice reported that she will be the club's representative for the 2009 Mid-Winter Convention to be held February 13-15 at the convention center in Decatur. Though no one else volunteered at this time, Clarice advised she was sure they could use all the help possible. So if a member would like to attend the convention preparation meetings with her, please contact Clarice.



Candy Hudson introduced our speaker, Mark Kemp who spoke about the Tuscola Soccer Program. This program was established over 15 years ago. Mark has been helping the program for eight years. It is run by a five member board and many wonderful volunteers. Kara Kinney, a club member, is one of those volunteers.

Mark is a parent of three children who participate in the soccer program. He is also a soccer coach and handles many administrative tasks for the program.

The program has Spring and Fall sessions. It is open to girls and boys from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through high school. The number of participants has been steadily growing. Just in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, there are over 90 participants. Tuscola is part of an informal league and has soccer meets with Arcola, Monticello, St. Joseph, Tolono and Villa Grove. There is also an opportunity for children to play indoor soccer in

Decatur on Friday nights during the winter. For the first time, Tuscola is hosting a soccer tournament on May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Soccer is a very popular sport not only in the world, but also the U.S. The U.S. has more children playing soccer than any other country in the world. Soccer has no time-outs. Players must trust and communicate with each other. It is a healthy, active sport. Kids get into better shape and stay in shape.

This program provides opportunities. Players have been able to go on to college level soccer; a few were able to procure scholarships. Players can also take training and become referees. This can be a great part-time job in college.

Future plans include having a pre-school/kindergarten day clinic, having more games available for boys only and girls only (in addition to the co-ed games), continuing to offer winter indoor soccer, more education for coaches and to establish a Tuscola Community High School program.

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### **Our Elected Officials**

The reason congressmen try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.

*Author: Unknown*

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### **Highlights from the April 2008 Board Meeting**

Attendees: David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Dave Dobson, Clarice Hausman, Candy Hudson, Donald Miller, Steve Niemann, Earl Pendergrass, Dan Russell, Wayne Ward and Lt. Gov. Larry Bechtel.

- **March Monthly Report** – The report showed 524 hours of community service and 180 hours of fund raising.
- **Treasurer's Report** – The gross receipts from the Fish Fry were \$1,471.03. Expenses paid so far total \$417.97; advertising expenses have not been received. Candy reported a balance of \$5,482.30 as of April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- I-I District – Div. 27 Basket – Larry Bechtel reported that each Division 27 club was to donate \$15.00 towards a division basket that would be given away at the Convention with the Orange Raffle tickets. He will need a club to take charge of preparing the basket. Tuscola has done the basket for the past 2 years so he is going to get another club to do it this year.
- Kiwanis One Day Project – Because the mini-park on Main Street will continue to have the ABC Club promotion on the building, an alternative project was found for our club. BETHS Place needs the following work done outside and would be thrilled for the assistance.
  - Children’s fenced playground – general pick-up (twigs, leaves, etc.), raking and power washing the decks, furniture and playground equipment.
  - General clean-up of the lawn
  - Clean-up of flower/bush beds
  - Spreading mulch as needed
  - Trim/prune flowers, grasses and bushes as needed
  - Power wash exterior of building

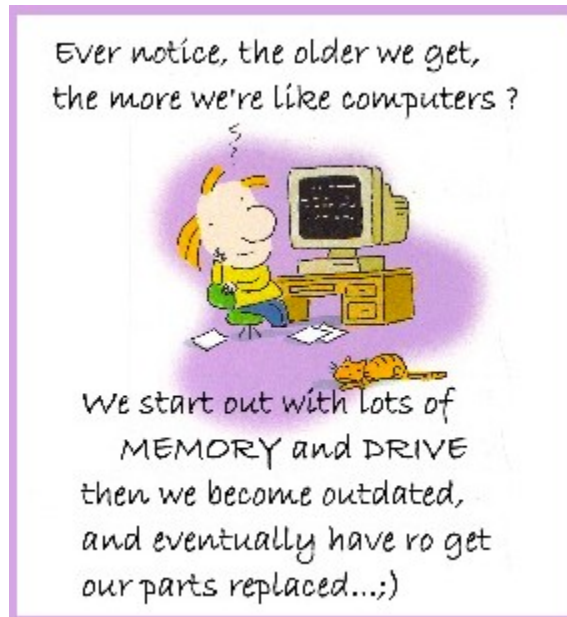
Janet Butler and Janet Cox will visit BETHS Place to determine what materials and equipment are needed. The Board agreed that this would be a great project for the club to do.

- North Ward Library Reception – Carolyn Adkins, North Ward librarian, reported that she has received all the books purchased from the Kiwanis donation of \$600.00. She and Ann Lamkey have scheduled a breakfast reception for our club to view the books and visit with staff. The reception is Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:45AM to 8:30AM in the library.
- Mabel Hoel Memorial Scholarship – Tim and Sherrie want to fund a \$500.00 scholarship in memory of Mabel Hoel as part of the Kiwanis scholarships. They are willing to make the donation for 2009 if it is too late for 2008. After a discussion it was determined that the scholarship applications are already out for 2008 and our club will be providing 4 scholarships in 2008, so such a donation would be best for 2009. The Board unanimously applauded Tim and Sherrie for this very generous offer to Kiwanis in memory of Mabel.

- Car Seat Check – Don Miller reported that the Douglas County Health Dept was planning another car seat check on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Pamida parking lot. The Board agreed that Kiwanis would again provide volunteers. There is also a line item in the 2008 budget to assist in purchasing car seats.
- Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) – Larry Bechtel brought a couple canisters to put out for donations to be used for CMN. The Mile of Quarters project is to be in place during April & May. Larry will pick up the money in May. Our club also raises funds for CMS by sending in used ink cartridges for recycling.
- Terrific Kids Program – Starting a Terrific Kids Program was discussed at the previous Board meeting. Wayne obtained information about the program and distributed it to Board members. The program has a lot of merit however, it places a great deal of additional responsibility on the classroom teachers. Wayne reported that there have been some negative comments on the internet about the program resulting from perceived discrimination against some kids. After much discussion, it was decided without a vote that our club would continue to concentrate on the K-Kids and BUG program, and not start an additional program at this time.
- International Convention – Wayne reported that the Kiwanis International Convention will be in Orlando Florida June 26-29, 2008. The club does have some money in the budget for members to attend.
- Club Leadership Education Training – Janet Butler, Wayne Ward and Candy Hudson plan to attend the CLE training in Mattoon on June 8<sup>th</sup>. A \$45.00 check was prepared and the registration form has been mailed.
- I-I District Mid-Winter Convention – Larry Bechtel reported that this convention will be hosted by Division 27 and held in Decatur February 13-15 2009. Convention Co-Chairmen have been selected. Larry will be contacting Division 27 clubs to assign certain tasks for the event.
- Governor’s Visit – I-I District Governor, Judy Sunderland, has re-scheduled her visit to our club on May 12<sup>th</sup>. An appointment book was suggested as a gift to present to her since she forgot her March date. This will be done.

- Skip-A-Meal – The annual Skip-A-Meal program will be the last week in April. Club members are asked to donate the cost of a meal to the club to support the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund.
- Tax Exempt Status – A letter was received from the Illinois Department of Revenue stating that Kiwanis Clubs are not eligible to receive tax exempt status.

(Full text on club website)



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New items on the website include: BETHS Place Cleanup, North Ward Library reception, meeting photos.

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: [dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) .