



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

## 2010 Events

Monday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Election of Officers
Wednesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's
Saturday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Food Drive for SAM Pantry
Wednesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	K-Kids Picnic – Ervin Park (rain day 5/13)
Wednesday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Board Meeting - Noon at Tuscano's
Wed & Thu, June 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale Set-up & Organizing, Forty Martyrs Hall
Fri & Sat, June 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale, Forty Martyrs Hall
June 24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas, NV
August 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	I-I District Convention Bloomington-Normal Marriott, Normal, IL

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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

May 3	Andy Brzozkiewicz
May 10	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
May 17	Janet Butler
May 24	Kiwanis – Wayne Ward
May 31	<b>No Meeting – Memorial Day</b>
June 7	Carol Burwash
June 14	Marge Conn
June 21	Janet Cox
June 28	Mike Damler
July 5	Pat Damler
July 12	John Davis
July 19	Dave Dobson

July 26	Jeannine Fortney
August 2	Debbie Graber
August 9	Kim Higgins
August 16	Darrell Helm
August 23	Clarice Hausman
August 30	Sherrie Hoel

For summer activities and vacation planning, the program schedule has been extended through August. If your program date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so we can arrange a date swap.

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

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### Watch Who's Driving

Billy Graham returned home after a speaking engagement. When his plane arrived, there was a limousine there for him. As he prepared to get into the limo, he stopped and asked the driver, "You know I'm 87 years old and I have never driven a limousine. Would you mind if I drove?" The driver said, "No problem." Billy gets into the driver's seat and they head off down the highway.

A short distance away sat a rookie State Trooper operating his first speed trap. The limo went by him doing 70 mph in a 55 mph zone. The trooper pulled out and easily caught the limo. He got out of his patrol car to begin the procedure. The young trooper walked up to the driver's door and when the glass was rolled down he was surprised to see who was driving.

He immediately excused himself and went back to his car and called his supervisor. He told the supervisor, "I know we are supposed to enforce the law but I also know that important people are sometimes given certain courtesies. I need to know what I should do because I have stopped a very important person."

"The supervisor asked, "Is it the governor?" The young trooper said, "No, he's more important than that."

The supervisor said, "Oh, so it's the president." The young trooper said, "No, he's even more important than that." The supervisor finally asked, "Well then, who is it?"

The young trooper said, "I think it's Jesus because he's got Billy Graham for a chauffeur."

## Meeting Notes – April 5, 2010

- Attendance

33 - Members

3 – Guest: Theresa, daughter of Ed Wachala, Claire Leonard, granddaughter of Tim & Sherrie Hoel and our speaker, Joe Burgess

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry – Pat Damler reminded members that the Fish Fry was coming up this Friday, 4/9 with Fish Thawing on Thursday, 4/8.

Garage Sale – Janet Butler passed out information regarding the June 11-12 Garage Sale that the club will be putting on at the Forty Martyrs Hall. Sign-up sheets will be sent around starting in early May.

SAM Pantry Food Drive – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, chairperson for this service project, reminded members that Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> is the date. More information to follow.

BETHS Place – Kevin passed around a sign-up sheet for the club's Kiwanis One Day project, a spring clean-up for BETHS Place. The sheet will be posted online at our website.

## Program:



Jim Wood introduced our speaker, Joe Burgess – Superintendent of Tuscola Schools. Joe began by thanking members

for all the help and support that the club provides to the staff and students of the district.

Joe acknowledged that members realize what a difficult time this is in Illinois education. At the time of the meeting, the State of Illinois owed the school district \$525,000. There have been numerous cuts to programs as well as state funding being discontinued.

Joe advised that budget cuts have been planned and some implemented to keep the school district solvent. This has been very difficult for the school board, staff, teachers and the community. The reality is to do more with less...quite a challenge.

## Meeting Notes – April 12, 2010

- Attendance

- 34 Members

- 2 Guests: Ruth Ann Williams, friend of Elaine Bryant and Jack Maus, son of Jason & Jonda Maus.

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry Supper – Fifteen members showed up on Thursday, 4/8 to make sure the fish was thawed. The supper was a great success! We served 182 people (11 were children) and with the 50/50 and sale of fish, we took in \$1,509.00 before expenses. See photos later in this newsletter. Many more photos on our website.

Skip-A-Meal – Kevin reminded members that Monday, 4/19 was the deadline for donating to KI's Skip-A-Meal. Our donations, which will be used to help children, will be matched by Kiwanis International Foundation because our donation will arrive in Indianapolis by the 4-30-10 deadline.

Bring Up Grades – Mike Damler reported that 57 East Prairie students were recognized for bringing up their grades comparing the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> nine week grading periods. Mike handed out bundles of postcards to members to be sent to each winner.

Peanut Day Fundraiser – Kevin is looking for a member to volunteer to be the Peanut Day Chairperson. Contact Kevin if you are interested.

SAM Pantry Food Drive – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, chairperson for this service project, passed around sign-up sheets. If you can help and have not been able to sign up, contact Joyce.

### Program:



Elaine Bryant provided the program with the topic of the “Exotic Feline Rescue Center (EFRC)” in

Center Point, Indiana. This is a nonprofit corporation that gives rescued exotic felines a home for life. The center does not buy, sell or breed the resident animals. It does provide stable social groups, natural environments and the best veterinary care.

EFRC was founded in 1991 as an organization dedicated to the rescue of exotic felines who have been abused, abandoned or otherwise homeless. EFRC own 108 acres of land where a staff of 11 employees, interns and volunteers care daily for about 200 big cats from 9 different species. The cats are fed about 3,000 lbs. of meat every day.

Visitors are always welcome especially since the tour fees (\$10 adults and \$5 children 12 and under) are the main source of funding that maintains the center. Donations are always welcome, too.

Elaine shared many pictures of the center and its feline residents from a trip that she took with Patty and Dan Russell. If you would like more information, go to their website at:

[www.exoticfelinecenter.org](http://www.exoticfelinecenter.org)

Or call 812-835-1130, or to send a donation, 2221 E Ashboro Road, Center Point, IN 47840.

### **Meeting Notes – April 19, 2010**

- **Attendance**

- 35 Members

- 3 Guests: Thomas Linstead, new baby son of Beth Linstead, Jack Maus, son of Jason & Jonda Maus and Blake Niemann, son of Steve Niemann

- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Kiwanis One Day Project – Kevin reminded members that the spring clean-up for BETHS Place was coming this Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. If you do not get the opportunity to sign up, feel free to come on over. Bring rakes, gloves, pruning shears, wheel barrows, etc. We should be done by noon or earlier.

Camp New Hope – The club received a thank you note for the donated trophies and cash donations.

K-Kids Spring Picnic – Jeannine Fortney reported that the K-Kids spring picnic will be Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and help about 2:15PM. Rain date, if needed, is Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Program:

Patty Russell provided the program with



a “Help Save the Earth by Being Green” topic. The presentation was timely

because the 4<sup>th</sup> worldwide anniversary of Earth Day was coming up Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Patty talked about many ways to help the environment and clean up the earth. Recycling and composting are just two ways that you can help.

She also recommended reading *The Green Bible*. This bible shows that God is green and how we can care for and protect God's creation. It has over 1,000 references to the earth. For more information, go to:

<http://greenletterbible.com/index.php>

## Meeting Notes – April 26, 2010

- Attendance

- 26 Members

- 0 Guests

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Peanut Sale Days – Judy Landeck volunteered to chair this year’s fundraiser. Judy will report back when a date has been set. More information to follow.

SAM Pantry Food Drive – Joyce Brzozkiewicz reminded members of the food drive date, Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. She again passed around sign-up sheets. If you can help and have not been able to sign up, contact Joyce.

K-Kids Spring Picnic – – Jeannine Fortney reminded members that the K-Kids spring picnic will be Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Come on out about 2:15PM to help. Rain date, if needed, is Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

2010 Kiwanis Scholarships – Mike reported that 10 applications had been received for the 2-\$750.00 2010 scholarships. The scholarship committee of Dave Dobson, Kim Higgins, Jaci Manzella and Mike will be determining the winners shortly.

### BETHS Place Spring Clean-Up -

Thirteen members did a great job on the BETHS Place spring clean-up with donuts/water being provided by Judy Landeck. They are: Elaine Bryant, David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Debbie Graber, Jerry Hall, Darrell Helm, Tim Hoel, Paul Jones, Topy Moody, Kevin Nolan, and Gary Weber. Barb Utterback was almost moved to tears when she saw what all had been done. Great job!!!! See photos later in this newsletter and many more on the club’s website.

### Program:



Dan Russell provided a wonderful program with the topic of the “Florida Wildlife.” Dan loves to take photos, especially of birds and other wildlife. Dan and

Patty go to Florida for a number of weeks each winter. Dan shared many photos that he taken during the Florida time this year.

Dan reported that this had been the coldest winter in Florida since the 1950s. He and Patty walked 137 miles during their two month stay. Most of the walking was on beaches and walking paths...anywhere from dirt or wood or asphalt. During their 2010 visit Dan was able to photograph a number of animals such as egrets, ibises, gulls, herons, ospreys, storks, sandpipers, dolphins, whales, alligators, pelicans, manatees and many more. Some of the most beautiful photos were of birds in flight.

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**Fish Fry Thaw & Supper 4/8 & 4/9/10**



More Photos on our website

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## Only In America...

1. ...can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
- 2...are there handicap parking places in front of our skating rinks.
- 3...do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- 4...do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a Diet Coke.
- 5...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
- 6...do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and keep our useless junk in the garage.
- 7...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
- 8...do we sell hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

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## BETHS Place Spring Clean-Up 4/24/10



More Photos on our website



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## April 2010 Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00p by President, Kevin Nolan, with the following members present: Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Candy Hudson, Jaci Manzella, Don Miller, Kevin Nolan, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. March Board Meeting Minutes –A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
2. March Monthly Report –Wayne had submitted a preview copy of the report to the Board members for review. There were 630 service hours. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Report approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – As of April 7<sup>th</sup>, the checking account balance was \$4,598.56. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursement or Budget Requests – No requests for reimbursements or disbursements.
5. Annual Club Meeting – The annual club meeting is designated for Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kevin will appoint a nominating committee to get a slate of officers for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.
6. 2010 TCHS Scholarships – Mike Damler reported that the information is in place for applications for the 2-\$750 scholarships to be given by the club.
7. Bike Rodeo – The Douglas County Health Dept and the Boy Scouts will be holding a bike inspection and “Bike Rodeo” on August 21, 2010. They are soliciting funds for helmets for the participants and manpower assistance for the event. The club has budgeted \$100.00 for car seats which will not be needed by the Health Dept due to a grant that they received. After discussion, it was decided to obtain additional information and table the request to the next board meeting.
8. TCHS 2010 Project Graduation – A request was received for funds for the 2010 Project Graduation event. The Board determined after discussion that club funds would not be used.
9. Walk for Sight – A request was made by the Tuscola Lions Club for Kiwanis to participate in this fundraiser. The Board determined that only 60% of donations went

to the cause, and that businesses would be solicited for donations. The Board determined after discussion that our club would not participate.

10. Kiwanis Garage Sale – Janet Butler prepared and distributed information regarding the June 11-12 garage sale. A copy will be mailed to members along with the Board minutes for those not in attendances at the meeting.

(Full text available on club website)



April Showers Bring May Flowers

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New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos, Fish Fry and BETHS Place Clean-up. Please provide any 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) .(If you need a screen and/or projector for your program, contact David or Janet Butler.)