



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2011

## 2011 Events

Friday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
Thu-Sun, July 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Kiwanis Int'l Convention, Geneva, Switzerland
Thu-Sun, August 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	I-I District Convention, Davenport, IA

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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

May 2	Jeannine Fortney
May 9	Lorraine Best
May 16	Elaine Bryant
May 23	Andy Brzozkiewicz
May 30	No Meeting – Memorial Day
June 6	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
June 13	Carol Burwash
June 20	Dave Butler
June 27	Janet Butler
July 4	No Meeting – 4 <sup>th</sup> of July
July 11	Jan Chappell
July 18	Marge Conn
July 25	Janet Cox
August 1	Diane Pangburn
August 8	Linda Damler
August 15	Pat Damler
August 22	John Davis
August 29	David Dobson

Programs are scheduled out through the summer.  
If your program date does not work for you, please notify  
Janet Butler as soon as possible so a date swap can be arranged.

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

**[Click here to enter hours online](#)**

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### **Priceless Observations**

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and to have the two as close together as possible - George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. - Socrates

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. - Alex Levine

Money can't buy you happiness ... But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. - Spike Milligan

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - Will Rogers

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty .. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out. - Phyllis Diller

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## Meeting Notes – April 4, 2011

- Attendance

34 - Members

1 – Guest: Jane Wood, wife of Jim Wood

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Kiwanis One Day – Thanks to all the members who came out and helped clean up BETHS Place, and thanks to Marge Conn for providing beverages and snacks. Great Job! See pictures below and on our website.

Food Drive for SAM Pantry – Joyce B. advised that she will have a sign-up sheet next week for members to help out with the Post Office food drive for SAM Pantry.

2011/2012 New Officers and Board Members – Mike advised that members would be voting for the club's 2011/2012 officers and new Board members next week.

### Program:



fun was had by everyone!

Jim Wood challenged members with his program: “Are You Smarter Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?” Twenty questions were passed out with members grading their own papers. Lots of laughs and

## Meeting Notes – April 11, 2011

- Attendance

43 - Members

0 - Guests

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Bring Up Grades Program – Comparing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> school quarters, Mike reported that there were 66 East Prairie winners...and 11 winners were repeats! Mike handed out postcard packets for members to send to congratulate the winners. Winners were also provided a pencil, sticker, letter and certificate of achievement.

Scholarship Committee – Mike reported that the scholarship committee for the 2011 TCHS Kiwanis Scholarships would be Jan Chappell, Darrell Helm and Topy Moody.

Fish Fry Sign-Up – Pat passed around sign-up sheets for the fish thaw on Thursday, 4/28 and the Fish Fry on Friday, 4/29.

Eastern Illinois Food Bank Request – Members were advised that a request for donation was received via Paul Jones to contribute at least \$50.00 before April 30<sup>th</sup> so that the donation would be matched by Alan Feinstein's \$1 Million Challenge. An envelope will be passed around next meeting.

Food Drive for SAM Pantry – Joyce B. passed around a sign-up sheet next for members to help out with the Post Office food drive for SAM Pantry on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 2011/2012 Officers & Board Members

The duly elected members will serve effective October 1, 2011:

### Officers



Jaci Manzella  
President



Alan Shoemaker  
President Elect



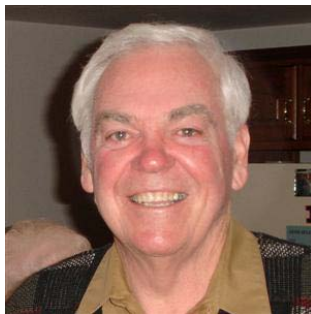
Pat Damler  
Vice President



Candy Hudson  
Treasurer



Janet Butler  
Secretary



Wayne Ward  
Asst. Secretary

## Board of Directors

Newly elected Board members:



Lorraine Best  
Terms Expires 2014



Jerry Leonard  
Term Expires 2014

Continuing Board members:



Mike Damler  
Past President



David Butler  
Webmaster



Kim Higgins  
Term expires 2013



Sherrie Hoel  
Term expires 2012



Tim Hoel  
Term expires 2013



Steve Niemann  
Term expires 2012

## Program:



Patty Russell presented a program on Fair Trade including fair wages and safe work places. Patty defined “fair trade” as artisans and

craftsmen paid a fair price in advance and in a safe environment. There are still workers, even in the U.S., that are not afforded these basics of life, including the tomato pickers in Florida.

There are organizations in the U.S. and worldwide trying to help these people such as the National Farm Worker Ministry. One such program is the United Methodist Committee on Relief Coffee Project. The UMCOR Coffee Project is an innovative way to reach out to small-scale farmers in the developing world. Consumers can address a dilemma by buying coffee that is fairly traded. United Methodist members that participate are helping small scale farmers in Latin America, Africa and Asia earn a fairer share of income, obtain access to credit and technical support, and gain a trading partner they can trust, a fair trade organization called Equal Exchange.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.equalexchange.coop/umcor>

<http://www.nfwm.org/>

## Meeting Notes – April 18, 2011

- Attendance

36 - Members

1 - Guest: Tasha Duzan

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry – Pat Damler sent around sign-up sheets again for the Fish Fry. The Fish thaw will be on Thursday, 4/28 and the Fish Fry on Friday, 4/29. If you have not had a chance to sign up, contact Pat Damler.

Trauma Dolls – Janet Butler reported that Janet Boyer has found an additional group that is thrilled to be provided our trauma dolls...the volunteer services department at Sarah Bush Lincoln. The head of the department said that they will have many uses for the dolls in many areas of the hospital and clinic.

Eastern Illinois Food Bank Request – Members were advised last week that a request for donation was received via Paul Jones to contribute at least \$50.00 before April 30<sup>th</sup> so that the donation would be matched by Alan Feinstein’s \$1 Million Challenge. An envelope was passed around to members that wanted to contribute.

## Program:



Doris Young introduced our speaker, Tasha Duzan. Tasha spoke about St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee including some of the experiences of her, her son Max, her family and others that they met at the facility.

Tasha's son Max was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of leukemia. Max was sent to Peoria Children's Hospital where he was stabilized and then sent on to St. Jude for immediate surgery and five rounds of chemo therapy. Tasha was able to stay in an apartment only a short distance from the hospital.

St. Jude is a state of the art facility that turns no child away. Tasha could not say enough good things about the staff, equipments and facility. Max was at St. Jude for six months and returned home in October 2010. He has a 90% chance that he will not have a relapse.

It takes \$1.6 million a day to keep St. Jude's doors open. Tasha has recently raised over \$8,000.00 for this organization. If you would like more information and make a donation, go to:

<http://www.stjude.org/>

## Meeting Notes – April 25, 2011

### • Attendance

45 - Members

5 - Guests: Claire Leonard, granddaughter of Tim & Sherrie Hoel, Myles Roberts, Cameron Roberts, Rev. Paige Roberts from EIU and her student, "AK."

### • News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

North Ward Thank You Note – Mike read a thank you note from North Ward School thanking the club for donating \$200.00 to the North Ward Breakfast program.

Eastern Illinois Food Bank – Mike reported that members donated \$232.00 to the food bank during last meeting. Since Alan Feinstein will be matching our donations, the food bank will receive \$464.00. Thanks again to our generous members!

Kiwanis Scholarships – Mike reported that the scholarship committee is evaluating 12 applicants.

Fish Fry – Pat Damler made her final reminders. The Fish thaw will be on Thursday, 4/28 and the Fish Fry on Friday, 4/29.

2009/2010 Distinguished Club – Mike displayed the certificate and banner batch that the club received for achieving Distinguished Club status for the 2009/2010 Kiwanis year.



Kevin receiving his 2009/2010 Distinguished President pin



Wayne receiving his 2009/2010 Distinguished Secretary pin

Decatur Early Birds Interclub Meeting – Janet Butler, Debbie Graber, Ed Wachala and Doris Young got up bright and early on April 21<sup>st</sup> to travel to Decatur for a meeting with the Early Birds. A great breakfast and meeting was enjoyed.



K-Kids Picnic – Jeannine Fortney reported that the K-Kids spring picnic will be Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Members....mark your calendars!

**Program:**



Dan Russell introduced our speakers, Rev. Paige Roberts from EIU and her student “AK.” Paige is the director of the Wesley Foundation at EIU in Charleston. The Wesley Foundation is a ministry of the churches of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church serving the college-aged young adults of the Eastern Illinois University community.

Paige and AK described a mission trip to Dulac, Louisiana. Dulac is south of New Orleans and has been very affected by the hurricanes and flooding of recent years. It is a community of about 2,500 people who are 90% from Houma Indian heritage.

Paige and fifteen students went down to Dulac for a week and stayed at the Dulac Community Center’s dormitory facilities. The group went house to house offering to help clean up areas and buildings. They also painted a house and planted flowers.

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**Kiwanis One Day Project – BETHS Place 4/2/2011**



**GREAT JOB!!!!**

More pictures on the website



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## Fish Fry Dinner – 4/29/2011



**GREAT JOB, EVERYONE!!!**  
Many more pictures on the website

## **April 2011 Board Meeting Highlights**

The meeting was called to order at the Red Barn on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 12:05PM by President, Mike Damler, with the following members present: Janet Butler, David Butler, Mike Damler, Kim Higgins, Sherrie Hoel, Candy Hudson, Tim Hoel, Don Miller, Steve Niemann, Kevin Nolan, Alan Shoemaker, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber.

1. March Meeting Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Minutes approved.
2. March Monthly Report – A motion was made and seconded to approve the monthly report. Report approved. Wayne also distributed copies of the T.E.D.I. volunteer's hours report for the city of Tuscola listing 663 service hours by club members during March.
3. Treasurer's Report – As of April 8<sup>th</sup>, the checking account balance was \$6,344.20. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursement or Budget Requests – Budgeted items were approved for payment as follows: Circle K Outreach \$100, Nunn Scout Building \$200, SAM Food Pantry \$250, Peace Meals \$100 and North Ward Breakfast \$200.
5. "Clickers" Donation Request – The TCHS driver safety group requested a donation of \$50.00 towards the cost of transportation for a trip to Springfield to participate in the Ride and Drive sponsored by the Ford Foundation on 4-18-11. A motion was made to donate \$50.00. The motion was seconded and approved.
6. Eastern Illinois Food Bank Request – Paul Jones had forward a request to the Board asking for donations for the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, and if donated before 4-30-11, the donation would be matched by another donator. After discussion, the Board decided to pass an envelope in two weeks after announcing the request at the next meeting.
7. Nominating Committee Results – The nominating committee submitted the following slate for 2011/2012 as follows: President-Jaci Manzella, President Elect-Alan Shoemaker, Vice President-Pat Damler, Secretary-Janet Butler, Asst. Secretary-Wayne Ward, Treasurer-Candy Hudson, Board member 2011-2014-Lorraine Best and Board member 2011-2014-Jerry Leonard. A motion was made to accept the slate of members. The motion was seconded and approved.
8. Kiwanis Scholarships – There will be three \$750.00 Kiwanis scholarships given on TCHS Honors Day. Two are budgeted and funded by the club. One is for a Key Club member and funded by Janet & David Butler, Janet Cox and Gary Weber. The Board members thanks the members for their generous donations.
9. Board Meeting Dates – The Board members decided to keep the monthly Board meetings at the Amishland Buffet at noon on the first Friday of the month.

(Full text available on club website)



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*It's Finally Here!!!!*

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New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos, BETHS Place clean-up, fish fry dinner and more. Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter 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.)