



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2012

## 2012 Events

Wednesday, May 9	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
Saturday, May 12	Postal Food Drive for SAM Pantry
Wednesday, June 13	Board Meeting – Amishland Buffet, Red Barn
Thu-Sat, June 28 to July 1	Kiwanis International Convention, New Orleans, LA
August 3 & 4 (set-up 8/1 & 8/2)	Kiwanis Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Wed-Sun, August 8-12	I-I District Annual Convention, Springfield, IL

## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

May 7	Pat Sturgis
May 14	Tom Sturgis
May 21	Robert Van Cleave
May 28	No Meeting – Memorial Day Holiday
June 4	Ed Wachala
June 11	Wayne Ward
June 18	Gary Weber
June 25	Steve Niemann
July 2	Jim Wood
July 9	Doris Young
July 16	Tammy Baer
July 23	Cathy Barnard
July 30	Carol Beals
August 6	Maureen Bergeson
August 13	Lorraine Best
August 20	Andy Brzozkiewicz
August 27	Joyce Brzozkiewicz

September 3	Peter Buckley
September 10	Carol Burwash
September 17	David Butler
September 24	Janet Butler

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 Janet Butler Your May Volunteer Hours  
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

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**Go Ahead...Take It With You**

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So the rich man began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." said the angel. The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

The man continues to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappears and informs the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathers his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and places it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man dies and shows up at the Gates of Heaven to greet St. Peter. Peter seeing the suitcase says, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" But, the man explains to Peter that he has permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord.

Sure enough, Peter checks and comes back saying, "You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims,

***"You brought pavement?!?"***

## Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2012

- **Attendance**

44 – Members

3 – Guests: Macy & J P, grandchildren of Patty & Dan Russell, and Mike, grandson of Jan Chappell

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Dan Russell

- **Birthdays** – Ed Wachala 4/3, Sherrie Hoel 4/6, Mike Damler 4/8, Pat Damler 4/8 and Dave Dobson 4/8.

- **Brags** – Peter Buckley, Carol Burwash, Janet Butler, Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Linda Damler, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Clarice Hausman, Judy Landeck, Topy Mooday, Alan Shoemaker, Pat Sturgis, and Jim Wood

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

Fish Fry – The Fish Fry was a great success! The event brought in \$1,490 in meals, \$281 in donations, \$92 from the 50/50 and \$10 fish sales for a gross grand total of \$1,873. Nancy Simpson won the 50/50 drawing. The winner of the Key Club fundraiser quilt was our own, Pat Damler. The quilt raffle raised over \$600 for The Eliminate Project.



Key Club Thank You – Jaci read a thank you note from the TCHS Key Club members to our club for volunteers helping with two of their Eliminate Project fundraisers—Quilt Raffle and Valentine Dance, as well as our continued financial support.

Easter Egg Hunt – The egg hunt was a success! All went well and 223 children participated in the event. Thank you notes will be sent to all the businesses and organizations that help support the event, Curt McDaniel, our Easter Bunny and to our co-sponsor, Tuscola Rotary Club.

Skip-A-Meal – Anytime during the month of April, members are asked to donate \$10.00 to Skip-A-Meal. These donations go into the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund for food, clothing, etc. Donation can be given to Candy Hudson, treasurer.

I-I Mid-Year Conference – Jaci reported that six members attended the conference in Peoria on March 31. Our club was recognized by Kiwanis International President Alan Penn for our membership growth.

Nominating Committee – Jaci announced the nominating committee members—Jim Wood, chairperson, Judy Landeck and Dennis Opperman. They are looking for two new Board members and a Vice President. The 2012/2013 candidates will be brought forward on May 7 for elections.

Upcoming Events – Wii Bowling event 4/14 2p at North Ward School and BETHS Place clean-up 4/21 8a.

## Program:



Kevin Nolan tested members' knowledge of Chicago Cub and St. Louis Cardinal trivia. Chocolate kisses were awarded for correct answers.

## Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2012

- Attendance

38 – Members

3 – Guests: Paul Wisovaty, Claire Leonard-granddaughter of Tim & Sherrie Hoel and our speaker, Mark Barthelemy

- Free Lunch Winner – Tim Hoel

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Mike Damler, Judy Heilich, Judy Landeck, and Dan Russell

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Tuscola Monopoly Games – Paul Wisovaty delivered 10 Tuscola Monopoly games that he found in his basement. The Board will determine what to do with them.

April Interclub Meeting – Topsy has planned an interclub meeting with Decatur Golden K on 4/11. Members planning to attend are Lorraine Best, Clarice Hausman, Vera Nauta, and Ed Wachala.

## Program:



Mary Schultz introduced our speaker, Mark Barthelemy. He is a 30 year veteran of police work including holding the position of Chief of Police in Decatur. He shared many interesting experiences from his police work.

## Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2012

- Attendance

40 – Members

1 – Guests: Karyn Applegate, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Ed Wachala

- Birthdays – Judy Heilich 4/20 and Brad Allen 4/22

- Brags – Carol Burwash, Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Clarice Hausman, Sherrie Hoel, and Robert Van Cleave

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Interclub Meeting – Lorraine Best, Clarice Hausman, Vera Nauta and Ed Wachala attended an interclub meeting at Decatur Golden K on April 11.



Ed, Clarice, Lorraine and Vera

TCHS Honors Day – Honors Day will be held at the TCHS gym on Monday, May 14 at 9:00AM [note this is a change in time]. The three Kiwanis scholarships will be awarded at that time by Jaci Manzella.

Easter Egg Hunt – Alan Shoemaker brought a \$200.00 donation from the Tuscola Rotary Club, our partners for this event, for the continued support of this annual event.

Thank You Notes – Jaci shared thank you notes received by the club from Peace Meals and Nunn Scout Building for our donations of \$100.00 and \$200.00, respectively.

USPS Food Drive – Joyce Brzozkiewicz passed around the sign-up sheet for the US Postal food drive to benefit SAM Pantry on Saturday, May 12. If you are available to assist and have not had a chance to sign up, contact Joyce at 253-4759.

Special Donation for Spastic Paralysis – This is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation. If you would like to make a special donation and receive a commemorative coin, see the details in the Board meeting minutes below.

Kiwanis International Convention – Jaci reported that David & Janet Butler have been designated as the club's two voting delegates. For more details, see the Board meeting minutes below.

Sound System Enhancement – The Butlers are purchasing a compatible sound system that will be used in junction with the club's sound system.

Ramp Needed – Wayne Ward reported that Denise Turner is in need of a ramp at her home. If you can help or know someone who can, let Wayne know.



TCHS Incentive Donations – Mike Damler requested that the club make a donation to help purchase incentives/rewards for students that do well on the Illinois achievement tests at TCHS. Jaci advised that the it would be put on the May Board meeting agenda.

K-Kids Picnic – The Spring K-Kids picnic will be held at the North Pavilion of Ervin Park on Tuesday, May 15. Plan to have the food and fires ready by 11:30AM. We will be providing our hot dog/marshmallow meal at lunchtime.

**Program:**



Alan Shoemaker introduced our speaker, Karyn Applegate. Karyn is the director of the Tuscola Library. The library is very active for a community of

our size. Tuscola is 22<sup>nd</sup> in circulation out of over 200 libraries in our region. The library lends movies, hardcopy books, e-books and audio books on the “Play-away” system that is provided.

The library plans a number of events for adults and children alike during the year. She is currently looking to re-design the area with the computers.

**Music Time**

Kim put members through their paces with the Hokey-Pokey.



We can Hokey-Pokey with the best of them!

## Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2012

(Conducted by Secretary, Janet Butler)

### • Attendance

42 – Members

3 – Guests: Chuck & Hilda DeTombe, guests of Joyce & Andy Brzozkiewicz, and Vince Picazo, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Sherrie Hoel
- Birthdays – Joyce Brzozkiewicz 4/23 and Maribeth Opperman 4/29
- Braggs – Lorraine Best, Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Pete Buckley, David Butler, Marge Conn, Mike Damler, Clarice Hausman, Darrell Helm, Art Moss, Kevin Nolan, Diane Pangburn, Alan Shoemaker,
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

K-Kids Spring Picnic – The picnic will be Tuesday, May 15 at the North Pavilion (not the south location where we usually are) at Ervin Park. We are planning to start serving the K-Kids at 11:30AM so plan to be there about 10:30AM; fire starters plan accordingly. Bring your hot dog sticks! (There is no rain date as this is the last week of school so hope for good weather.)

Kiwanis One Day – Seventeen members made BETHS Place's day on Saturday, April 14. Not only did they complete usual outdoor clean-up, but also mowed the lawn and cleaned out a shed. Great job! Pictures below and on the website.

Postal Food Drive – Joyce passed the sign-up sheet for the food drive to benefit SAM Pantry. If you can spare an hour or two on Saturday, May 12 and have not signed up, contact Joyce Brzozkiewicz.

### Program:



Janet Cox introduced our speaker, Vince Picazo. Vince is the director of the Douglas County Animal Shelter, and has been with the shelter about two years. During

his time, there have been great improvements in the running and maintenance of the facility as well as facility improvements.

The shelter receives free food through a program from Kal Kan in Mattoon. All donations are very much appreciated especially blankets, cleaning supplies and cash donations.

The shelter depends on volunteers to care for and feed the animals. Vince really appreciates volunteers who come to walk dogs. If you can spare even an hour a week to help out at the shelter, contact Vince at 253-4921.

## Meeting Minutes – April 30, 2012

### • Attendance

44 – Members

5 – Guests: Paris Interclub-Jim Acklin, Don McGee, Dennis Thiel, Richard Yates, and our speaker Betsy Stuerke.

- Free Lunch Winner – Mike Damler
- Birthdays – Carly McCrory 5/3
- Brags – Lorraine Best, Marge Conn, Mike Damler, Darla Gardner, Tim Hoel, April Kauffman, Laura Meyer, Maribeth Opperman, and Patty Russell
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Eliminate Project Donation Jar – Candy reported that since October 2011, members have donated \$887.60 for the Eliminate Project. Great job! Keep that change coming!

Peace Meals – David Butler passed around a sign-up sheet for meal delivery in June. This is the second year that members are volunteering for this cause.

Donations for Lori Griffith – Members generously donated \$343.00 to help with travel expenses for Mrs. Griffith and her family to seek medical care at another facility, possibly Mayo Clinic. Mrs. Griffith is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at North Ward and has been out over 80 days. Our K-Kids are doing a fundraiser this week for Mrs. Griffith, too. If you were not able to attend our 4/30 meeting and would like to donate, you can drop off your donation to Jaci at First Mid or Candy at TNB.

TCHS Scholarships – Mike Damler reported that he picked up 10 applications for our Kiwanis Scholarships. The winners will be selected shortly, and announced on Monday, May 14 at the Honors Day ceremonies in the TCHS Gym beginning at 9:00AM.

Postal Food Drive – Joyce Brzozkiewicz still has some openings to help with the food drive on Saturday, May 12. If you can help and have not had the opportunity to sign up, contact Joyce.

### Program:



Barb Moss introduced our speaker, Betsy Stuerke. Betsy began by thanking members for volunteering their time and providing financial assistance for the North Ward

Breakfast Program and the SAM Food Pantry.

Betsy reported that the breakfast program will cease in May at the end of the school year. Because of the number of North Ward students that are in households below the poverty level, all students at North Ward will be provided a hot breakfast. This program is federally funded.

Betsy also reported that SAM Food Pantry was serving about 200 families per month. The pantry has been blessed with a number of generous donations, including Kiwanis. The pantry could use a few more volunteers. If you can help, even just one time a month for 2-3 hours, contact Betsy.



**Kiwanis & K-Kids Fun – April 14, 2012**



More Photos on our Website



**Kiwanis One Day – BETHS Place – April 21, 2012**



More photos on our website

## April 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Amishland Buffet on Wednesday, 4/11/2012 at 12:02 PM by President Jaci Manzella with the following Board Directors present:

x	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Jaci Manzella – Pres.
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Sherrie Hoel (2012)		Steven Niemann (2012)
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Alan Shoemaker P-Elect
	Mike Damler – Past Pres	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.		
x	Pat Damler – V.P.	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of March Board Meeting – David Butler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Alan Shoemaker seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. March Monthly Report – Janet had provided Board members an advance copy of the monthly report to review. The number of volunteer hours was 757 service hours and 184 hours of fundraising for the Fish Fry. Kim Higgins made a motion that the report be approved and submitted. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 4/11/12 the current balance in the Treasury is \$ 11,183.43 including allocations of \$743.73 for the Eliminate Project and \$154.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt. The final gross total for the Fish Fry, including meals, donations, 50/50 and sale of fish was \$1,873. Jerry Leonard made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Janet Butler requested reimbursement of \$263.40 for 2013 Easter Egg Hunt prizes and \$190.25 for items (pins, certificates, Lt. Gov. gavel, etc.) purchased from Kiwanis International. Janet also provided a bill of \$30.00 to be paid to the Tuscola Journal for Easter Egg Hunt advertising. Candy had received a \$104.29 bill from Tuscola IGA for egg hunt candy. Sherrie Hoel made a motion to approve these reimbursements and budgeted disbursements, Alan Shoemaker seconded and it was approved.
5. Upcoming Events – Jaci reminded Board members of the following events: 4/14 K-Kids Wii Bowling at North Ward School and 4/21 Kiwanis One Day project to provide a spring clean-up to BETHS Place. April is also Skip-A-Meal; members are asked to donate \$10 for the KI Children’s fund.

6. 2012/2013 Office/Board Members Election – Jaci’s appointed nominating committee will bring candidates forward at the May 7 meeting for club elections.
7. Postal Food Drive for SAM Pantry – The food drive is coming up on Saturday, May 12. Chairperson Joyce Brzozkiewicz will be passing around a sign-up sheet beginning with the club’s April 16 meeting.
8. Easter Egg Hunt – The egg hunt was completed as planned. On a chilly March 31 morning, 223 children participated. Secretary Janet Butler will send thank you notes to all organizations and business that supported the event, and our Easter Bunny, Curt McDaniel.
9. TCHS Honors Night – Jaci Manzella will be presenting the club’s three \$750 scholarships on Honors Night, May 14 at Tuscola Community High School. [Rescheduled to 9:00AM]
10. Club Dues – The Board members reviewed a list provided by Treasurer Candy Hudson of unpaid dues. Selected Board members volunteered to contact the members.
11. Tuscola Monopoly Games – Paul Wisovaty had delivered 10 Tuscola Monopoly games that had been stored in his basement. The club now has 13 of the games. Kim Higgins made a motion to donate one games to the Douglas County Museum and sell the 12 remaining games for \$10.00 at Vintage Karma on consignment, if the business will take them. Sherrie Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved.
12. Club Facebook Page – David Butler reported that Carly had requested that a different member of the club take over updating the club’s Facebook page. Tim Hoel agreed to take on this task with David Butler volunteering to be his back-up. Tim and David will contact Carly and set up a training/turnover meeting.
13. International Convention Delegates – After some discussion, Pat Damler made a motion that Janet and David Butler be the two voting delegates for the club at the International Convention in New Orleans with the caveat that if another member registers and advises Janet by April 28, that member will take Janet’s place as a voting delegate. If that happens, Janet, as a past Lt. Governor will offer to be a delegate to another Division 27 club that does not have two members going to the convention. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved.
14. Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation – This year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation that was founded by the Kiwanis I-I District. For clubs and/or members who make a special \$100.00 donation, a specially minted commemorative coin will be provided to the donor. Donors who attend the I-I District Convention in August will receive their Commemorative Coin at the Spastic Paralysis Luncheon. If you wish to make this special donation, you can print the form at:

<http://tuscolakiwanis.org/files/coin.pdf>



15. Sound System – David Butler is purchasing a sound system that can be linked to the club’s sound system effectively adding a second speaker. David will retain ownership of the system, however it will be used at the club’s meetings and stored with the club’s sound system. This will improve our members’ experience at meetings.

16. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 9 at noon at the Amishland Buffet.

17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:44 P.M.

Janet Butler  
Secretary



*....bring on the May Flowers*

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New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos 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.)