



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2007



2007 Upcoming Events

November 7, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
December 5, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s

2008 Upcoming Events (Plan Ahead)

February 2, Saturday	Pancake/Sausage Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
February 22-24, Fri-Sun	Mid-Winter Convention – Lisle IL
March 28, Friday	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
April 5, Saturday	Kiwanis One Day Project Day
June 25-28, Wed-Sat	Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, FL
August 7-10, Thu-Sun	I-I District Convention – Peoria IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

November 5	David Butler
November 12	Kiwanis Program
November 19	Janet Cox
November 26	Mike Damler
December 3	Dave Dobson
December 10	Kiwanis Program
December 17	Gift Exchange – Bring a gift appropriate for a man or woman not to exceed \$10
December 24	No Meeting
December 31	No Meeting
January 7	Pat Damler

January 14	Kiwanis Program
January 21	John Davis
January 28	Jeannine Fortney

Don't Forget to Give Wayne Your October Volunteer Hours!

Meeting of October 1, 2007

There was a total attendance of 32 members and 8 soon-to-be members Elaine Bryant, Marge Conn, Mark Conn, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Kara Kinney, Laura Meyer, Toppo Mooday and our speaker Kim Carmack.

Judy Landeck reported that the North Ward time capsule items would be on display at the Douglas County Museum through the end of the year.

Paul Wisovaty reminded members that the K-Kids Fall Picnic would be October 9th. Please bring your hot dog sticks. Paul also reported that the plaque on the Gale Hoel memorial bench at the courthouse had been replaced by Tim & Sherrie Hoel. The old plaque had become too weathered to read any longer. Thanks Tim & Sherrie!

Janet Boyer reported that 60 trauma dolls have been completed and ready to be delivered to the organizations that need more.

Jeanne Fortney advised members that Kiwanis would be helping with the Share Food program at Tuscola First Christian Church on November 17th at 8:30AM. About 8-10 volunteers are needed to help unload the truck, organize the food and give out the food.

Clarice praised Mark Jacobs for the great job he did chairing the Peanut Sales this year. The club took in about \$1,900. There are about 14 cases of peanuts left. If you are interested, stop by 1st Mid Bank and a \$20.00 donations will get you a case of peanuts. Thanks, Mark!!

Mike Damler reported that the Tuscola Library was able to purchase 8 agriculture related books with the \$100.00 that our club had provided.

Jeannine Fortney reported that North Ward is in need of volunteers so assist students in their reading. She will bring more information to the next meeting.

Darrell Helm recognized and honored the following members for their Perfect Attendance:

<u>Perfect Attendance Years</u>	<u>Members</u>
1	David Butler & Debbie Graber
2	Janet Butler, Clarice Hausman, Darrell Helm
3	Mike Damler & Kathryn McCumber
4	Carol Burwash & Ed Wachala
5	Betty Leonard & Carole Weber
8	David Dobson
21	Wayne Ward

Clarice Hausman presented past President Darrell Helm with his 2006/2007 President's plaque.



Our speaker was Kim Carmack, executive director of Camp New Hope. Camp New Hope is a non-profit organization founded in 1974 by families of people who have developmental disabilities, and running some of the best recreational programs available for special needs. It is located on Mattoon Lake near Neoga, southwest of Mattoon. The camp primarily serves Coles, Douglas and Shelby counties. It has two major programs - Year 'Round Respite and Summer/Weekend Camps.....and many assorted smaller programs, and the staff is always coming up with new ways to have fun.

Our Year 'Round Respite Program is an opportunity for parents to take a break from caring for their child who has a disability, while knowing their child is in a safe and caring environment. They need this time to reconnect with other family members, spouses, or just take time for themselves. The respite program is very special because individuals come to the camp instead of the respite workers going into the homes.

Camp New Hope has been the very first camp experience for hundreds and hundreds of campers. The camp has low staff turnover and a high staff to camper ratio. Campers recognize staff year after year at Camp New Hope. They serve people who have developmental disabilities-- of all ages. The youngest overnight campers are nine years old. They schedule everyone to attend during a week with people of the same age group.

Most funding comes from the State of Illinois, the Illinois JCs, the Fraternal Order of Police-Champaign and individual donations. If you would like to make a donation, send it to Camp New Hope, PO box 764, Mattoon, IL 61938. For more information about the camp, go to www.myfavoritecamp.com or call 217-895-2341.

FOOTBALL QUARTERBACK FROM A BLONDE'S POINT OF VIEW

A guy took his blonde girl friend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'Get the quarter back! Get the quarter back!'"

I'm like...Hellooooooo? It's only 25 cents!!!!

Author: Unknown

Meeting of October 8, 2007

There was a total attendance of 35 members and 1 guest-April Kaufman, daughter of Sherrie & Tim Hoel.

Janet Butler announced an extension on providing a shirt to Janet Cox or her. The new deadline for having a shirt customized for the Tuscola Kiwanis Club is Monday, October 22nd.

Paul Wisovaty reminded members that the K-Kids picnic is Tuesday, October 9th at Ervin Park. Bring your hot dog sticks and come about 2:30PM.

Jeannine Fortney reported that North Ward is in need of volunteers to assist students in their reading. She will bring more information and a sign-up sheet to the next meeting.

Mark Jacobs reported there are still 10 cases of peanuts. Bring \$20.00 to 1st Mid Bank to pick up a case.

Earl Pendergrass updated members on the new name tag box. Each name tag has a number on the back which corresponds to a slot in the box. Thanks, Earl for getting us organized!!

Judy Landeck reported on the mini-park on Main Street. She spoke to city maintenance about keeping up the mowing, watering, etc. Our club has made a commitment to the city of Tuscola to do a Spring and Fall clean-up for this mini-park.

Wayne Ward distributed copies of the October Board Meeting and the 2007/2008 Budget.

Jerry Hall reported that the Tuscola Christmas Town celebrations would include activities from December 1st through December 9th. The celebrations kick off with Breakfast with Santa at the Douglas County Museum on December 1st. There will also be some free movies such as *Polar Express* during the week at the Tuscola Community Building. More information will be available shortly.

Jeanne Fortney reminded members that Kiwanis would be helping with the Share Food program November 17th at 8:30AM at the new Tuscola Christian Church. About 8 volunteers are needed to help unload the truck and organize the food.

The program for the meeting was the induction of six new members: Elaine Bryant, Marge Conn, Mark Conn, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel and Topy Moody.



Member Patty Russell with Elaine Bryant



Topy Moody with members Dan & Patty Russell



Member Jim Wood with Marge & Mark Conn



Tim & Sherrie Hoel with member Janet Butler

Martin Luther King Jr. said: “Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?” Kiwanians can answer that question proudly, with more than 150,000 service projects and 6 million hours of volunteer time every year. The light of creative altruism shines brightly in Kiwanis.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

K-Kids Fall Picnic



K-Kids 2007/2008

Thinking Outside the Box Problem Solving

Many people think about the problems that we are having in this country lately....illegal immigration, hurricane recovery, alligators attacking people in Florida...just to name a few.

Here what you can do if you think outside the box for solutions:

1. Dig a moat the length of the Mexican border.
2. Send the dirt to New Orleans to raise the level of the levies.
3. Put the Florida alligators in the moat along the Mexican border.

Now is that win-win or what?

Author: Unknown

Meeting of October 15, 2007

There was a total attendance of 26 members and 3 guests: Darrell Helm's daughter, Stacy and grandson, Parker; and our speaker Dr. Bill Hemmer.

It was reported that Carole Weber was hospitalized and on a ventilator. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Pat Damler reported that the Douglas County Health Department would be providing flu shots at a drive-thru in Ervin Park on Thursday, October 18th; at the Lutheran Church on Tuesday, October 30th from 3-6p; and the Senior Center Friday, November 2nd from 9-11a.

Carol Burwash reminded members that they were invited to Tuscola High School at 9:00AM October 22nd to hear Marion Blumenthal Lazan, a Holocaust survivor.

Jeannine Fortney passed around a sign-up sheet for club members to assist North Ward students by listening/assisting with students reading. There will be no background check for Kiwanis volunteers. Members can sign up for as little or much volunteer time as you wish during the school week.

Jerry Hall reminded members about the Rotary Food Drive for SAMS Pantry on Saturday, October 20th. Meet at the United Methodist church at 8:30AM.

Ed Wachala reported that seven members signed up to attend the interclub meeting on Champaign on October 18th.



Debbie Graber introduced Dr. Bill Hemmer to present the program. Bill has written a book on Wellness for Women over 40 years old. He worked on the book for about four years. He discussed several ways to maintain good health with fitness and nutrition programs. Some of the things required are knowing the body chemistry and time management skills. He stated that your cholesterol level should not

drop below 180 points because that controls stress level and sex hormones. Irritation and stress can cause cholesterol levels to fluctuate. Bill said that he never uses fear, guilt or shame to treat a patient.

Don't Make Assumptions at Halloween Parties

A couple was invited to a swanky costume party. The wife got a terrible headache and told her husband to go to the party alone. He being a devoted husband protested, but she insisted and said she was going to take some aspirin and go to bed...no need for him to spoil his good time by not going.

So he took his costume and away he went. The wife, after sleeping soundly for about an hour, awakened without pain and, as it was still early, decided to go the party. Since her husband did not know what her costume was, she thought she would have some fun by watching her husband to see how he acted when she was not with him.

She joined the party and soon spotted her husband cavorting around on the dance floor, dancing with every nice chick he could, and copping a little feel here and a little kiss there. His wife sidled up to him and being a rather seductive babe herself, he left his current partner high and dry and devoted his time to the new babe that had just arrived. She let him go as far as he wished, naturally, since he was her husband. Finally, he whispered a little proposition in her ear and she agreed, so off they went to one of the cars and had a little romance.

Just before unmasking at midnight, she slipped away, went home, put the costume away and got into bed, wondering what kind of explanation he would make for his behavior. She was sitting up reading when he came in, and she asked what kind of a time he had. He said: "Oh, the same old thing. You know I never have a good time when you're not there." She asked: "Did you dance much?"

"I'll tell you, I never even danced one dance. When I got there, I met Pete, Bill Brown and some other guys, so we went into the den and played poker all evening. But you're not going to believe what happened to the guy I loaned my costume to....."

Author: Unknown

Meeting of October 22, 2007

There was a total attendance of 31 members and 3 guests: Theresa Blaylock from the Monticello Kiwanis Club, Carol Burwash's father, Dick Burwash and our speaker, John Frothingham.

Earl Pendergrass read a note from Gary Weber regarding Gary and Carole's appreciation for the Tuscola Kiwanis club and its members. Gary reported that Mark, their son, is doing OK and that Carole's passing is a closed issue for Mark. Gary appreciated the strong Kiwanis attendance at the celebration of Carole's life.

Jeannine Fortney discussed North Ward's need for adults to help students read books. Pat Damler, Mike Damler, Jerry Hall and Jeannine are already helping out. Jeannine sent around the sign-up sheet again for people who were not at the meeting last week. Janet Butler and Janet Cox also signed up.

Clarice Hausman and Mike Damler inducted new member, Laura Meyer, into our club. Her sponsor is Jerry Hall.



Welcome, Laura!!

The club received a thank you card from the staff and students of Tuscola High School and East Prairie Middle School for the club's donation of \$50.00 to help cover the expenses for Holocaust speaker, Marion Lazan.



Carol Burwash introduced John Frothingham to present his program. John shared his WWII Iwo Jima experiences with us. He is a retired Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Marine Corps. He served at Iwo Jima in 1945 from the beginning to the end of the U.S. offensive. Iwo Jima is a Pacific island about 2.5 by 5 miles in size. He also served in Guadalcanal.

It took five weeks to take the island. John was with a tank battalion. This was the only WWII battle where the U.S. casualties exceeded the enemy. There were about 20,000 Japanese; all were killed except about 200. There were about 60,000 U.S. troops; there were 28,000 casualties. John was frequently under fire. He received one minor shrapnel injury but did not register for a Purple Heart. He was awarded four battle stars---1 for New Georgia, 1 for Iwo Jima and 2 for Guadalcanal. When the U.S. flag was raised and memorialized with the famous picture by Joe Rosenthal, John could see the flag flying from the north part of the island.



Hiccups Anyone?

A man goes into a drug store and asks the pharmacist if he can give him something for the hiccups.

The pharmacist promptly reaches out and slaps the man's face.

"What the heck did you do that for!?!?" the man screams.

"Well, you don't have the hiccups anymore do you?"

The man says, "No I don't, you IDIOT... But my wife out in the car still does!"

Author: Unknown

Meeting of October 29, 2007

There was a total attendance of 34 members and 4 guests: Guests of Gary Weber included sister Patti Weber Proffit from Oklahoma, brother-in-law Don & sister Jan Rankin from Colorado and our Lt. Governor, Larry Bechtel.

Earl reported that Mark Jacobs still has 10 cases of peanuts. Come by 1st Mid with \$20.00 and pick up a case!

Pat Damler reminded members of Forty Martyrs' Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 4th from 11a to 2:30p at the church hall.

Clarice read a thank you note for Kiwanis' help in the food drive for SAMS Pantry.

Mike Damler advised members that he will be sending in used ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling in the next couple of weeks. So be sure to bring in what you have.

Clarice showed the members a huge thank you poster from the K-Kids for the Kiwanis picnic they enjoyed October 9th.

Janet Butler reported that the Douglas County Museum has set up a veterans registry for veterans that now live or have ever lived in Douglas, Coles, Piatt, Edgar, Moultrie and Champaign counties. Forms are available from Janet or stop by the museum and pick one up.

Jerry Hall asked if a member would email a summary of each week's program with pictures when possible to The Tuscola Journal. Janet Butler volunteered to do so.

Members at the meeting thanked Jerry for the increased publicity that our club is receiving since Jerry joined the club.



Janet Butler was today's speaker and spoke about the city of Brugge, Belgium and the process of hand-made bobbin lace.

Brugge is known as "The Venice of the North" and is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. It is easy to imagine yourself in medieval times as you walk along the winding cobbled street or traverse the quiet canals by boat. In 2002, Janet and her husband, David spent a week in a Brugge apartment. The city is known as "Bruges" or "Brugge" depending if you live in the Northern Flemish-speaking part of Belgium or the French-speaking part in the south. In Brugge people speak Flemish as their 1st language with French and English, respectively being their 2nd and 3rd languages. Almost everyone Janet encountered spoke English well so there were no language barriers.

Brugge was originally a trading and shipping center. However, by the 11th century the city's prosperity was threatened by the gradual silting up of the river estuary which linked Brugge directly to the North Sea. This was temporarily resolved by the Zwin Channel which opened a new outlet to the open water of the North Sea.

By the 14th century Brugge was a major trading center in northwest Europe. Its success was primarily based on the manufacture, trade and sale of high quality cloth. Flemish weavers obtained the finest wool from the British Isles for furnishings and clothing for royalty and the wealthy. Tapestry weavers were famous for their artistic and beautiful pieces. By 1350 more than 40,000 people lived in the original medieval city center.

The 15th century was the golden century for Brugge. By this time the Flanders area had become part of the territory of the Dukes of Burgundy, and Brugge was one of their favorite residences. The court brought artists, musicians and increased the demand for luxury goods. This further fueled economic growth.

Unfortunately, by the 16th century, Brugge lost favor with the House of Burgundy and the silting of the Zwin Channel was becoming a serious problem as well. Little by little the international trading community began to withdraw from Brugge and moving their operations to Antwerp.

During the centuries that followed, a period of slow but irreversible decline set in. Under Spanish rule, Brugge was completely cut off from the North Sea due to the silting of the Zwin Channel. The wars of religion also took their toll. The city fell under the successive occupation of Austria, France and the Netherlands, but none of these overlords did much to improve Brugge's situation. Even the establishment of an independent Belgium in 1830 failed to help Brugge. As the 20th century dawned, Brugge was a poor, economically insignificant city that even the industrial revolution had bypassed.

So how did Brugge made a comeback? In 1892 George Rodenbach wrote a book, "Bruges La Morte" that portrayed Brugge as a sleepy, yet mysterious city, steeped in atmosphere and history of bygone eras. The officials of Brugge began a careful and responsible development of the tourist industry.

Tourists can walk, bike, travel by horse-drawn carriage or explore the canals by boat. There are elaborate medieval buildings, former palaces, a cathedral, a basilica, numerous historical churches, a theater, restored homes, many museums, a brewery, local markets, comfortable hotels, wonderful food and shopping. You never know what is around the next bend in the winding streets and the main square is always bustling with activity.

One of the jewels of the city is the Town Hall that dates from 1376. In addition to the intricate architecture outside, the gothic chamber inside, where Brugge's government meets, has colorful 19th century frescos and beautiful gold leaf.

The main square hold various markets on selected days. There are lots of flowers, cheese, beer, chocolate and other food everywhere. Generally the hand-made chocolates have no preservatives so locals buy it daily. Most food and beverages are served with a piece of fabulous chocolate. The Belgians have a sense of humor with their molded chocolate. In one chocolate shop window, there was a huge chocolate donkey relieving its self of chocolate coins. Brugge is a chocoholic's dream!

Belgium is famous for their beers from pale ales to heavy lagers. There are over 125 breweries and over 1,000 different beers when you include small micro-brewing. The small Half Moon Brewery is located in Brugge. Belgian is a beer lover's paradise.

There are many shops to browse in Brugge. While at the Lace Museum, the process of hand-made bobbin lace caught Janet's interest. The method creates very delicate pieces of lace and is a "cottage industry" in Brugge. There are no commercial manufacturing companies making bobbin lace, just women who are dedicated to keeping their craft alive.

After being somewhat educated about bobbin lace at the museum, Janet knew what to look for in the shops. Janet discovered that the lace displayed in windows and on counters in the shops is all machine-made. Machine-made lace is beautiful, practical for use and much cheaper than hand-made lace. You find tablecloths, napkins, pillowcases, sheets, etc. edged with machine-made lace. With the hand-made lace you generally find small pieces such as doilies and handkerchiefs.

The manual process of making bobbin lace is thought to have started in the 15th century in Flanders and Italy. It became a technique by which silk and/or precious metal threads could be easily manipulated into lace. It was probably developed from one of the braid-making techniques of the time. At the same time, white linen bobbin lace was developed. It was used as trimming on clothing and linens.

To make bobbin lace you must have a special type of pillow which is the surface upon where the lace is made. Your pricking card is the pattern, originally made from parchment paper, however today card stock is frequently used. You will need brass pins for marking the pattern. You will then wind your thread on the top of as many bobbins as you need for the pattern. The bobbins are usually made of wood and in addition to holding the thread, they act as handles to move the thread and they weigh down the thread to keep a consistent tension against the pins. It takes great dexterity and skill to create bobbin lace.

Before World War I there were about 50,000 Belgian women employed in lace making. From the 1500s through the 1700s lace making flourished. The development of a machine to make lace, "The Bobbinet" by John Heathcoat in 1806 almost ended the production of hand-made lace. In European towns where lace was one a major industry, such as Brugge, local lace makers still demonstrate their craft and sell their wares to mostly tourists instead of wealthy nobility. If you

are interested in bobbin hand-made lace, you must ask for it. If any is available, it will be brought out from under the counter or from a drawer.

Brugge is a fascinating city to visit and there are many day trips that can be made to places such as WWI Flanders Fields, Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, the Belgian beaches, etc. So if European travel is in your future, consider Brugge and Belgium. Belgium has something for everyone to enjoy!



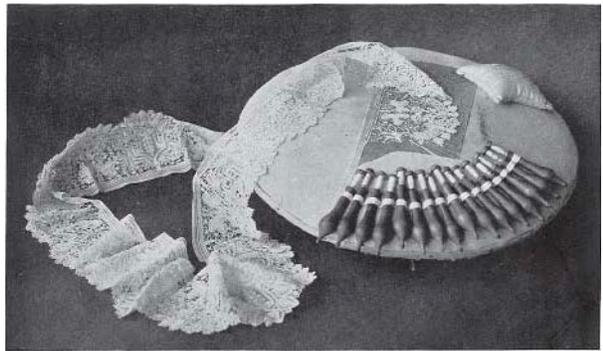
Canal in Brugge



Brugge Main Square – Flower Market



Modern Bobbin Lace Making



Bobbin Lace In Progress

Man's Best Friend

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, "My gosh, you're right. I never would've thought of that!"

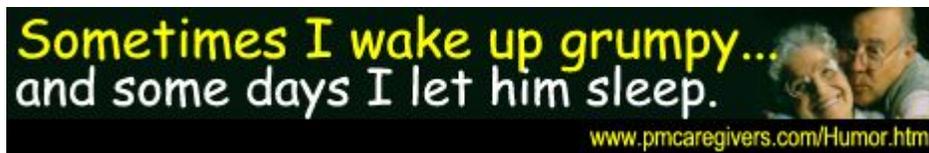
Author: Dave Barry

Highlights from the October 2007 Board Meeting

- **October Monthly Report** – The report showed 493 hours of community service, 90 hours of funding raising and enough International points to be a "Distinguished Club". At the end of September, our membership was at 55 members for an increase of 28%.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Candy reported a balance of \$8,047.32 at the end of September. Income from Brags, Spastic Paralysis, Dues, New Member fees, Membership dinner and Peanut Sales was \$3,831.77. Disbursements for K-Kids Charter, Holocaust speaker, car seats and memorials were \$700.00.
- **Name Tags** – The newly purchased name tag box has numbered slots. Earl volunteered to assign a number to each name tag so members would know where to store their tag.
- **2007-2008 Budget** – A draft budget had been prepared for the meeting. The Board members suggested some changes to the draft. A proposed budget was completed and then approved.
- **Club Analysis** – The Board members discussed and decided to prepare a club analysis. The analysis is a method to let members suggest ways to improve the club, suggest new service projects and suggest ways to help meet some community needs. A questionnaire will be prepared for distribution to all members.
- **City Mini-Park** – The small park on Main Street that the club cleaned up in the spring has not been maintained and is in need of some maintenance. Judy Landeck, a Tuscola Council Member, will check with City Maintenance about the mowing and clean up. A day will be scheduled for club members to spend a couple hours weeding, cleaning up, etc.

- Payments Approved – Checks were approved and issued to Kiwanis International for \$480.00 for 8 new member fees and \$313.55 to reimburse Wayne Ward for club supplies, pins, plaques, etc.
- Governor's Visit to Division 27 – The Governor's visit will be October 12th in Chatham at 6:30p. Wayne, Clarice, Mike and Ed are planning to attend.

(Full text on club website)



New items/photos on the website: K-Kids Fall Picnic, New Members Induction

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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