



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2009

2009 Events

November 4, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
December 2, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's

2010 Events

February 12 th – 14 th	I-I District Mid-Year Convention, Oak Brook Hills Marriott, Oak Brook Hills, IL
April 9 th , Fish Fry Supper	Forty Martyrs Hall – time TBD
June 24 th – 27 th	Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas, NV
August 5 th – 8 th	I-I District Convention Bloomington-Normal Marriott, Normal, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

November 2	Kathryn McCumber
November 9	Don Miller
November 16	Ben Mingo
November 23	No Meeting – Thanksgiving Week
November 30	Topy Moody
December 7	Art Moss
December 14	Christmas Party – Bring a \$10 donation or item(s) for BETHS Place
December 21	No Meeting – Christmas Week
December 28	Barb Moss
January 4	Janet Cox

January 11	Donna Motley
January 18	Steve Niemann
January 25	Kevin Nolan
February 1	Dennis Opperman
February 8	Dianna Pangburn
February 15	No Meeting – President’s Day
February 22	Earl Pendergrass

If your date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so we can do a date swap for you.

Don’t Forget to Give Wayne your November Volunteer Hours by the end of the month!
[Click here to enter hours online](#)

Tenzin Gyatso, the Dalai Lama, said: “Altruism is not only good for others but from a selfish point of view is also the positive source of our own happiness. So long as my life is of some little benefit to some people, that is enough.” Kiwanis makes each of our lives more meaningful by benefiting those we serve. In this way, we are sharing our happiness with others.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Give the Frog A Loan

A frog goes into a bank and approaches a teller. He can see from her name plate that the teller's name is Patricia Whack. So, he says, "Mrs. Whack, I'd like to get a loan to buy a boat and go on a long vacation." Patti looks at the frog in disbelief and asks how much he wants to borrow.

The frog says "\$30,000." The teller asks his name and the frog says that his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it is OK, he knows the bank manager. Patti explains that \$30,000 is a substantial amount of money and that he will need to secure some collateral against the loan. She asks if he has anything he can use as collateral.

The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny pink porcelain pig, about half an inch tall...bright pink and perfectly formed. Very confused, Patti explains that she'll have to consult with the manager and disappears into a back office. She finds the manager and says: "There is a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000. And he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink pig. "I mean, what the heck is this?"

The bank manager looks back at her and says, “It’s a knick knack, Patti Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone.”

Meeting Notes – October 5, 2009

- **Attendance**

37 – Members

3 – Guests: Jan Allison, Sharri Kerkhoff and Phil Davis, our speaker.

- **Volunteer Opportunities/News/Activities/Announcements**

- K-Kids Picnic: Tuesday October 13th (rain date October 15th), Ervin Park, 2:30p-4:30p. Bring your hot dog sticks.

- Trauma Doll Workshop: Wednesday, October 21st, Butler home, 11:14a-3:00ish. Contact Janet to get on the sign-up sheet.

- SAM Pantry Food Drive: Saturday, October 17th, Tuscola Methodist Church, 9:45a-1:00p. Contact Kevin to get on the sign-up sheet.

- North Ward Reading Assist: Ten Kiwanians are helping out. More help is needed. Even an hour a week of your time would help. Contact Jeannine if you can assist.

- Drive Thru Flu Clinic: Pat Damler reported that the Douglas Co. Health Department would be conducting a seasonal flu clinic today at Ervin Park from 1p-4p.

- Inter-Club: Ed has planned an inter-club meeting at Clinton on Tuesday, October 26th at 6:00p. Contact Ed if you're interested in going.

K-Kids:

As usual, our K-Kids plan to be very active this school year. Jeannine Fortney reported on the activities that the students have planned. See below for a list.

Program: Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch and School



Gary Weber introduced our speaker, Phil Davis. Phil is a Youth Minister at the Tuscola First Christian Church. In July, Gary traveled on a mission trip led by Phil with members of FCC to the Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch and School outside St. Ignatius, Montana.

Pinehaven is a residential, year-round program aimed at providing a stable, controlled, secure environment for young people. The ranch was started in 1976 by Bob Larson and his wife who are from Robinson, Illinois. They purchased an 1,100 acre ranch and started Pinehaven. In 1984 the school was added.

The children (up to 12 in each house for a total of 72) live with one of the six host families with a "Mom" and "Dad." They live, do chores and go to school at the ranch. Legal custody remains with the parent or state.

The residents of Pinehaven work to make the ranch as self-sufficient as possible. Cattle, hay and a few vegetables are raised, and the buildings are all fire-wood heated from logging that is done on the farm. Many members of the FCC group were involved in cutting and transporting wood down a mountain for winter storage. Others were involved in picking fruit and other tasks to help the residents.

The ranch and school is primarily funded through sponsors and donations. Some of the hay is sold as well. If you would like more information, go to their website at <http://www.pinehaven.net/index.html>.

2009/2010 K-KIDS PLANNED ACTIVITIES

October	<p>K-Kids Kickoff Picnic--October 13 Hot dogs and marshmallow roast at Ervin Park.</p> <p>Penny Drive for Sgt. John Wright North Ward students will be asked to share their pennies to help out a former Tuscola resident who has been serving his country in Afghanistan. He was injured and is recovering in a hospital in Washington D.C.</p>
November	<p>Raking Leaves for Shut-ins in the Community Students will volunteer on a Saturday afternoon to help shut-ins in the community by doing fall yard work (raking leaves, picking up sticks, etc.)</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week during American Education Week K-Kids will host a week of activities thanking the teachers of North Ward for all of their hard work.</p>
December	<p>K-Kids in the Tuscola Christmas Parade Students are invited to ride/walk in the annual parade with the Kiwanis Club.</p> <p>Salvation Army Bell Ringers Students will be asked to ring the bell at local merchants for the Salvation Army.</p> <p>Adopt-a-Family K-Kids will help a less fortunate family from Tuscola have a nice Christmas by supplying presents for the family.</p>
January	<p>Tutoring Younger Students K-Kids will read with Kindergarten and 1st grade classes to promote reading.</p> <p>Animal Shelter Supply Drive K-Kids will sponsor a supply drive for the local animal shelter.</p>
February	<p>Snowman Building Contest To help fight off the winter doldrums students will compete in building snowmen.</p> <p>Valentine's for the Nursing Home residents K-Kids will create valentines for the nursing home residents and visit.</p>
March	<p>Art & Scrapbook Contest Each student will create a poster representing what they believe the K-Kids Club is all about. A group of students will also create a scrapbook showing what our local K-Kids group has done throughout the year.</p> <p>SAM Pantry food drive K-Kids will sponsor a food drive for the local food pantry.</p>
April	<p>Book Swap K-Kids will sponsor a book swap in celebration of National Library month.</p> <p>Penny Drive for MDA K-Kids will raise money for MDA by holding a penny drive throughout the school.</p>
May	<p>North Ward Spring Clean-Up K-Kids will plant new flowers and weed the butterfly garden and other flower beds around North Ward.</p> <p>Spring Picnic End of the year picnic to celebrate a year of great service to the community.</p>

Meeting Notes – October 12, 2009

• *Attendance*

35 – Members

0 – Guests

• *Volunteer Opportunities/News/Activities/Announcements*

- K-Kids Penny Drive: To support the K-Kids project to help Sgt. John Wright and his family, an envelope was passed for donations.

- Lauren Moss Request: To support Lauren's (granddaughter of Art & Barb Moss) fundraising efforts for an educational trip to Washington, D.C., an envelope was passed for donations.

- Reminders: K-Kids picnic, Food Drive, Trauma Doll Workshop and Clinton Inter-Club meeting.

Kiwanis Sister Club in Australia:

Patty Russell reported that she had heard from Ken Archer regarding a possible sister club for our club. It is likely that it will be the Sunbury Kiwanis Club. More information will be forthcoming. If you would like to know more about the club and their activities, here is their website: www.kiwanis-sunbury.org.au.

Program: Christopher Columbus Trivia



As today was Columbus Day, Jonda Maus thought it would be fitting to do a program on Christopher Columbus trivia. She passed out a quiz with twenty questions. Here is a sample:

1. At what age did Columbus become a sailor?
a) 36 b) 25 c) 15 d) 18.
2. What country was Columbus from?
a) Spain b) Portugal c) Italy d) France
3. How many states have a city/town named after Columbus? a) 1 b) 10 c) 45 d) 17
4. Columbus spent time in prison after being accused of being a tyrannical leader. True or False.
5. What crop did Columbus first bring back to Europe? a) potatoes b) onions c) corn d) tobacco

Answers: 1c; 2c, 3d, 4-True, 5d

The Price

The relatives gathered in the waiting room of the hospital, where a family member lay gravely ill. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber. "I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said, as he surveyed the worried faces. "The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant. It's an experimental procedure, semi-risky and you will have to pay for the brain yourselves."

The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?" The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain and \$1,000 for a female brain."

The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked. A man, unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask, "Why is the male brain so much more?"

The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and so to the entire group said, "It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've been used!"

K-Kids Fall Picnic – 10-13-09

Here are a few sample pictures; more on the website.
The K-Kids had a great time!
Great Job, everyone!



Meeting Notes – October 19, 2009

- **Attendance**

29 – Members

1 – Guest: Katie Hatfield, our speaker.

- **Volunteer Opportunities/News/Activities/Announcements**

- Sgt. John Wright Donations: Members donated about \$170.00 to add to the K-Kids penny drive for John Wright and his family.

- Sgt. John Wright & Family Benefit: Pat Damler announced the American Legion and VFW are hosting a benefit on Sunday, 11/15 at the community building from 10a-2p.

- Reminders: Trauma Doll Workshop and Clinton Inter-club meeting

Program: Help-A-Child Program



Jason Maus introduced our speaker, Katie Hatfield. Katie is the TCHS social worker and co-leads the Help-A-Child Program with school nurse, Laurie Mooney. This program assists students in all Tuscola schools where a need that can be met is identified.

The program started informally with a teacher who realized that a student was coming to school with no socks or underwear. The Help-A-Child program is funded primarily by area churches, non-profit organizations, individuals and fundraisers. When a need is identified, usually by a teacher, the program typically provides things like shoes, sweaters, coats, hair cut, club membership fees, hygiene items, school bus fees, equipment, etc.

In the past year the program has had about \$5,000 to spend and has helped children from all three Tuscola schools. Katie and Laurie would really appreciate donations from the club and members.

Trauma Doll Workshop – 10-21-09



More photos on the website.

Meeting Notes – October 26, 2009

- **Attendance**

36 – Members

2 – Guests: Shane Pangburn, son of Dianna Pangburn and Sarah Shear, guest of Casey Higgins.

- **Volunteer Opportunities/News/Activities/Announcements**

- Trauma Doll Workshop: Sixteen members attended the workshop. After a great lunch, the group closed approximately 65 dolls. Another 25 or so stuffed dolls were taken home by four members to close. Janet Boyer delivered about 50 dolls to the Dept. of Children & Family Services office. Great job!!!!

- K-Kids Penny Drive: The K-Kids raised about \$200.00 for Sgt. John Wright and his family. With the \$176.00 donated by our members, the total amount is about \$376.00. Great job!!!!

New Member Installations:



Darrell Helm sponsors new member,
Dianna Pangburn



Kim Higgins sponsors new member,
Lyn Selen

WELCOME, DIANNA & LYN!!

Clinton Inter-club Attendees:
Ed, Clarice, Gary & Jerry



Dues to illness, Laura Meyer's speaker was unable to attend our meeting. Wayne Ward and Dave Dobson stepped up to provide program time. Thanks, guys!!

Program: Kiwanis Education



Wayne Ward provided copies of the 2008/2009 club report compiled by Kiwanis International. Wayne reviewed the content and showed what information was reported on a monthly basis. He also passed out paper copies of the volunteer hour survey. Wayne asked members to let him know what volunteering they do on a regular basis. Janet Butler tallies the hours at the end of each month for the North Ward volunteers. For hours over and above what is usually done, members need to report them to Wayne via hardcopy survey, email to Wayne at wward@tuscolakiwanis.org, or enter hours at <http://www.tuscolakiwanis.org/protect/volhours.html> .

Program: A View On Aging & How To Stay Young



Dave Dobson shared with members George Carlin's "A View on Aging" and "How To Stay Young." Here are some excerpts from "How To Stay Young":

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. " An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

For the complete text of "A View on Aging" and "How To Stay Young", go to: <http://www.suddenlysenior.com/geocarlinonaging.html> . Thank you, Dave...enjoyed by all!!!!

The River

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

He sat down.

The song leader then stood very slowly and announced with an embarrassed smile,

"For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "We Shall Gather at the River."

October 2009 Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, October 2nd at noon by President, Kevin Nolan, with the following members present: David Butler, Janet Butler, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Candy Hudson, Jaci Manzella, Steve Niemann, Kevin Nolan, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber. Joann Ward was present as a guest.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of September 2009 Board Meeting – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
2. September 2009 Monthly Report – There were 509 service hours and 116 fundraising hours. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Report approved. Wayne advised that the annual report is now generated by Kiwanis International from the monthly online reporting.
3. Treasurer's Report – Candy Hudson provided copies of the report for Board review. The bank balance as of 10/12/09 was \$8,707.02. The final 2009 TCHS scholarship was made to Michael Ovca. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month's minutes. Report approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursements – Wayne Ward submitted a statement in the amount of \$359.23 which included K-Kids Charter and Pins, B.U.G. supplies, club pins and club supplies. Janet Butler submitted receipts in the amount of \$216.36 for postage and Key Club supplies. A motion was made to approve the requests. The motion was seconded and approved.
5. K-Kids Penny Drive – The K-Kids are having a penny drive to benefit Sgt. John Wright and his family. It was decided that an envelope would be passed around at a club meeting to help the project.
6. Christmas Party Donation – There was a discussion about what agency should receive our member \$10.00 donations at the December Christmas Party meeting. BETHS Place was the general consensus. It was mentioned that they always have a list of supplies that are needed at the facility. The Board decided that the latest list of supplies would be distributed to the members early in December so that they could choose to purchase an item(s) or bring a \$10.00 donation. Approved by consensus.
7. Key Club Donation – There were 14 Key Club members that assisted with the annual peanut days fundraiser. A motion to donate \$150.00 to our Key Club was made and seconded. Motion approved.

8. Key Club Dues – The annual dues for a member is \$10.50. It had been previously determined that to keep the dues at \$5.00 per student that the club would pay \$5.50 per Key Club member. A motion was made to issue a check in the amount of \$5.50 X # of Key Club members when the final count was received by Darcey Helmick, Key Club Faculty advisor. The motion was seconded and approved.
9. Kiwanis Club Charging Privilege's at Tuscola IGA – Four laminated cards have been provided to the club. A member must have one of the cards to charge items to the Tuscola Kiwanis Club. The Board decided that Candy would control the cards. When a member needs to purchase items on behalf of the club (for example K-Kids picnic), Candy will provide a card to the member. The member will return the card to Candy with the IGA receipts. It was also agreed that one card should be onsite at any event where more supplies might need to be purchased. Janet Butler was issued one card for Jeannine Fortney to purchase K-Kids picnic supplies. Tim Hoel suggested the card would be easier to keep track of if it was on a lanyard. Janet advised she had a Kiwanis lanyard so she would punch a hole in the card and attach the lanyard before she delivered the card to Jeannine.
10. Wheelchair Ramps – Gary Weber reported that he had been contacted by an individual about Kiwanis building a wheelchair ramp. The person said the Arcola Provena office had provided his name and number. After some discussion it was decided that Kevin would send a letter advising Provena that though some of our members may volunteer for such a task, that our club does not build wheelchair ramps as a Kiwanis project, and to stop referring people to our members or club. Jaci Manzella volunteered to try and find the appropriate contact person for Kevin's letter.
11. 2009/2010 Budget – Possible changes from the previous budget to create the new budget were discussed. The Board will review the draft budget at the November Board meeting, make any further changes, finalize and approve.
12. Help-A-Child Program – During the budget discussion, the Help-A-Child program was brought up. Board members were generally not familiar with the program that benefits children in all three Tuscola schools. It was suggested that someone come and give a program at one of the club's regular meetings. It was discussed that some members may want to donate individually to this program. Janet Butler volunteered to find out who is the contact person for the program.

(Full text available on club website)



The Joys of Autumn!

New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos, K-Kids picnic, Ag Safety Day, Trauma Doll Workshop and Clinton Interclub photos.

Please provide any information, pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or website to: dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org .