

TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2006

Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting – October 4th at noon at Tuscanys
 - Officer and new member installation October 2nd – regular meeting
 - I-I District Governor's Luncheon - Saturday, October 7th at noon at Tuscanys
 - Board Meeting – November 1st at noon at Tuscanys
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Upcoming Program Assignments

October 2	Officer and new member installation
October 9	Cindy Bickers
October 16	Janet Boyer
October 23	Rick Broch
October 30	Carol Burwash
November 6	Janet Butler
November 13	David Butler
November 20	Mike Damler
November 27	Pat Damler
December 4	Dave Dobson
December 11	Jeanine Fortney
December 18	No program – gift exchange
December 25	No Meeting

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

I-I District Governor's Luncheon

Reminder ---- Governor Ken Whitmore and First Lady Jeanann Whitmore are coming to Division 27 on Saturday, October 7, 2006. A luncheon will be held at Tuscany Restaurant at 12:00PM noon. The governor has an inspiring message to share with Division 27 Kiwanians.

The luncheon will be a buffet lunch consisting of garden fresh salad, eggplant parmesan, fettuccine alfredo, fried chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans with bacon, dessert, bread sticks, soft drinks, coffee and tea. The cost is \$12.00 per person which includes the meal and a gift contribution for Spastic Paralysis which will be presented to the governor. A copy of the reservation form is available on the website. Click: <http://www.tuscolakiwanis.org/GovernorVisit.pdf> . For those members receiving this newsletter in the mail, the reservation form is enclosed on page 21. Please submit your reservation form and check to Mike Damler as soon as possible!

Meeting of September 11, 2006

There was a total attendance of 38 people at this meeting!!! Wow....go Kiwanians. This included 26 members and 6 new members - Janet Cox, Dan Russell, Patty Russell, Roy Young, Judy Landeck and Ken Landeck.

Welcome New Members!



We also had an inter-club visit of 6 Kiwanians from Champaign-Dick Burwash, Bob Espeseth, Carroll Goering, Bob Hartman, Chuck Smith and Clyde Smith.

Club members generously donated \$260.00 to Dorothy Kennett (God's Golden Acre) for a computer lab, a bookmobile and an adult skills library.

Peanut Days are September 15th and 16th. Chairman Mark Jacobs was still short of volunteers and passed the sign-up sheet around the meeting again.

Carol Burwash reminded members about the Governor's Luncheon on October 7th. See above section for more information.

There will be an inter-club meeting with Monticello on September 21st. Ed Wachala sent the sign-up sheet around to members.

The membership dinner was a great success!! Chairman Dave Dobson thanked everyone who helped and participated. The Damler Dodgers team won the free dinners as they had the most invitees attending. The cost of the dinner was about \$307.00 with the club recovering about \$143.00 in paid dinners. Great job everyone!!! GREAT JOB DAVE!!!!



Our speaker this week was Paul Wisovaty. He generously (in his mind) showed the Peanut Sales Training video to the amusement of some....and the chagrin of others.

Every Saturday morning Grandpa would baby sit his three grandchildren...all boys. The boys always wanted to play "war," and Grandpa somehow always got coaxed into the game. His daughter came to pick up the kids early one Saturday and witnessed Grandpa take a fake shot when one of the boys pointed a toy gun and yelled, "Bang!"

Grandpa slumped to the floor and stayed there motionless. The daughter rushed over to see if he was all right. Grandpa opened one eye and whispered, "Sh-h-h, I always do this. It's the only chance I get to rest."

Author: Unknown

Meeting of September 18, 2006

There were 25 members in attendance with two guests, our speaker Lynn Odell and Lt. Governor Richard Kaufman. We also had 2 more new members!!!!.....Jerry Hall and Art Moss.

Welcome New Members!



Carol Burwash reminded members about the Governor's Luncheon on October 7th. See section on page 2 for more information.

Pat Damler, Dave Dobson, Debbie Graber and Clarice Hausman will be attending an inter-club meeting with Monticello on Thursday, September 21st.

Paul Wisovaty announced that the K-Kids picnic in Irvin Park will be Tuesday, October 3rd. Paul will bring the hot dogs and buns. Jim Wood will provide the fire wood (isn't that appropriate...Wood brings wood) and Dennis Opperman will bring the drinks. Members that can assist should come out to the park about 2:30PM. Bring hot dog sticks.

The chairman of the 2006 annual food drive for SAM Food Pantry, Julie Hoetker, is requesting 12 Kiwanians to help at the Methodist Church on Saturday, October 21st from 8:15AM to 11:00AM. Carol Burwash passed around sign-up sheets.



Richard Kaufman, outgoing Lt. Governor, praised the club for all its good works, contributions and successes during his term. He advised that our club will probably be recognized as a Distinguished Club for 2005-2006. He thanked the club, Janet Butler and Edie Griffith for taking the lead on the I-I convention baskets which raised over \$180.00. Richard also encouraged members to attend the international

Kiwanis convention in San Antonio, Texas in early July 2007.

To accompany our lunch, Carole Weber brought in a luscious chocolate cake which was made by our own Debbie Graber. Thanks from everyone!

Carol Burwash advised that Peanut Days Sales went well. Chairman Mark Jacobs could not attend this meeting so final figures will be presented next week. There are about 9 cases of peanuts left. Members can purchase a case for \$20.00.

Carol Burwash, outgoing President, gave a detailed and humorous look back at her year as president of our club.....a Year in Review She thanked everyone for their support and participation. GREAT JOB CAROL!!!!!!

Members were reminded that the chairman of the 2006 annual food drive for SAM Food Pantry, Julie Hoetker, is requesting 12 Kiwanians to help at the Methodist Church on Saturday, October 21st from 8:15AM to 11:00AM. Carol Burwash passed around sign-up sheets.

Mike Damler reported that our own HQ (HarvestFest Parade Queen), Kim Higgins will be happy to coordinate the Tuscola Christmas Parade if she can count on help and support from fellow Kiwanians. All members agreed to do so. Kim will now be known as CQ (Christmas Parade Queen).

Mike also reported that there has been a problem with checks coming back to the club for the boxes of used printer cartridges. Mike has been talking to Howard Lawrence from Golden K, and we may decide to change vendors. Mike will report again when he has more information. Money from this effort will go directly to St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois.



Our speaker was Lynn Odell, assistant director of the Douglas County Mental Health department. Lynn talked about one of the department's programs – Domestic Abuse Intervention Project. This is a 26 week program funded by the State of Illinois that can be voluntary or court mandated. It helps victims of violence by helping male abusers improve communication and parenting skills.

Each participant presents a conflict each week. The conflict is analyzed and the issues are identified. Participants are then educated on how to handle such issues to improve relationships and parenting.

This program does not provide marital counseling. It is not an anger management program. It is a program to change participant's belief system.

Lynn also advised that the department has a program where participants can make extra money by detailing vehicles. This is done on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the cost is \$35.00. You can call the Douglas County Mental Health Center for an appointment at 253-4731.

Jim Wood advised that his program next week would be a two part extravaganza including a speaker and a skit. Don't miss it!

Wayne Ward advised that he had followed up on the certificate that is to be presented to Laura Murphy, the K-Kids I-I District level art contest winner. Ellen Klump, I-I District K-Kids Administrator, is working on the certificate and hopes to present it at the Governor's Luncheon. Paul Wisovaty advised that he would contact Laura and her parents to see if they can attend the Governor's Luncheon on October 7th for certificate presentation. More information is to follow.

The ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus said: "The sun is new each day." He meant there is always hope for a better tomorrow. Whatever yesterday's disappointment or defeat, every new day brings new opportunities.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of September 25, 2006

There was a total attendance of 33 people at this meeting. This included 28 members, our speaker, Betsy Stuerke and 2 new members – Jim Lee and Barbara Moss.

Welcome New Members!



We also had an inter-club visit of 2 Kiwanians from Monticello – Milton and Sharon Jendry. Their club held a successful golf outing, raising over \$3,000. They are happy to share information with our club regarding this fundraiser.



Members were reminded that next week's meeting, October 2nd will be installation of new officers, new members and any member awards such as perfect attendance.

Janet Butler advised that Colleen Lehman from The Tuscola Journal contacted her about providing information and photos to Colleen for publication. Janet and Colleen agreed that when the newsletter is prepared each month that Janet would send information and photos, and advise Colleen that the newsletters and other photos are out on our website for the Journal's use as well.

Members were reminded that the chairman of the 2006 annual food drive for SAM Food Pantry, Julie Hoetker, is requesting 12 Kiwanians to help at the Methodist Church on Saturday, October 21st from 8:15AM to 11:00AM. Carol Burwash passed around sign-up sheets for the last time.

Carol Burwash reminded members about the Governor's Luncheon on October 7th. See section on page 2 for more information.

The board received a request from Janice Fogerson of the Tuscola schools. On Monday, October 23rd East Prairie and Tuscola high school will host Marion Blumenthal Lazan, a Holocaust survivor, who will speak at the high school gym about her experience as a child in Nazi Germany and the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Mrs. Lazan is the author of the award-winning memoir *Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story* and the subject of the documentary film *Marion's Triumph: Surviving History's Nightmare*. She has spoken to more than 250,000 students and adults from across the U.S., Germany and Israel. The schools are covering the speaking fee. Janice requested a \$50.00 donation to help defray Marion's travel and meal expenses. The board approved her request. Note: This program is NOT open to the public; however, any members of supporting organizations, such as Kiwanis, are welcome to attend. The event is in the Tuscola High School gym on Monday, October 23rd at 8:45AM.

Darrell Helm read a thank you note from Dorothy Kennett (God's Golden Acre). Club members had generously donated \$260.00 for a computer lab, a bookmobile and an adult skills library.

Chairman Mark Jacobs advised that Peanut Sales Days raised approximately \$3,400 gross and \$2,755 net. The club is holding about 3 cases of peanuts for the Tuscola Christmas Parade. There are about 7 cases for sale to members for \$20 per case. Mark thanked the participants for all their help! GREAT JOB MARK!!

Jeannine Fortney advised that Food Share would probably need 2 volunteers for a Saturday morning in November. She will report further with the details.

Ed Wachala advised that he would be walking to raise money for Beth's Place on Saturday morning, October 21st. Contact Ed if you wish to provide a donation to this great cause.

Pat Damler, Dave Dobson, Debbie Graber and Clarice Hausman attended an inter-club meeting with Monticello on Thursday, September 21st. Dave shared his

“Tuscola People” poem. The Monticello club advised that they had held a golf scramble and raised over \$3,000.00. The club is happy to share the planning and details of this fundraiser.

Ed Wachala advised there is an inter-club meeting coming up on Tuesday, October 17th with Decatur Prairie Land at the Decatur Civic Center at 9:30AM. Ed sent a sign-up sheet around.

Ed also advised that the traveling gavel must be given to the Clinton club by January 1, 2007. Ed is looking for ideas. It was suggested that maybe we could tie in FutureGen by putting the gavel in a bag of coal. Let Ed know of any ideas you may have.

Cindy Bickers advised that she has tentatively scheduled a Trauma Doll workshop for Friday, November 3rd. She will provide a sign-up sheet at a future meeting.

Dave Dobson reported that he has sent follow-up letters to guests of the membership dinner who have not responded to our invitation to join Kiwanis.



Our speaker, Betsy Stuerke is the local chairman of the SAM Food Pantry. The food pantry was started about 15-20 years ago as a ministry of the Tuscola United Methodist Church and was named SAM (Social Assistance Ministry) Food Pantry. The pantry is still housed at the Tuscola United Methodist Church through their congregation’s generosity. The food pantry became a community wide project primarily serving Tuscola, Atwood and Garrett. Yes, there is hunger in these communities. The recipients are mostly elderly, disabled and/or temporarily unemployed.

The food pantry is open two days a week and serves 40-60 households a month. Generally, recipients can only come to the pantry six times a year. There are 27 volunteers who run the pantry including our own Carl Quinn and Jim Wood. By appointment, when the pantry is not open, volunteers are happy to give tours to students and organizations. Call the church office at 253-4232.

Their largest food drive is the October Rotary Food Drive that usually brings in about 10,000 pounds of food. It takes about 100 people to work this event. By March or April, this food will be gone. People generously bring in food and donations all year long. The pantry needs the monetary donations to purchase food

from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank and other sources. The pantry can purchase food at vastly discounted prices. The local Tuscola IGA is also very generous in providing produce and baked goods for days when the pantry is open. The pantry also receives federal government help and is audited by them.

The pantry would like to have more volunteers. Call the church office at 253-4232 if interested. Betsy sincerely thanks Kiwanis for all their help and support!

To close the meeting, Dave Dobson and Dave Butler presented a skit called, "Costello Buys a Computer From Abbott." This was provided by program chairman, Jim Wood. This generated much amusement for the group. Thanks, Dave and Dave!



Ninety percent of all politicians give the other ten percent a bad reputation.

By Henry Kissinger

Highlights from the September 2006 Board Meeting

- Monthly Reports – The August report submitted by Wayne Ward included a total of 350 service hours by members.
- Treasury Balance – Treasurer Candy Hudson reported the two high school scholarships have been paid and the club has a balance of \$3,825.71
- Dorothy Kennett - A check of \$260.00 was sent to Dorothy Kennett from the members' donations for her continuing work at God's Golden Acre.

- Membership Recruitment Dinner – There were 25 members and 21 guests present. The Board wishes to thank Dave Dobson and his committee for the time and effort they put towards the evening.
- Peanut Sales Days – Mark Jacobs reported that the peanuts have arrived. Mark still needs more volunteers to cover all the time slots.
- K-Kids Club Renewal – The K-Kids Charter needs to be renewed with the new group. The cost is \$150 to renew and supply each member with a pin and membership card. The fee was approved by the Board.
- Pendergrass Memorial – The Board approved a memorial contribution to be made to the United Methodist Church Library for the purchase of books in memory of Jean Pendergrass.
- Spastic Paralysis Donation – From each extra dollar paid at club meetings, \$.25 was earmarked for the Spastic Paralysis Research project. The Board approved raising this amount to \$.50 from the extra dollar.
- Children’s Miracle Network – To receive a patch for contributing to this project, a \$100.00 donation will need to be made before September 30th. The first box netted \$33.00. There have been two more boxes sent; however the checks have not been received. The Board approved a donation of \$100.00 to Children’s Miracle Network to be sent immediately.
- Club Website – David Butler, our webmaster, reported that the club’s domain name needed to be renewed. David and Janet will pay the renewal fee as a donation to the club.
- B.U.G. Program – Mike Damler has not yet met with Linda Silvers about the program and how it might be improved. More on this later.
- K-Kids Art Award - Wayne Ward advised that he had followed up on the certificate that is to be presented to Laura Murphy, the K-Kids I-I District level art contest winner. Ellen Klump, I-I District K-Kids Administrator, is working on the certificate and hopes to present it at the Governor’s Luncheon. More information is to follow.
- Beth Reifsteck’s Membership Certificate – It was suggested that Beth’s membership certificate and pin be presented to her at one of the K-Kids meetings. The Board will check with Paul to determine an appropriate time.
- Bill for Supplies – Wayne Ward submitted a bill for the purchase of officer pins, perfect attendance pins, membership certificates, plaque, gift ball point pens and other supplies in the amount of \$116.30. The Board approved a reimbursement check.

(Full text on club website)

After a young couple brought their new baby home, the wife suggested that her husband should try his hand at changing diapers. "I'm busy," he said, "I'll do the next one." The next time came around and she asked again. The husband looked puzzled, "Oh! I didn't mean the next diaper. I meant the next baby!"

By Unknown Author



Do I LOOK Like a Mocha Latte to YOU?!

New items on the website: Pictures of new members and Peanut Sale Days

Please provide any information, pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or website to:

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