



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2007



2007 Upcoming Events

October 3, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
October 9, Tuesday	K-Kids Fall Picnic (rain date-Oct. 11)
November 7, 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

October 1	Janet Boyer
October 8	New Member Induction
October 15	Rick Broch
October 22	Carol Burwash
October 29	Janet Butler
November 5	David Butler
November 12	Kiwanis Program
November 19	Janet Cox
November 26	Mike Damler
December 3	Pat Damler
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

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

Meeting of September 10, 2007

There was a total attendance of 28 members and 11 guests: soon-to-be members Tim Hoel, Sherrie Hoel, Topy Moody and Marge Conn; K-Kids Grace Hardwick, Peyton Shelmadine and Bridget Smith; North Ward art teacher Trixie Flavin; Ellen Clump from the I-I District, Henry Stone and our speaker Betsy Stuerke.

Mark Jacobs confirmed that the Peanut Sales Days would be Friday & Saturday, September 28th & 29th at Sale/Main and Tanger Outlet Center. Mark passed around a sign-up sheet.

Tom Stephenson reported the Moose was doing a Pork Chop dinner fundraiser on Sunday, September 23rd from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased from Tom.

Judy Landeck reported that Kevin and Jennifer have a new baby boy, Duncan. Congratulations Kevin & Jennifer!!!!!!

Janet Boyer announced that the next Trauma Doll Workshop would be Friday, September 28th at noon at Kathryn McCumber's home. Janet passed around a sign-up sheet.

Dave Dobson made the final report on the August membership dinner. Sixty people attended: 30 members, 2 Decatur Kiwanis guests, 3 member spouses and 25 prospective member guests. Dave thanked all the members who helped with the meeting and those members that attended the meeting.

Jeannine Fortney thanked members for all their calls, food, cards, memorial donations and support. The passing of Joe Fortney has been very sad for club members and our community.

Mike Damler announced that there is an inter-club opportunity on Thursday, October 18th at noon with the Champaign club at the Round Barn Center. The lunch is \$9.00 and Bruce Weber will be the guest speaker.

Ellen Clump, I-I District Administrator from the Galesburg Illinois Noon club attended our meeting to present Art Awards to four North Ward students. Zach Bates' contest entry was sent on to Kiwanis International and won 2nd Place! Unfortunately, Zach could not attend our meeting. Also recognized were Grace Hardwick, Peyton Shelmadine and Bridget Smith. All four students received a certificate and an embroidered patch. The students were accompanied by art teacher, Trixie Flavin and K-Kids school advisor and member, Beth Reifsteck.



Bridget Smith, Peyton Shelmadine & Grace Hardwick with Trixie Flavin and Beth Reifsteck



The 4 Winners with their posters!

New member Tom Stephenson was inducted into the club by Lt. Governor Mike Damler and President Darrell Helm. Tom was sponsored by Jerry Hall.



Welcome, Tom!!!!!!

Darrell Helm reminded Board members of the meeting on Wednesday, September 12th.

Darrell advised that the Douglas County Health Dept. would be doing a Car Seat Check event at Tuscola Pamida on Saturday, September 22nd from 9AM to 1PM. More information will be provided at the next meeting.



Our program speaker today was Betsy Stuerke. Betsy spoke about Researching Family History. For several years now, Betsy has been researching her family tree. She loves being a “detective” and has connected with previously unknown family members and other researchers. She has traced her family back to John Price at the Jamestown colony in 1624.

There are many ways to start the process. Betsy advised to start with yourself, then your parents, then their parents, etc. Talk to all the family members you can, especially your elderly relations. Look for family records such as bibles, journals, letters, birth/death/marriage certificates, scrapbooks, photos, etc. U.S. Census records can also be helpful. There are many books available on the subject of genealogy and how to research your family tree.

There are many places that you can go to help you in your quest---libraries, local museums, county court offices, etc. Some of the places that Betsy recommends are Ellis Island in New York City, Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne Indiana (260-421-1340), Newberry Library (312-943-9090) in Chicago, Family History Library in Salt Lake City Utah (801-240-2331) and the Urbana Library (217-367-4057).

Having a computer with email and internet access opens many doors to information. In addition, there is software available for saving all of your family information. Betsy uses Family Tree Maker and is very pleased with its capabilities. There are discussion forums where you can post questions. People are generally very good about sharing information. One caution from Betsy... VERIFY any information received from a 3rd party via the internet.

Here are some helpful websites:

www.ancestry.com	(Betsy recommended)
www.genforum.com	(Betsy recommended)
www.cyndislist.com	(Betsy recommended)
www.rootsweb.com	(Betsy recommended)
www.familysearch.org	www.gov-resources.com
www.footnote.com	www.onegreatfamily.com
www.genebase.com	www.familyhistory.com

Note: Some of these sites charge a fee or membership dues.

DEEP THOUGHTS BY MEN WHILE FISHING

Two men are out ice fishing at their favorite fishing hole, just fishing quietly and drinking beer.

Almost silently, so as not to scare the fish, Bob says, "I think I'm going to divorce my wife - she hasn't spoken to me in over 2 months."

Earl continues slowly sipping his beer, and then thoughtfully says, "You better think it over - women like that are hard to find."

Meeting of September 17, 2007

There was a total attendance of 31 members and 10 guests: soon-to-be members, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Topy Moody, Marge Conn and Mark Conn; Jennifer Nolan and new baby, Duncan, Laura Meyer, Kara Kinney, Leonard Sementi and our speaker, Emma Sementi.

Judy Landeck reported that the copper time capsule placed in the cornerstone of the old North Ward School will be opened on Friday, September 21st at the gazebo at Main & Sale Streets.

Tom Stephenson reminded members about the Pork Chop dinner fundraiser on Sunday, September 23rd from 11:00AM to 3:00PM at the Moose. Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased from Tom.

Janet Butler reported on the inter-club meeting with the Paris Noon Club on Tuesday, September. David Butler, Ben Mingo and Ed Wachala attended with Janet. The club had a good turnout and the luncheon was very good. The program speaker was Laura Williams, a regional director of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). FCA challenges coaches, athletes and other students to use the powerful medium of athletics to positively impact the world for Jesus Christ. The organization is the largest interdenominational, school-based sports ministry in the United States. The FCA ministry concentrates on 4 C's: Coaches, Campus, Camp and Community ministries.

Mike Damler announced that the official visit by Governor, Judy Sunderland, to Division 27 will be in conjunction with Divisions 28 and 30. The meeting will be at the Chatham Worship Center at 6:30PM on Friday, October 12th. The cost is \$15.00 per person and will be collected at the door. Each club is asked to bring their banner with club name.

Mike also reminded members that there is an inter-club opportunity on Thursday, October 18th at noon with the Champaign club at the Round Barn Center. The lunch is \$9.00 and Bruce Weber will be the guest speaker.

Wayne Ward passed out a draft budget for 2007/2008 and reviewed the highlights of the August Board Meeting. For board meeting details see pages 12 & 13.

On Saturday, September 22nd, the Douglas County Health Department is having a Car Seat Check from 9AM – 1PM at Tuscola Pamida. Janet Butler passed around a sign-up sheet so that there would be at least 2 Kiwanis volunteering each hour of the event. Wayne Ward reported that a \$300.00 cash donation towards car seats had been left. The club agreed to add an additional \$100.00 for a total donation of \$400.00. Wayne agreed to deliver the check and sign-up sheet to the health department after today's meeting.

Janet Butler reported that the Tuscola Peace Meal program is in dire need of about \$700.00 in donations to meet a funding requirement by September 30, 2007. Janet passed around an envelope for voluntary donations that would be delivered to the Senior Center the next day.

Janet Butler & Janet Cox are moving ahead with a plan to provide customized Kiwanis shirts to any member who is interested. See page 17 for all the details.

Deadline is Monday, October 8th!

Members were reminded that the next Trauma Doll Workshop would be Friday, September 28th at noon at Kathryn McCumber's home. A sign-up sheet was again passed.

Some members were wondering when the Fall K-Kids picnic would be scheduled. Darrell will follow-up with Beth Reifsteck or Paul Wisovaty.

The group discussed the poor condition of the mini-park on Main Street south of downtown that Kiwanis volunteers had cleaned up earlier this year. It was agreed that members would again clean up the area. The date will be determined at a later time.



Our speaker was Emma Sementi, a student at North Ward School. Through her own fundraising, she was able to attend the National Young Scholars Program at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb from July 28th to August 2nd. The National Young Scholars Program (NYSP) is specifically designed and created for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students with a history of academic achievement, who even at their young age have demonstrated a high degree of leadership potential. NYSP is an interactive and challenging program that unleashes the learning potential within America's most promising young scholars as they directly investigate, explore and participate in the most advanced, in-depth learning program available to high-achievers.

Students select one of the Discovery Strands in which to participate and also participate in the Leadership Strand. Emma selected Crime Solvers – The Amazing Science of Detection. The students in this strand will sleuth their way through the Crime Lab Strand to solve a murder crime. Working in a model forensics lab, they sharpened their powers of observation and skills in reasoning. Higher level thinking processes guided their science-based investigative activities. From fingerprinting and chromatography to handwriting and hair analysis, the crime solvers followed the trail of suspects and gathered clues to reveal the culprit. In poster form, Emma and her team recreated the crime scene including the suspects, evidence and location.

All students also took part in the Leadership Strand. Daily learning activities provided students with opportunities for guided practice and individual application in small team settings. The important concepts and skills introduced will lay the

groundwork for growth and development in six key leadership areas: Communication, Team Building, Problem Solving, Character Education, Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation.

Emma learned a lot, enjoyed the experience and hopes to return next year.

U.S. President John F. Kennedy said, “If we who have, cannot help those who have not, then we cannot help ourselves.” Kiwanians have been helping themselves for nine decades by helping others. Our motto, “We Build”, refers as much to ourselves as to our communities. We become better men and women when we help others.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Douglas Co. Health Dept. Car Seat Check 9-22-07
Kiwanis Supporting Child Safety



Wayne & Clarice



Darrell

Car seat technicians checked car seats in about 25 vehicles. They looked for the seats being properly installed and in good condition, if there had been a recall, that the seats were appropriate for the child’s weight and that all straps were adjusted correctly. The Douglas Co Health Dept has a program where you can rent a car seat for \$20.00 for as long as you need the seat. The department follows up with renters about every six months to see if the seat needs swapped out for any reason. When you no longer need it, it can be redeployed to someone else.

Meeting of September 24, 2007

There was a total attendance of 28 members and 4 guests: soon-to-be members, Elaine Bryant & Tim Hoel; Lt. Governor Larry Bechtel; Sharon March. Jim Kleiss joined us briefly to make the food drive announcement.

Jim Kleiss announced that the annual food drive for Sam's Food Pantry would be Saturday, October 20th. Volunteers meet at the Tuscola Methodist Church at 8:30AM. Jim sent around a sign-up sheet for the event.

Steve Niemann is now a member of our club, a transfer from the Fairfield Club. He is the Douglas County Farm Service Agency executive director.



Welcome, Steve!!

Jeannine Fortney reported that North Ward is looking for adults to come in and assist children as they read out loud. Jeannine will get more information on this need.

Janet Butler reported that from the envelope passed around at the last meeting, Kiwanis members had donated \$237.00 to the Peace Meal Program. Janet delivered the donations on Tuesday, September 18th to the Senior Center.

Ed Wachala reminded members regarding the Governor's Dinner and the Champaign club meeting: 1) The official visit by Governor, Judy Sunderland, to Division 27 will be in conjunction with Divisions 28 and 30. The meeting will be at the Chatham Worship Center at 6:30PM on Friday, October 12th. The cost is \$15.00 per person and will be collected at the door. Each club is asked to bring their banner with club name. 2) On Thursday, October 18th at noon the Champaign club meets at the Round Barn Center. The lunch is \$9.00 and Bruce Weber will be the guest speaker.

Mark Jacobs reminded members of Peanut Sales on September 28th and 29th. See page 15 & 16 for the schedule. Mark needs more volunteers to fill the schedule. Please contact him if you can help fill in the blank slots.

Janet Butler reminded members to get their shirts to her or Janet Cox for customized Kiwanis shirts. See page 17 of the newsletter for all the details. Deadline is Monday, October 8th!

Janet Boyer reminded members who plan to attend the Trauma Doll Workshop to be at Kathryn McCumber's home at noon on Friday, September 28th.

Darrell Helm reported that the Clinton Club is having a 100th Birthday Bash for their member, Jim Sanders. The dinner is Sunday, October 16th. Guests at the dinner will include I-I Governor Judy Sunderland, Division 27 Lt. Governor Larry Bechtel and Kiwanis International Vice-President Paul Palazzolo. See Clarice for additional information if you are interested in attending.

The Douglas Co. Health Department's Car Seat Check on Saturday, September 22nd was a great success. Kiwanis volunteers included David Butler, Janet Butler, Darrell Helm, Toni Jones, Clarice Hausman and Wayne Ward.

As retiring President, Darrell Helm did a year-in-review and thanked all the members for their support during his term of office.

Darrell turned the meeting over to Larry Bechtel, Lt. Governor Division 27. Larry's remarks included praise for our Past Lt. Governor Mike Damler and for our club's activities and membership increase. Larry also presented the club with its Spastic Paralysis patch for our support to that project. He then proceeded to install the new officers and board members for the 2007/2008 year as follows:

2007/2008 Officers



President
Clarice Hausman

President-Elect
Janet Butler

Secretary
Wayne Ward

Treasurer
Candy Hudson

Vice-President
Kevin Nolan

2007/2008 Board Members



Dave Dobson



Debbie Graber



Darrell Helm



Don Miller



Janet Cox



Earl Pendergrass



Dan Russell



David Butler
Webmaster

The meeting concluded with Clarice Hausman's remarks. She is looking forward to working with members, the Board and Larry Bechtel in the coming year. As new president, Clarice adjourned the meeting.

Rose

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... The one that's red and has thorns."

'Do you mean a rose?'

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Author: Unknown

Highlights from the September 2007 Board Meeting

- August Monthly Report – The report had 458 hours of community service. The club gained one new member, Tom Stephenson and lost one member, Joe Fortney. Membership remains at 54 which is a 25% increase from last year.
- Treasurer's Report – Candy reported a balance of \$4,915.55 as of September 12, 2007. All budgeted items have been paid for the fiscal year ending 9-30-07. A \$100.00 check was provided to the Tuscola Library to purchase agriculture related books. The \$.50 that is collected at each meeting that is part of the \$8.00 will be renamed from 50/50 to Spastic Paralysis.
- K-Kids Sponsorship – Wayne Ward received the forms for our K-Kids club sponsorship. Beth Reifsteck had advised that there would be about 80 students this year. Board approved the \$150.00 annual sponsorship fee for 2007/2008.
- Governor's Visit – The official visit by Governor, Judy Sunderland, to Division 27 will be in conjunction with Divisions 28 and 30. The meeting will be at the Chatham Worship Center at 6:30PM on Friday, October 12th. The cost is \$15.00 per person and will be collected at the door. Each club is asked to bring their banner with club name.
- New Board Members – The new Board members to be installed September 24th attended today's Board meeting for orientation. Don Miller will be completing a one year unexpired term for Kevin Nolan who is becoming Vice President. Janet Cox and Dan Russell will be replacing Carole Weber and Mike Damler who are each completing a 3 year term.
- Memorial Donations – The board approved memorial donations for Joe Fortney made to Tuscola Christian Church, and Carol Burwash's mother, Catherine made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.
- Draft Budget 2007/2008 – Wayne Ward distributed a copy of the draft budget for 2007/2008. The Board members will review the draft and recommend any changes at the next board meeting.

- Car Seat Safety Check and Purchase – The request from the Douglas County Health Dept for donations to purchase car seats came too late in our fiscal years to have a budgeted item. Candy will review the balance in the treasury to see if funds are available. The car seat safety check event will be at the Tuscola Pamida from 9AM to 1PM on Saturday, September 22nd. The request is also for volunteers to help with the event itself. Darrell Helm will bring these items up at the regular meeting on September 17th.
- New Members – Applications for membership have been received and approved for Tim Hoel, Sherrie Hoel, Mark Conn and Marge Conn. The board also approved any and all applications received before the October board meeting from any of the prospective members that had received an invitation to our membership dinner.
- New Member Induction – The October 8th meeting will include new member induction.
- Kiwanis Orientation & Education – The board discussed that we could improve our efforts regarding new member orientation and Kiwanis information in general. Wayne Ward moved that in lieu of a regular program, there would be a Kiwanis related program presented each month. Wayne volunteered to be the chairman for handling these programs and the programs would be during the 2nd meeting of each month. The board approved the motion with the first Kiwanis related program beginning November 12th.
- Division 27 Council Meeting – Incoming Lt. Governor, Larry Bechtel has scheduled a Division Council meeting in Decatur on September 29th. The Council is made up of the President and Secretary of each club in Division 27.

(Full text on club website)

Facts of Life

1. A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he wants.
A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't want.
2. A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.
A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.
3. A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.
A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
4. Married men live longer than single men,
but married men are a lot more willing to die.
5. Any married man should forget his mistakes-
there's no use in two people remembering the same thing.
6. Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.
Women somehow deteriorate during the night.
7. A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.
A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change & she does.
8. A woman has the last word in any argument.
Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

New items/photos on the website: K-Kids Art Contest Winners, new program photos, new president photo.

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:

dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org

Saturday, September 29th -

MAIN & SALE

9:00-10:00 JANET COX

GARY WEBER

KIM HIGGINS

10:00-11:00 JANET COX

KEN LANDECK

JUDY LANDECK

11:00-12:00 ED WACHALA

JANET BUTLER

DAVID BUTLER

12:00-1:00 CAROL BURWASH

1:00-2:00 CAROL BURWASH

2:00-3:00 PAT DAMLER

CLARICE HAUSMAN

3:00-4:00 PAT DAMLER

CLARICE HAUSMAN

OUTLET MALL

9:00-10:00 DENNIS OPPERMAN

TOM STEPHENSON

DAVE DOBSON

10:00-11:00 ED WACHALA

TIM HOEL

SHERRIE HOEL

11:00-12:00 JERRY HALL

JANET BOYER

12:00-1:00 JEANNINE FORTNEY

JERRY HALL

1:00-2:00 GARY WEBER

JEANNINE FORTNEY

2:00-3:00 GARY WEBER

MARK JACOBS

3:00-4:00

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS
WHO WANT KIWANIS (CLUB CUSTOMIZED)
SHIRTS OR SWEATSHIRTS**

One of the difficulties in ordering shirts for a group is to gauge the right size, select a single style, choose a color(s) and hope the weight of the shirt is satisfactory to everyone (which never happens). Some people wanted denim shirts, some sweatshirts; maybe someone would like a white dress shirt, etc.

We believe we have a solution for those challenges that assures that everyone is happy with the shirt(s) itself. Janet Cox and Janet Butler are asking interested members to bring in the shirt(s) of your choice (denim, cotton, fleece, etc.) that you would like the Kiwanis logo (see below) added with the club name. We will order the navy/gold/blue logo patch from the Kiwanis International store. We will then have the patches sewn on the shirts and the “Tuscola Kiwanis Club” name added below the patch in white or dark navy based on the color of the shirt.



Tuscola Kiwanis Club

Here is all you need to do:

1. Bring in a shirt(s) with your name affixed to each shirt to a Kiwanis meeting no later than Monday, October 8th, and give it/them to Janet Cox or Janet Butler. (Or drop your shirt(s) by the Cox's or Butlers' home.)
2. Pay us when the completed shirt(s) is brought back to you. (The patch is \$2.00 and we estimate the sewing to not exceed \$5.00 per shirt.)