



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2013

## 2013 Events

Wednesday, October 9	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon
Friday-Saturday, November 8-9	Peanut Days
Wednesday, November 13	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon

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## Looking Ahead - 2014 Events

Saturday, February 1	I-I District Mid-Year Conference, East Peoria, IL
Saturday, February 8	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 15	Governor’s Visit Luncheon - Amishland Buffet
Thursday, April 3	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 4	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 12	Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt
Thu-Sun, July 17-20	Kiwanis Intl Convention, Chiba, Japan
Thu-Sun August 7-10	I-I District Annual Convention, Bloomington, IL

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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

October 7	2012/2013 Member Recognitions
October 14	Gary Weber
October 21	Carey Wood
October 28	Jim Wood
November 4	Mary Schultz
November 11	Doris Young
November 18	Wilma Allen
November 25	Betty Leonard

December 2	Bill Bauer
December 9	Carol Beals
December 16	Club Christmas Party – Bring \$10
December 23	<b><u>No Meeting – Christmas Week</u></b>
December 30	Tammy Baer
January 6	Maureen Bergeson
January 13	Lorraine Best
January 20	Margo Blaudow
January 27	Elaine Bryant
February 3	Andy Brzozkiewicz
February 10	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
February 17	<b><u>No Meeting – President’s Day</u></b>
February 24	Peter Buckley

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

**Don't Forget to Give Janet Butler Your October Volunteer Hours at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

**Don't Be Too Clever – Pumpkin Patch**

There was a farmer who grew pumpkins. He was doing pretty well, but he was disturbed by some local kids who would sneak into his pumpkin patch at night and eat his pumpkins. After some careful thought, he came up with a clever idea that he thought would scare the kids away for sure. He made up the sign and posted it in the field.

The next night, the kids showed up and saw the sign which read, "Warning! One of the pumpkins in this field has been injected with cyanide."

The kids ran off. When the farmer returned in the morning, he surveyed the field. He was pleased that no pumpkins were missing.

However that changed when he read a new sign next to his, "Now there are two!"



## Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2013

- **Attendance**

54 – Members

5 – Guests: Michelle Chappell, daughter of Jan Chappell; soon-to-be-members: Jerry & Nancy Reynolds and Darlene Wiesener, and our speaker, Lindsey Gould

- **Free Lunch Winner** – David Butler

- **Birthdays** – Joyce Brzozkiewicz 9/3, David Butler 9/8, Bob Gray 9/2, Nancy Runge 9/2, Alan Shoemaker 9/12 and Carey Wood 9/8

- **Brags** – Joyce Brzozkiewicz, Pete Buckley, Jan Chappell, Jeannine Fortney, Debbie Graber, Carol Hausmann, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, Kathryn McCumber, Barb Moss, and Maribeth Opperman,

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Members' Donations – A total of \$550.00 was generously donated by members to the family of Gage Wallace to assist in purchasing a communication device to assist Gage in school. Great job!

K-Kids Picnic Scheduled – The K-Kids Fall Picnic will be held Tuesday, 10/1 at Ervin Park with a rain date of Thursday, 10/3. If you can assist, come out to the park around 2:30PM. Bring your hot dog sticks!

Pancake Breakfast Reminder – Members were reminded that the pancake breakfast to raise money for “Computers for Kids” is coming up Saturday, 9/14. We will be serving from 7a – 10a.

## Program:



Pat Sturgis introduced our speaker, Lindsey Gould. Lindsey and her husband Shane own Gould Bus & Transportation Services. Lindsey and Shane purchased the business in August 2003 from Roy Gould who was the owner since 1972. The business serves nine schools in the districts of Arcola, Oakland and Tuscola. They have 40 buses that make 33 daily trips covering 2,500 miles per day. The Goulds have 5 full-time employees, 27 part-time drivers and 5 part-time aides.

There are many requirements and regulations that are mandated for a transportation business, particularly for transporting children. Just the insurance that the business carries is \$13,000 per month. Employees are mandated reported of any suspected child abuse.

## Chicken Dance Song:



Members enjoying the chicken dance!  
Fun provided by songstress Kim Higgins!

## Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2013

- **Attendance**

43 – Members

7 – Guests: soon-to-be members Jack Corum, Jack Corum, Jerry Reynolds, Nancy Reynolds and Cindy Surma; Art Eichner, father of Ginger Campbell, and our speaker Jeff Beals

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Tim Hoel
- **Birthdays** – Toppo Mooday 9/21, Gary Weber 9/20
- **Brags** – Lorraine Best, Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Judy Landeck, Steve Niemann, Dennis Opperman, Maribeth Opperman, Jerry Reynolds, Alan Shoemaker, Gary Weber
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**Pancake Breakfast** – The homecoming weekend breakfast was a success! We took in \$1,467 in donations, serving 216 people. The club had 55 Kiwanians participate at the breakfast. Great job everyone!

**Date Reminders** – Members were reminded that Officers/Directors Installations will be 9/30 and, new member inductions and member recognitions will be 10/5. The K-Kids picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/1 with a rain date of Thursday, 10/3.

**Key Club Advisor** – Mike Damler is the club's Key Club Advisor assisting Darcey Helmick, Key Club Faculty Advisor. Janet Cox is available to assist Mike and/or Darcey, as requested.

**Peanut Days Coming** – Peanut Days is scheduled for November 8-9. Kim Higgins has volunteered to chair this fundraiser.

### **Program:**



Tom Sturgis introduced our speaker, Jeff Beals. Jeff has been employed by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company for 37 years. The first natural gas pipe line in Tuscola was laid in 1931. Currently, there are four lines. Panhandle does not own the natural gas. The company is basically an underground “trucking” company. There is no odor when transported underground. It is “odorized” by the receiving company, for example Ameren, before being distributed.

The pipelines are regularly tested and maintained using cleaning devices, diagnostic tools and cathodic protection. There are regular patrols, both on the ground and in the air. Employees look for equipment activity near the lines as well as dead vegetation which may mean a gas leak.

There are 50 local employees and keeping everyone safe is their #1 job. Panhandle's 24-hour emergency number is:  
800-225-3913.



## Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2013

- **Attendance**

40 – Members

11 – Guests: soon-to-be members Carol Bauer, Sharon Corum, Jerry Reynolds, Nancy Reynolds and Darlene Wiesener; Sandra & Ed Fiscus, daughter/son-in-law of Robert Van Cleave; Michelle Chappell, daughter of Jan Chappell; Jim Harbaugh; Margaret Van Cleave, spouse of Robert Van Cleave; and Paul Wisovaty.

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Darla Gardner
- **Birthdays** – Carol Bauer 9/23, Tim Hoel 9/27, Carol Martin 9/25 and Donna Motley 9/28
- **Brags** – Tammy Baer, Mike Damler, Sandra Fiscus, Jeannine Fortney, Debbie Graber, Betty Leonard, Patty Russell, Alan Shoemaker, Robert Van Cleave, Gary Weber, Paul Wisovaty, and Jim Wood
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Veterans Day Parade – Guests Jim Harbaugh and Paul Wisovaty advised the club that there will be a November 11 Veterans Day parade this year from Ervin Park to the Douglas County courthouse. The parade will leave the park at 10AM. There will be a short ceremony at the courthouse, and a luncheon will be served at Forty Martyrs Hall. Jim and Paul hope that the club will participate in the parade.

Key Club Service Project – If you know of someone who is unable to rake their leaves, please contact Mike Damler with the information. The Key Clubbers will be doing a service project to clean up yards after the leaves fall.

### **Program:**

Robert Van Cleave provided our program



today. Robert and his wife Margaret made a trip to Israel in 2001. Robert shared many of his photos and memories from this trip. There were many

moving experiences for Robert during this trip.



## Meeting Minutes – September 30, 2013

- **Attendance**

48 – Members

10 – Guests: soon-to-be members Jack & Sharon Corum, Jerry & Nancy Reynolds, Marci Shoemaker and Art Eichner; Shirley Elkin-Lt. Gov. from Decatur Noon, Mary Bowrey-guest of Shirley Elkin, Jim Kleiss and Gaylord Wallace

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Jack Corum

- **Birthdays** – Darlene Wiesener 10/3

- **Brags** – Pete Buckley, David Butler, Marge Conn, Linda Damler, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Jim Kleiss, Dennis Opperman, Robert Van Cleave and Doris Young on behalf of Topy Mooday

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

Wallace Family Update – Gaylord Wallace dropped by to personally thank club members for their donations of \$550.00 towards the communications reader device for his autistic son, Gage. He reported that the family expects to have enough donations within a few day to purchase the approx. \$10,000.00 device. This will be a great tool for Gage so he can communicate at school and elsewhere.

K-Kids Picnic Reminder – The K-Kids Fall Picnic will be held Tuesday, 10/1 at Ervin Park south pavilion with a rain date of Thursday, 10/3. If you can help, come out to the park around 2:30PM. Bring your hot dog sticks!

Rotary Food Drive for SAM Pantry – Jim Kleiss brought sign-up sheets for Kiwanians to volunteer for the service project. The food drive is October 12. Volunteers should meet at 9:30AM at the Tuscola United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to pick up and bring in food, and to sort food at the pantry as it comes in. If you would like to volunteer and did not get a chance to sign up, contact Mike Damler or Jim Kleiss.

TCHS Exchange Student – There is a volunteer opportunity to tutor/assist a new TCHS exchange student from Taiwan to improve his English. This would be a commitment of about 2 hours per week. If interested, contact Mike Damler.

Thank You Note – Mike Damler read a thank you note from Katie Hatfield for the club's donation of \$200.00 for the Help-A-Child program.

Peanut Days - November 8-9 has been confirmed with the City of Tuscola. Kim Higgins (Nut Chair) advised that we will be covering four locations – Tanger Mall, Main & Sale, IGA, and tentatively Shopko. Sign-up sheets were passed, and will be passed at future meetings. If you don't get a chance to sign up for a slot from the sign-up sheets, you can email Kim at:

[khiggins@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:khiggins@tuscolakiwanis.org)

### **Program:**



names.

Lt. Governor Shirley Elkin retired the 2012/2013 officers and club directors, and installed the 2013/2014 officers and club directors. See page 8 for photos and

**Homecoming Weekend Pancake Breakfast – September 14, 2013**



**What a great group!**



**Many more photos on our website!**

## 2013-2014 Officers & Club Directors

### Officers



Pat Damler  
President



Tammy Baer  
President Elect



Jerry Leonard  
Vice President



Candy Hudson  
Treasurer



Janet Butler  
Secretary



Alan Shoemaker  
Immediate Past President

### Club Directors



Dave Butler  
Webmaster



Lorraine Best  
Term Expires 2014



Margo Blaudow  
Term Expires 2016



Peter Buckley  
Term Expires 2016



Carol Burwash  
Term expires 2014



Donna Motley  
Term expires 2015



Tom Sturgis  
Term expires 2015



## September 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Tuscola Downtown Diner on Wednesday, 9/11/2013 at 12:02 PM by President Alan Shoemaker with the following Board Directors present:

x	Tammy Baer – V.P.	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Donna Motley (2015)
x	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Tim Hoel (2013)	x	Tom Sturgis (2015)
x	Janet Butler – Secy	x	Candy Hudson – Treas.	x	Alan Shoemaker – Pres.
x	David Butler – Webmaster	x	Jerry Leonard (2014)		Guests:
x	Pat Damler – Pres. Elect	x	Jaci Manzella – Past Pres.		Carol Burwash, Pete Buckley

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of August Board Meeting – Tim Hoel made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted with a minor correction pointed out by Janet Butler. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
2. August Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of service volunteer hours was 564. Lorraine Best made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved. The full reports are on our club website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 9/11/13, the current balance in the Treasury is \$12,332.89. Disbursements included the final TCHS scholarship payment of \$1,000.00, donation of \$1,250.00 to The Eliminate Project and \$1,500.00 to the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation. Lorraine Best made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – After discussion, Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the following disbursements: \$289.07 to Janet Butler for club supplies from Kiwanis International, \$500.00 to Can-Do-For-Classrooms, \$200.00 to Help-A-Child program, \$25.00 to Gould Transportation Service for bus service for the K-Kids Fall Picnic, \$500.00 Computers For Kids and \$500.00 to the Tuscola Music Boosters. The motion was seconded by Tim Hoel and it was approved. The donations to Computers For Kids and the Tuscola Music Boosters were not budgeted, however due to the excellent financial position of the club and the upcoming fiscal year end of 9-30-13, the Board approved these additional donations to benefit our schools and students.

5. Dues – Candy reported that all dues are paid except for one member. Janet Butler volunteered to contact the member. Candy will report at next Board meeting if the dues have been paid.
6. Membership Recruitment Dinner – The Board gave Carol Burwash a round of applause for the great job she did as chairperson for the annual membership recruitment dinner. So far the club has eight new members. See below for names.
7. New Members Approval and Installation – Janet Butler reported that the following individuals had submitted new member applications with the new member fee: Carol Bauer, Jack Corum, Sharon Corum, Jerry Reynolds, Nancy Reynolds, Marci Shoemaker, Cindy Surma and Darlene Wiesener. Pat Damler made a motion to approve the individuals for club membership. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The Board scheduled new member installation for our club meeting October 7, 2013. This is the same meeting that the 2012/2013 club awards will be presented, too. Janet Butler will contact the new members and let them know the date.
8. 2012/2013 Distinguished Club Status – With the addition of the new members, our club has met the criteria for 2012/2013 Distinguished Club status.
9. Peanut Days – After discussion, the Board agreed that our first choice of dates is November 8-9, second choice November 1-2, and third choice November 15-16. Pat Damler will check to see what is available at city hall. Alan Shoemaker agreed to take the club's request forward to the city council. Pat Damler will check with last year's peanut chairperson, Judy Landeck to see if she is interested in serving again this year. Kim Higgins said that if she can be off work for the dates, then she would be interested in chairing or co-chairing peanut days. Due to the lead time, it is important to get the peanuts ordered. Pat volunteered to check and see if Judy will order the peanuts as soon as possible, even if she does not chair the event this year. Pete Buckley volunteered to check with Steve Niemann to see if he would again store the peanuts at this office location. [Note: This afternoon Pete confirmed via email that we can ship the peanuts to his office and he will be happy to store them for the club.]
10. North Ward Backpack Program – Beth Linstead had advised Janet Butler that the backpack program is now being federally funded. The club had sent a \$600.00 check in July to help support the program. Beth requested that the donation be redirected to the North Ward milk program. The donation would pay for 10 students to have milk during the entire school year. After discussion, Lorraine Best made a motion to redirect the donation to the North Ward milk program. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved.

11. 2013/2014 Governor's Visit – Incoming Governor Pattie Heath has scheduled a four division luncheon on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The divisions are 25, 26, 27 and 28. It is likely that the luncheon will be held in Tuscola at the Amishland Buffet since Tuscola is centrally located for the four divisions. More details will follow at a later date. Mark your calendars!
12. Sound System – The Butlers' requested to borrow the club's sound system for the TCHS Class of 1968 reunion dinner on Saturday, September 14. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the request. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved.
13. Key Club Advisor – After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion to appoint Mike Damler as the club's Key Club Advisor, working with the TCHS Key Club officers and Key Club Faculty Advisor Darcey Helmick. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet will update the KiwanisOne website. Janet volunteered to advise Mike and speak to Janet Cox. [Note: Janet Butler met with Janet Cox this afternoon. She fully supports Mike as advisor and can be called upon if Mike or Darcey has a need for Key Club that she can fulfill. Janet Butler sent a confirming email to Mike with a copy to Darcey, Board members and the I-I District Key Club Chairperson, Bob Hall.]
14. 2013/2014 Draft Budget – Janet Butler passed out a 2013/2014 draft budget for Board member to review. Janet will provide a 2012/2013 budget vs. actuals report before the 10/9/13 Board meeting for review. A final budget will be approved at that meeting.
15. Board Director Replacement – Janet Butler reported that the club's bylaws were followed, and that Carol Burwash was elected at our regular 8/26/13 meeting for a one-year term as a Board Director beginning 10/1/13 to replace Paul Jones.
16. Job Well Done – Board members gave President Alan Shoemaker a round of applause for the great job he has done for the club as president over the last twelve months.
17. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at the Downtown Diner at noon.
18. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:03 P.M.

Janet Butler – Secretary



*Boo To You!*

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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:

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