



**Kiwaniis**

**KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA**

**NEWSLETTER**

**OCTOBER 2014**

**2014 Events/Activities**

Saturday, October 4	Pancake Breakfast–Homecoming – Tuscola Community Building
Monday, October 6	K-Kids Fall Picnic – Ervin Park
Wednesday, October 8	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, October 18	Governor’s Luncheon and SAM Pantry Food Drive
Fri-Sat, November 7 & 8	Peanuts Days Fundraising
Wednesday, November 12	Board Meeting – The Smith House

**Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments**

October 6	Maribeth Opperman
October 13	Topsy Mooday
October 20	New Member Inductions/Perfect Attendance Awards/New Member Sponsor Keys
October 27	Art & Barb Moss
November 3	Donna Motley
November 10	Vera Nauta
November 17	Kiwaniis Education
November 24	Kevin Nolan
December 1	Dennis Opperman
December 8	Kathryn McCumber
December 15	Jerry Reynolds
December 22	Club Christmas Party – bring \$10
December 29	Nancy Reynolds
January 5	Nancy Runge

January 12	Mary Schultz
January 19	Alan Shoemaker
January 26	Char Snyder
February 2	Pat Sturgis
February 9	Tom Sturgis
February 16	<b>NO MEETING</b> - President's Day
February 23	Wayne Ward

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

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

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

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### Chiseling with Fear

Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery, they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows.

Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

"Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath. "You scared us half to death -- we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?"

"My family are such fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name and I have to correct it!"



## Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2014

- Attendance

48 – Members

3 – Guests: Soon-to-be members Susan & Paul Wisovaty, and our speaker, Ted Mitchell

- Free Lunch Winner – Darla Gardner
- Birthdays – 9/8 David Butler, 9/8 Carey Wood, 9/12 Alan Shoemaker
- Brags – David Butler, Jeannine Fortney, Darrell Helm, Jaci Manzella, Patty Russell
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

### Membership Recruitment Dinner Winners –

From a random drawing, the following members who had prospective members attend the recruitment dinner won a free recruitment dinner free: Tammy Baer, Janet Butler, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, and Doris Young

Sign-up Sheets – Sign-up sheets went around for our Homecoming Pancake Breakfast Saturday October 4, the Governor’s Luncheon, SAM Pantry Food Drive on Saturday, October 18, and Ag Safety Day on Thursday, October 30. If you would like to volunteer for one of these events and have not have a chance to sign up at a meeting, contact Pat Damler or Janet Butler.

## Program:



Judy Landeck introduced our guest speaker, Rev. Ted Mitchell. Ted is the new minister at Tuscola United Methodist Church. He was born in Iowa, however his

family moved to Champaign when he was four years of age. His father was a professor at the University of Illinois. Ted attended Central High School.

Ted initially worked for Massey-Ferguson as part of a combine group doing repair and maintenance of equipment. He heard the call of the Lord, and started working with a youth group in his church where he met his wife.

His bachelor’s degree is from Augusta College and his Master’s is from Duke’s School of Divinity. He was ordained in North Carolina and spent nine years there. His three children were all born in North Carolina. He completed his doctorate at Marquette University.

Ted and his family were in Cerro Gordo for eight years. Then there was eight years in Chillicothe, Illinois before coming to Tuscola. His wife is a teacher, his oldest is married and living in Tampa Florida. His other two children are at home at this time.

Ted is enjoying being back in central Illinois. When he was asked to go to Tuscola, he said it was the first assignment that he actually knew where it was when he was asked.

## Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2014

- **Attendance**

52 – Members

5 – Guests: Mattoon Interclub: Bob McLean, Don Grewell, David Schilling, Greg Thompson; and our speaker Devin Black.

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Kevin Nolan
- **Birthdays** – 9/20 Gary Weber, 9/21 Topy Mooday
- **Brags** – Lorraine Best, Carol Burwash, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Judy Heilich, Judy Landeck, Topy Mooday, Maribeth Opperman, and Leo Plaszczyński,
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**New Members** – Pat Damler welcomed Paul and Susan Wisovaty to the club. The Board had approved their membership at their September meeting.



Welcome!

**Andrea Bratten** – winner of a Robert P Connelly Medal of Heroism – Janet Butler reported that Andrea has selected the Wounded Warrior Project to receive the \$500.00 donation that will be made by Kiwanis International Foundation in Andrea’s honor.

**Environmental Stewardship Day** – Pat Damler thanked all the Kiwanians who volunteered at Walnut Point this year. It is always a fun and interesting volunteer opportunity.

**K-Kids Fall Picnic** – Jeannine reported the K-Kids Fall Picnic will be Monday, October 6. Volunteers should be out to Ervin Park’s South Pavilion by 2:30PM with their hot dog sticks. Tim Hoel will provide wood and handle the fire. Wayne Ward will bring the orange drink.

### **Program:**



Jerry Leonard introduced our guest speaker, Devin Black. Devin is the director of the Tuscola Library. Devin advised that the library’s funding is primarily from local property taxes, a little from the State of Illinois, and a small portion from fees and grants.

The library’s collection has over 14,000 books and 2,000 videos. There are thousands of e-books and 158 titles of e-magazines. The library circulates about 45,000 items annually.

The library offers many programs, mostly for children. Programs and activities include crafts, bingo, movies, book discussions, science and a newly formed travel club. There were over 800 participants involved in the library’s program from May – September 2014. There were 129 children and 38 adults in the 2014 summer reading program. The library’s newsletter and calendar is on their website at: [www.tuscolalibrary.org](http://www.tuscolalibrary.org)

The library accepts used e-readers, and is currently looking for donations of Legos.

## Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2014

- Attendance

48 – Members

5 – Guests: Soon-to-be members Colleen Bean and Carolyn McIntyre; Dena & Dan Meyer and our speaker, Maria Meyer.

- Free Lunch Winner – Tim Hoel

- Birthdays – 9/23 Carol Bauer, 9/25 Carol Martin, 9/27 Tim Hoel, 9/28 Donna Motley

- Brags – Maureen Bergeson, Elaine Bryant, Pete Buckley, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Carol Hausmann, Eloise Kennedy, Laura Meyer, and Jerry Reynolds,

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Toddler Playground – Janet Butler reported that the club’s Board had agreed to participate in a community effort to build a new Toddlers’ Playground new the Ervin Park North Pavilion. The Board agreed that we would apply for a Kiwanis International Foundation grant to help fund the playground which is expected to cost about \$70,000 plus.

## Program:



Jaci Manzella introduced her niece, Maria Meyer. Maria is the current Miss Tuscola and Miss Mo-Do County Fair. Maria shared with members all that

happens before, during and after a pageant. Upon winning the city and county pageants, Maria was required to sign contracts regarding responsibilities and conduct.

Maria is very active at Tuscola Community High School. She is the Key Club co-President, cheerleader, and member of choir, honor society and other activities.

Maria enjoys her “queen” duties attending many festivals, fairs, parades, ribbon-cuttings, events, etc. in Moultrie and Douglas counties. She loves to meet people and be a role model for other young women. She appreciates the gifts and scholarships that have come from her winning pageants.

Maria will compete in January with 75 other contestants at the Illinois state level in Springfield.



## Meeting Minutes – September 29, 2014

- **Attendance**

52 – Members

6 – Guests: Soon-to-be members Colleen Bean, Vicki Bishop, and Erica Leonard; Lt. Gov. Shirley Elkin, Past Governor Gary Heath, and Governor Pattie Heath.

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Linda Damler
- **Birthdays** – 10/3 Darlene Wiesener
- **Braggs** – Lorraine Best, Elaine Bryant, David Butler, Janet Butler, Marge Conn, Shirley Elkin, Jeannine Fortney, Gary Heath, Pattie Heath, Tim Hoel, and Betty Leonard
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Thank You Note – The club received a gracious thank you note from Maria Meyer, thanking us for having her as a speaker.

Reminders – Homecoming Pancake Breakfast Saturday October 4, the Governor's Luncheon, SAM Pantry Food Drive on Saturday, October 18, and Ag Safety Day on Thursday, October 30. If you would like to volunteer for one of these events and have not have a chance to sign up at a meeting, contact Pat Damler or Janet Butler. K-Kids Fall Picnic, Monday October 6; be at Ervin Park North Pavilion by 2:30PM with your hot dog sticks.

LTG Banner Presentation – Outgoing Lt. Gov. Shirley Elkin presented the Division 27 Lt. Governor Home Banner to incoming Lt. Gov. David Butler.

## **PROGRAM:**



Governor Pattie Heath and Lt. Governor David Butler conducted the program.

### Retirements/Installations:

Alan Shoemaker was retired as Immediate Past President. Lorraine Best and Carol Burwash were retired as Club Directors. Donna Motley and Tom Sturgis are continuing Club Directors. Janet Butler and Candy Hudson are continuing as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Pat Damler was retired as 2013/2014 President and installed as Immediate Past President. David Butler was installed as 2014/2015 Vice President, Jerry Leonard as President Elect and Tammy Baer as President.

### Member Recognition Awards:

Sherrie Hoel, Pat & Tom Sturgis, and Wayne Ward were honored with 2013/2014 Distinguished Service Awards. Linda Damler, our club's Eliminate Project Coordinator, was awarded a Walter Zeller Fellowship Award. Jeannine Fortney, K-Kids Club Advisor, was awarded the 2013/2014 Paul Jones Volunteer of the Year Award.

Pat Damler was awarded the 2013/2014 Kiwanian of the Year Award. Because the club had already honored her with a Presidential Zeller, Pat received a George Hixson Award. The club's donation still benefited the Eliminate Project.

See photos in this newsletter and on club website.

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**2014/2015 Officers/Club Directors Installations 9/29/14**

**Officers**



Tammy Baer  
President



Jerry Leonard  
President Elect



David Butler  
Vice President



Candy Hudson  
Treasurer



Janet Butler  
Secretary



Pat Damler  
Immediate Past President

**Club Directors**



Carol Beals  
Term Expires 2017



Margo Blaudow  
Term Expires 2016



Peter Buckley  
Term Expires 2016



Jim Hausmann  
Term expires 2017



Donna Motley  
Term expires 2015



Tom Sturgis  
Term expires 2015

Many Installation Photos on our website

**2013/2014 Members Recognition Awards – September 29, 2014**



Distinguished Service Award Winners  
Pat Sturgis (not pictured), Tom Sturgis, Sherrie Hoel, Wayne Ward



Linda Damler  
Walter Zeller Fellowship Award



Jeannine Fortney  
Paul Jones Volunteer of the Year

More photos on our website



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**2013/2014 Tuscola Kiwanian of the Year**



Pat Damler  
With her George F. Hixson Award  
and Kiwanian of the Year Plaque

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**Lt. Governor Home Banner Returns to Tuscola – September 29, 2014**



Outgoing Lt. Gov. Shirley Elkin & Incoming Lt. Gov. David Butler

More photos of 9/29/14 meeting on club website

Environmental Stewardship Day – September 11, 2014



More photos on our website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB**  
**September 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, 9/10/2014 at 12:04 PM by President Pat Damler with the following Officers, Directors and members present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres. Elect	X	Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Lorraine Best (2014)	X	David Butler –Webmaster	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)	X	Pat Damler – President	X	Alan Shoemaker – P.Pres.
X	Carol Burwash (2014)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas.	X	Guests: Carol Beals
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Jerry Leonard – V.P.		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of August Board Meeting – Carol Burwash made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Lorraine Best 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 volunteer service hours were 671. Jerry Leonard made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The full reports are on our club website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy emailed the September report to Board members for review. Candy reported that dues of \$50.00 are still outstanding for one member. Only three members have asked to be dropped. Pat Damler advised that she would contact the one member. As of 9/10/14, the current balance in the Treasury is \$12,847.20. Alan Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our club website.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – Pete Buckley made a motion to approve the following reimbursements requests: Tim Hoel \$17.23 for batteries for the microphones; Janet Butler \$200.00 for K-Kids Club renewal/kits and \$422.39 from the Kiwanis Store for plaques, pins, badges, etc. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. Eliminate Project – The club has donated project-to-date \$5,318.89 as of 9-10-14.
6. Budget & Financial Review – Janet Butler had provided Board members with two financial reports to review...2013/2014 Actuals to Budget Summary – 11 Month Look, estimating Fund Balances for 9-30-14 and a draft 2014/2015 Budget. The club is on track to budget. From the draft budget, the Board agreed to remove the \$250.00 for Can Do For Classrooms and add \$500.00 for Tuscola School District that can be approved and donated for specific requests or needs as the year goes on. At the next Board meeting Janet will provide a complete year of 2013/2014 Actuals to Budget and the draft 2014/2015 Budget for Board approval.



7. Ervin Park Playground for Toddlers – Alan Shoemaker reported that the City of Tuscola and Tuscola Rotary are asking if service organizations in the community will help fund a new playground for toddlers. The total cost is estimated at \$70-75,000 with the city committed to providing \$45,000. It will be built just south of the north pavilion. After some discussion, Janet Butler made a motion that if the city and Rotary were willing to consider the Tuscola Kiwanis Club a partner in this effort, that the club would commit to submitting a \$10,000 grant request to the Kiwanis International Foundation. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet reminded Alan that she thought there was a very good chance KIF would approve the request, but no guarantees. She believe that the next time the KIF Board approves grants is January 2015. Janet will research the process, the information needed to submit the grant and what is the deadline. Alan said he would provide any information needed for the grant request, including specific information about the playground. Alan was also asked if the playground would be accessible by toddlers with physical disabilities including being in a wheelchair. He will gather further information.
8. New Member Applications – The club received new member applications from Paul & Susan Wisovaty including the new member fees of \$150.00 total. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the applications. Lorraine Best seconded the motion and it was approved.
9. Builders Club Update – Tammy Baer reported that in the next few days she will approach 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Mr. Huffman to be the Faculty Advisor for a new Builders Club in East Prairie School. She will report back to the Board next meeting.
10. Charleston Club – David Butler reported that a date and place for the Charleston Club's charter night event should be confirmed in the next few days. He will advise the Board and club members. He also asked if the Charleston Club could borrow the Tuscola Club's Peanut aprons and canisters for October 18. David and Janet will be responsible for taking them to Charleston and returning them to Tuscola in good condition. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the request. Carol Burwash seconded the motion, and it was approved.
11. Governor's Luncheon – As reported at the club's September 8 meeting, the Governor's Luncheon for Divisions 25, 26, 27 and 28 will be held on Saturday, October 18 at noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn in Tuscola. Janet will prepare a sign-up sheet for our September 15 meeting to start around. The Rotary Food Drive is the same day, however it is the hope of the Board that we have enough members to help with the food drive and make a good showing at the governor's luncheon as well.



12. Recruitment Dinner – So far Paul and Susan Wisovaty have turned in their applications and check to be new members. In discussion, the Board thought it was likely we would receive at least four more new members. Members who brought guests will be asked to follow up with the prospective members. If the new members are to count in Pat Damler's year, Janet Butler needs the new member application and \$75 new member fee no later than Monday, September 29. Of course, the club is happy to have new members any time.
13. Tuscola Boy Scouts Fund Raising – Tammy Baer asked if the club would be open to assisting the Tuscola Boy Scouts in their fundraising with items such as baked goods or possibly volunteering to help at an event. After discussion, the Board agreed that the club would pass around a sign-up sheet per request to allow members the opportunity to support/provide/participate in helping the scouts. Tammy Baer will report back to the Tuscola scout leaders.
14. Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – The club will be holding a pancake breakfast during Homecoming Weekend at the Community Building from 7:00AM – 10:00AM. Board members worked with Carol Burwash to update the flyer from last year. It was agreed that the proceeds would be used to benefit “the students of Tuscola Community Schools.” The sign-up sheets have already started around at our 9/8/14 meeting.
15. Board Member Thank You – Board members thanked Pat Damler for generously treating them to lunch at The Smith House. Board members said thanks for goodbye to Lorraine Best and Carol Burwash who are completing their term as of 9-30-14.
16. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 8 at noon at The Smith House.
17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary

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*Don't Let The Goblins Get 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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