



# Kiwaniis®

## KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA

### NEWSLETTER

### OCTOBER 2015

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#### 2015 Events/Activities

Monday, October 5	Board Meeting – Red Barn after club meeting
Thursday, October 8	Governor’s Dinner – Amishland Buffet/Red Barn
Friday, October 9	Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 10	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.
Saturday, October 10	SAM Pantry Food Drive - TUMC
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day Parade
Wednesday, November 11	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Fri. & Sat. - November 13-14	Peanuts Days
Saturday, December 5	Christmastown Parade

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#### 2016 Events/Activities

Friday, March 18	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, March 19	Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park
Saturday, April 16	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
TBD	Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg.

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#### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

October 5	2014/2015 Club Awards/Recognitions
October 12	Betty Leonard
October 19	Debbie Graber
October 26	Carol Hausmann
November 2	Jim Hausmann

November 9	Judy Heilich
November 16	Darrell Helm
November 23	Kim Higgins
November 30	Dave Butler
December 7	Candy Hudson
December 14	April Kauffman
December 21	Club Christmas Party – Hoels hosting
December 28	Eloise Kennedy
January 4	Judy Landeck
January 11	Darla Gardner
January 18	Erica Leonard
January 25	Jerry Leonard
February 1	Jaci Manzella
February 8	Sharon Marsh
February 15	<b>NO MEETING – PRES. DAY</b>
February 22	Carol Martin
February 29	Kathryn McCumber

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 Volunteer Hours  
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

**I Need to Think About That One**

A sailing instructor who had been running his students ragged, asked one, “If a fellow sailor fell off the side of the ship, what would you do?”

“Easy, sir,” the student replied. “I’d call ‘Man Overboard!’ and follow procedure.”

“And what would you do if one of your superiors fell overboard?” the instructor asked.

The soaked and aching student replied, “Which one?”



## Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2015

- **Attendance**

51 – Members

4 – Guests: Soon to be members Craig & Dianne Seaman, Jim Kleiss, and our speaker, Denise Oligney-Estill

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Carey Wood

- **Birthdays** – None

- **Braggs** – Carol Beals, Pete Buckley, Sharon Corum, Pat Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Darla Gardner, Cathy Means, Val Morgan, Paul Wisovaty, Sue Wisovaty

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

SAM Pantry Food Drive – Jim Kleiss dropped by our meeting to give us the details of the October 10 food drive to benefit SAM Pantry. A sign-up sheet was started around.

K-Kids Recognition – Jeannine Fortney reported that our K-Kids Club was recognized by Kiwanis International as a 2014/2015 Distinguished Club.

K-Kids Picnic – The Fall K-Kids picnic will be Tuesday, September 29 (rain date Thursday, October 1) at the south pavilion – Ervin Park. Volunteers should come out about 2:30PM and bring hot dog sticks, as available. A sign-up sheet was started around.

Governor's Dinner – A sign-up sheet was started around for the Thursday, 10/8 dinner at 6:0PM at the Amishland Buffet.

New Member Inductions – Craig & Dianne Seaman were inducted into the club.



Sponsor Cathy Buckley, Dianne Seaman, Craig Seaman, Sponsor Pete Buckley, and Jerry Leonard

Kiwanis Safety Vests – As suggested by Club Director Pete Buckley, the Board approved the purchase of 12 Kiwanis safety vests to be worn with our peanut apron by members who are close to traffic. This will make those members more visible to vehicles.

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Pat Damler started sign-up sheets around for our Homecoming Pancake Breakfast. It will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 7:00AM to 10:00AM at the Tuscola Community Building. Members were asked to “spread” themselves out so that we support the food drive and our pancake breakfast.

Eliminate Project Recognition – President Elect Jerry Leonard presented Carol Burwash with an Impact 175 pin for her donation to the Eliminate Project.



**Program:**



Pat Damler introduced our speaker, Denise Oligney-Estill from PSCI, Prairieland Service Coordination, Inc. The organization is 100%

funded by the State of Illinois and serves 12 counties including Douglas. There is one office in Decatur, however the staff lives in all 12 counties, and generally goes to the person or family asking for assistance. The organization’s goal is to connect people with disabilities to their communities with services coordination and referrals. This process helps to assure that the people’s full range of needs and initial choices are identified and assessed.

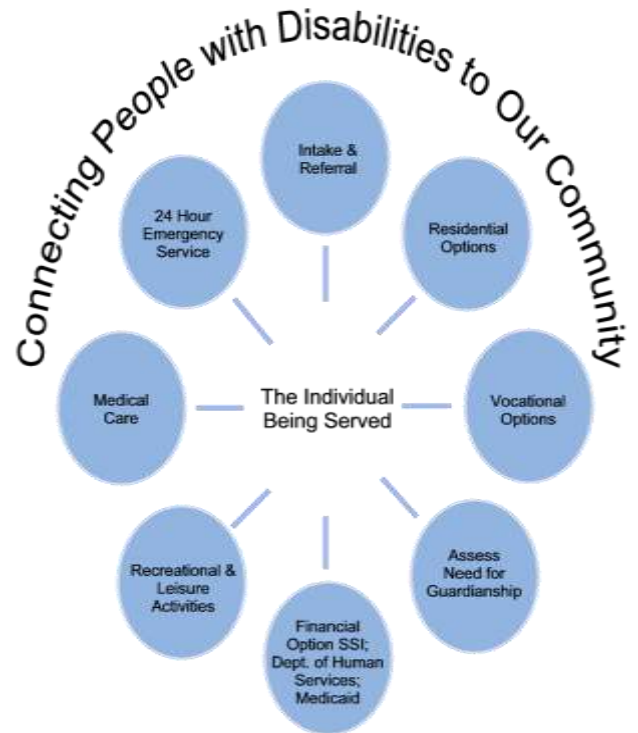
PSCI assists individuals and their families by identifying services they qualify for, referring the persons to the services, and providing service planning, coordination and advocacy. All persons seeking assistance from PSCI are screened through personal interviews and social/medical records to determine the presence of a developmental disability which is attributable to mental retardation or a related condition such as autism, cerebral palsy, or epilepsy. There is no cost, regardless of income, to the individuals or their families for PSCI’s services.

If persons with developmental needs need services to help with their developmental disability, they must contact PSCI to enroll in PUNS (Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services). The PUNS is a statewide database for people with developmental disabilities who are in need of services. The State of Illinois uses the data from PUNS to select individuals for funding for services,

for budgeting purposes, and to plan for future needs. Registration on PUNS does not guarantee that an individual will receive services. Unfortunately, there is already a waiting list of over 22,000 adults and children waiting for services. Some people have been on the list waiting for services for 7-8 years. There is “crisis” criteria where an individual may be moved up and provided services more quickly, however that is done in limited numbers.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact:

Prairieland Service Coordination, Inc.  
100 S. Water St.  
Suite 220M  
Decatur, IL 62523  
Ph. 217-362-6128



## Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2015

- **Attendance**

58 – Members

1 – Guests: Soon to be member Debbie Deal

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Cathy Buckley
- **Birthdays** – 9/21 Toppo Mooday, 9/23 Carol Bauer, 9/25 Carol Martin, and 9/27 Tim Hoel
- **Brags** – Tammy Baer, Debbie Graber, Jeannine Fortney, Eloise Kennedy, Val Morgan, Jerry Reynolds, and Cindy Surma
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

### Reminders & Sign-Up Sheets –

Governor’s Dinner – Thur 10/8  
Homecoming Parade – Fri 10/9  
Pancake Breakfast – Sat 10/10  
SAM Pantry Food Drive – Sat 10/10  
Safety Day – Thur 10/29

Member Award – David and Janet Butler presented Mike Damler with a Kiwanis International George Hixon award for his service and contributions to our club, the Key Club, and our community.



## Program:



Jeannie Fortney introduced our guest speaker, fellow Kiwanian Beth Linstead. Beth is the club’s K-Kids Faculty Advisor at North Ward School. Beth’s topic today was the State of Illinois PARCC standard tests.

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is the Illinois State assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students enrolled in a public school district. PARCC assesses the New Illinois Learning Standards Incorporating the Common Core and is administered to students in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

PARCC assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics are administered to all students in grades 3-8, according to their current grade level and at high school according to course enrollment.

Some of the tests were administered online and some by paper. This required a lot of technology training so students would know what to do. The areas of testing include reading, grammar, writing and math. For example, students are asked to read a story, and then answer questions and/or write a short essay. Beth showed some sample questions which appeared to be very difficult, especially for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

From a high of 30-40 states using PARCC when it was introduced, only Illinois and 8 other states are still using PARCC.



## Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2015

- Attendance

52 – Members

1 – Guests: Lt. Gov. Charles Smith

- Free Lunch Winner – Donna Motley

- Birthdays – 9/28 Donna Motley and 10/3 Darlene Wiesener

- Brags – Janet Cox, Mike Damler, April Kauffman, Eloise Kennedy, Toppo Mooday, and Val Morgan

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

### Event Reminders and Sign-Up Sheets –

Governor’s Dinner – Thur 10/8

Homecoming Parade – Fri 10/9

Pancake Breakfast – Sat 10/10

SAM Pantry Food Drive – Sat 10/10

### American Cancer Society Donation –

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> was Tuscola Monical’s Community Day to benefit the American Cancer Society. This was arranged by the Douglas County Relay for Life. Due to the efforts of Pete Buckley getting the forms out to members, and members going to eat at Monical’s on that day, Alicia Pettyjohn from the American Cancer Society’s office in Champaign has confirmed that our club has been credited in raising \$80.00 due to the forms that members turned into Pete, and Pete submitted. Great job!

## Program:

Lt Governor David Butler retired the 2014/2015 Club Officers and Directors. Incoming Lt. Gov. Charles Smith from Decatur Golden K installed the 2015/2016 Club Officers and Directors, and thanked continuing officers and club directors.

See photos of 2015/2015 Club Officers and Directors on the next page of this newsletter.



Division 27 Lt. Gov. Charles Smith with new President Jerry Leonard

Newly installed President Jerry Leonard closes our meeting with his own special bell.



## 2015/2016 Club Officers & Directors

### Officers



Jerry Leonard  
President



David Butler  
President Elect



Jan Chappell  
Vice President



Candy Hudson  
Treasurer



Janet Butler  
Secretary



Tammy Baer  
Immediate Past President

### Club Directors



Carol Beals  
Term Expires 2017



Maureen Bergeson  
Term Expires 2018



Margo Blaudow  
Term Expires 2016



Peter Buckley  
Term expires 2016



Jim Hausmann  
Term expires 2017



Jerry Reynolds  
Term expires 2018

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB**  
**2015 SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 12:06 PM by President Tammy Baer with the following officers, club directors, and guests present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres	X	David Butler – Vice Pres	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Pat Damler – Past Pres	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
X	Margo Blaudow (2016)		Jim Hausmann (2017)		Guests:
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas		Carol Burwash
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Leonard – Pres Elect		Tim Hoel

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of August Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the minutes be approved as amended. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. August Monthly Reports – Janet Butler had emailed Board members copies of the monthly Tuscola Volunteer Hours report and the Kiwanis International monthly report for their review. There was a total of 797 service hours reported. Carol Beals made a motion to approve the reports. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. August Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 9/9/15, the current balance is \$16,116.94. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the report. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
4. Unpaid Dues – Treasurer Candy Hudson reviewed the list of unpaid dues. Several dues were paid since last month. From the unpaid list, Board members volunteered to follow up with the members. Any members with unpaid dues by September 30, 2015 must be dropped from the club’s roster.
5. Disbursements/Reimbursements – Janet Butler requested reimbursement for Dave Morgan of \$84.98 for document shredding event banners. Janet also asked the Board to approve two budgeted items that had not been disbursed: \$100.00 Aktion Club Outreach and \$600.00 Kiwanis International Foundation’s annual club gift. Candy Hudson requested approval to pay \$100.00 to The Tuscola Journal for document shredding event advertising. David Butler made a motion to approve the requests. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.



6. Club Foundation Update – Janet Butler reported that the draft foundation bylaws, sent to Joan Wilson at Kiwanis International for approval on 7-15-15, have been officially approved. The next step is for incorporation with the State of Illinois. Tammy Baer and Janet Butler will proceed with the process. Janet made a motion to approve the disbursement of a check to the State of Illinois in the amount required for incorporation. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. Tammy will request the check from Candy when the exact amount is confirmed.
7. October Homecoming Breakfast Update – Pat Damler reported that Cathy Means and Char Bontrager with her assistance are taking the lead on the 10/10 breakfast. Due to the events taking place during the evenings before and day of our breakfast, set-up will need to be done early morning. The tables and chairs used the previous evening will be left up for us. The class of 1975 will be using the community building that evening. Candy Hudson will check to see if we can leave up the tables and chairs when we clean up from breakfast. Sign-up sheets will start going around at our September 14 meeting.
8. Rotary Food Drive – Pat Damler reported that the Rotary Food Drive which our club has partnered with Rotary for several years, is taking place Saturday, October 10, the same day as our Pancake Breakfast. Due to the size of our club, Board members agreed that we should still be able to help with the food drive, with some members volunteering for our breakfast or the food drive or both. Janet Butler volunteered to prepare a sign-up sheet for the food drive for our September 14 meeting and will follow up with Mike Damler about recruiting Key Club volunteers.
9. Safety Vests – Led by Pete Buckley, the Board continued their conversation from last meeting regarding safety vests. It was discussed that the vest could be worn open over the peanut aprons to provide more safety to volunteers that are in traffic, so that the apron pockets could still be used for peanut packages. Tom Sturgis made a motion for the club to purchase 12 Kiwanis safety vests. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion. Janet Butler volunteered to order the vests and to store them with the club's blue aprons. She will request reimbursement in October.
10. Trauma Doll Service Project – Sharon Corum has volunteered to be the lead person with assistance from Janet Butler to handle the tasks, coordination, and workshops for our trauma dolls. Sharon will store the dolls, be the contact for the organizations that receive our dolls, deliver dolls as needed. Sharon and Janet will organize/coordinate for members to cut out dolls, sew dolls, and schedule workshops. Sharon will contact Janet Boyer to make this transition. Sharon, the Board thanks you for stepping up!

11. Homecoming Parade Participation – Per a previous Board meeting, the homecoming parade was one of the local parades where our club wants to participate to promote Kiwanis. Jerry Leonard agreed to check with Dennis Opperman regarding a truck and trailer for Friday afternoon, October 9. If nothing else, the Board will have a sign-up for members to walk in the parade with one of our Kiwanis banners. Jerry L. will advise.
12. New Membership Applications – New member applications and fees have been received from Craig & Dianne Seaman, sponsored by Cathy and Pete Buckley. Pat Damler made a motion to approve the applications. David Butler seconded and it was approved.
13. 2014/2015 Distinguished Club Criteria – Janet Butler reported that our club has met all the required criteria except confirming our membership count. Our membership count must be 101 or higher on 9/30/15 to again be a distinguished club. Board members are following up with unpaid members, and members who had potential members attend the recruitment dinner and who have not submitted their new member applications and fees are asked to follow up with them.
14. 2015/2016 Distinguished Club Criteria – Janet Butler passed out copies (enclosed) of next Kiwanis year's distinguished club criteria for review by the Board. The criteria is very similar to this year's.
15. 2014/2015 Financial Reports – Janet Butler had sent Board members, and incoming Board members a 2015/2016 draft budget and a 2014/2015 11-month budget to actual reports for their review. The budget to actual reports shows that the Board has done a great job in decision making with the appropriate amount of funds being disbursed. The Board agreed to create a category "Youth Sports" budgeted for \$600 for the 2015/2016, removing from the budget Jr. Football League, Tuscola Soccer League, and Tuscola Torpedoes Swim Team as separate line items. These programs, other youth programs, and the schools will be notified to submit a donation request, if funds are needed, for our Board members to consider. The "Nunn Scout Building" was left in as a line item as it supports the actual building obligation that supports scouting. Janet will update the 2015/2016 budget and complete the full year budget-actuals report. She will email the reports to the Board after 9-30-15, but before the next Board meeting on October 5.

16. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, October 5 at the Red Barn immediately after our regular club meeting.

17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 PM.

Submitted by:  
Janet Butler – Secretary

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*Don't Let the Goblins Get You!!*

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