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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER

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2016 Events/Activities

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| Saturday, October 1 | SAM Pantry Food Drive with Rotary |
| Tuesday, October 4 | Governor's Dinner – Flesor's Candy Kitchen |
| Friday, October 7 | Homecoming Parade |
| Saturday, October 8 | Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Comm. Bldg |
| Tuesday, October 11 | K-Kids Picnic – Ervin Park |
| Wednesday, October 12 | Board Meeting – The Smith House |
| Wednesday, November 9 | Board Meeting – The Smith House |
| Friday & Saturday, Nov. 11 & 12 | Peanut Sales Days |
| Friday, November 11 | Veterans Day Parade |

2017 Events/Activities

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| Saturday, February 25 | Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall |
| Thur. & Friday March 30 & 31 | Fish Fry Thaw and Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall |
| Saturday, April 8 | Easter Egg Hunt – Ervin Park (rain: 4/15) |
| Saturday, May 20 | Document Shredding Event – Ervin Park |
| Saturday, June 10 | Douglas County Relay for Life |

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

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| October 3 | Officers/Club Directors Installations |
| October 10 | 2015/2016 Club Awards |
| October 17 | Wilma Allen |
| October 24 | Tammy Baer |
| October 31 | David Butler |

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| November 7 | Carol Bauer |
| November 14 | Maureen Bergeson |
| November 21 | Margo Blaudow |
| November 28 | Char Bontrager |
| December 5 | Elaine Bryant |
| December 12 | Andy Brzozkiewicz |
| December 19 | Club Christmas Party – Bring \$10 |
| December 26 | NO MEETING |
| January 2 | Joyce Brzozkiewicz |
| January 9 | Cathy Buckley |
| January 16 | Pete Buckley |
| January 23 | Carol Burwash |
| January 30 | Bill Bauer |
| February 6 | Janet Butler |
| February 13 | Jan Chappell |
| February 20 | NO MEETING – Presidents’ Day |
| February 27 | Deon Chester |
| March 6 | Marge Conn |
| March 13 | Jack Corum |
| March 20 | Sharon Corum |
| March 27 | Mike Damler |

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](#)

Pumpkins

When is a pumpkin not a pumpkin?

When you drop it; then it's squash!

What did a Jack-o-lantern say to the pumpkins?

Cut it out!

What kind of romances do pumpkins have?

Mushy!



Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2016

- Attendance

57 – Members

4 – Guests: Soon-to-be members Sandy Simpson and Heather Sumption, and our speakers Marne Fauser and Christina Wooley.

- Free Lunch Winner – Margo Blaudow
- Birthdays – 9/12 Alan Shoemaker
- Brags – Mike Damler, Chester Deon, Debbie Graber, April Kauffman, Dave Morgan
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Event Reminders –

10/1 – SAM Food Pantry Drive

10/4 – Governor Dinner

10/7 – Homecoming Parade

10/8 – Homecoming Pancake Breakfast

10/11 – K-Kids Picnic

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K-Kids Service Project – Jeannine Fortney reported that our K-Kids are items such as school supplies and personal items for a Ukraine Orphanage School. A box is outside the North Ward gym. If you would like to give a cash donation to have items purchased, see Jeannine.

New Location – Flesor’s – This was our club’s first meeting at Flesor’s Candy Kitchen due to the immediate closing of the Amishland Buffet at the Red Barn.

Program:



Paul Wisovaty introduced our speakers, Marne Fauser and Christina Wooley. Marne is a Planned Giving Advisor for the Heartland Division of the Salvation Army. Christina is a member of the volunteer team with the Tuscola Salvation Army.

Planned giving, sometimes referred to as gift planning, may be defined as a method of supporting non-profits and charities that enables philanthropic individuals or donors to make larger gifts than they could make from their income. While some planned gifts provide a life-long income to the donor, others use estate and tax planning techniques to provide for charity and other heirs in ways that maximize the gift and/or minimize its impact on the donor's estate. Thus, by definition, a planned gift is any major gift, made in lifetime or at death as part of a donor’s overall financial and/or estate planning. Marne assists people who are interested in planned giving to the Salvation Army.

Tuscola is a Service Extension Unit that is led by a team of volunteers who raise funds and assist local people with such things as gasoline, food, diapers, medicine, car repair, etc. Typically, a person can receive \$100 or so for such things. The Kettle Program is the only fundraiser each year for the Tuscola Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army considers this assistance as “Not a hand out but a hand up.”

Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2016

- Attendance

57 – Members

2 – Guests: Bill Thurn, guest of Jan Chappell, and our speaker Anna Miller.

- Free Lunch Winner – Judy Schenkel

- Birthdays – 9/21 Toppo Mooday, 9/23 Carol Bauer, 9/23 Sandy Simpson, 9/25 Carol Martin

- Braggs – Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Jerry Leonard, Kathryn McCumber, Dave Morgan, Val Morgan, and Alan Shoemaker

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Thank You Note – The Douglas County Farm Bureau sent a thank you note for the Kiwanians who helped with the Environmental Stewardship Day at Walnut Point State Park. See photos in this newsletter and more on our club website.

Homecoming Parade – Jerry Reynolds will be providing a truck and trailer and will be at Ervin Park at 2:00PM for the lineup. Tim Hoel will be providing straw bales. Individually wrapped candy is needed.

Program:



Sue Wisovaty introduced our speaker, Anna Miller - Director of the Douglas County Museum. Anna oversees the day-to-day operations of the museum, supervises the volunteers, sets up exhibits, plans events and workshops, and many more tasks.

The museum, a 501c3 organization, houses artifacts, photos, and information about Douglas County and East-Central Illinois. When accepted into the collection, artifacts are logged in a software called Past Perfect with key words for searching, information about the artifact and donor, and then properly stored. There is a genealogy library where people can research family members with records of births, deaths, marriages, etc.

The collection contains many military related items from the Civil War to Vietnam. Recently through a matching grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Anna completed an updated military-type “trench” for our veterans’ hallway.

Besides ever changing exhibits, the museums provides speaker programs, workshops, tours, special events and other activities. Some recent events have been Children Reading to Service Dogs, program on Reptiles and Other Animals, and Kids’ Photo Contest.

The museum needs more members! Come by the museum at 700 S. Main Street and see what’s happening, and pick up a “Join” form.

Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2016

- Attendance

57 – Members

1 – Guest: Johanna Steffan, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Vera Nauta
- Birthdays – 9/27 Tim Hoel, 9/28 Donna Motley
- Brags – Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Darla Gardner, Debbie Graber, Carol Hausmann, and Doris Young
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

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Trivia Night – On November 5, Becky’s Buddies is holding a trivia night at the Tuscola Community Building to benefit the American Cancer Society. Come out and support this great cause! If you want to reserve a table, contact Jan Chappell.

Program:



Doris Young introduced our speaker, Johanna Steffan. Johanna is a TCHS teacher of English and Theater Arts. This summer with music teacher

Jeannie Craddock, Johanna attended a four day Broadway Teachers Workshop in New York City. The event is put on by Music Theater International. The workshop included interactive workshops during the days, and attending four Broadway plays.

The first play was “Hamilton”, a hip hop musical about the life of Alexander Hamilton with an African-American cast. The second was “On Your Feet”, musical about Gloria Estefan’s life. The third was “Fun Home”, a play about three stages of a woman’s life from a dysfunctional family. And the last play was “Shuffle Along”, a musical with tap dancing about the story about how difficult it was for an African-American creator and producer to get a show to Broadway.

Johanna said she learned a lot, and really enjoyed the trip with a little shopping thrown in.

The next TCHS Drama Club play, “Into the Woods” will be March 9-12, 2017.

Environmental Stewardship Day – September 8, 2016



More Photos on Club Website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2016 SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday September 14, 2016 at 12:05 PM by President Jerry Leonard with the following officers, club directors and guests present:

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| X | Tammy Baer – Past Pres | X | David Butler – Pres Elect | | Guests: |
| X | Carol Beals (2017) | X | Jan Chappell – Vice Pres | X | Carol Burwash |
| X | Maureen Bergeson (2018) | X | Jim Hausmann (2017) | X | Pat Damler |
| X | Margo Blaudow (2016) | | Candy Hudson – Treas | X | Tim Hoel |
| X | Pete Buckley (2016) | X | Jerry Leonard – Pres | | |
| X | Janet Butler – Secy | X | Jerry Reynolds (2018) | | |

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of August Board Meeting – David Butler made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Jan Chappell seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are on club website under “Members Area.”
2. August Secretary’s 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 were 782 service hours reported. Maureen Bergeson made a motion to approve the reports. Tammy Baer seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the monthly reports are on club website under “Members Area.”
3. August Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports. As of 9/14/16, the current balance for the club is \$13,768.02 and the foundation is \$6,855.21. David Butler made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Margo Blaudow seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of treasurer’s reports are on club website under “Members Area.”

4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Janet Butler made a request to disburse the following items:

| <i>Club Administrative Account</i> | <i>Club Foundation Account</i> |
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| \$482.28 – Janet Butler for reimbursement of club supplies for installations/inductions/recognitions | \$411.00 – Kiwanis International Foundation – Children’s Fund (from Skip-A-Meal member donations) |

Carol Beals made a motion to approve the disbursements. Jan Chappell seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet will provide a copy of the receipts to Treasurer Candy Hudson for the approved reimbursement.

5. New Donation Requests – None.

6. I-I Governor’s Dinner Eliminate Donation – After our 9/26 meeting, Candy is authorized to send the remainder of the funds collected for the Eliminate Project to the Kiwanis International Foundation. Janet Butler made a motion that the check to KIF be marked “In Honor of I-I Governor Rick Poulton,” and rounded up to the nearest fifty dollars. Pete Buckley seconded the motion, and it was approved. At the 10/4 Governor Dinner, incoming Lt. Gov. Pat Damler will advise Gov. Poulton of the donation made in his honor by the Tuscola Club.

7. Peanut Days – Peanut Days fundraiser is scheduled for November 11 & 12. Co-chairs Carol Burwash and Kim Higgins asked for direction from the Board for possible locations, and how to work the mall since we are not allowed to solicit on any incoming lanes nor any mall property. After discussion, two people will be scheduled at the mall on the corner of the outgoing lanes by the Sarah Bush facility. Other locations will be Main & Sale, Shopko, and IGA. Other locations that will be considered are McDonalds, Sale & Niles, and Do It Best. Carol and Kim will investigate, and set the final locations. Sign-up sheets will go around in October.

8. 2015/2016 Budget to Actuals & 2016/2017 Budget – Janet Butler presented these reports for Board review. The budget to actuals report was submitted with 11 months of data as of 9/14/16; it will be updated and finalized from the next treasurer’s report that will complete the 2015/2016 Kiwanis year. The draft budget was discussed. It was agreed to increase the Tuscola Library donation to \$200.00, and the expenses for the Fish Fry to \$600.00. Janet will make the updates. The Board members will have the opportunity for any further changes to the budget at its October 12 meeting, when the budget will be finalized and approved.

9. Builders Club – Tammy Baer reported that East Prairie teacher, Mr. Huffman, has agreed to be the Builders Club Faculty Advisor. Tammy is planning a meeting with Principal Carol Munson to see what approvals must be obtained to begin the establishment of the club.
10. Eliminate Project Challenge – Pat Damler reminded the Board that her Eliminate Project Challenge begins with our October 3 meeting. Her commitment is to match all Eliminate Project donations during the month of October up to \$1,250.00. Incoming President David Butler will remind members weekly of the challenge.
11. One Stop Community Christmas – Janet Butler reported that about 60 families from Douglas County are assisted with this event, with probably the majority coming from Tuscola. The organizers of the event are open to our club holding additional registration opportunities as long as someone goes for training. The organizers would also appreciate our help with posting flyers in Tuscola. Next month the Board will discuss whether we go in the direction of this being a club service project, what tasks are we willing to take on, or approach it more as an event that provides volunteering opportunities for individual Kiwanians.
12. 2015/206 Distinguished Club Status – Janet Butler reported that Tuscola has again met the criteria to be named a distinguished club.
13. New Member Approvals – David Butler made a motion to approve the following new members: Alora Murphy sponsored by Tammy Baer, Judy Schenkel sponsored by David Butler, Sandy Simpson sponsored by Carol Martin, and Heather Sumption sponsored by Marge Conn. Jerry Reynolds seconded the motion, and it was approved.
14. Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – Pat Damler reported that there is a new “waive fee request” form that is required for all not-for-profit organizations if they want the city to waive the community building rental fee. A not-for-profit organization can reserve the community building twice a year at no cost, but must submit the new form at least one month prior to the event. Pat has submitted the form for the 10/8 breakfast.
15. Homecoming Parade – Carol Beals advised Pete Buckley that the registration form for the parade is now available. Pete will complete and submit the form for our club. He will arrange for a truck, trailer, etc. Pete will also advise Beth Linstead and Jeannine Fortney so that permission slips can be completed for the K-Kids who want to be in the parade with us.
16. Kiwanis One Day Date Change – Tabled for next meeting.

17. Kiwanis Strategic I-Plan – Incoming Lt. Gov. Pat Damler provided Board members with the I-I District Strategic I-Plan, Division 27 Strategic I-Plan, and the draft Tuscola Club Strategic I-Plan. After discussion and explanation, Janet Butler made a motion to approve the club plan. Jan Chappell seconded the motion and it was approved.
18. Foundation Update – Janet Butler reported that she had followed up with the State of Illinois regarding registering our foundation as an Illinois Charitable Organization so we can apply for sales tax exemption. Our request is still not processed.
19. New Meeting Location – Board members discussed feedback that they had received from our club’s first meeting at Flesor’s Candy Kitchen, and their thoughts and ideas as well.

Areas where changes have been decided: lunch ladies will collect money in the room with the food, just north of the buffet table instead of in the meeting room; badge box will be moved out by the lunch ladies as it was at the barn; Flesor’s will be advised that the soup did not stay hot enough and that we would like to be able to use both sides of the buffet table to serve ourselves. Items we are working on possible solutions: having water/tea already poured and ready to pick up near the buffet, re-arranging table layout to utilize the space better, noise level, opportunity for fellowship in smaller groups while eating for early arrivers, convenient seating for members who must leave early.

Buffet will probably remain two soup options, salad fixings, sandwich fixings, and whatever extras Flesor’s add such as fruit and cookies at least through September. When the new kitchen is ready (expected in 3 weeks or so), we should have the option of 1-2 hot entrees. Board members would appreciate feedback on what food items that they would like to see.

20. Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 12 at the Smith House at noon.
21. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Watch Out for the Ghosts & Goblins!

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