



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2007



2007 Upcoming Events

September 12, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
September 28 & 29, Fri-Sat	Peanut Sale Days
October 3, 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
April 4, 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

September 3	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 10	Jim Wood
September 17	Roy Young
September 24	New Officer Induction
October 1	Janet Boyer
October 8	Rick Broch
October 15	Carol Burwash
October 22	David Butler
October 29	Janet Butler
November 5	Janet Cox
November 12	Mike Damler

November 19	Pat Damler
November 26	John Davis

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

Meeting of August 6, 2007

There was a total attendance of 30 members and 1 guest, our speaker Steve Hilgendorf.

Ed Wachala reported that there will be an inter-club meeting with Mattoon on Wednesday, 8/15. Janet Boyer, Mike Damler, Pat Damler and Jan Houser plan to attend.

Darrell Helm reviewed items from the August 1st Board Meeting. See Page 12 for the highlights or the complete text on the club's website.

Darrell also reported that the missing Peanut Sales aprons were found in our cabinet at Tuscany's.

Darrell announced the new board member candidates. No further candidates were presented. The club members voted "yea" to all. Don Miller will fill Kevin Nolan's unexpired term for 1 year; Kevin will be Vice-President during the 2007/2008 year. Dan Russell and Janet Cox will replace Carole Weber and Mike Damler.

Dave Dobson reminded members that prospective member names are due to their team captain in one week. Dave circulated a copy of the program draft. Carol Burwash assisted Dave with the invitation letter to guests and Jim Wood assisted with the program.



Our speaker today was Steve Hilgendorf, Tuscola Township Supervisor since 1989. Steve also handles the treasurer duties. Steve moved to Tuscola in 1969. The township board consists of eight elected positions. They are responsible for a Road Fund, Cemetery Fund and Home Relief Fund.

The board must care for about 94 miles of roads. The board is also the caretaker for the 3 cemeteries in Tuscola Township. With home relief funds, the board can help people with housing, food, doctor bills, etc. based on financial need. They assist 2-3 people per week. There is also a free clothing bank. People can come to the township office every Wednesday afternoon to select clothing.

Kiwanis Family Picnic
Sunday, August 5th



Great Food!! Great Fellowship!!
Wayne & Joann...thank you for your hospitality!!!!

Meeting of August 13, 2007

There was a total attendance of 33 members and 4 guests: Steve Niemann-Douglas County Farm Service Agency executive director, Tom Stephenson-Tuscola Health Care, Hunter Glasscock, friend of the Butlers and Alexandra (Alex) Glasscock, goddaughter of the Butlers.

Mike Damler presented Jerry Hall with \$25.00. Jerry was a raffle winner at the I-I District Convention with his Spastic Paralysis Foundation raffle ticket. Mike also recognized Wayne Ward for winning the Amador Medallion Award and presented him with a framed photo of Wayne and his wife Joann taken at the convention (see below). Mike, Wayne and Janet Butler provided information about the convention and Wayne thanked the club members for their support and talked about what this award met to him. Wayne also reported that the club received 1st prize for the 2006/2007 club scrapbook, a special recognition patch for the club's newsletters, a patch for the club's website, a Kiwanis One Day patch and a Key Club/Circle K

Club Outreach patch. More information about the convention and Wayne's award is provided in the two sections below.

Paul Wisovaty displayed a poster that the K-Kids had prepared with their signatures to thank our club for our sponsorship, picnics and support.

Pat Damler reported that Joe Fortney would be having abdominal surgery today at Carle Hospital. The procedure will hopefully correct a chronic problem Joe has been having.

Janet Boyer shared a thank you note from the Urbana Crisis Nursery thanking the club for the trauma dolls.

Ed Wachala reminded Janet Boyer, Mike Damler, Pat Damler and Jan Houser that there will be an inter-club meeting with Mattoon at noon on Wednesday, 8/15.

Dave Dobson thanked the team captains for turning in the prospective member names.

There was no program today.

Highlights from the I-I District Convention

The 90th Annual I-I District Convention was held in Rockford, Illinois August 10th & 11th. Governor Ken Whitmore and First Lady Jeanann's convention theme was "Passport to Service." Attendees included Mike & Linda Damler, Wayne & Joann Ward, David & Janet Butler and Ed Wachala with his wife Gail Page.

During the House of Delegates meeting the following people were elected for the 2007/2008 I-I District Kiwanis year:



Governor – Judy Sunderland



Governor-Elect – Gary Heath



Treasurer – Richard Small

There were no changes or amendments discussed or voted upon.

During the “African Safari” Spastic Paralysis Foundation Luncheon, Wayne Ward was awarded the Amador Medallion #279. See below for more details. Our club’s donation of \$600.00 for the foundation was presented at the luncheon. Each contributing club was provided a new DVD about the foundation and its work.

In addition to the meetings, there were numerous forums and workshops to attend in the afternoons. The convention concluded Saturday night with dinner, “A Magical Night in Paris.” Almost \$80,000 was raised for the Spastic Paralysis Foundation!



PARADE OF LOVE		
ClubName	TOTAL: Division	Amount
		\$16,805.73
Rochelle Golden K	13	\$300.00
DeKalb Kiwanis Club	14	\$1,700.00
Sycamore Kiwanis Club	14	\$1,500.00
Tuscola Kiwanis Club	27	\$600.00
Camanche Kiwanis Club	16	\$425.00
Alpine Rockford Club	12	\$1,300.00
S.O.A.S. Sports	14	\$284.35
		\$0.00



Wayne Ward Receives Prestigious Amador Award



Wayne Ward was recognized and presented with the Amador Medallion #279 at the Spastic Paralysis Foundation Luncheon during the August I-I District Convention in Rockford, Illinois. The Luis V. Amador, M.D. Medallion Award is an award program within the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation that allows a Kiwanis Divisional Council, District Board, Key Club and Circle K Boards within the I-I District to extend special recognition and honor to an individual that has demonstrated outstanding service within his/her community.



Wayne was nominated and honored by Division 27 clubs and specifically, the Tuscola Club. Wayne is a charter member of the Tuscola Kiwanis club and has served as president, and for 19 years has and is serving as Secretary. The success of the club and its numerous distinguished years can be attributed to his diligence and effort as an active member and club secretary. In his 21 years, Wayne has attended almost all of the I-I District Conventions and 12 International Conventions.

Members and officers seek out his advice regarding Kiwanis policies and expectations. His years of experience and his service as the Division 27 Lt. Governor in 1995/1996 provide a wealth of information that he willingly shares with others.

The timing of this award was very meaningful to Wayne because Dr. Amador, who has passed away, and his family were being honored during this luncheon. Wayne had met Dr. Amador several times and was very impressed with him and his achievements. Congratulations Wayne!! This is well deserved recognition and award for all you have done and continue to do in Kiwanis and for the Tuscola Club.

The first object of Kiwanis urges us “to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.” As Kiwanians, we know that the most important things in life aren’t THINGS.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Meeting of August 20, 2007

There was a total attendance of 28 members and 4 guests: Tom Stephenson (soon to be new member), Laura Meyer (guest of Jerry Hall) and our speakers, Carol Davis and Debra Briseno.

Dave Dobson asked for a count of members who plan to attend the membership dinner on August 30th.

Mike Damler provided an inter-club meeting report from Mattoon on August 15th.



Our speakers, Carol Davis and Debra Briseno, are from the Douglas County Mental Health Department.

Carol reported that they had written a grant request to the State of Illinois so that the department could have a child psychiatrist available. That physician would be

Dr. Ramirez from Champaign. Previously, they had to travel to Danville for a child psychiatrist.

Carol also reported that the department would be having their mum sales on September 6-8 in the building east of Four Seasons car lot. The proceeds go for extra such as children's camp, nursing home outings, etc. Last years they added a wheel chair assessable bathroom to the house in the country.

Debra reported on the department's Outpatient Program. Services include 24/7 crisis assistance, came management services, family counseling and various group counseling. Types of groups include anxiety management, bi-polar depression, parenting, women's Spanish depression, etc.

The Mental Health Department provides car detailing service on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment for \$35.00. Call 253-4731.

Real Newspapers Ads – No Kidding

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER-8 years old. Hateful little dog. Bites

FREE PUPPIES- ½ Cocker Spaniel, ½ sneaky neighbor dog

FREE PUPPIES- Mother, AKC German Shepherd; Father, Super Dog...able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE- Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.

FOR SALE BY OWNER- Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition. \$1,000 or best offer. No longer needed; got married last month. Wife knows everything.

Author: Unknown

Meeting of August 27, 2007

There was a total attendance of 31 members and 5 guests – Nancy Broch, wife of member Rick Broch and four guests from the Paris Early Risers club as follows: Ron Bouslog, Allen Moore, Jim Mathis and Phil Tegeler.

Ed Wachala sent around a sign-up sheet for an inter-club meeting with the Paris Noon Club on Tuesday, 9/11.

Dave Dobson reminded members about the membership dinner on Thursday, August 30th at 6:30PM at Tuscany's. Davie also wanted to thank Earl Pendergrass, Mike Damler, Clarice Hausman, Darrell Helm, Debbie Graber, Kathryn McCumber, Carl Quinn and Gary Weber for assisting him.

Darrell Helm reminded members that there is no meeting on September 3rd.

Darrell also advised that the September board meeting had been changed from Wednesday, 9/5 to Wednesday, 9/12. Darrell asked that the new board members, Janet Cox, Don Miller and Dan Russell to attend this meeting, too.



The program was provided by Paul Wisovaty and Rick Broch. In the style of Abbott & Costello, Paul and Rick presented "Casey at the Bat" by Ernest Lawrence Thayer taken from the San Francisco Examiner – June 3, 1888.

Casey at the Bat

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day;
The score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play,
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,
A pall-like silence fell upon the patrons of the game.

A stragglin' few got up to go in deep despair. The rest
Clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast;
They thought, "If only Casey could but get a whack at that —
We'd put up even money now, with Casey at the bat."

But Flynn preceded Casey, as did also Jimmy Blake,
And the former was a hoodoo, while the latter was a cake;
So upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat;
For there seemed but little chance of Casey getting to the bat.

But Flynn let drive a single, to the wonderment of all,
And Blake, the much despised, tore the cover off the ball;

And when the dust had lifted, and men saw what had occurred,
There was Jimmy safe at second and Flynn a-hugging third.

Then from five thousand throats and more there rose a lusty yell;
It rumbled through the valley, it rattled in the dell;
It pounded on the mountain and recoiled upon the flat,
For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place;
There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile lit Casey's face.
And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat,
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat.

Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt.
Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt.
Then while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip,
Defiance flashed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip.

And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air,
And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there.
Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped —
"That ain't my style," said Casey. "Strike one!" the umpire said.

From the benches, black with people, there went up a muffled roar,
Like the beating of the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore;
"Kill him! Kill the umpire!" shouted some one on the stand;
And it's likely they'd have killed him had not Casey raised his hand.

With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's visage shone;
He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;
He signaled to the pitcher, and once more the dun sphere flew;
But Casey still ignored it, and the umpire said "Strike two!"

"Fraud!" cried the maddened thousands, and echo answered "Fraud!"
But one scornful look from Casey and the audience was awed.
They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,
And they knew that Casey wouldn't let that ball go by again.

The sneer has fled from Casey's lip, the teeth are clenched in hate;
He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate.
And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go,
And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey's blow.

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright,
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,

And somewhere men are laughing, and little children shout;
But there is no joy in Mudville — mighty Casey has struck out.

Thanks Paul & Rick!!!! Fantastic Presentation!!!!

The Haircut

A young boy had just gotten his driver's permit and asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm real disappointed you didn't get your haircut."

The young man paused a moment then said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair. "

To this his father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went."

Author: Unknown

Membership Meeting

We had a fantastic turnout for the August 30th membership meeting at Tuscany's. A total of 60 people attended – 33 members and 27 guests. Division 27 Lt. Governor 2007/2008, Larry Bechtel, was one of our special guests. It was a fun evening of fellowship and sharing more about Kiwanis with our guests.

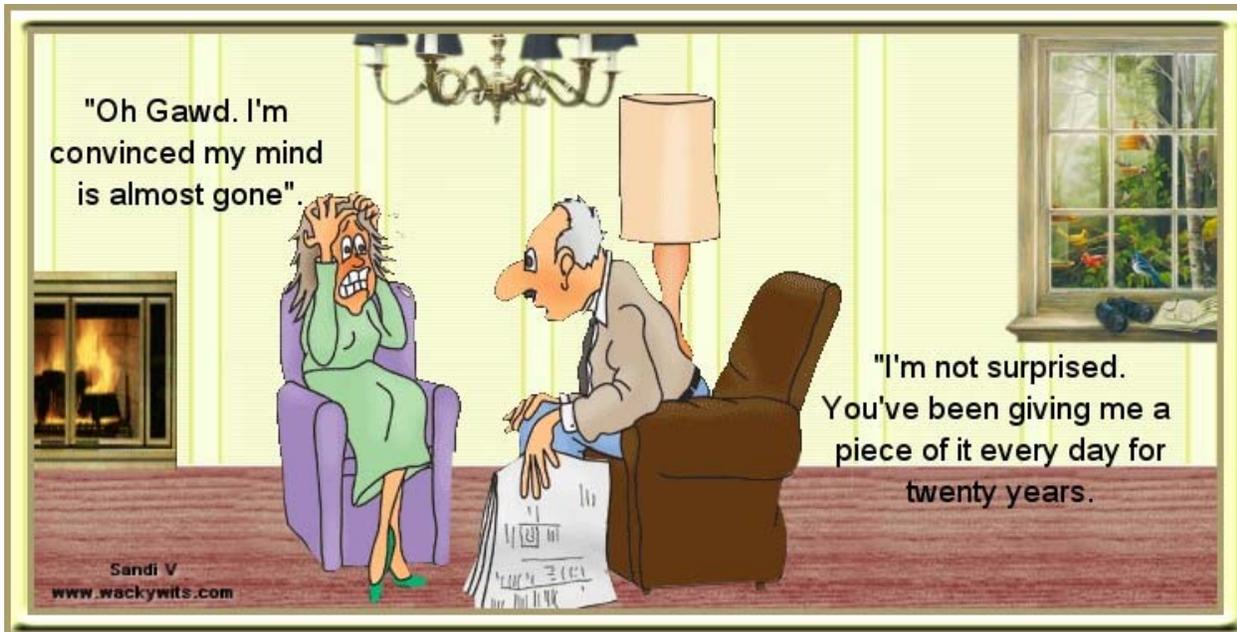


Highlights from the August 2007 Board Meeting

- July Monthly Report – The report had 609 service hours performed and that the club had now achieved 25% growth since October 2006.
- Treasurer's Report – Candy reported a balance of \$5,166.69 as of August 1, 2007.
- Tuscola Soccer League - \$100.00 was budgeted for the soccer league for 2007. Board approved issuing the check to Kim Kemp, league treasurer.
- Ag In The Classroom Books – Carole Weber brought in a list of the Children's Ag books that the Tuscola Library does not have. Board approved issuing a \$100.00 check to the library to purchase as many of the books on the list as possible.
- New Board Members – Darrell Helm reported that he had contact the following members regarding serving as a board member and all accepted. Don Miller will fill Kevin Nolan's unexpired term for 1 year; Kevin will be Vice-President during the 2007/2008 year. Dan Russell and Janet Cox will replace Carole Weber and Mike Damler. Darrell will bring the candidates names for a vote at the regular meeting on August 6th.
- Spastic Paralysis Contribution – The board approved issuing a \$600.00 check for the Spastic Paralysis Foundation. Janet Butler will deliver the check to the I-I District Convention during the spastic paralysis luncheon.
- Division 27 I-I Convention Basket – The board approved a \$100.00 reimbursement to Janet Butler for restaurant gift cards used in the Division 27 basket.
- New Member TCHS Scholarship – Carol Burwash made a motion that since the club had achieved the 25% growth goal, and would be retaining the international dues for those new members, the club would offer one additional \$500.00 scholarship for the graduating seniors of 2008. The board approved the "new member" scholarship.

- Peanut Days – The tentative schedule is October 5-6, subject to approval by City Council. The yellow peanut aprons are missing. Darrell will send out an email to members, and ask about them at the next meeting. [Update: The aprons were found; the peanut sales dates will be September 28th & 29th.]

(Full text on club website)



New items/photos on the website: Kiwanis Family Picnic, I-I District Convention, Membership Meeting

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:

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