



TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2008



2008 Upcoming Events

September 3, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s
September 19 & 20, Fri-Sat	Peanut Sales Days
September 29	New Officer Installation – Regular Meeting
October 1, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany’s

2009 Events – Plan Ahead

February 13-15, Fri-Sun	Midwinter Convention, Decatur IL
February 28, Saturday	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
April 17, Friday	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
June 25-28, Thur-Sun	Kiwanis Intl Convention – Nashville, TN
August 6-9, Thur-Sun	I-I District Convention – Lincolnshire IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

September 1	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 8	Art Moss
September 15	Barb Moss
September 22	Steve Niemann
September 29	New Officer Induction
October 6	Janet Boyer
October 13	Dennis Opperman
October 20	Carl Quinn
October 27	Beth Linstead
November 3	Dan Russell
November 10	Patty Russell
November 17	Tom Stephenson
November 24	Ed Wachala

**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your September Volunteer Hours
before the end of the month!**

Meeting of August 4, 2008

There was a total attendance of 37 members and two guests, our speakers Lisa Biehl and Dr. Teel.

In the absence of president Clarice Hausman, Janet Butler, president-elect brought the meeting to order.

Janet reminded members to turn in their July volunteer hours to Wayne Ward, if they had not done so.

Wayne reminded members that the annual Kiwanis Family Picnic was coming up on Sunday, August 17th. Members please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Wayne plans to begin the meal at 5:00PM.

Janet reminded members that their prospective member names are due by the next regular meeting, Monday August 11th.

Jeannine Fortney reported that she needs at least two volunteers to assist her on Wednesday and Fridays at North Ward at 2:30PM. Contact Jeannine for more details.

Pat Damler reported that the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) of Douglas County is assembling "kits" for people that are stranded by weather. Items needed are travel size shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. She will provide members a list of items.

Ed Wachala passed around an inter-club sign-up sheet for the Paris Noon Club on Tuesday, August 26th.

Judy Landeck reported that the peanuts have been ordered for Peanut Sales Days. Ben Mingo has volunteers to store them in his office. Judy will send around sign-up sheets next week.



Laura Meyer introduced our speakers from the DCHD (Douglas County Health Department). Lisa Biehl is a dental hygienist and Dr. Doug Teel is a dentist. They are a part of the Dental Clinic opened by the DCHD in February 2008. The clinic's patients are 81% Medicaid and 19% low income/uninsured. The clinic currently has two workstations. Due to huge demand,

the DCHD hopes to increase its capacity.

With no advertising, the dental clinic had 175 patients on the waiting list the very first week of opening. As of June 2008, 170 adults and 400 children were seen. There are about 450 people waiting for appointments. About 1/3 of the patients are Hispanic. Many of the patients who come to the clinic have had no dental treatment in years and many are in pain.

Douglas County has been declared a shortage area of dental providers. There has been 1,460 Medicaid cases in 2007 and by 2010, 1,760 are expected. So the need for dental care is very great in the county.

The DCHD Dental Clinic serves a diverse population. Based on the 2000 census, the Amish population was 12.9% and the Hispanic population was 5.4% and growing. The clinic currently has 1 dentist, 1 hygienist, 1 dental assistant and one Spanish translator.

The clinic personnel are as concerned about providing dental treatment as they are about preventive measures. Many patients have never been to a dentist --- 46% of the adults and 24% of the children. Tooth decay and dental problems are a sign of poor nutrition, hurt self-esteem and can even interfere with classroom learning.

Preventive care is so important with children. There are sealants that can protect teeth from cavities and fluoride treatments to keep teeth strong. It is important to catch a problem while it is small! Tooth decay is preventable!

A Lexus and Rolex Aren't Everything

A very successful lawyer parked his brand new Lexus in front of the office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he got out, a truck came along too close to the curb and completely tore off the driver's door. Fortunately, a cop in a police car was close enough to see the accident and pulled up behind the Lexus, his lights flashing.

But, before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the lawyer started screaming hysterically about how his Lexus, which he had just picked up the day before, was now completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how the body shop tried to make it new again. After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disgust and disbelief.

"I can't believe how materialistic you are," he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life."

"How can you say such a thing?" asked the lawyer.

The cop replied, "Don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It got ripped off when the truck hit you!!!"

"OH, MY GOSH!" screamed the lawyer....."MY ROLEX!"

Author: Unknown

Meeting of August 11, 2008

There was a total attendance of 33 members and 1 guest, our speaker Jason Pantier.

In Judy Landeck's absence, Janet Butler passed around sign-up sheets for the Peanut Sales Day, September 19th and 20th.

Dave Dobson provided reminders to the Membership Dinner speakers. He also asked for volunteers to make follow-up calls to invited guests of the dinner. He also asked the team captains to turn in their team members prospective member names. The dinner is \$6.50 per person and the team that has the most of its guests attend, get dinner free. The dinner is at Tuscan's on Thursday, August 28th at 6:30PM.

Clarice Hausman and Janet Butler reported on the I-I District Convention in Peoria held the previous weekend. David Butler, Janet Butler and Clarice attended. The club received patches for our website and for donating to the Penguin Project. Over \$190,000 was raised for Spastic Paralysis Research through the Parade of Love, craft room sales, raffle tickets, Bowl-A-Thons, etc. The Tuscola club provided a check for \$800.00. Regarding the possibility of re-divisioning the I-I District, this effort has been tabled and was not brought to a vote at the convention.

Ed Wachala passed around an inter-club sign-up sheet for the Paris Noon Club on Tuesday, August 26th.

Pat Damler passed out a list of items that the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) are collecting to make kits for stranded travelers. She will be happy to accept items at any time.



Don Miller introduced our speaker, Jason Pantier. Jason is a Douglas County probation officer who works primarily with juveniles. A big problem in Douglas County is under-age drinking. One of the programs that Jason manages with juveniles is the Juvenile Diversion Program. This is available to first-time offenders only. The program is similar to probation but in an unofficial capacity. There is a written agreement between the District Attorney, a probation officer and the juvenile.

The agreement states exactly what the juvenile must do to keep his/her legal record clean. Typically the agreement requires the juvenile to meet with the probation officer regularly, to write a two page paper on what incident occurred and how he/she is going to keep law abiding in the future, to do 40 hours of community service, to write apology letter to the victim(s) and possibly to have a dialogue with the victim(s), as applicable.

If the juvenile fail to uphold the terms of the agreement, then the case will go to trial and will be on the juvenile's record. If the terms of the agreement are successfully completed, the issue is closed and there is no court record.

The success rate of this program has been 80%! Keep up the good work, Jason.

Senior Stunning Moment

A very self-important college freshman attending a recent football game, took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one," the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars. We have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with DSL, BPS, light-speed processing, and--" he paused to take another drink of beer before continuing.

The senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany and said, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young, so we invented them. Now, what are you doing for the next generation????"

The applause was resounding ...

Author Unknown

Kiwanis Family Picnic - August 17, 2008

Great fun, great fellowship...Thanks Wayne & Joann!!!!!!





Meeting of August 18, 2008

There was a total attendance of 36 members and 2 guests, our incoming Lt. Governor, Charlotte Ballance and outgoing Lt. Governor, Larry Bechtel.

In the absence of President Clarice Hausman, Janet Butler, president-elect brought the meeting to order.

Judy Landeck passed around Peanut Sales Days sign-up sheets for the Peanut Sales Day, September 19th and 20th.

Dave Dobson reminded members that the Membership Dinner will be Thursday, August 28th at 6:30PM at Tuscany's.

Janet Butler asked members to notify her if they are going to warmer climate during the coming winter. Please let Janet know what dates you will be gone so that she will not assign you a program during your absence.



Larry Bechtel introduced our new incoming Lt. Governor, Charlotte Ballance.

Charlotte is from the Decatur Noon Club. She looks forward to working with our club and the clubs in Division 27.

Pat Damler thanked members who donated items for the stranded traveler kits. She will be happy to accept items at anytime.

Jim Wood advised members that S.A.M.'s Pantry is having larger numbers of families coming to the pantry in this slower economy. He hoped that Kiwanis members would help out. It was suggested that members who wish to donation, donate money since the Pantry can purchase food at a much lower cost. It was agreed that an envelope would be passed around at the next meeting.



Our speaker was Ben Mingo. Ben shared with us his experiences relating to the discovery of him having Type II Diabetes. Ben began by thanking the members for their concern. He had many members asking after him, sending cards, etc.

It all began the first weekend of December 2007. Ben and his wife were on the road returning home. Ben had to stop frequently for “nature calls.” He went to the doctor Wednesday, December 5th and was told he had a bladder infection. His blood test showed his sugar to be a little over 300l.

On Monday, December 10th Ben returned to the doctor about 1:30PM. His blood sugar was over 500. The doctor wanted Ben to go immediately to the hospital. Ben insisted he felt fine and would drive himself. The doctor was not happy but there was no persuading Ben otherwise. Ben left, drove home and picked up his wife and then proceeded to the hospital.

When he arrived at the hospital, they were waiting for him with a wheelchair. Ben, of course, would have nothing to do with the wheelchair and said he felt fine. So up to the 7th floor Ben went with his wife. He sat on the bed and a nurse came in and took a blood sample.

Shortly after, a doctor and nurse returned with a wheelchair. The doctor asked Ben how he felt. Ben said fine. The doctor asked if Ben was dizzy or if his vision was OK. Ben said fine.

The doctor advised Ben that his blood sugar was now at 1196, and that at around 900 most people have a heart attack or stroke. The doctor considered Ben's good condition a miracle. The only thing the doctor could attribute this to was Ben's great physical condition and muscle mass. They started Ben on insulin to bring his blood sugar down.

Ben was on insulin shots for 6 weeks. He is now able to take a 5 mg. pill each day to control his sugar because of a healthier diet and continued exercise. With a dietician's help, Ben has learned how to eat and when to eat. He checks his sugar level often so as to keep it between the normal range of 95-105. Ben said that if his sugar gets too low, he can tell it and feels weak. But if it gets too high, there are no symptoms.

Healthy eating and exercise is a way of life for Ben. Great going, Ben!

The Ship Wreck

A retired corporate executive, now a widower, decided to take a vacation. He booked himself on a Caribbean cruise and proceeded to have the time of his life, that is, until the ship sank. He found himself on an island with no other people, no supplies, nothing, only bananas and coconuts. After about four months, he is lying on the beach one day when a beautiful woman rows up to the shore. In disbelief, he asks, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?"

She replies, "I rowed from the other side of the island. I landed here when my cruise ship sank." "Amazing," he notes. "You were really lucky to have a row boat wash up with you." "Oh, this thing?" explains the woman. "I made the boat out of raw material I found on the island. The oars were whittled from gum tree branches. I wove the bottom from palm branches, and the sides and stern came from a Eucalyptus tree." "But, where did you get the tools?"

"Oh, that was no problem," replied the woman. "On the south side of the island, a very unusual stratum of alluvial rock is exposed. I found if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into ductile iron. I used that for tools and used the tools to make the hardware." The guy is stunned.

"Let's row over to my place," she says. After a few minutes of rowing, she docks the boat at a small wharf. As the man looks to shore, he nearly falls off the boat. Before him is a stone walk leading to an exquisite bungalow painted in blue and white. While the woman ties up the rowboat with an expertly woven hemp

rope, the man can only stare ahead, dumbstruck. As they walk into the house, she says casually, "It's not much, but I call it home. Sit down, please."

"Would you like a drink?" "No! No thank you," he blurts out, still dazed. "I can't take another drop of coconut juice." "It's not coconut juice," winks the woman. "I have a still. How would you like a Pina Colada?" Trying to hide his continued amazement, the man accepts, and they sit down on her couch to talk. After they have exchanged their stories, the woman announces, "I'm going to slip into something more comfortable."

"This woman is amazing," he muses. "What next?" When she returns, she greets him wearing nothing but vines, strategically positioned, and smelling faintly of gardenias. She beckons for him to sit down next to her. "Tell me," she begins suggestively, "We've been out here for many months. You've been lonely. There's something I'm sure you really feel like doing right now, something you've been longing for?" She stares into his eyes.

He can't believe what he's hearing. "You mean," as he swallows excitedly and tears start to form in his eyes.

"Don't tell me you've built a Golf Course."

Author: Unknown

Meeting of August 25, 2008

There was a total attendance of 31 members and two guests, our speakers Barb Utterback and Barb Lake.

Janet Butler announced that Darcey Voyles Helmick has agreed to be a Key Club faculty advisor. Darcey plans to attend the membership dinner Thursday evening so many of you will have the opportunity to meet her. BIG THANKS to Janet Cox!!! Our Key Club Kiwanis Advisors designates are Janet Cox and Clarice Hausman. A support committee for Darcey, Janet and Clarice is being formed. If you are interested in being on the committee to help support the Key Club, please contact Janet Butler, president-elect. The next steps are to meet with the Planet People students to see if they would like to convert to a Key Club (and recruit a minimum of 15 TCHS students) and obtain TCHS principal, Mr. Ransom's approval.

Candy Hudson has severely broken her ankle and will require surgery later this week. Please send your best wishes for a swift recovery to Candy.

Ed Wachala asked for a volunteer to go to the Paris Noon Interclub Tuesday, August 26th. One of the members that intended going cannot make it. Janet Butler volunteers to go with Ed, Pat Damler and Gary Weber.

Dave Dobson asked for a raise of hands of members planning to attend the Membership Dinner on Thursday, August 28th at 6:30PM at Tuscany's. Dave expects 60-65 members and guests.

Jeannine Fortney reported that the North Ward teachers are getting settled in and will be providing information to Jeannine regarding the need for volunteers to work with and read with students. More information to come.

Judy Landeck advised that everything is on track for the Peanut Sales Days, September 19th & 20th.



Topy Mooday introduced our speakers Barb Utterback and Barb Lake from BETHS (Because Eventually The Healing Starts) Place in Tuscola. Barb Utterback is the executive director and Barb Lake is a volunteer Advocate.

BETHS Place is a 13-bed shelter for female domestic violence victims and their children. The shelter provides a safe, caring environment.

BETHS Place volunteers will work with male victims of domestic violence, however men cannot stay at the shelter.

From July 1, 2007 to June 20, 2008 the shelter has served 63 clients – 44 adults and 19 children. Volunteers man a 24/7 help line. Volunteers spent 505 hours with individuals listening to them...helping them. In addition to food, clothing, counseling and temporary shelter, BETHS Place provides referrals to other state, federal and county agencies, referrals to other organizations, furniture and even sometimes a vehicle.

Just as Barb Lake did, anyone wanting to be a BETHS Place Advocate must complete 40 hours of training. Barb said the two most important things that an Advocate must have are ears and a heart. Ears for listening. Many clients have been so beat down and with such low self esteem, they are not used to anyone

listening to them. Advocates listen. An Advocate needs a big, caring heart to reach out, comfort and help people.

On average, clients stay 2-3 weeks. School age children are registered and attend school. The adults do daily chores -- cooking, laundry, etc. Clients are assisted with finding a place to live, finding a job, etc.

This wonderful place has been providing service and help for nine years. All donations and work by people and organizations such as Kiwanis are deeply appreciated. BETHS Place can always use help and donations. Items on their wish list include: gas cards, fast food gift certificates, tissues, baby wipes, IGA gift certificates, gift cards (Pamida, Wal-Mart, etc.), Clorox wipes, used vehicles in good running order and of course, cash. Keep up the good work!

The Roman emperor and philosopher Marcus Aurelius wrote: “Man is born for deeds of kindness; and when he has done a kindly action, or otherwise served the common welfare, he has done what he was made for, and has received his quittance.” Kiwanis gives each of us another way to perform deeds of kindness and serve the common welfare. When we serve, we fulfill our human nature, and serving is its own reward.

From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions

Membership Dinner – August 28, 2008

Thanks Dave Dobson, Chairperson
And everyone who helped with the dinner!
Attendees: 37 members & 22 guests



President – Clarice Hausman



Wayne Ward & Dave Dobson



Fellowship & Fun!



Callie Parr, Janet Cox, Darcey Helmick



Jim Wood-Charter Member



Carol Burwash

August 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, August 6th at noon by President, Clarice Hausman, with the following members present: David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Debbie Graber, Darrell Helm, Candy Hudson, Don Miller, Kevin Nolan, Earl Pendergrass, Dan Russell and Janet Boyer.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of June & July 2008 Board Meetings – David Butler made a motion that the June & July Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted to the members. Kevin Nolan seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. June & July 2008 Monthly Reports – Don Miller made a motion that the reports be approved. Kevin Nolan seconded the motion and it was approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Candy distributed copies of the July 2008 report. The current balance in the Treasury is \$ 5,115.97 as of 8-6-08. Earl Pendergrass made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dan Russell seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Key Club – A memo was submitted to the Board from Carol Burwash, Janet Butler and Janet Cox requesting Board approval to seriously investigate forming a Key Club at TCHS. Moving forward will be contingent on obtaining a faculty advisor who does not require a stipend. After discussion, Kevin Nolan made a motion to authorize the requesting members to move forward by contacting the TCHS principal and faculty members as appropriate. Candy Hudson seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. Spastic Paralysis Research Donation – Darrell moved that the Board approve an \$800.00 check for spastic paralysis research to be presented at the I-I District Convention on August 9th by David and Janet Butler. The donation was generated from the \$.50 per person that is collected with lunch money at regular meetings. Kevin Nolan seconded the motion and it was approved. Candy prepared the check and gave it to the Butlers. They will be leaving for the convention in Peoria Thursday, August 7th.
6. Children's Miracle Network Donation – Kevin Nolan moved that the Board approve a \$100.00 check for the Children's Miracle Network to be sent to St. John's Hospital in Springfield. The donation was generated by the ink cartridge and cell phone recycling project that is ongoing for the club. Darrell Helm seconded the motion and it was approved.
7. I-I District Proposed Division Changes – The Board voted to have Janet and David Butler vote “no” for moving the Tuscola Club into a different Division. Based on all the voting at the convention, the change may or may not happen for the fiscal year 2009/2010. Results will come at a later time from the I-I District.
8. Handling Cash/Currency – Candy Hudson and Darrell Helm presented a proposed policy (see below) for the club's handling of cash/currency. After discussion, Janet Cox moved to approve the policy. Don Miller seconded the motion and it was approved. Darrell Helm reminded the Board that the policy does not apply to regular club meetings because a double check with the restaurant is already in place for most of the monies collected. Candy Hudson

added that the amount of money for the club, leftover after paying the restaurant, has always provided to her without error.

9. 2009 TCHS Scholarships – Janet Butler advised the Board that David Butler, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel and she have received notification that they will be election judges. The four members will be donating the payment they receive to the club to be used for 2009 TCHS scholarships.
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M. with the next meeting scheduled for September 3, 2008 at Tuscanys at noon.

Janet Butler
(For Secretary, Wayne Ward)

**HANDLING CASH/CURRENCY
TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB
Effective August 6, 2008**

1. For each activity which produces cash for the Tuscola Kiwanis Club (e.g. pancake breakfast, fish supper, peanut sales, etc.) two people shall be designated to collect and count the money.
2. All money which is collected shall be deposited in the appropriate Kiwanis accounts by the Tuscola Kiwanis Treasurer who shall also be responsible for reporting the results of the fund raiser to the general membership of the Tuscola Kiwanis Club.
3. The Treasurer shall sign all checks for payments approved by the Board of Directors as well as payment for receipts presented by individual members.
4. An internal audit of Tuscola Kiwanis financial transactions shall be conducted annually by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors for the sole purpose of conducting said audit. Results of the audit shall be submitted to the membership for approval at a time consistent with the end of the fiscal year of the Tuscola Kiwanis Club.



Take a look at this face and then tell me no.

New items on the website include: membership dinner photos, August meeting photos

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: dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org .