



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2009

## 2009 Events

September 2, Wednesday	Board Meeting – Noon at Tuscany's
September 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> , Fri & Sat	Peanut Sales Days

## Planning Ahead – 2010

April 9 <sup>th</sup> , Fish Fry Supper	Forty Martyrs Hall – time TBD
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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

September 7	No Meeting – Labor Day
September 14	Katona Hall
September 21	Jerry Hall
September 28	<b>New Officer Installation</b>
October 5	Gary Weber
October 12	Jason Maus
October 19	Jonda Maus
October 26	Kathryn McCumber
November 2	Laura Meyer
November 9	Don Miller
November 16	Ben Mingo
November 23	No Meeting – Thanksgiving Week
November 30	Topy Mooday
December 7	Art Moss
December 14	<b>Christmas Party – Bring a \$10 donation</b>
December 21	No Meeting – Christmas Week
December 28	Barb Moss

Programs are scheduled through the end of the year. If your date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so we can do a swap date for you.

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**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your September Volunteer Hours by the end of the month!**  
[Click here to enter hours online](#)

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Movie mogul Sam Goldwyn said: “A work of praise, a sign of encouragement – these are among the most precious gifts one person can make to another. When someone does something good, applaud! You’ll make two people happy.” Nothing is more important to Kiwanis service than Kiwanis fellowship. In Kiwanis, we find the words of praise and sign of encouragement that support us in our service achievements.

*From Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis Occasions*

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### **Meeting of August 3, 2009**

There was a total attendance of 39 members and 6 guests: Key Club Officers president Cassie Grimm, Vice-President Amy Wilson, Secretary Katie Haake and Webmaster/Editor Chase Kauffman, Delores Adkisson and our program speaker, Jerry Adkisson.

The membership recruitment dinner has been set for Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at Tuscano’s. Members have the opportunity to win a free dinner. From those Kiwanians who have a guest attend the dinner, we will randomly draw 12 names for a free dinner on that night. Members are asked to submit two names of prospective members to Carol Burwash by Monday’s meeting, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Members were reminded to let Wayne know if they will be attending the Kiwanis Family Picnic at Wayne & Joann’s home on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Bring a dish to share; we will eat about 5:00PM. Rain date is August 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Betty Leonard introduced our guest speaker, Jerry Adkisson. Jerry’s topic was the Tuscola Airport. The airport began in 1953 by Jerry’s brother. It is owned privately by Tuscola Airport Improvement LTD, a not-for-profit corporation and is open for public use. The airport receives no federal or state funding. The current oil and chip runway is about 900 yards long and originally was a grass runway about 440 yards long. There are 12 planes based at the airport.

Over the years a number of T-34 airplanes have been built, mostly from wrecks and spare parts. One of those planes is now in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. To help keep the airport open, periodic fundraisers are held and donations are always welcome.



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**I-I District Convention – August 6-9 – Lincolnshire, Illinois**



Wayne & Janet presenting at a convention forum on Achieving Membership Growth



Janet providing the club's Spastic Paralysis Research donation to David Chestnut



Kevin McConnell  
2009/2010 I-I Governor  
Kiwanis Club of Normal



Larry Forsberg  
2009/2010 I-I Governor Elect  
Kiwanis Club of Sycamore



Dinner with a Roarin' Twenties Theme and Funny Hats



Wayne & Joann Cuttin' The Rug

More Convention Photos on Website

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### **Lunchtime**

Three construction men were working on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of a building. Nothing was enclosed as yet and it was a hassle to get back to the ground for lunch and then back up again, so they ate lunch out in the open on a beam. The first man, being Irish, opened his lunch to corned beef and cabbage. He said, "If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time, I'm going to jump off this building." The second man, being Hispanic, opened his lunch to burritos. He exclaimed, "If I get burritos one more time, I'm going to jump off this building." The third blond man opened his lunch to a bologna sandwich. He exclaimed, "If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm going to jump off this building." Sure enough, on the following day the lunches were the same and all three men jumped to their death.

The three widows were all weeping at the joint funeral. The Irishman's wife said that she had known how really tired her husband was of corned beef and cabbage that she wouldn't have packed them in his lunch. The Hispanic wife said he could have given her husband tacos or enchiladas...that she had no idea he was so sick of burritos. The two widows turned to the blonde wife. She said, "Don't look at me. He always made his own lunch."

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### **Meeting of August 10, 2009**

There was a total attendance of 33 members and 6 guests – Decatur Early Birds interclub: Richie Barnett, Paul Francis, Boy Kraft and Dave Kittell; Linda Brewer, daughter of Betty Leonard and program speaker Lynnita Brown.

Carol Burwash reminded members that today was the last day to submit names for the membership recruitment dinner to be held Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at Tuscano's.

Patty Russell talked about the possibility of participating in the Abundant Market either as a non-profit sponsor or by having a table at the market. The vendor fee is \$10.00. The sponsors collect the fee and help set up. No decision was made.

Patty also talked about the possibility of having a sister Kiwanis club in another country. She has been working with the Kiwanis International office to determine a club. One of the clubs in Australia has tentatively been selected, but contact has not been made. Pen pals could possibly be started with the K-Kids and/or Key Clubbers.



Betty Leonard introduced Lynnita Brown to present the program about the “Jarman Hospital Babies Book.” The project started with an exhibit at the museum and has resulted in a book with about 7,000 babies. The book has the date of birth, baby names, mother’s name, mother’s maiden name, nurse on duty, attending doctor and what has happened with the baby.

The book has been a challenge to compile because of marriages, divorces, step-children, name spelling and incomplete information. In addition Douglas County destroyed many of the records from the old hospital so gathering information was difficult.

The book has been prepared totally by volunteers who have spent hundreds of hours. The book will be available soon at a cost of \$45.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-museum members.

Museum volunteers are now working on a book on “Douglas County Veterans.” The 2010 theme for the museum will be “Where Were You During World War II?”

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### **Know Where You’re Going**

Billy Graham related a time during his early years of preaching ministry when he was due to lead a crusade meeting in a town in South Carolina, and needed to mail a letter. He asked a little boy in the main street where was the post office. After the boy gave him directions, Billy said, “If you come to the Baptist church tonight, I’ll tell you how to get to heaven.”

The boy replied, “No thanks, you don’t even know how to get to the post office!”

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## Kiwanis Family Picnic – August 16<sup>th</sup>



Twenty-six members and fifteen guests attended the picnic. We didn't let the rain stop us!

**THANK YOU, WAYNE & JOANN!!!**

More photos on website

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### Meeting of August 17, 2009

There was a total attendance of 33 members and 2 guests – Sara Birchenough, granddaughter of Andy & Joyce Brzozkiewicz and our program speaker, Mike Wilson.

Jeannine asked members again to step up and volunteer at North Ward. For those members who volunteered last year, they should be hearing from the teachers in a week or so. Additional volunteers are needed. If you can give even an hour of your time per week, contact Jeannine.

Carol Burwash reported that 46 envelopes inviting 66 guests to the Membership Recruitment Dinner went out last Thursday. So far 37 members and guests have replied that they will attend. The deadline for letting Carol know is at our next meeting, Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>. The dinner is on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at Tuscano's.

It was reported that the \$10.00 vendor fee has been waived for the Abundant Market on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some members indicated an interest in having a Kiwanis table. Janet Butler will determine if there is enough interest and proceed based on enough members participating.



Jerry Leonard introduced our program speaker, Mike Wilson. Mike is from the Eastern Illini Electric Co-Operative. Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative was formed in 1987 by the union of two electric cooperatives: Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative and Illini Electric Cooperative who had each served their members since 1938. Together, they formed a larger, more powerful cooperative that could provide more reliability and cost-effective power solutions for their members. A cooperative is a business that is owned

by the people who use it - members who have organized to provide themselves with the products and services they need. The co-operative serves over 14,000 members in the rural areas of 10 counties.

Electric co-operatives are concerned about pending climate change and environment legislation that will affect all users of electricity. The House of Representatives recently passed a climate change bill (H.R. 2454). The Senate is working on their own version of a bill, and once that is done - maybe this fall - the two bodies will attempt to bring the two pieces of legislation together.

It is Eastern Illini Electric Co-Operative's position that if this pending legislation gets passed in Congress, and signed by the President, it will amount to a tax on electric use, especially for power companies ours that get most of their electricity from coal-fired power plants. This tax will surely get passed right on through to the end-user customers. Almost everything we use/eat/do requires electricity at some point in the manufacturing process, so this will affect all kinds of products and services.

Eastern Illini Co-Operative states that it cares about our environment, and is concerned about protecting it – sensibly, and without putting a burden on our members. They feel it is important that Congress develop a fair, affordable and achievable solution. To help make your voice heard, contact your Senators and Representatives by email. To assist you, go to their website page: <https://www.ourenergy.coop/> . For more information on House Bill 2454, go to: <http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h2454/show> .

## Abundant Market – August 22<sup>nd</sup>



More Photos on Website

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## Meeting of August 24, 2009

There was a total attendance of 37 members and 6 guests – Sullivan Inter-club: Dave McCabe president, Virginia Gillenwater secretary, Wayne Gillenwater, Marty Reynolds inter-club chairperson and Mary Reynolds and our program speaker, Brenda Eastham.

Janet Butler passed around an envelope for those members wanting to contribute to the North Ward "Read Across Tuscola" program. [Note: A total of \$500.00 was raised for this program...\$250.00 in club funds and \$250.00 by individual members.]

Pat Damler reported on the Danville inter-club meeting that she, Jerry Leonard, Topy Mooday and Gary Weber attended. This was the first time our club had visited the Danville club. They were very appreciative of the visit.

Janet Butler read a thank you note from the TCHS FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) club for the \$200.00 donation made by our club.

Janet Butler thanked Elaine Bryant, David Butler, Janet Cox, Jeannine Fortney, Casey Higgins, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, Betty Leonard and Patty Russell who all came out to help with the Kiwanis table at the Abundant Market on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Though the primary purpose was putting our club name out in the community, we did sell \$45.30 in cookies and brownies donated by Janet Cox. Thanks everyone!!

Members were reminded that the membership recruitment dinner is this Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at Tuscano's.

Judy Landeck passed around sign-up sheets for Peanut Sales Days September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be asking for donations at Main & Sale, entrance to Tanger Mall, IGA and Pamida this year.



Beth Lindstead introduced our program speaker, Brenda Eastham. Brenda is with CCRS (Child Care Resource Service), an Illinois state agency, located on the U of I campus in Urbana. CCRS is a child care resource and referral service for Champaign, Douglas, Iroquois, Macon, Piatt and Vermillion counties. CCRS does not license, endorse or recommend any provider or type of care.

A staff of 33 people work in-house alongside 2 community liaisons, to serve the child care needs of our six counties where the total 2000 Census population is 56,688 children under the age of nine. Out of this population of children, 27,606 children are under the age of five years and 29,082 children are from age six to nine years old. An average of 65 percent of working families with children under the age of 9 needs access to childcare. In our region, as many as 36,847 children have a possible need for child care. CCRS maintains detailed information for 22,294 spaces which may be licensed and/or licensed exempt family home and centers in East Central Illinois. Other children are being served in the homes of relatives and friends which are 31% of the cases processed through the Child Care Assistance programs.

Programs and services include:

### Parent Services (1-800-325-5516 - Option 2)

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A staff of experienced Resource Specialists is available to answer phone calls (**con servicios en español**) from any parent with:

- Professional assistance in evaluating child care needs
- Current and detailed information on child care options, including:
  - Child care centers
  - Before and after school programs
  - Family child care homes
  - Summer programs for children
  - Nursery schools
  - Resources for finding in-home care
  - Head Start programs
- Back-Up Solutions - a list of child care programs available for drop in child care
- Administration of child care financial assistance program for qualified families
- Guidelines and resource material for selecting quality care, including what to look for and what questions to ask
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### Provider Services (1-800-325-5516 - Option 1)

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Resource Specialists make the connection between the community of providers in the child care industry and parents seeking child care referrals. We maintain a database with accurate program information and vacancies for providers in the six counties of Champaign, Douglas, Macon, Piatt, Iroquois and Vermilion.

Provider information may also be used to report statistical information for research to state and government officials. Other services for child care providers include:

- **Funding Quality \$** - Several programs funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services are to increase the quality of early childcare providers through grants and services. These programs are: \_\_Quality Rating System (QRS)
  - Quality Counts Van outreach services,
  - Quality Counts Mini-grants,
  - Professional Development Funds and
  - Accreditation funds and mentoring services.
- **Training** - DCFS requires 15 hours of continuing education each year for licensed providers. Training events are scheduled and a calendar is published three times a year for workshops and conferences, including where to find.
  - CPR/First Aid classes
  - mandated Special Care classes
  - Self Study videos and assessment
- **Resource Library** - General Resources are available to child care providers listed on the database.
- **Licensing Information** - Persons interesting in becoming a licensed child care provider can request resources to help them prepare and understand the requirements of the licensing standards. Resource booklets explain the business of starting child care family homes or centers.
- **Nurse Consultants** - Health and safety workshops and individual consulting is available to providers on-site. Early Childhood Mental Health services are also available for supporting positive social and behavioral development for children under 5 years of age in child care settings.

## Key Club Membership Recruitment Lunch – August 27<sup>th</sup>



Tuscola Kiwanis Club provided pizza



Clarice & Faculty Advisor Darcey Helmick



Forty-six students attended the Key Club Membership Recruitment Lunch



More Photos on Website

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## Membership Dinner – August 27<sup>th</sup>



Time to get things started!



Betty Leonard, Darrell Helm and his guests John & Diane Pangburn



Dan Russell with guests Dave McCabe, Ann Lamkey & Lyn Selen  
More Dinner Photos on Website



Kevin wraps it up!

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### Meeting of August 31, 2009

There was a total attendance of 42 members and no guests.

Janet Butler passed around sign-up sheets for two volunteer opportunities with 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. September 10<sup>th</sup> is Douglas County Stewardship Day with 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Walnut Point State Park and October 15<sup>th</sup> is Douglas County Farm Safety Day with 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the Otto Center in Arthur. For both events students will be divided into groups with a volunteer group leader and 2-3 additional adults who lead a group from station to station. The group leader keeps track of time, letting the presenters know when the group needs to move on. Lunch is provided. If you can help at the Douglas County Stewardship Day, please let Steve Niemann know at 253-3340 or email [sniemann@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:sniemann@tuscolakiwanis.org).

Janet Butler read a thank you note from Kathy Pflum thanking the Kiwanis Club and Kiwanians for their donations to the new North Ward Backpack program.

Five members received a free membership dinner because their guest(s) attended the dinner. The members are: Janet Butler, Darrell Helm, Kim Higgins, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber. To thank members for supporting the event, six member names were drawn from the remaining members who attended the dinner. The winners of a free dinner are: Carol Burwash, Dave Butler, Mike Damler, Katona Hall, Paul Jones and Jim Wood.

Judy Landeck passed around the sign-up sheets for Peanut Sales Days September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. She also revised the IGA and Pamida sheets to just two members per shift.

Ed Wachala passed around a sign-up sheet for an inter-club with Paris Early Birds on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30AM.

Patty Russell updated members regarding the possibility of a sister Kiwanis Club in Australia. Ken Archer, Governor-Elect is suggesting the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge Club. He will follow up with the president of that club shortly, and get back to Patty.

Today's program was presented by Kiwanian Jaci Manzella. The topic was her family's trip out west into Missouri and South Dakota. Jaci started off the presentation giving out a quiz with questions related to her trip. She then shared photographs of her trip that included Mark Twain's hometown of Hannibal Missouri, the Crazy Horse monument, Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, beautiful scenery and family/camper shots. Thanks, Jaci...looked like a great trip!

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### **Highlights of August 2009 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> by President Janet Butler, with the following members present: David Butler, Janet Butler, Janet Cox, Mike Damler, Candy Hudson, Kevin Nolan, Dan Russell, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber. Member Darcey Helmick also attended with Key Club officers: Cassie Grimm, Amy Wilson and Chase Kauffman.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of July 2009 Board Meeting – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Minutes approved.
2. July 2009 Monthly Report – There were 514 service hours during the month. Meeting attendance for the month was 62%. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month's minutes. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Candy Hudson provided copies of the report for Board review. The bank balance as of 8/5/09 was \$7,948.12. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous month's minutes. Report approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursements – Janet Butler presented receipts for newsletter postage, flowers and Key Club supplies. A motion was made to reimburse the \$209.12. The motion was seconded and approved.
5. Ink Cartridge Collection – Mike Damler will check on the amount available after sending in a full box of cartridges. There will probably be nearly \$100.00. Mike will investigate to see if there are other companies paying for empty cartridges.
6. Read Across Tuscola Program – Carolyn Adkins sent a letter to the club requesting a donation for the program. A grant has been approved by the Tuscola Foundation for \$1,000.00 and Rotary Club for \$250.00. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded

to donate \$250.00 from the club's fund, and to pass around an envelope to members who wish to make a personal donation to the program. One check will be sent to Carolyn.

7. Abundant Market – A note was received concerning the Abundant Marketing sponsored by the United Methodist church each Saturday morning. Any nonprofit group can host the weekly event. The \$10.00 vendor fee per booth is donated to the nonprofit group host. A display table could be set up for additional donations or to sell items for fundraising. After discussion, it was decided to bring the issue to the full membership to obtain their opinion. No additional action was taken.
8. Possible Sister Club – Patty Russell is investigating with Kiwanis International about the possibility of a sister club in a foreign country for our club. A possible club in Australia has been discussed however, no response has been received from that club. This would also be an opportunity for K-Kids and/or Key Clubbers to develop pen pal contacts. More information to follow.
9. Key Club Member of the Month – Darcey reported that the Key Club will be having a Member of the Month. A motion was made and seconded that the member of the month be invited to attend one of our club meetings with the club paying for the student's lunch. Motion approved.

(Full text available on club website)

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Autumn is Coming Fast!

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New items on the website include: meeting program photos, Abundant Market photos, membership dinner photos, posted minutes and reports

Please provide any information, pictures, updates and corrections for the newsletter and/or website to: [dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) .