



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2013

## 2013 Events

Wednesday, September 11	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon
Saturday, September 14	Pancake Breakfast, Community Building
Saturday, September 28	I-I District Growth Summit, Normal, IL
Wednesday, October 9	Board Meeting – Downtown Diner-noon
TBD	Peanut Days

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## Looking Ahead - 2014 Events

Saturday, February 1	I-I District Mid-Year Conference, East Peoria, IL
Saturday, March 15	Governor's Visit Luncheon, Amishland Buffet
Thursday, April 3	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, April 4	Fish Fry – Forty Martyrs Hall
Saturday, April 12	Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt
Thu-Sun, July 17-20	Kiwanis Intl Convention, Chiba, Japan
Thu-Sun August 7-10	I-I District Annual Convention, Bloomington, IL

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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

September 2	<b><u>No Meeting – Labor Day</u></b>
September 9	Pat Sturgis
September 16	Tom Sturgis
September 23	Robert Van Cleave
September 30	Office/Board Installations
October 7	2012/2013 Awards
October 14	Gary Weber

October 21	Carey Wood
October 28	Jim Wood
November 4	Mary Schultz
November 11	Doris Young
November 18	Wilma Allen
November 25	Betty Leonard
December 2	Bill Bauer
December 9	Carol Beals
December 16	Club Christmas Party – Bring \$10
December 23	<b><u>No Meeting – Christmas Week</u></b>
December 30	Tammy Baer
January 6	Maureen Bergeson
January 13	Lorraine Best
January 20	Margo Blaudow
January 27	Elaine Bryant

If your program date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so a date swap can be arranged.

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**Don't Forget to Give Janet Butler Your August Volunteer Hours  
at the end of the month!**

**[Click here to enter hours online](#)**

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**For Our Fishermen**

Dylan and Charlie were talking about fishing. Charlie said emphatically, “I am never going to take my wife fishing with me ever again, Dylan!”

“That bad, eh?” enquired Dylan smiling.

“Yeah, she did everything wrong; got nothing right. She talked too much, made the boat rock constantly, tried to stand up in the boat, baited the hook wrong, used the wrong lures and...

worst of all, she caught more fish than me!” bellowed Charlie.

## Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2013

- Attendance

41 – Members

11 – Guests: Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell; Interclub from Golden K-Helen Corcoran, Donna Cleland, Gary Goeken, George Hogg, and Howard Lawrence; from Decatur Noon-Bob Emmons and our program speaker, Lt. Gov. Elect Shirley Elkin. Soon to be members-Jerry & Nancy Reynolds and Jennifer Nolan, spouse of Kevin Nolan.

- Free Lunch Winner – Maureen Bergeson
- Birthdays – 8/6 Linda Damler
- Brags – Janet Butler, Mike Damler, Betty Leonard, Kathryn McCumber, and Wayne Ward.
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Membership Recruitment Dinner - The membership recruitment dinner will be held on Thursday, August 22, at 6:00 P.M. (begin serving at 6:30 P.M.) at the Amishland Buffet at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Carol Burwash needs to know if you are attending and if you are bringing a prospective member and/or guest **by August 19.**

Pancake Breakfast-Homecoming Weekend – Alan reminded members that the additional pancake breakfast to benefit Computers for Kids is Saturday, September 14 7a-10a at the Tuscola Community Building. If you have not had a chance to sign up, contact Pat Damler.

Thank You Note – The club received a thank you note from JFL for the \$100 donation. The donation made possible the participation of students who could not afford to pay the fee.

Traveling Gavel – Decatur Golden K members delivered Lt. Governor's Darrell Helm's traveling gavel back to him. The theme was a beach vacation with the gavel hidden in sand with items such as flip flops, shells, pail/shovel/toys, palm tree, etc.



### Program:



Lt. Governor Elect Shirley Elkin from Decatur Noon held a taste test with a panel of members. The panel was to determine if cinnamon raisin rolls or cinnamon pecan rolls were better. And the winner was....PECAN! Samples were provided to members, too.



Mmmmm!

## Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2013

- Attendance

50 – Members

8 – Guests: Key Clubbers-Katie O’Hearn-President, Lauren Moss-Secretary and Emma Sementi-Editor/Webmaster; Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell, soon-to-be members Jerry & Nancy Reynolds, and our speakers Chris Catanzarite and Janet Summers.

- Free Lunch Winner – Maribeth Opperman
- Birthdays – 8/12 Jerry Leonard
- Brags – David Butler, Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, Dennis Opperman, Maribeth Opperman, Patty Russell, Nick Sebastian, and Joann Ward
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

I-I District Convention Update – David Butler provided an update from the I-I District Convention. As of 10-1-13, Pattie Heath will be governor, Janet Butler will be district treasurer and Shirley Elkin will be Division 27 Lt. Governor. David received a prestigious Amador Award, and the club was recognized as a 2011-2012 Distinguished Club.

Fish Fry – Date Changed – The Fish Fry is now scheduled for Friday April 4, 2014. Please update your calendars.

Club Board Director Position – Alan advised members that there would be a vote taken at our 8/26 meeting for a one year term left vacant by the passing of Paul Jones. The name of Carol Burwash was put into nomination. Nominations from the floor will also be taken on 8/26.

Membership Recruitment Dinner - The membership recruitment dinner will be held on Thursday, August 22, at 6:00 P.M. (begin serving at 6:30 P.M.) at the Amishland Buffet at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Carol Burwash needs to know if you are attending and if you are bringing a prospective member and/or guest **by August 19.**

Gavel Hunt – Mysteriously Lt. Governor Darrell Helm’s traveling gavel could not be located. The great gavel hunt with clues was completed by Darrell successfully!



Hmmm...wonder how it got there?

Request for Donation – Tammy Baer brought to the club a request for donation from Lori Reed for Gaylord & Melissa Wallace’s son Gage towards a communications device to help him at school. Members were advised that an envelope would be passed around at the next meeting.

North Ward Assist – Jeannine Fortney reported that North Ward could really use more volunteers in the classrooms to assist students with reading, and possibly other tasks. She also advised that any new volunteers must pay \$40.00 for a background check. After discussion and a suggestion by Janet Butler, Jeannine made a motion for the club to pay the \$40.00 for any Kiwanians who regularly volunteers at North Ward for at least one hour per week. Topyy Mooday seconded the motion, and it was approved by a show of hands called by president Alan Shoemaker. Kiwanians...if you have even one hour a week that you could help out at North Ward, please contact Jeannine.

Key Club Guests -



Katie Hearn –  
President



Lauren Moss –  
Secretary



Emma Sementi -  
Editor/Webmaster

**Program:**



Christine



Janet

Vera Nauta introduced our speakers Chris Catanzarite and Janet Summers fro OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at the University of Illinois. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Illinois is one of 115 OLLI programs across the nation with nearly 113,000 members over the age of 50 engaged in the pursuit of knowledge as its own reward. It is part of a nationwide movement, but also centered in the local community – which means that members learn and share experiences alongside friends and neighbors, both old and new. OLLI offers courses, study groups, lunchtime lectures, travel, and other activities.

A full year membership is \$150.00 with another person in the same household joining at \$120.00. Membership period is July 1 – June 30. Membership includes one free course and one free study group per year. Each additional course is \$30, and each additional study group is \$15. Lunchtime lectures are free to all members, and there are additional opportunities for travel and other engagement for OLLI members.

If interested in joining or more information, go to: <http://olli.illinois.edu>

## Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2013

### • Attendance

38 – Members

3 – Guests: soon-to-be member Jerry Reynolds, and our speakers, Dan Kleiss and Mike Moyer

- Free Lunch Winner – Jerry Leonard
- Birthdays – 8/19 Ginger Campbell, 8/19 Jim Hausmann, 8/20 Vera Nauta
- Brags – Mike Damler, Jeannine Fortney, and Kevin Nolan
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Request for Donation – An envelope for Gage Wallace was passed around to members wishing to donate towards a communication device to assist Gage in school.

Membership Recruitment Dinner – Carol Burwash reminded members that the recruitment dinner was Thursday, 8-22 at 6:00PM.

Pancake Breakfast-Homecoming Weekend – Alan reminded members the pancake breakfast to benefit Computers for Kids is Saturday, September 14, 7am-10am at the Tuscola Community Building. Contact Pat Damler to sign up. Set-up will be at 6AM.

## Program:



Dan Kleiss



Mike Moyer

Nick Sebastian introduced Dan Kleiss and Mike Moyer representing Cabot Corp. to present the program. Dan has been Human Resources Manager since 1976 and Mike has been with Cabot for 15 years as Safety Manager.

Cabot was started by Godfrey Cabot in 1882 and has been in operation for 130 years. It was first publicly traded in 1968. The company expanded into South America in 1960 and in China in 1980. Cabot now has 46 manufacturing plants in 20 countries.

Regional sales are about 1/3 each for Europe, Americas and Asia. They prioritize Safety, Health and the Environment. The American Chemistry Council is their primary trade association.

Cabot is committed to continuous improvement in environmental matters. Their primary product is "Fumed Metal Oxide". The Tuscola plant was started in 1958. They have 164 employees and operate 24/7. The site is 167 acres of which are 50 utilized.

Cabot has donated to many projects in Tuscola community.

## Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2013

- **Attendance**

48 – Members

6 – Guests: soon-to-be members Jerry & Nancy Reynolds, Jack & Sharon Corum, Marci Shoemaker and Darlene Wiesener

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Jim Wood
- **Birthdays** – 8/29 Carol Hausmann, 9/2 Bob Gray, 9/2 Nancy Runge, 9/3 Elaine Bryant, 9/8 David Butler
- **Brags** – Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, Jack Corum, Jeannine Fortney, Marci Shoemaker, and Doris Young
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Douglas County Safety Day – A sign-up sheet went around for Safety Day on Wednesday, October 30 from 8:15a to approx. 2:00p at the Otto Center in Arthur. If you have not had a chance to sign up and would like to volunteer, contact Janet Butler or Steve Niemann.

Douglas County Conservation Day – A sign-up sheet went around for Conservation Day on Thursday, September 12 from 8:15a to approx. 2:30p at Walnut Point State Park. If you have not had a chance to sign up and would like to volunteer, contact Janet Butler or Steve Niemann.

Board Director Election – Carol Burwash was nominated for a 1-year term Board Director beginning 10-1-13 at the club's meeting of 8-12-13. No nominations were made from the floor. President Alan Shoemaker called for a vote with a show of hands. Carol was elected unanimously.

Pancake Breakfast-Homecoming Weekend – Alan reminded members the pancake breakfast to benefit Computers for Kids is Saturday, September 14, 7am-10am at the Tuscola Community Building. Contact Pat Damler to sign up. Set-up will be at 6AM.

Membership Recruitment Dinner – The recruitment dinner was a great success. There will be at least seven new members from the event. Thirty-eight members attended and 13 guests. Members who earned a free dinner for bringing one or more potential members are Maureen Bergeson, Janet Boyer, Pete & Kathy Buckley, Jan Chappell, Alan Shoemaker and Wayne Ward. Great job!

### **Program:**



Wayne Ward presented a program about the History of Patterson Springs. Before settlers, Chautauqua Indians lived in the area. Patterson Springs was named for a brick maker who produced over 200,000 of drainage tiles per year at the peak.

One of Patterson Springs' claim to fame was the Chautauqua Days celebrations began in 1906. There was an auditorium that would hold 5,500 people where famous people came to speak during the celebrations. President Taft spoke in 1916. There were camping facilities, all kinds of entertainment, concessions, a dining hall, an amphitheater, and swimming pool. After about ten years, the celebration was discontinued because of costs.

In 1926 Kennedy Brothers purchased 100 acres for an amusement park. There were pony rides, the swimming pool, and a bath house for 400 people, dance hall, skating rink, carnival rides. On a typical Sunday there would be over 1,000 people there. During the summer WDJ Radio would broadcast from there. In 1943 the amusement park closed.

In 1986 the pool closed. (It is now Wayne & Joann's flower garden.) In 1996 the Wards bought their current home. The water spring discovered in the 1850s is still flowing.

**I-I District Convention – August 8-11, 2013**



**More photos on our website!**



**Membership Recruitment Dinner – 8/22/13**

**Great job, Kiwanians!**



**More photos on our website!**

## August 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Tuscola Downtown Diner on Wednesday, 8/7/2013 at 12:06 PM by President Alan Shoemaker with the following Board Directors present:

x	Tammy Baer – V.P.	x	Kim Higgins (2013)	x	Donna Motley (2015)
	Lorraine Best (2014)	x	Tim Hoel (2013)		Tom Sturgis (2015)
x	Janet Butler – Secy		Candy Hudson – Treas.	x	Alan Shoemaker – Pres.
x	David Butler – Webmaster		Jerry Leonard (2014)		
x	Pat Damler – Pres. Elect	x	Jaci Manzella – Past Pres.		

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Minutes of July Board Meeting – Pat Damler made a motion that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted. Tammy seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our website.
2. July Monthly Reports – Janet had emailed Board members a copy of the KI and Tuscola monthly reports to review. The number of service volunteer hours was 927. Donna Motley made a motion that the reports be approved and submitted. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved. The full reports are on our website.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Candy had emailed the report to Board members for review. As of 8/7/13, the current balance in the Treasury is \$14,582.57. Disbursements included three scholarship payments totaling \$3,000.00. Jaci Manzella made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Kim Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved. The full report is on our website. Janet Butler noted that the scholarship funds for Rebecca Maree had not been disbursed. Alan advised he would follow up with scholarship chairman Mike Damler and ask for an update.
4. Reimbursements/Disbursements – After discussion, David Butler made a motion to approve the following disbursements: \$135.19 to Janet Butler for club supplies from Kiwanis International, \$1,000.00 to Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation and \$1,250.00 to the Eliminate project which will fund a Zeller Award for the 2012/2013 Kiwanian of the Year, if awarded. The motion was seconded by Donna Motley and it was approved. Later in the meeting David Butler made a motion to donate \$50.00 to SAM Pantry in memory of Paul Jones. Tammy Baer seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet noted that after 9-30-13, Candy would advise the Board at our October meeting what amount that was collected for the Eliminate project had not been sent to KI so approval to disburse can be handled at that meeting. The Board also discussed whether to disburse the budgeted \$500.00 to Can-Do-For-Classrooms. Alan volunteered to find out what was planned so the decision was tabled.

5. Consideration for a Donation Requested – Tammy Baer brought forward for the Board’s consideration, a request from Elizabeth Reed for donations to purchase a communication device for the autistic son of Gaylord & Melissa Wallace. He will be starting pre-school this fall. As this is a request for an individual, club funds would not be donated. So the discussion centered around whether to pass an envelope around to members, allowing them to donate or not as they prefer. It was noted that the club did send around an envelope for Luke Reed for the same purpose, and that an envelope has not been sent around for member donation in quite awhile. Janet Butler made a motion to allow the passing of an envelope. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. Tammy advised she would contact the family and see if they would like to come to our 8/12 meeting to discuss their son’s situation and needs. If they cannot attend, Tammy volunteered to share the information with members on 8/12. To give the members notice, the envelope will not be passed until our 8/19 meeting.
6. Dues – Janet Butler reported to the Board members that the members owing \$50.00 as of 7-31-13 were sent friendly email reminders by her on 8-6-13. Candy will report next Board meeting of any members who have not paid by that meeting.
7. Music Programs & Computers for Kids Fundraising Committees – Alan confirmed that Kiwanis would hold a Pancake Breakfast at the Tuscola Community Building on Saturday, 9/14 to benefit Computer for Kids. A sign-up sheet has already been sent around to members the last two meetings. It was agreed that the club would also do a 50/50 drawing, as we usually do at our pancake breakfasts. No update was provided from Tammy regarding fundraising for music programs.
8. Membership Recruitment Dinner – Carol Burwash provided an update to members at our 8/12/13 meeting. Everything is on target for the meeting. The Board agreed that the agenda should include something to honor and remember the members we have lost since our last recruitment dinner. Janet Butler will advise Carol Burwash regarding this decision.
9. Club Member Recognition –Pat Damler presented the committee’s recommendations for member recognition for the 2012/2013 Kiwanis year. Committee members were Chairperson Pat Damler, Jerry Leonard and Donna Motley. After discussion, Kim Higgins made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendations. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. The approved recommendations will be made public at the club’s October 7, 2013 meeting when the awards are presented.
10. Financial Review Report – David Butler and Donna Motley reviewed all the financial transactions of the club from February 2012 to September 2012 and other selected months. No material exceptions were noted. Two minor procedural issues were identified during the course of the review. They were addressed with Board members, and the procedures will be corrected going forward. The complete report is online at the club’s website in the protected member area.

11. Kiwanis International Changes – Janet Butler had emailed Board members two notifications from Kiwanis International with changes effective October 1, 2013. The first change is the year end date when KI captures the membership count for each club. Beginning 10/3/13 and forward, the deadline will now be October 10 instead of September 30. The second change is KI going back to a flat \$50 new member fee instead of the pro-rate calculation. The club has the same \$75 new member fee it had before and after the change. No motion was made to change the club's one-time new member fee of \$75.00.
12. Board Director Replacement – Janet Butler reported that per the club's bylaws that our president must present a nomination(s) to the membership, and no sooner than 14 days later, call for a vote. Carol Burwash has volunteered to replace Paul Jones for the one year term beginning 10-1-13. After discussion, Kim Higgins made a motion for Alan to put Carol's name in nomination to members at our 8/12/13 meeting, and calling for the vote at our 8/26/13 meeting. Nominations can also be accepted from the floor at the 8/12/13 meeting.
13. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Downtown Diner at noon.
14. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:03 P.M.

Janet Butler – Secretary



*We Will Never Forget!*

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New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos and more. Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:

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