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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
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2024 Events/Activities

Friday, March 1	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs
Monday, March 11	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon
Saturday, March 16 rain (3/23)	Easter Egg Hunt – North Ward/TUMC
Saturday, April 20	Spring Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, May 18	Stamp Out Hunger with USPS. & Tuscola Rotary

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

March 6	Darla Gardner
March 13	Egg Hunt Stuffing
March 20	Debbie Graber
March 27	Kim Higgins
April 3	Linda Glenn
April 10	Tim Hoel
April 17	Candy Hudson
April 24	April Kauffman
May 1	Lyn Kohlbecker
May 8	Jean Leonard
May 15	Judy Landeck
May 22	Jerry Leonard
May 29	Carol Martin
June 5	Jeff Martin
June 12	Dave Moody
June 19	Suzanne Moody

June 26	Val Morgan
July 3	MEETING CANCELED
July 10	Lori Nichols
July 17	Dennis Opperman
July 24	Maribeth Opperman
July 31	Jerry Reynolds
August 7	Tentative – Flesor’s Closed?
August 14	Ian Rominger
August 21	Patty Russell
August 28	Tentative – New Member Recruitment meeting

If your program date does **not** work for you, please arrange a swap and notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so the calendar can be updated.

**Don't forget to give Janet Butler your Volunteer Hours
at the end of the month!**



Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2024

- Attendance

38 – Members

0 – Guests

- Birthdays – 2/12 Ken Rominger, 2/15 Jason Swearingen, 2/20 Erica Leonard
- Brags – David Butler, Tim Hoel, Val Morgan, Maribeth Opperman, Sue Wisovaty, and Doris Young
- Free Lunch Winner – Mike Damler
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Reminder – No Meeting February 14th.

New Fish Fryer – A committee has been formed to investigate purchasing a new fish fryer for the club.

Stamp Out Hunger for SAM Pantry – The club will again partner with Tuscola Rotary to collect food and donations for SAM Pantry. Carol Beals, after many years, is stepping down as chairperson. If you would be willing to serve as chairperson or co-chair, please contact Kim Higgins.

Upcoming Events:

Fish Thaw – February 29

Fish Fry – March 1

Easter Egg Hunt – March 16 (rain 3/23)

Program:



Elaine Bryant's program covered the life of Smiley Burnette, including several video clips of him singing and/or appearing in cowboy Western movies.

Smiley was born Lester Alvin Burnette in Sumnum, Illinois March 18, 1911. In 1929, he worked at Illinois' first commercial radio station WDZ-AM in Tuscola. He adopted his professional name of Smiley Burnette from a character he played at WDZ on a children's program. He played over 100 instruments by ear and wrote many, many songs but did not read or write music.

As a country music performer and comedic actor, Smiley went on to perform on radio, TV, and many B-movie Western films as sidekick to Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and others. His career spanned four decades, including a regular role on CBS Petticoat Junction in the 1960s. He died February 16, 1967 in California of leukemia.



Smiley Burnette

Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2024

- **Attendance**

37 – Members

1 – Guest: David Porter, our speaker

- **Birthdays** – 2/25 Becky Carroll
- **Brags** – David Butler, Janet Butler, Tim Hoel, Debbie Graber, Val Morgan, Dennis Opperman, and Doris Young
- **Free Lunch Winner** – Jerry Leonard
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Builders Club New Faculty Advisor – The school board has approved Robyn Stone as our new Builders Club Faculty Advisor. It is planned to induct her into our club February 28.

Storage Unit – The Board is considering the rental of a storage unit for club items that are not temperature sensitive. Right now items are stored in multiple places with members. As Wayne Ward is donating his fish fryer and the Board is considering purchasing a fryer, more storage room will be needed.

Trauma Dolls – Maribeth Opperman reported that she had delivered 73 trauma dolls to Sarah Bush Lincoln and Carle hospitals. They are thrilled to have them for their minor children. Thanks everyone to helped with this project!

Upcoming Events:

Fish Thaw – February 29

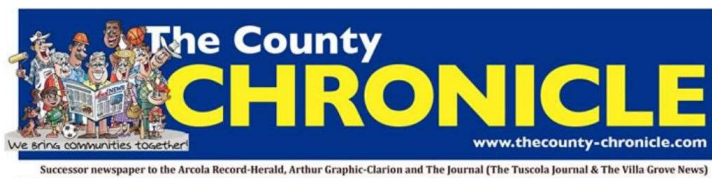
Fish Fry – March 1

Easter Egg Hunt – March 16 (rain 3/23)

Program:

Mike Damler introduced our speaker, David Porter, regional editor of The County Chronicle newspaper. David has been in the newspaper business for over 40 years. At one time, he was the owner of the former Tuscola Review. The Chronicle, with a circulation of about 2,0000, is a recent consolidation of several small weekly papers in our area, including The Journal. David said that across the U.S. there continue to be many newspaper consolidations, trying to keep in business.

The main costs for a newspaper are printing, salaries, and postage. David believes that within 10 years of now, there will be no hard copy printed newspapers. Everything will be online.



Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2024

- Attendance

32 – Members

0 – Guest:

- Birthdays – 3/1 Bill Ludwig, 3/4 Pat Sturgis

- Brags – David Butler, Tim Hoel

- Free Lunch Winner – Elaine Bryant

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

New Member Induction – Robyn Stone, Builders Club Faculty Advisor and sponsored by Jeannie Craddock, was inducted into our club.



Jeannie & Robyn

Kiwanis I-I District Mid-Year Conference – Pete Buckley provided KI and I-I District information from attending the conference held Saturday, 2/24. Details will be emailed to members in the next few days.

Upcoming Events:

Fish Fry – March 1 (Fish Thaw 2/29)

Easter Egg Hunt – March 16 (rain 3/23)

Program:



Pat Damler shared a portion of a trip that Carol Burwash and she took in October 2023. Pat discussed the D-Day Normandy invasion and the WWII beaches.



Normandy Beaches



Omaha Beach



Utah Beach

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2024 FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Pantry on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 12:00pm by President Kim Higgins with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an “X”:

David Butler – Webmaster	X	Carol Martin (2026)	X	Guests:	
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jeff Martin (2025)	X	Carol Burwash	X
Jeannie Craddock – Pres Elect	X	Ian Rominger – VP	AB	Sherrie Hoel	X
Pat Damler (2024)	X	Glen Simpson (2024)	X	Sandy Simpson	X
Kim Higgins – President	X	Julie Slaughter (2026)	X		
Tim Hoel – Past President	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	AB		
Candy Hudson – Treas	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of January Board Meeting – David Butler made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved. Copy of Board meeting minutes are included in Board Meeting Documents under “Board Reports” in the “Members Area.”
2. Secretary’s Monthly Reports – The Board meeting packet included the monthly volunteer hours report and the KI monthly report. Hours reported were 635 volunteer hours. The top volunteers were Jeannie Craddock and Tim Hoel. Pat Damler made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Carol Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of Secretary Reports are included in Board Meeting Documents under “Board Reports” in the “Members Area.”
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – The Board packet included copies of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports ending February 12, 2024. The current balance for the club was \$9,655.90 and the foundation balance was \$21,038.51. Glen Simpson made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Carol Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of treasurer reports are included in Board Meeting Documents under “Board Reports” in the “Members Area.”
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
(none)	\$100.00 Douglas County Museum for Photo Contest - budgeted

Julie Slaughter made a motion to approve the above disbursement. Janet Butler seconded the motion, and it was approved.

5. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Paid Dues Status – Candy reported that 38 members have paid 100% of their dues and 13 have paid 50%. Next deadline for paid dues is July 31, 2024.
2. Key Club – Phoebe Wilkins with 9 service hours was named Key Club Volunteer of the Month for December.
3. Builders Club – Jeannie reported that Builders Club meetings resume February 28th led by new Faculty Advisor Robyn Stone.
4. Fish Thaw/Fry – February 29/March 1 – Julie reported everything is on track for the event. Darcey Voyles has been emailed regarding Key Club volunteers.
5. Fish Fryer – Kim Higgins reported that the fish fryer committee met and discussed options for purchasing a fryer after this year's fish fry. Estimated cost is \$1,200. Wayne is donating his fryer to the club. A recommendation to the Board for purchasing one or two fryers will be presented in the next 2-3 months.
6. Easter Egg Hunt – March 16 – Carol Burwash advised that the city would be approving this evening our request to block off a crossing area between North Ward and the Methodist church. Janet reported that all expected financial donations are received except one. [Received that afternoon.]
7. NW Project Proposal - Glen Simpson reported the committee met. A few changes were made to the original design with a 16' X 20' concrete pad, and a stone wall versus wood. Estimated cost so far is \$3,000. A meeting will be set with Principal Wallace and Superintendent Alexander. Jeannie suggested Glen contact Dan Craddock, after their return from vacation, due to his experience with concrete.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve New Member – David Butler made a motion to approve the new member application for Robyn Stone, sponsored by Jeannie Craddock. Tim Hoel seconded the motion and it was approved. Tentatively, Robyn will be inducted at our February 28 meeting.
2. Storage Unit – The Board discussed the possibility of the club/foundation renting a storage unit to store items that don't require temperature control. Several members are storing bins/tubs for fundraiser and service projects, in addition to items stored in a

section of an Alan Shoemaker storage unit. In the next 2-3 months, we will have to store 1-2 fish fryers. Monthly cost estimates were \$66 for 8X10 and \$98 for 10X16. The general consensus was that 8X10 would be large enough if we put sturdy shelving in the unit. Tim Hoel made a motion that we continue to investigate the cost of a storage unit in Tuscola. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, March 11 , 2024 at noon at The Pantry.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



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