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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2024

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2024 Events/Activities

Monday, February 12	Board Meeting – The Pantry
Thursday, February 29	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs
Friday, March 1	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs
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

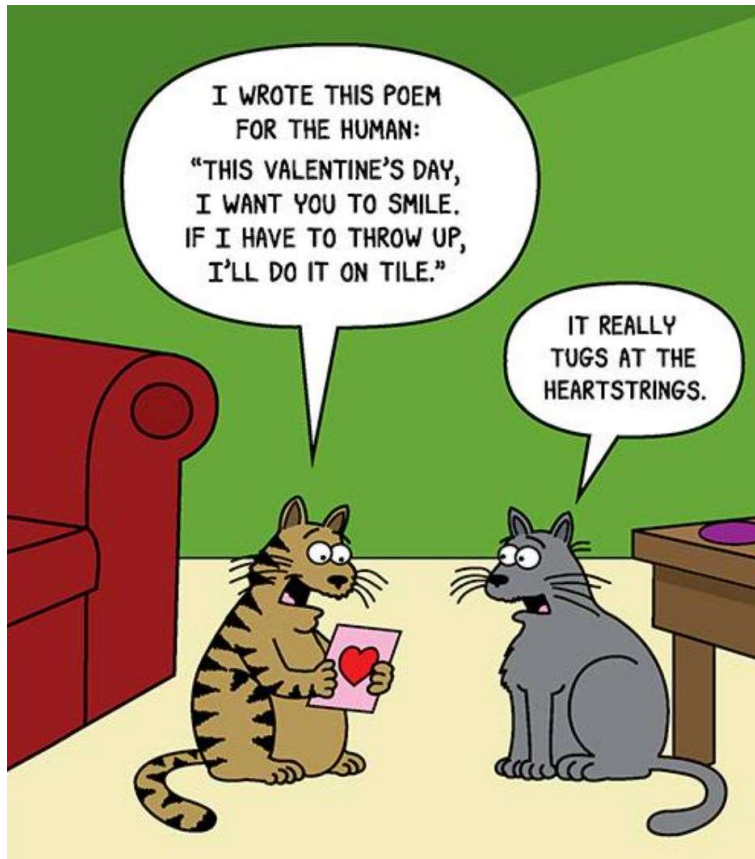
Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

February 7	Elaine Bryant
February 14	MEETING CANCELED
February 21	Mike Damler
February 28	Pat Damler
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

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 – January 10, 2024

- Attendance

37 – Members

0 – Guest:

- Birthdays – 1/14 Wilma Allen
- Brags – Maureen Bergeson, Pete Buckley, Dave Butler, Tim Hoel, Val Morgan, Susan Wisovaty, and Doris Young
- Free Lunch Winner – Topy Moody
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) Program – Linda Damler reported 38 East Prairie students brought up their grades during the last two grading periods. Post cards were handed out to write a congratulatory note and mail to the students.

2024/2025 Club Dues Due - \$61 is due per member by January 31, 2024 with the remaining \$61 due July 31, 2024. A member can choose to pay the entire \$122 if they so choose. Give your check to Candy or Janet.

Lunch Price Increase – The full lunch buffet is now \$17, an increase of \$2. For a beverage only, \$4, an increase of a dollar. Remember the club still keeps \$1 of those new amounts...\$.50 for club administrative expenses and \$.50 for the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF).

Board Meeting Location Changed – Due to the closure of Ta'Carbon, the board now meets at The Pantry, the second Monday of the month at noon.

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

New Builders Club Faculty Advisor – Robyn Stone has applied for the position. It is expected that the school board will approve her at their late January meeting. We will induct her into our club in February. We are hoping the Builders Club meetings can resume in February.

Cancelled Meetings – The club meeting of February 14 is canceled due to Flesor's not being able to accommodate us. The club meeting of July 3 is canceled due to the holiday. Update your calendars.

Key Club Volunteer of the Month – Celia Dandy was the November Volunteer winner with 36 service hours.

Salvation Army Thank You – A thank you note was received from Tuscola Salvation Army for the generous donation made by our club.

Program:



Wayne Ward presented a humorous and fun collection of unique road signs.

Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2024

- Attendance

37 – Members

0 – Guest:

- Birthdays – 1/22 Pete Buckley, 1/23 Darin Elder

- Brags – Carol Burwash, David Butler, Jeannie Craddock, and Tim Hoel

- Free Lunch Winner – Judy Landeck

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

2024 Kiwanis International Convention –

The convention is being held in Denver, Colorado July 3-6. Registration and hotel reservations are online now. For more information or to register, Google “2024 Kiwanis International Convention.”

Key Club Volunteer of the Month Program

– Our club recognized the Key Clubber who has the most service hours each month. The winner is provided a framed certificate and a \$25 gift card. The gift cards have been funded by generous Kiwanians. If you are interested in being a sponsor, see Jeannie or Candy.

Program:



Carol Burwash with her sidekick Pat Damler shared photos of their October

2023 trip to France. The trip started in Paris with a couple of days of sightseeing, then joining an Avalon River Cruise which took them to sites along the Seine River, including the Monet’s home Giverny and ultimately the D-Day Beaches of Normandy.



Giverny



Omaha Beach

Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2024

- **Attendance**

35 – Members

0 – Guest:

- **Birthdays** – 1/26 Cindy Wood, 1/28 Kate Watson, 1/29 John Davis, 1/29 Marsha Dawson, 1/30 Doris Young
- **Braggs** – Dale Boyer, Tim Hoel, Pat Damler, Debbie Graber, Kim Higgins, Lyn Kohlbecker, and Doris Young
- **Free Lunch Winner** – Jean Leonard
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Lt. Gov. Elections – At the January 20, 2024 Division Council Meeting, Pete Buckley was elected the 2024/2025 Lt. Gov. for Division 25. Carol Burwash was elected the 2024/2025 Lt. Gov. Elect. Pete will take office October 1, 2024. That is the same time that Tuscola, Decatur Early Birds, and Decatur Golden K will become part of Division 25 with Champaign-Urbana and Danville Noon.

Trauma Dolls – Maribeth reported having 60 orders for trauma dolls. She will bring in dolls to our 1/31 for Kiwanians to volunteer to finish them.

Program:



David Butler presented trivia questions with candy prizes. The topics were Valentines Day, flowers, and candy.



Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2024

- Attendance

36 – Members

1 – Guest: David Mies from C-U
Kiwanis

- Birthdays – 2/1 Ian Rominger & Judy Landeck, 2/4 Patty Russell
- Brags – David Butler, Tim Hoel
- Free Lunch Winner – Toppo Mooday
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Trauma Dolls – Dolls ready to stuff were brought in. If you can help stuff, contact Jeannie or Maribeth.

Club Dues – Dues of \$61 are due today.

Fish Thaw/Fish Fry – 2/29 & 3/1 The online sign-up is up for fish thaw/fish fry tasks and cookies. The health department is requiring commercial cookies only. Cookies will be brought in in their original containers and packaged individually at the hall. Hardcopy sign-up was passed around and will be for the February club meetings.

REMINDER: NO MEETING FEBRUARY 14. Update your calendar.

Program:



Janet Butler shared a trip that David and she took in September 2023 to the Hudson River Valley in New York State. Janet covered some significant American Revolutionary War Battles, West Point, historic homes of FDR and Eleanor, the Baseball Hall of Fame, and more.



FDR Home – Hyde Park



Eleanor's Home – Hyde Park



Baseball Hall of Fame - Cooperstown

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

The meeting was called to order at The Pantry on Monday, January 8, 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)	AB	Guests:	
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jeff Martin (2025)	AB	Carol Burwash	X
Jeannie Craddock – Pres Elect	X	Ian Rominger – VP	X		
Pat Damler (2024)	X	Glen Simpson (2024)	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 December Board Meeting – David Butler made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ian Rominger 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 668 volunteer hours. The top volunteer was Elaine Bryant. Pat Damler made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Glen Simpson 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 January 8, 2024. The current balance for the club was \$4,098.9 and the foundation balance was \$20,906.64. David Butler made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Glen Simpson 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 – None
5. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Builders Club Faculty Advisor – Kim reported that Robyn Stone has applied for the position. At the January school board meeting, her application will be presented for

approval. Jeannie advised that she knows Robyn and that they should work well together as Builders Club Advisor and Builders Club Faculty Advisor. The January Builders Club meeting was canceled.

2. Key Club – Janet reported that Celia Dandy with 36 service hours was named Key Club Volunteer of the Month for November.
3. Fish Thaw/Fry – February 29/March 1 – Julie Slaughter & Jeannie Craddock are co-chairs. Pat Damler reported that the dates are confirmed with Forty Martyrs.
4. Fish Fryer – Kim Higgins reported that after the 2024 Fish Fry Wayne Ward will be stepping down from his fish fryer duties. He has offered to donate his fish fryer to the club. After Kim’s discussion with Wayne and the Board discussion, Janet Butler made a motion that a committee be formed to investigate the club purchasing a new fryer before the 2025 Fish Fry date. Julie Slaughter seconded the motion and it was approved. Ian and Kim volunteered to be on the committee. Wayne and Dennis Opperman will be asked to serve on the committee, too. Other members may be added to the committee and a chairperson or co-chairs will be named.
5. Easter Egg Hunt – March 16 – Co-chairs are Carol Burwash & Janet Butler. Janet reported that the donation letters have been sent, and the requests to Principal Wallace for use of North Ward grounds, and to the Tuscola United Methodist Church for use of prize distribution have been emailed. Carol reported that Principal Wallace responded this morning with his approval. He confirmed the dates are good and the event being added to the NW calendar.
6. Division Council Meeting –January 20, 2024 After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion to designate David Butler, Kim Higgins, and herself as the voting delegates for this meeting. Jeannie Craddock seconded the motion and it was approved.
7. NW Project Proposal - Glen Simpson reported he will be holding a committee meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Meeting Location – Confirmed that the Board would meet at The Pantry with the same schedule...2nd Monday of the month at noon.
2. Club Dues – \$61 per member due by January 31, 2024. The remaining \$61 due by July 31, 2024 or pay \$122 in January. Kim will announce reminders at our January meetings.
3. Meeting Dates – February 14 & July 3 – Janet reported that Flesor’s cannot accommodate our Valentine Day meeting February 14, and asked the Board if we should meet in July 3

due to the holiday week. After discussion, David Butler made a motion to cancel both meetings. Ian Rominger seconded the motion and it was approved. David will update the online calendars and advise Flesor's of the two meeting cancellations.

4. Lunch Price Increase effective 1-10-24 – Flesor's has increased the price of our meeting food as follows: \$16.00 for full buffet, dessert, beverage, tax, and tip. \$3 with tax and tip for a beverage. The club will continue to collect an additional dollar...\$.50 for club administrative expenses and \$.50 for Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation. Therefore, attendees will pay \$17 for a full buffet, \$4 for a beverage (not including free water), and \$1 for attending the club meeting. Kim will email members and announce at our next meeting. Carol Burwash will update the lunch lady forms.
5. Spring Pancake Breakfast – April 20 Chairperson-Kim Higgins - Pat Damler reported the date is confirmed with Forty Martyrs.
6. Stamp Out Hunger for SAM Pantry – May 18 - Carol Beals reported to Janet that she has set up a “round-up” with Kirby Foods from May 12-18 to benefit SAM Pantry. It is confirmed that Tuscola Rotary will pick up the food, and that Kiwanis will weigh, sort, and store the donations at TUMC. We will provide the flyers to USPS and Kirby.
7. Meeting Programs – Program chairpersons are assigned alphabetically to those members who generally attend most meetings. Members who cannot attend meetings due to business, family, or personal reasons do not receive an assignment. For new members, if their program assignments will be coming up fairly soon, they will be skipped over one-time so they can get familiar with how being a program chairperson works. It was suggested that we reach out to non-attending members to see if they would like to be a program chairperson. If yes, they would have six months notice regarding the date and could swap dates if the date became a problem. The Board agreed and asked Janet to update members at our next meeting and send an email notification.

David Butler suggested that the incoming president, secretary, and treasurer each year was given the option of being excused from being a program chairperson during their term in office. After discussion, David made his suggestion a motion. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved. Kim, Candy, and Janet advised that they wanted to continue to be a program chairperson. Jeannie advised she wants to continue as the program chairperson for our December Christmas Party meetings.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, February 12 , 2024 at noon at The Pantry.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.



Don't Forget Your Valentine

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