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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2024

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2024 Events/Activities

Monday, August 12	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon
Friday, October 4	Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 5	Homecoming Breakfast
Friday/Saturday, October 25-26	Kiwaniis Kids Days
Friday/Saturday December 6-7	Christmastown – Parade and Craft fair

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

August 7	No Meeting – Flesor’s Closed
August 14	Ian Rominger
August 21	Patty Russell
August 28	New Member Recruitment meeting (tentative)
September 4	Kevin Nolan
September 11	Marci Shoemaker
September 18	Glen Simpson
September 25	Sandy Simpson
October 2	Officer/Club Director Installations
October 9	2023/2024 Club Awards
October 16	Julie Slaughter
October 23	Wayne Ward
October 30	NO MEETING
November 6	Jerie Wills
November 13	Paul Wisovaty

November 20	Susan Wisovaty
November 27	No Meeting – Thanksgiving Week
December 4	Doris Young
December 11	Carol Beals
December 18	Club Christmas Party
December 25	NO MEETING
January 1	NO MEETING
January 8	Maureen Bergeson
January 15	Elaine Bryant
January 22	Carol Burwash
January 29	David Butler

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!**

Dog Days of Summer



Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2024

- Attendance

31 – Members

5 – Guests: K-Kids Faculty Advisors- Logan Donnals and Ashleigh Sterkel, Pastors Bennett & Kim, and our speaker Amy Card

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – David Butler, Kim Higgins, and Tim Hoel

- Free Lunch Winner – Carol Burwash

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

2023/2024 Club Awards – Time to submit nominations for club awards. Email sent with the form and hardcopy available at meetings. Deadline to submit is July 31, 2024.

K-Kids Faculty Advisors – Beth Linstead introduced our new K-Kids Faculty Advisors, Logan Donnals and Ashleigh Sterkel. Beth also brought her Kiwanis District Amador award to again thank members for the honor.



Logan & Ashley – Welcome!!!



Beth Linstead with Amador Award

Doris Young Elble Award Presentation – Kim Higgins presented Doris a Dr. Rodger J. Elble, M.D. Fellowship award for her financial support and donation matching challenge for the district's Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF).



Doris Young with Elble award

Board Meeting Updates –

-Dates for Kiwanis Kids Day are confirmed with the city...Friday/Saturday October 25 & 26.

-Flesor's is projecting a mid-August completion and our return to the restaurant.

-At the KI convention in Denver, Larry Forsberg from the I-I District did not get elected as a KI Trustee.

-The club delegates at the Kiwanis International Convention approved a \$25.00 annual dues increase for KI effective 10-1-24. Because the club collects dues in advance and the club will be billed the increase rate in October, additional payments are due below:

2024/2025 Dues	Amount Due by July 31, 2024
For members who have paid the \$122	\$25.00
For members who have paid \$61 (half dues)	\$86.00
For members who paid \$0 to date	\$147.00
2025/2026 Dues	Amount Due for 2025/2026 Dues
\$75 due January 31 & July 31, 2025	\$150.00*

At the board meeting 7/8, the Board approved a new annual dues amount of \$150.00.

Program:



Maribeth Opperman introduced our speaker, Amy Card. She is the director of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Foundation.

The foundation is a not-for-profit organization rooted in the community, raising funds and collaborating with others to support the Health System's mission to provide exceptional care for all and create healthy communities. The foundation is led by a 20-member board consisting of individuals from the communities served by SBL.

Amy's topic today is the Willow Breeze SBL Hospice House, recently built for \$8 million. The facility has three levels of care – General Inpatient Care, Residential Care, and Respite Care. There are eight private suites with patio, library, chapel, activity room, family quiet rooms, and a walking path.

The staff includes a medical director, registered nurses, hospice aides, social worker, bereavement counselor, spiritual counselor, and volunteers. Most health insurances cover the cost of hospice care, they do not cover the cost of room and board. The foundation helps patients who can't afford the costs.

Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2024

- **Attendance**

34 – Members

4 – Guests: Lydia-daughter of Jaci Manzella, Pastors Bennett & Kim, and our speaker, Dan Meyer

- **Birthdays** – 7/21 Kathleen Dyer, 7/22 April Kauffman
- **Brags** – David Butler, Jeannie Craddock, Kathleen Dyer, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, Candy Hudson, Jaci Manzella, Dennis Opperman, Wayne Ward, and Sue Wisovaty
- **Free Lunch Winner** – Pat Damler
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

I-I District Convention – The online registration for the district convention is open. Go to: www.iikiwanis.org The convention is August 16-17 in Peoria.

Dues Reminder – Annual 2024/205 club dues are due by July 31, 2024. Give your payment to Candy Hudson or Janet Butler. Make your check to: Tuscola Kiwanis Club.

2023/2024 Club Awards Reminder – Nominations are due to Janet Butler by July 31, 2024.

Program:



Jerry Reynolds introduced our speaker, Dan Meyer. He farms and is a new member of the Illinois Corn Marketing Board (ICMB). ICMB was established in 1982 to manage the voluntary checkoff investment that corn Illinois farmers agreed to implement. The farmers that serve on the board are elected by their peers to serve unpaid three-year terms. These ICMB farmer leaders strategically invest Illinois corn checkoff dollars to grow demand, create new markets, and foster understanding of corn farmers and the corn industry, which is Illinois' highest valued agricultural commodity.

Dan shared his photos and experiences from a ICMB trip to Vietnam and Thailand. Vietnam's focus was on aquaponics. Catfish is a crop that is raised for domestic use and export. The focus in Thailand was dairy. With irrigation, three crops per year can be raised to provide silage for the cows.

The seven farmers in the group visited farms and a feed mill. They were given a short while to visit sights in Bangkok such as the huge Reclining Buddha.

It was very hot during the trip. Food was interesting, but generally very good. Dan was glad to have had the learning opportunity in those countries.

Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2024

- Attendance

33 – Members

8 – Guests: Mattoon Interclub-Suzanne Black, Jim Glenn, Greg Thompson, Mary Weber. Pastors Bennett & Kim, Carl Nichols, and our speaker Holly Pflum

- Birthdays – 7/25 Ginger Boyer
- Brags – David Butler, Tim Hoel, and Patty Russell
- Free Lunch Winner – Jean Leonard
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Induction of New Members – Logan Donnals and Ashleigh Sterkel, our K-Kids Faculty Advisors, were inducted into our club by President Kim Higgins and Past Lt. Governor Jerry Leonard.



Welcome, Ashleigh & Logan

August Skip-A-Meal – Members are encouraged to donate the cost of a lunch for the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund. You don’t have to actually skip a meal. The lunch ladies will have an envelope for donating during August.

Kiwanis Family Picnic – Joann & Wayne Ward are unable to host our annual club picnic this year. The Board would like to continue this tradition at another location. Kim Higgins is forming a committee to work out the details to organize the picnic sometime in August, probably at Ervin Park.

Dues Reminder – Dues payments are due to Candy or Janet by July 31, 2024. Make out checks to the Tuscola Kiwanis Club. If you are not sure how much you owe, check with Candy.

2023/2023 Club Awards – Nominations are still open. Deadline to submit nominations to Janet Butler is July 31, 2024.

Program:



Lori Nichols introduced her daughter, Holly Pflum from the University of Illinois System. Holly is the Assistant Director Transfer Student Initiatives. She works

with 48 Illinois community colleges building relationships and partnerships, encouraging students to transfer to a University of Illinois location to complete a 4-year degree. There are three locations ...the main campus in Champaign-Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield. All three have a total of about 95,000 graduate and undergraduate students,

Holly started her program with an audience participating trivia quiz of U of I facts. Transfer students from Illinois high schools/ community colleges are guaranteed admission to a U of I university.

Meeting Minutes – July 31, 2024

- Attendance

26 – Members

3 – Guests: Pastors Bennett & Kim, and our speaker Brian Moody

- Birthdays – 8/4 Jeannine Fortney & Candy Hudson, 8/6 Linda Damler, 8/7 Dave Moody & Sue Wisovaty, 8/12 Jerry Leonard

- Braggs – David Butler, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, Jerry Leonard, and Wayne Ward

- Free Lunch Winner – Maureen Bergeson

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

NO MEETING AUGUST 7 – Flesor’s closed for summer vacation.

August Skip-A-Meal - Members who would like to participate still get to eat, but they donate the price of a meal to the club during the month of August. There will be an envelope at the Lunch Lady’s table. Make out checks to: Tuscola Kiwanis Club Foundation. All donations go to the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund.

Kiwanis Annual Family Picnic – Sunday, August 25 – Ervin Park... The annual Kiwanis picnic will be held, rain or shine, at the South Pavilion. We'll eat at 5 P.M. Fried chicken from Kirby Foods, cups, plates, napkins and flatware will be provided. We ask that you bring a side dish

or dessert to share and your own beverages (non-alcoholic only--the park covenants don't allow alcohol). Lawn chairs and outdoor games such as cornhole, hillbilly golf or jarts are also welcome. The club will run some rounds of bingo as well with prizes. You can sign up online and there will be hardcopy sign-up sheet to pass around at meetings. **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH.**

Dues Reminder – If you have not paid your dues, please give your check/cash to Candy or Janet. If you are not sure how much you owe, please contact Candy.

2023/2024 Club Awards – Today was the last day to submit nominations to Janet Butler.

Program:



Jerry Reynolds introduced Brian Moody, Tuscola Fire Chief and Executive Director Douglas County Economic Development, Inc. (DCEDC). This organization was formed with an agreement by the county, Arcola, Tuscola, and Villa Grove. Tuscola Chamber & Tourism will still continue without Tuscola (only) Economic Development.

DCEDC promotes and encourages expansion and retention of business and industry within Douglas County; provides guidance and advice to business, local government and community groups regarding economic and community development activities; provides coordination of local and state resources to existing business; provides prospects with building and site information and assists in securing resources necessary for economic development.

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

The meeting was called to order at The Pantry on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. 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	AB	Ian Rominger – VP	AB	Sherrie Hoel	X
Pat Damler (2024)	X	Glen Simpson (2024)	AB		
Kim Higgins – President	X	Julie Slaughter (2026)	AB		
Tim Hoel – Past President	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	X		
Candy Hudson – Treas	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Consent Agenda –
 - Minutes of June Board Meeting
 - Secretary’s Monthly Reports –Hours reported were 580 service hours. The top volunteers were Tim Hoel and Jeannie Craddock.
 - Treasurer’s Monthly Reports –For balances ending July 8, 2024, the club was \$9,892.49 and for the foundation \$19,235.98.

Pat Damler made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Cindy Wood seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the reports are included in Board Meeting Documents under “Board Reports” in the “Members Area” of the club website.

2. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
None	None

3. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. K-Kids – Beth Linstead will be bringing the new K-Kids advisors, Logan Donnals and Ashleigh Sterkel, to our club meeting on July 10 for introductions.
2. Key Club – Olivia Wallace, Key Club President, is running for Miss Tuscola. If she wins, our club will be her designated service organization.

3. NW Project Proposal – Still no update because the Tuscola school district has still not selected an architect.
4. TCF Grant Application – Kim reported that TCF acknowledged receipt and will advise if the grant request is approved by late July.
5. July 4 Parade – Cancelled due to weather.
6. July 5 Movie Night – Carol Burwash reported it was well attended. There are still some ice pops left.
7. Kiwanis Kids Days – Kim Higgins advised the Tuscola City council has approved our dates of October 25 & 26.
8. I-I District Convention – Janet reported that the registration for DCON should be open within the next 2 weeks.
9. NW & EP Teacher Supplies – Cindy reported that Jeannie and she will be sending out emails by the end of the month to teachers and the school nurse.
10. Flesor’s Renovation – Kim reported that Devon is estimating mid-August for our return to meeting at Flesor’s.

NEW BUSINESS

1. KI Convention Report – See summary below.

2024 ICON SUMMARY

Amendments – (required a 2/3 yes vote to pass)

	Description	Passed?	% Vote
1	Raise KI dues \$25 effective 10-1-24	Yes	86.95
2	Reduce tiers from 3 to 2 adjusting Tier B & C to one tier 2 at Tier C dues amount	Yes	89.11
3	Reduce number of KI trustees from 15 to 12	Yes	89.92
4	Allow a member from outside the district region to serve as a district trustee if no one within the region is willing to serve.	Yes	91.63
5	Withdrawn (dues related)		
6	Amended to only include a \$2 annual dues increase beginning 2028/2029	Failed	67.76 no 32.24 yes
7	Withdrawn (tier related)		
8	Remote voting	Failed	60.55 no 39.45 yes

9	Prohibit purchase of alcohol by KI board members and staff with any KI revenue	Failed	74.89 no 25.11 yes
10	Prohibit purchase of first/business class travel for KI board members and staff	Failed	78.80 no 21.20 yes

2024/2025 KI Officers Elected –

President – Lee Kuan Yong - Malaysia

President Elect - Michael Mulhaul - New Jersey

Vice President – Hope Markes – Jamaica

New Trustees:

Dawn Hodges – Carolinas District

Jo Schwartz – Kansas District

Scott Sims – Alabama

Note: Unfortunately, trustee candidate Larry Forsberg from our I-I District was not elected.

2. KI Dues Increase Effective 10-1-24 –

Kiwanis International dues have not increased since 2015. KI has concentrated on reducing expenses over the last few years...i.e. 13% staff reduction, 40% travel reduction, and more. At the Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, on July 6, 2024, the Kiwanis club delegates approved a dues increase of \$25.00 effective 10-1-24. Each club is billed for 2024/2025 in October 2024. The club collects dues each year in advance...January 31 and July 31.

KIWANIS DUES ANALYSIS - TUSCOLA

	<u>Current</u>	<u>As of 10-1-24</u>
Dues	52.00	77.00
Magazine	8.00	8.00
Liability Insurance	13.00	13.00
Risk Management Fee	5.00	5.00
D & O Insurance	4.00	4.00
 KI Total	 82.00	 107.00
 I-I District Dues	 36.00	 36.00
 KI Billed per member	 118.00	 143.00
 Club Admin Funds	 4.00	 7.00
 Club Billed per member	 122.00	 150.00

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*Club retains an additional \$3.00 beginning with 2025/2026 dues.

Janet Butler made a motion to increase club dues as detailed above. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57PM.

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

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary



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