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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025

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and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tuscolakiwanisclub

2025 Events/Activities

Month of June	Peace Meals Deliveries
Friday, June 27	Downtown Movie Night
Wed-Sat, July 9-12	Garage Sale – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thursday, Sept 11	Stewardship Day – Walnut Point
Friday, Sept 26	Homecoming Parade
Saturday, Sept 27	Homecoming Breakfast – Community Building
Friday/Saturday, October 24-25	Kiwaniis Kids Days - TENTATIVE DATES
Tuesday, October 28	Halloween Downtown Trunk or Treat
Wednesday, October 29	Safety Day – Arthur Christian School
Fri/Sat, December 5-6	Christmastown activities

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

June 4	Carol Martin
June 11	Jeff Martin
June 18	Lisa McCallister
June 25	Dave Moody
July 2	Suzanne Moody
July 9	NO MEETING – Garage sale
July 16	Val Morgan
July 23	Lori Nichols
July 30	Dennis Opperman
August 6	Maribeth Opperman
August 13	Patty Russell

August 20	Marci Shoemaker
August 27	Glen Simpson
September 3	Sandy Simpson
September 10	Julie Slaughter
September 17	Wayne Ward
September 24	Jerie Wills
October 1	Officer/Club Director Installations
October 8	2024/2025 Club Awards
October 15	Doris Young
October 22	TrustBank (Dara, Kim or Shanah)
October 29	NO MEETING
November 5	Carol Beals
November 12	Maureen Bergeson
November 19	Elaine Bryant
November 26	NO MEETING - Thanksgiving Day Eve

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 – May 7, 2025

- **Attendance**

41 – Members

1 – Guest: Sheila Greenwood, our speaker

- **Birthdays** – None

- **Brags** – Elaine Bryant, Pete Buckley, David Butler, Marsha Dawson, Tim Hoel, Patty Russell, and Susan Wisovaty

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Sandy Simpson

- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Ervin Park Prairieland Playground – Jeannie reported that the city will provide and dump new woodchip mulch for the Prairieland playground. Drew Hoel will plan for project for early-mid June. Our club will recruit volunteers, including youth groups.

Upcoming Events:

Month of June – Peace Meal Deliveries

June 27 – Downtown Movie Night

Program:



Candy Hudson introduced our speaker, Sheila Greenwood, a former retired teach, principal, superintendent, and mentor. Her topic was “Building Your Legacy” and how technology has changed lives.

Ways you build your legacy:

- Education – learning of all sorts, not just book learning.
- Vibe of your inner circle.
- Future generations be better.
- Instill in Others – leadership, service, citizenship, etc.
- Step up and pull others up
- Be a fixer
- Be your best self.

Think about your legacy. Will you be leaving this world a better place?

Sources of information and education have changed...computers, laptops, tablets, smart phones, internet, email, browsers, websites, and more. Society still needs to focus on children, not technology. Don't use technology as a babysitter. Children need personal interaction...one-on-one. Provide opportunities for those personal interactions.

Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2025

- Attendance

38 – Members

1 – Guest: Camille Gordon, our speaker

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Jeannie Craddock, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, Jaci Manzella, and Patty Russell

- Free Lunch Winner – Pete Buckley

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

2025 TCHS Kiwanis Scholarship Winners –

The club provided four \$1,000 scholarships to two Key Clubbers and two other students. See page 8 for names and photos. Many thanks to the selection committee: Chair Linda Damler, Marsha Dawson, Lori Nichols, and Glen Simpson.

Kiwanis Board Meeting Highlights –

-2026 Fish Fry – Will be an Eat In/Carry Out event.

-Pete Buckley and Kim Higgins will be our club representatives at the Kiwanis International Convention.

See complete meeting minutes and details on page 11.

Upcoming Events:

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June 27 – Downtown Movie Night

Program:



Judy Landeck introduced our speaker, Camille Gordon from Hope of East Central Illinois. This not-for-profit organization serves seven counties including Douglas. Their main office is in Charleston with a satellite office in Paris.

Free & confidential services Include:

- 24/7 hour crisis hotline: providing support, intervention, information, and referrals. 1-888-345-3990.
- Housing: Maintains two housing programs. Domestic violence emergency shelter, and transitional housing.
- IDVA Advocacy- Staff accompanies individuals to and from court appointments, and assist clients with orders of protection.
- Children's Advocacy- Provides children's activities including individual and group counseling, educational recreation, and advocacy.
- Counseling- Supportive counseling is offered in both individual and group settings for those affected by domestic violence.
- Community Education- Provides information of family violence and homelessness to community organizations, clubs, and schools.
- Referrals- Connections to other community based services through means of speaking presentations, and crisis intervention.

For more information, go to:

<https://hope-eci.org/>

Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2025

• Attendance

32 – Members

1 – Guest: Jeff Cuttill, our speaker

- **Birthdays** – 5/22 Jeri Wills, 5/26 Janet Boyer, 5/27 Janet Butler
- **Brags** – Janet Butler, Jeannie Craddock, Tim Hoel, Lyn Kohlbecker, Jerry Lenoard, and Lori Nichols
- **Free Lunch Winner** – Judy Landeck
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

2025 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Results

– For SAM Pantry, 1,493 pounds of food was collected and \$2,360 in donations for a total food equivalent of 8,573 pounds...a 75.6% increase over 2024.

2025/2026 Officers/Club Directors Candidates Slate –

- Immediate Past President – Jeannie Craddock
- President – Kim Higgins
- President Elect – Carol Burwash
- Vice President – Julie Slaughter
- Secretary – Janet Butler
- Treasurer – Candy Hudson
- Webmaster – David Butler
- Club Directors (2026) – Carol Martin & Jeff Martin
- Club Directors (2027) – Sue Gavin & Dan Craddock
- Club Directors (2028) – Lori Nichols & Lyn Kohlbecker

Dave Butler made a motion to approve the slate of candidates. Sue Gavin seconded the motion and it was approved.

Upcoming Events:

Month of June – Peace Meal Deliveries

June 27 – Downtown Movie Night

Program:



Kim Higgins introduced our speaker, Jeff Cuttill. Jeff is an active member of the Lake Shelbyville Fish Habitat Alliance.

This alliance is made up of volunteers from fishing clubs, individuals, businesses, gov't agencies, and organizations looking to improve fisheries at Lake Shelbyville.

The volunteers build plastic cubes and stumps to create homes for different species of fish. About 100 cubes and 40 stumps are built and deployed each Spring and Fall. Funding is through grants, fundraisers, and donations. Maps are available.

For more information or to donate, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/fishlakeshelbyville/>



Building Fish Habitats

Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2025

- **Attendance**

36 – Members

1 – Guests: Zena Onstott, our speaker

- **Birthdays** – 6/3 Carol Beals
- **Brags** – Carol Beals, Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Linda Damler, Pat Damler, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, Carol Martin, Dennis Opperman, and Doris Young
- **Free Lunch Winner** – Doris Young
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Kiwanis Garage Sale – July 9-12 – Online signup is open. Hardcopy signup available at club meeting beginning May 28.

Meeting Hostess – For the last several club meetings, a board member each week has greeted and chatted with each table before the meeting starts. Jeannie opened this opportunity to any members who would like to be a meeting hostess. Contact Jeannie if you're interested.

Movie Night – May 30 – 6:30PM – Kiwanians are invited to come downtown and help give out free ice pops to the children and adults. Or just come to have an ice pop and hang out.

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June 27 – Downtown Movie Night

Program:



Jean Leonard presented our speaker, Zena Onstott, owner of Sweet Petunia. The store at the Tuscola Mall is 55 vendors providing a wide array of antiques, collectibles, and home décor. Items are taken on consignment. From time to time, classes are offered such as candle making, water color painting, etc.

Zena's Google Tip: Open Google, and go to the camera icon on the side. Snap a photo of the item. If recognized, Google will provide a description and a going-rate range.

For more information and items for sale, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Sweet-Petunia/61560828684268/>



*Antiques
Collectibles,
Home Decor*

1700 Tuscola Blvd
Tuscola, IL 61953
Phone: 217-599-1072

Open:
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm
Sun 11am-5pm

2025/2026 Officers & Club Directors – Effective 10-1-2025

Officers



Kim Higgins
President



Carol Burwash
President Elect



Julie Slaughter
Vice President



Candy Hudson
Treasurer



Janet Butler
Secretary



Jeannie Craddock
Immediate Past President

Club Directors



Dave Butler
Webmaster



Dan Craddock
Term Expires 2027



Sue Gavin
Term Expires 2027



Lyn Kohlbecker
Term Expires 2028



Carol Martin
Term Expires 2026



Jeff Martin
Term Expires 2026



Lori Nichols
Term Expires 2028

Tuscola Kiwanis Club 2025 TCHS Scholarship Winners



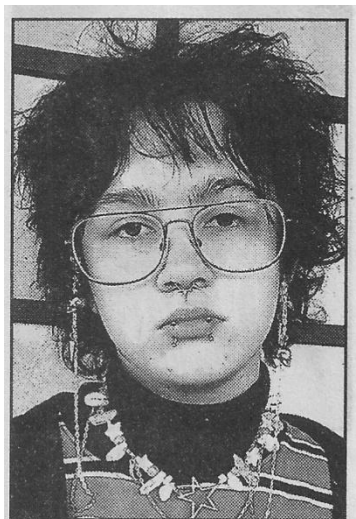
Kenna Clodfelder

Key Club Member



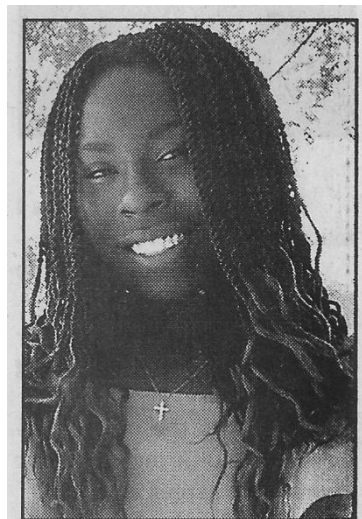
Olivia Wallace

Key Club Member



Edward Carpenter

(Keilynn)



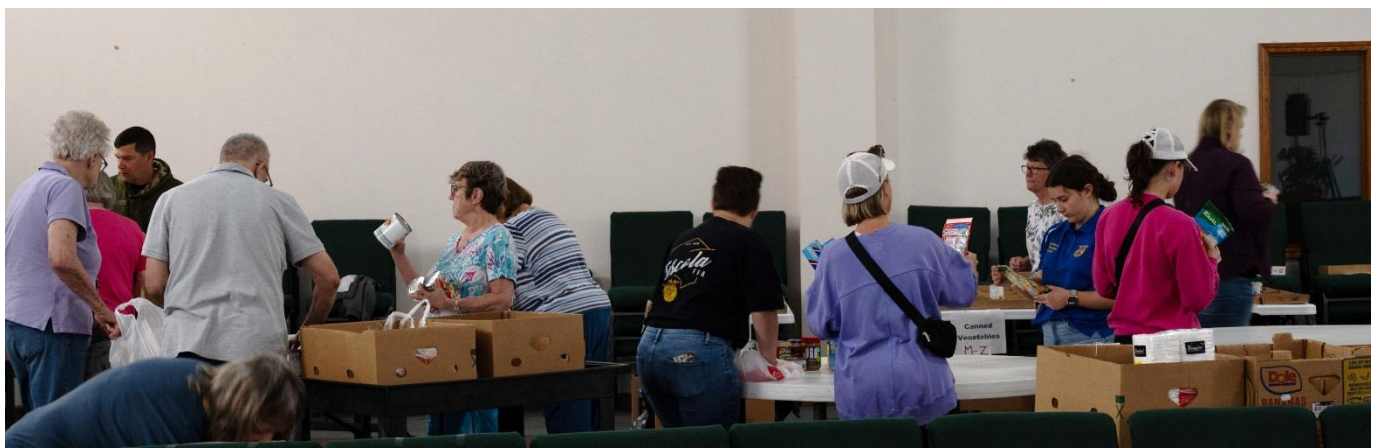
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Key Club Member

Many thanks to our Scholarship Committee - Chairmen Linda Damler,
Marsha Dawson, Lori Nichols, and Glen Simpson

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE FOR SAM PANTRY – May 17, 2025



More Photos on Club Website

K-KIDS PICNIC – May 15, 2025



More photos on club website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2025 MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Breakfast Place on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. by President Jeannie Craddock with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an "X":

Carol Burwash – V.P.	X	Candy Hudson – Treas	X	Guests:	
David Butler – Webmaster	X	Carol Martin (2026)	X		
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jeff Martin (2025)	X		
Jeannie Craddock – President	X	Ian Rominger – Pres Elect	X		
Dan Craddock (2027)	X	Julie Slaughter (2026)	AB		
Sue Gavin (2027)	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	X		
Kim Higgins – Past Pres	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Consent Agenda –
 - Minutes of April 14, 2025 Board Meeting
 - Secretary's Monthly Reports –Volunteer hours reported were 1,011 service hours. The top volunteers were Jeannie Craddock and Tim Hoel.
 - Treasurer's Monthly Reports –For balances ending May 12, 2025, the club was \$12,921.44 and for the foundation \$16,601.13.

Ian Rominger made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carol Burwash 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	\$250.00 To Pete Buckley as budgeted for ICON expense assistance. \$250.00 To Kim Higgins as budgeted for ICON expense assistance. \$130.97 Reimburse Jeannie Craddock for K-Kids picnic supplies

Carol Martin made a motion to approve the above budgeted disbursements. Carol Burwash seconded the motion, and it was approved.

3. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2025/2026 Officers & Club Directors Candidates – The Board approved the following slate of candidates is:

Immediate Past President – Jeannie Craddock
President – Kim Higgins
President Elect – Carol Burwash
Vice President – Julie Slaughter
Secretary – Janet Butler
Treasurer – Candy Hudson
Webmaster – Dave Butler
Club Directors (2026) – Carol Martin & Jeff Martin
Club Directors (2027) – Sue Gavin & Dan Craddock
Club Directors (2028) – Lori Nichols & Jeremy Bennett (tentative)

Janet Butler made a motion to approve the slate of officers including approval for President Jeannie Craddock to fill the second club director position if Jeremy Bennett does not accept. Ian Rominger seconded the motion, and it was approved. Board members agreed to move the membership's voting to May 21st.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026 Fish Fry – Jeannie reported that the membership voting resulted in the majority voting to resume Eat In/Take Out Fish Fry dinners. Comments asked for a variety of desserts like cake, cupcakes, pies, brownies, etc., instead of cookies. Jeannie will have Julie check with the health department to see what the rules are about having desserts put out for attendees to select. It was agreed that there would be no substitutions, the dinners would be served in to-go containers, and the event will NOT be all you can eat. Further details will be worked out later. Janet will email the hardcopy signup sheet from a previous fish fry year.

Sue Gavin made a motion to return the Fish Fry to Eat In/Take Out beginning in 2026. Kim Higgins seconded the motion, and it was approved.

2. K-Kids Picnic – Thursday May 15 – Rain Date Friday May 16 – Jeannie will ask members on Wednesday to bring roasting sticks to the park by 10:30a.
3. Movie Night Friday May 30 – Jeannie will ask members on Wednesday to bring ice pops to our May 21 meeting so David and Carol Burwash can have them frozen for the event.

4. Ervin Park Wooden Playground – Jeannie confirmed with Drew Hoel that the city will provide wood chips, and dump them over the fence in a few places. A date will be set for the first or second week of June.
5. Kiwanis International Convention – Pete Buckley and Kim Higgins will be the club’s voting delegates for the business portion of the convention. The important proposed amendment calls for clubs to be able to vote remotely. See below.

Proposed Amendment 3
Remote Voting for Kiwanis International Business

Submitted by: Capital District Board

Purpose: To provide for candidate nominations and initial review of proposed amendments and resolutions at the Kiwanis International convention, with final voting to take place via secure remote voting.

Effective date: October 1, 2025, with first implementation to be in conjunction with the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention.

After discussion, Kim Higgins made a motion for Pete and Kim to vote “yes” for proposed Amendment 3 to establish remote voting. Carol Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved.

6. K-Kids, Builders Club, and Key Club Faculty Advisors – Jeannie will provide each advisor with a thank you for all they did this school year and a \$25 gift certificate from Flesor’s Candy Kitchen.
7. 2025 TCHS Scholarship Recipients – Jeanne announced this year’s winners: Four-year Key Clubbers Kenna Clodfelder & Olivia Wallace, and Reilynn (Ed) Carpenter & Lia Patterson. The Board thanks the selection committee – Chair: Linda Damler, Marsha Dawson, Lori Nichols, & Glen Simpson.
8. New Member – Rich Knofsky – Dues payment was confirmed and new member approved earlier by the Board via mail vote. Will schedule new member induction, probably in June.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01PM.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, June 9 at The Breakfast Place.

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary

