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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2024

See club information and photos on our website at www.tuscolakiwanis.org
and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tuscolakiwanisclub

2024 Events/Activities

Monday, November 11	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon
Friday, December 6	Christmastown Parade
Friday/Saturday, December 6-7	Christmastown Bake Sale – Community Bldg
Monday, December 9	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon

2025 Events/Activities

Thursday/Friday, March 27-28	Fish Fry Thaw/Dinner – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, April 12 (tentative)	Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 26	Take Back Drugs
Saturday, May 17 (tentative)	Stamp Out Hunger

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

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 – Christmas
January 1	NO MEETING – New Years
January 8	Maureen Bergeson
January 15	Elaine Bryant

January 22	Carol Burwash
January 29	David Butler
February 5	Dan Craddock
February 12	Jeannie Craddock
February 19	Linda Damler
February 26	Mike Damler
March 5	Pat Damler
March 12	Marsha Dawson
March 19	Kathleen Dyer
March 26	Sue Gavin
April 2	Linda Glenn
April 9	Stuff Easter Eggs
April 16	Debbie Graber
April 23	Kim Higgins
April 30	Tim Hoel

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 – October 2, 2024

- Attendance

35 – Members

1 – Guest: Doug Warren

- Birthdays – 10/4 Jean Leonard, 10/5 Dan Craddock

- Brags – Pete Buckley, Dave Butler, Pat Damler, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, Suzanne Rominger, and Doris Young

- Free Lunch Winner – Sherrie Hoel

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Homecoming Parade – October 4 – 2:00PM line up at Ervin Park. Tim Hoel is providing two trailers...one for Builders Club and one for K-Kids. Members are encouraged donate candy, and to decorate and bring their golf carts to participate in the parade.

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – October 5 – Online signup is open. Hardcopy signup sheets will be available at meetings.

Safety Day – October 30 – Otto Center in Arthur - Online signup is open. Hardcopy signup sheets will be available at meetings.

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming Parade – 10/4

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – 10/5

Kiwanis Kids Days – 10/25-26

Trunk or Treat – 10/29

Safety Day – 10/30

Christmastown Bake Sale – 12/6-7

Program:

Club Officers and Directors Installations – See page 7 for names, positions, and photos. More photos on the club website.



Kim Higgins thanking outgoing Lt. Governor Doug Warren for his two years of service as LTG



Doug Warren turning over the LTG home banner to 2024/2025 Lt. Governor Pete Buckley

Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2024

- Attendance

33 – Members

2 – Guest: Joann Ward and Doug Warren

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Jeannie Craddock, Dave Butler, Kim Higgins, and Tim Hoel

- Free Lunch Winner – Sue Wisovaty

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Homecoming Pancake Results – With breakfast sales and donations, the club netted \$951.00. 29 Kiwanians, 9 Key Clubbers, and 6 Builders Club members worked the event. We served a total of 87 customers.

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Program:

Immediate Past President Kim Higgins presented the 2023/2024 Perfect Attendance and Club Awards. See pages 8-10 for names and photos. More photos on the club website.



Kim Higgins
2023/2024 Kiwanian of the Year
with LTGs Doug Warren and Pete Buckley



On behalf of the club, Dave & Janet Butler were presented a Kiwanis Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize their leadership, service and commitment to Kiwanis International and our club.

Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2024

- Attendance

31 – Members

3 – Guests: Jeremy Bennett, and our speakers Terry Goode and Donna Kilburn

- Birthdays – Sue Gavin 10/22
- Brags – Dave Butler, Sharon Corum, Dennis Opperman and Patty Russell
- Free Lunch Winner – Maribeth Opperman
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Favorite Team Day – Members were encouraged to wear their “favorite” teamwear. Dennis won the “Kids Need Kiwanis” bracelet in the drawing.

Board Meeting News -

- Approved 2024/2025 budget.
- Approved Teachers Grant from Christy Hoel for books for her English 3 class.
- Set Fish Thaw/Fish Fry dates for March 27-28, 2025 at Forty Martyrs.
- Set Easter Egg hunt for April 12, 2025.

Upcoming Events:

- Kiwanis Kids Days – 10/25-26
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Program:



Julie Slaughter introduced our speakers, Terry Goode and Donna Kilburn from the Family Service Senior Resource Center. Their office is located at the Jarman Center at 704 Main St. Suite 120. Phone # is 217-599-1324.

Services are available at no cost to seniors 60 or older. The goal is to help seniors age safely and actively in your home for as long as possible. Our caseworker, Donna Kilburn knows local resources and federal programs to provide support for older adults in Douglas County and their families. You may call her with quick questions and assistance over the phone on weekdays. She is also available to meet you by appointment in your home to assist with a variety of needs, including:

- Applying for benefit programs like BEAM (senior license plate discount), and Homestead exemption age 65+ (on your property taxes)
- Reviewing and explaining your Medicare options
- Determining eligibility for financial assistance programs (Link card, Medicaid, LiHEAP, water bills, unemployment benefits)
- Coordinating Senior Transportation rides
- Support with food (emergency groceries, registering for Peace Meals)
- Acting as your advocate as you navigate medical care and procuring durable medical equipment
- Providing supportive counseling as you experience the changes and losses that often come with age
- Providing social activities and monthly trips; see our Facebook page or call our office for details.

The center also has a RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) for individuals age 55+ who would like to volunteer to help with seniors' critical needs such as transportation. If interested, call the RSVP coordinator at 217-359-6500.

Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2024

- Attendance

37 – Members

5 – Guests: Pastors Bennett & Kim Woods, Jeremy Bennett, Joann Ward, and our speaker Steve Ward.

- Birthdays – 10/23 Ben Mingo
- Braggs – David Butler, Sharon Corum, Jeannie Craddock, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel, and Sue Wisovaty
- Free Lunch Winner – Jaci Manzella
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Mattoon Interclub– Club members will be visiting Mattoon on Wednesday, October 30th at noon. If you wish to attend, contact Dennis Opperman.

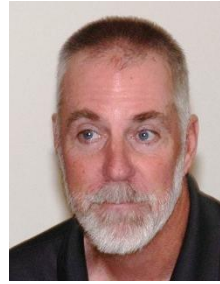
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Wayne Ward introduced his son, Steve Ward, youth pastor at LeRoy United Methodist Church. Steve took a sabbatical to walk the 570 miles of the Camino de Santiago

Christian Pilgrimage along the north path in northern Spain. The network of pilgrimage routes is the second oldest in the world where pilgrims have been following the paths since the 10th century. It ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia where the tomb of St. James, one of Jesus’ twelve apostles is reportedly buried. It took Steve 45 days of 90 degree+ summer heat. This is a very difficult trek and not for beginners or the faint of heart.

The environment was mostly rural and over 95% of the time Steve walked alone, setting his own pace. At meals and in evenings, he visited with other pilgrims and shared stories. Steve said that these “family” relationships became very important to him.

He did it all with a single backpack and one pair of shoes!



North route – Camino de Santiago

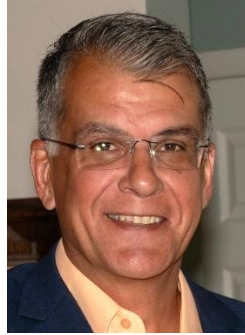
Program:

2024/2025 Officers & Club Directors – Effective 10-1-24

Officers



Jeannie Craddock
President



Ian Rominger
President Elect



Carol Burwash
Vice President



Candy Hudson
Treasurer

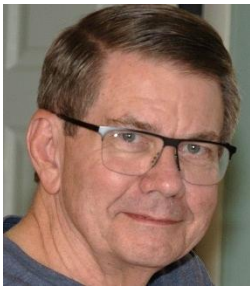


Janet Butler
Secretary



Kim Higgins
Immediate Past President

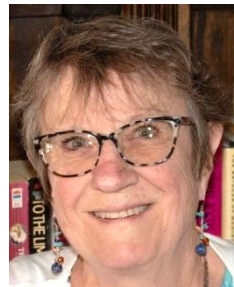
Club Directors



Dave Butler
Webmaster



Dan Craddock
Term Expires 2027



Sue Gavin
Term Expires 2027



Carol Martin
Term Expires 2026



Jeff Martin
Term Expires 2025



Julie Slaughter
Term Expires 2026



Cindy Wood
Term Expires 2025

2023/2024 Perfect Attendance Recognitions

Eighteen Kiwanians were recognized for perfect attendance as follows:

1 Year:	10 Years:	15 Years:
Lori Nichols Julie Slaughter	Dennis Opperman	Tim Hoel Candy Hudson
2 Years:	11 Years:	16 Years:
Glen Simpson	Pat Damler	David Butler
3 Years:	12 Years:	17 Years:
Jeannie Craddock	Doris Young	Janet Butler Mike Damler
7 Years:	13 Years:	19 Years:
Elaine Bryant	Kim Higgins	Carol Burwash
8 Years:	14 Years:	35 Years and holding:
Linda Damler	Sherrie Hoel Jerry Leonard	Wayne Ward

A big thanks to the selection committee of Elaine Bryant, Janet Butler,
Candy Hudson, and Dennis Opperman

2023/2024 CLUB AWARDS

Distinguished Service Awards



Carol Beals



Julie Slaughter



Joann & Wayne Ward

2023/2024 Paul Jones Memorial Kiwanis Volunteer of the Year



Tim Hoel

2023/2024 Kiwanian of the Year



Kim Higgins

Homecoming Parade – October 4



More photos on club website

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – October 5, 2024



More photos on club website

Kiwanis Kids Day – October 25-26, 2024



More photos on club website

Trunk or Treat – October 29, 2024



Our favorite dinosaur – Carol Burwash



Tim Hoel



Janet Butler & Sherrie Hoel



Janet Butler & Carol Burwash

More photos on club website

Safety Day – October 30, 2024



Carol Burwash, Jeannie Craddock, Tim Hoel, Julie Slaughter,
May Ann Pattenaude, Jerry Leonard, Candy Hudson, Kim Higgins



Paul & Sue Wisovaty

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

The meeting was called to order at Flesor’s Candy Kitchen on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 1:00 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	Pat Damler	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)	AB	Cindy Wood (2025)	AB		
Kim Higgins – Past Pres	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Consent Agenda –

- Minutes of September 9, 2024 Board Meeting
- Secretary’s Monthly Reports –Hours reported were 657 service hours. The top volunteers were Jeannie Craddock and Tim Hoel.
- Treasurer’s Monthly Reports –For balances ending September 30, 2024, the club was \$13,849.59 and for the foundation \$12,549.51.

Ian Rominger made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Kim Higgins 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>
\$65.97 Reimburse Janet Butler for club domain name renewal (3 years).	\$127.08 Reimburse Janet Butler for Kiwanis Kids Days Tootsie Roll Minis. \$141.30 TCHS for approved teachers grant submitted by Christy Hoel.

Carol Burwash made a motion to approve the above disbursements to Janet. Ian Rominger seconded the motion and it was approved. David Butler made a motion to approve the teachers grant request from Christy Hoel for 30 copies of “For Every One” by Jason Reynolds for her classroom students.

3. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2023/2024 Actuals to Budget – Board made final review of the report. Account balances agreed with the treasurer’s reports from 2023/2024 Kiwanis year.
2. 2024/2025 Budget – Board made final review of the budget. Ian Rominger made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Carol Burwash seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. Kiwanis Kids Days – On track.
4. Homecoming Pancake Breakfast Results – The breakfast brought in a net of \$951 with breakfast sales and donations. 29 Kiwanians, 9 Key Clubbers, and 6 Builders Club members worked the event. We served a total of 87 customers.
5. Fish Fryers Assembly – Dan Craddock, Jeannie Craddock, Jeff Martin, and Ian Rominger are scheduling.
6. NW Reading Buddies – Marsha Dawson spoke to Jeannie regarding being a reading buddy. Jeannie still has questions regarding how this would work and will speak to Principal Wallace.
7. NW Student Pick-up Station Project Proposal – There is still no progress with the school. The Board agreed to not pursuing the project at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trunk or Treat – Tuesday, October 29 – 5p-7p – David and Janet Butler volunteered to take the lead on this event with Carol Burwash. They plan to decorate and use their golf cart. At our Kiwanis meeting of 10/16 & 10/23m Jeannie will ask Kiwanians to bring in candy donations.
2. Christmastown Bake Sale – December 6-7 - Jeannie reported that Elaine Bryant and Debbie Graber will again co-chair the bake sale with sign-up assistance from Janet Butler. Janet reported that Heather Brown had advised her that our area will be in main room this year...not the lobby. Janet requested two tables for our area.
3. Fish Thaw/Fish Fry & Egg Hunt 2025 Dates – Tentatively, the Board set the Fish Thaw/Fish Fry dates for March 27 & 28 and the egg hunt for April 12. Pat Damler will check with Forty Martyrs to reserve the March dates, if available. If not, the Board will adjust the dates as available.

4. 2024/2025 Club President Goals – Jeannie shared her club goals with the Board. Copy enclosed.
5. 2024/2025 Club Membership Plan – Jeannie advised that a membership plan must be submitted to KI by October 31, 2024 as part of the Distinguished Club criteria. There is also a membership plan worksheet. Jeannie and Janet will get more information from Pete.
6. 2024/2025 Distinguished Criteria – The Board briefly discussed the new criteria. Copy enclosed.
7. Committee Chairperson List – Jeannie prepared a list of club projects and fundraisers for review. The Board members were asked to review provide updates as needed. Copy enclosed.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50PM.

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

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary



We are all so blessed!

Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:
dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org or jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org