



# Kiwaniis®

## CLUB OF TUSCOLA

**NEWSLETTER**  
**SEPTEMBER 2024**

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and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tuscolakiwanisclub](https://www.facebook.com/tuscolakiwanisclub)

### 2024 Events/Activities

|                                |                                       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday, September 9            | Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon    |
| Friday, October 4              | Homecoming Parade                     |
| Saturday, October 5            | Homecoming Breakfast                  |
| Monday, October 14             | Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon    |
| Friday/Saturday, October 25-26 | Kiwaniis Kids Days                    |
| Friday/Saturday December 6-7   | Christmastown – Parade and Craft fair |

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### Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

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| 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 – 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            |

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.

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

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**Labor Day - Enjoy**



## Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2024

- Attendance

41 – Members

1 – Guest: Pastor Bennett

- Birthdays – 8/19 Jim Hausmann
- Braggs – Dale Boyer, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Sharon Corum, Tim Hoel, Val Morgan, Dennis Opperman, and Wayne Ward
- Free Lunch Winner – Lyn Kohlbecker
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

### Board Meeting Update –

- On the recommendation of the K-Kids Faculty Advisors, the Board voted to replace the Fall K-Kids Picnic, which hasn't been well attended due to parents having to pick up the students, with an in-school "Welcome to K-Kids" treat.

- North Ward 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers are planning on establishing a Reading Buddies program at North Ward. More details to follow.

- Kiwanians are invited to attend Grandparents' Day to have lunch with students who do not have attending grandparents. Volunteers would bring a sack lunch. More details to follow. Jeannie will check regarding background checks and if there is a cost to the volunteer.

- As first-time attendees, Ian and Suzanne Rominger were selected to receive the budgeted \$75 registration fee.

-Twenty club award nominations were received. Awards will be presented October 9.

-Jeannie Craddock reported the school supplies have been purchased from the teacher requests lists.

- The Board discussed the current status of unpaid membership dues for the 2024/2025 Kiwanis year. The club will be invoiced for those dues in October of this year. We currently have 25 members who have not paid any dues this year; 10 members owe \$86 (2<sup>nd</sup> installment of \$61 + \$25 dues increase), 18 members owe just the \$25 dues increase. Candy will be sending reminder letters to those members. Deadline for paying dues is September 15, 2024. No recruitment meeting will be held in August.

-Before committing to a 2025 Garage Sale, the Board agreed to survey the membership and make a decision at their September meeting.

### Upcoming Events:

Kiwanis Family Picnic – 8/25

Family Fun Day – 8/31 5 openings

Stewardship Day – 9/12 6 openings

### Program:



Kiwanians Ian Rominger spoke about the Tuscola Community Foundation, in particular the George Meister fund. Grants that benefit the seniors of Douglas County can be funded from the Meister fund. Ian is investigating the possibility of a 501c3 organization building a senior center funded by the Meister fund.

## Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2024

- **Attendance**

33 – Members

7 – Guests: Early Birds: Dan Baskett, Bill Meyer, Robert Ruchrup, and Doug Warren. Pastors Bennett and Kim, and our speaker, Madison Dailey

- **Birthdays** – None

- **Brags** – David Butler, Jeannie Craddock, Pat Damler, Debbie Graber, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Dennis Opperman, and Doris Young

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Debbie Graber

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

### District Convention Update –

-Tuscola was recognized as a 2022/2023 Distinguished Club.



Tim Hoel with Past Gov Dustin Morris  
-Tim Hoel and Suzanne Rominger were honored with I-I District Dr. Luis V. Amador Medallion Awards.



Suzanne & Tim with Amadors

**Dues Reminder** – Any unpaid dues are due by September 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are unsure of what you owe, contact Candy Hudson.

### Upcoming Events:

Kiwanis Family Picnic – 8/25

Family Fun Day – 8/31 5 openings

Stewardship Day – 9/12 6 openings

### **Program:**



Patty Russell introduced our speaker, Madison Dailey. Madison is a volunteer and board president of the Arcola Food Pantry. One in four children in Douglas County experience food insecurity. Food pantries are a safety net for families. It requires about \$40,000 per year to operate the Arcola Food Pantry.

## Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2024

- Attendance

39 – Members

1 – Guest: Pastor Kim

- Birthdays – 8/28 Robyn Stone, 8/29 Carol Hausmann, and 9/3 Elaine Bryant
- Brags – David Butler, Tim Hoel, and Ian Rominger
- Free Lunch Winner – Sherrie Hoel
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Garage Sale Survey – Attendees completed a short garage sale survey. The Board will review the results and decide at their September meeting whether to hold a 2025 garage sale.

Upcoming Events:

Family Fun Day – 8/31 0 openings

Stewardship Day – 9/12 3 openings

## Program:



Janet Butler reviewed the 2024 Kiwanis International Youth Protection Guidelines. A summary of the guidelines was emailed to all members.



**KIWANIS FAMILY PICNIC – AUGUST 25, 2024**



More photos on club website

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

The meeting was called to order at The Pantry on Monday, August 12, 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)    | X | Guests:       |   |
| Janet Butler – Secretary      | X  | Jeff Martin (2025)     | X | Carol Burwash | X |
| Jeannie Craddock – Pres Elect | X  | Ian Rominger – VP      | X | Sherrie Hoel  | 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)      | X |               |   |
| Candy Hudson – Treas          | AB |                        |   |               |   |

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Consent Agenda –
  - Minutes of July 8 Board Meeting
  - Secretary’s Monthly Reports –Hours reported were 548 service hours. The top volunteers were Tim Hoel and Elaine Bryant.
  - Treasurer’s Monthly Reports –For balances ending August 12, 2024, the club was \$10,685.59 and for the foundation \$18,476.03.

David Butler made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carol Martin 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                               | \$355.56 Reimburse Janet Butler for school supplies purchased from Amazon.<br>\$150.00 Reimburse Ian Rominger for DCON registration fee for Suzanne and him as budgeted. |

Pat Damler made a motion to approve the above disbursements. Julie Slaughter seconded the motion and it was approved.

3. New Donation Requests – None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. K-Kids – On the recommendation of the K-Kids Faculty Advisors, the Board voted to replace the Fall K-Kids Picnic, which hasn't been well attended due to parents having to pick up the students, with an in-school "Welcome to K-Kids" treat. Jeannie made a motion to cover the cost of the treats. David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. Builders Club – Jeannie reported she would provide a treat at Builders Club meetings for the members. If Jeannie provides the number of Builders Club members, the Butlers will provide Kiwanis spinners for the members.
3. Key Club – No update.
4. North Ward Activities - North Ward 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers are planning on establishing a Reading Buddies program at North Ward. More details to follow. Kiwanians are invited to attend Grandparents' Day to have lunch with students who do not have attending grandparents. Volunteers would bring a sack lunch. More details to follow. Jeannie will check regarding background checks and if there is a cost to the volunteer.
5. NW Project Proposal – Still no update because the Tuscola school district has still not selected an architect.
6. TCF Grant Application – Kim reported that TCF did not approve the application for funds to help with the storage rental fee.
7. I-I District Convention – Nine members are attending the convention. Ian and Suzanne were selected as first-time attendees to receive the budgeted \$75 registration fee.
8. 2023/2024 Club Awards – Janet received 20 nominations for the 2023/2024 Club Awards. The committee made up of last year's winners will select the winners today after this meeting.
9. Teacher School Supplies – Jeannie reported that the request lists were received and the items are ordered.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2023/2024 Unpaid Dues Analysis –

The Board discussed the current status of unpaid membership dues for the 2024/2025 Kiwanis year. The club will be invoiced for those dues in October of this year. We currently have 25 members who have not paid any dues this year; 10 members owe \$86



(2<sup>nd</sup> installment of \$61 + \$25 dues increase), 18 members owe just the \$25 dues increase. Candy will be sending reminder letters to those members. Deadline for paying dues is September 15, 2024 to be counted as a member next year. Even if most of those people pay their dues, it is unlikely that we will have a one-member gain for the year—so the Board has decided to forego our annual recruitment event and would like you to hold any prospective members until next Kiwanis year, which begins October 1. If you owe dues, but are unsure of how much you owe, please check with Candy.

| <b>2024/2025 Dues</b>                      | <b>Amount Due by September 15, 2024</b> |
|--|---|
| 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                                |
|  |   |
| <b>2025/2026 Dues</b>                      | <b>Amount Due for 2025/2026 Dues</b>    |
| \$75 due January 31 & July 31, 2025        | \$150.00                                |

2. 2025 Garage Sale - The Board discussed our 2025 garage sale event, which is usually held every other year. This is a huge event that takes a lot of resources and work...2 days to organize and 2 days to sell. The core planning team cannot do it alone! It is also one of our largest fundraisers with the club clearing about \$3,700 and \$3,500 the last two times. In a couple of weeks, members will be provided a survey to measure the support and time commitment that can be expected from our members. The Board will make a decision at their September meeting as to whether to hold the 2025 garage sale or not.
3. New Club Building - Kiwanis I-I District Governor Tom Willis is requesting assistance in building two new clubs in our division...Mahomet and Monticello. Tuscola is being asked to sponsor a new Monticello club. After discussion, the Board declined for Tuscola to sponsor Monticello. Kim will notify Doug Fink and Doug Warren, our LTGs.
4. August Skip-A-Meal - Members who would like to participate still get to eat, but they can also 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. Donations go toward the Kiwanis International Children's Fund.
5. Kiwanis Family Picnic - The annual Kiwanis picnic will be held, rain or shine, at the South Pavilion in Ervin Park on Sunday, August 25. 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 dish 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. Kim will pass around a hardcopy sign-up sheet at Wednesday's meeting. So far, we have 32 people coming!

6. Family Fun Day – August 31 Downtown Tuscola, hosted by Flesor’s – Kim will send around a hardcopy sign-up sheet on Wednesday. So far, we have open time slots for 5 more people to man the Bounce House, the Slide, or the Obstacle Course. Chairs will be provided so standing is not required.
7. Environment Stewardship Day at Walnut Point – The Douglas County Farm Bureau is again hosting this event for 6<sup>th</sup> graders from six area schools including Tuscola. Kim will send around a hardcopy sign-up sheet on Wednesday. We have 6 open slots.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08PM.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2024 at noon at The Pantry.

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary



***Where did summer go?***

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