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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER

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2024 Events/Activities

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| Thursday, July 4 | Fourth of July Parade – CANCELLED |
| Monday, July 8 | Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon |
| 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 |

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

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| July 3 | NO MEETING |
| July 10 | Maribeth Opperman |
| July 17 | Dennis Opperman |
| July 24 | Lori Nichols |
| July 31 | Jerry Reynolds |
| August 7 | No Meeting Tentative – 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 |

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| 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 |

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!**

Happy 4th of July



Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2024

- Attendance

37 – Members

1 – Guest: Teresa Metzger

- Birthdays – 6/5 Suzanne Rominger, 6/10 Tammy Baer
- Brags – David Butler, Jeannie Craddock, Linda Damler, and Tim Hoel
- Free Lunch Winner – Suzanne Moody
- 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.

KNRF Donations – Doris’ Donation Match Challenge was very successful! Donations total \$1,600.00 plus the \$1,000 match from Doris, so KNRF will receive \$2,600.00. Doris will be honored with a KNRF Elble Award, and \$1,000 will be earmarked to honor our 2023/2024 Tuscola Kiwanian of the Year with an Elble.

Program:



Jeff Martin introduced our speaker, Teresa Metzger. Teresa is from the Regional Office of Education #11 out of Charleston. She primarily works with children/youth eligible for benefits from the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

The McKinney-Vento Act provides rights and services to children and youth experiencing homelessness, which includes those who are: sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; staying in motels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to the lack of an adequate alternative; staying in shelters or transitional housing; or sleeping in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, or similar settings.

There are currently six Tuscola students receiving benefits from this legislation.

Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2024

• Attendance

36 – Members

3 – Guest: Bennett Woods, Kim Woods and Lydia Manzella

- Birthdays – 6/15 Linda Glenn and Kathyn McCumber
- Brags – Maureen Bergeson, David Butler, Pat Damler, Tim Hoel, Toppo Mooday, Maribeth Opperman, and Christopher Sutton
- Free Lunch Winner – Val Morgan
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Board Meeting Updates –

-Confirmed we would be meeting at the Tuscola United Methodist Church until the construction is completed at Flesors. We will probably meet there until sometime in August.

-Approved Kiwanis membership and payment of membership dues for Logan Donnals and Ashleigh Sterkel as our new K-Kids Faculty Advisors.

-Appointed Tim Hoel, Carol Burwash and Kim Higgins as delegates to represent the club at the I-I District Convention in Peoria in August. It is likely there will be a KI dues increase effective 10-1-24. Details to follow mid-July after convention.

-Approved a grant request for the Tuscola Community Foundation to cover our storage unit rent for 3 years.

-Approved changes to the Kiwanis Teachers' Grant Application to provide access to the grant for North Ward teachers and to raise the maximum request from \$250 to \$500.

-Approved August as our Skip-a-Meal month.

-Voted to cancel the October 30 weekly meeting to allow members to participate in Safety Day.

-Set October 25-26 as the dates for our Kiwanis Kids Days event.

-Participate in the Independence Day Parade, Thursday July 4th. Leave Ervin Park at 11AM. Members with golf carts are encouraged to decorate and participate in the parade. More details to follow.

B.U.G. Winners – Linda Damler reported there were 34 students who brought up their grades. Postcards were given out to members.

Program:



Suzanne Moody hosted American History Trivia and several Kiwanis bingo rounds. Candy prizes for the winners.

Fun by all!

Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2024

- **Attendance**

36 – Members

9 – Guests: Interclub Decatur Early Birds: Paul Francis, Bill Meyer, Doug Warren, Chuck Zweck. And Tim Kohlbecker, Kim & Bennett Woods, Sarah Evans, and Aja Bozarth, our speaker

- **Birthdays** – None

- **Brags** – David Butler, Kathleen Dyer, and Tim Hoel

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Kim Higgins

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

July 4th Parade - From Ervin Park. Line up 10:30a. Departs the park at 11:00a and ends at the Douglas County Courthouse.

Members with golf carts are encouraged to decorate them and participate in the parade.

Program:



Dave Moody introduced our speaker, Aja Bozarth, Tuscola school district nurse.

Previously, Aja was an emergency room nurse for 14 years. The school nurse job is more than just assisting students who don't feel well. At TCHS vaping is a concern.

Aja reported that 40% of Tuscola students qualify for the low-income free lunch program. Students needs include:

- Clothing
- Hygiene items
- Food
- Transportation
- Resources (i.e. dental, haircuts, medications, etc.)

Barriers to the students receiving these needs are primarily embarrassment, pride, and education.

The Help-A-Child program helps provide for some of these needs.

Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2024

- **Attendance**

32 – Members

7 – Guests: Bennett & Kim Woods, Sarah Evans, Tom & Sharon Capie, Christy & Drew Hoel, Jody Patton, and our speaker, Sydney Hoel

- **Birthdays** – 6/26 Mary Ann Pattenaude, 6/28 Sharon Corum, 6/30 Val Morgan, 7/6 Cathy Buckley, 7/7 John Watson, 7/8 Darcey Voyles

- **Braggs** – Sharon Corum, Pat Damler, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, and Patty Russell

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Carol Beals

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

Thank You Note – Received thank you note from Michelle Reese, one of our scholarship winners.

Program:



Val Morgan introduced her granddaughter, Sydney Hoel. She is a student at New York University working on a PhD DMA (Doctorate of Musical Arts) degree.

Sydney is interested in patriotic and military music in the theater and presented a program on women in service, including recordings from the musicals 1776, The Civil War, and Bandstand. She sang a song from “Songs for a New World.”

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

The meeting was called to order at The Pantry on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 11:56am by President Kim Higgins with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an “X”:

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| David Butler – Webmaster | X | Carol Martin (2026) | X | Guests: | |
| Janet Butler – Secretary | X | Jeff Martin (2025) | X | Pete Buckley | X |
| Jeannie Craddock – Pres Elect | X | Ian Rominger – VP | AB | Carol Burwash | X |
| Pat Damler (2024) | X | Glen Simpson (2024) | X | Sue Gavin | X |
| Kim Higgins – President | X | Julie Slaughter (2026) | AB | Sherrie Hoel | X |
| 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 May Board Meeting
 - Secretary’s Monthly Reports –Hours reported were 737 service hours. The top volunteers were Tim Hoel and Jeannie Craddock.
 - Treasurer’s Monthly Reports –For balances ending June 10, 2024, the club was \$10,173.23 and for the foundation \$20,310.33.

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> |
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| \$363.00 To reimburse Janet Butler for club supplies. | \$150.00 Circle K Outreach \$200.00 Tuscola Library Summer Program |

Pat Damler made a motion to approve the disbursements. David Butler seconded the motion, and it was approved.

3. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. K-Kids – The K-Kids picnic of May 22 went well.
2. NW Project Proposal - Glen Simpson reported no update because the Tuscola school district has still not selected an architect.
3. Easter Bunny Costume – Kim reported the bunny costume has been cleaned and looks really good.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Temporary Meeting Location – Until Flesor’s Candy Kitchen’s reconstruction is completed, the club will be meeting at the Tuscola United Methodist Church. Flesor’s will cater the usual buffet except for soup and beverages. There will not be a beverage only choice. Bring your own beverage if you want something other than water. If you just want water or nothing, it will be the usual \$1 that the club keeps. Food should be there by 11:15AM. Meeting at noon, as usual.

Note: Change in the above - Flesor’s will provide iced tea so the \$4 beverage only iced tea option is available.

2. New K-Kids Faculty Advisors – Beth Linstead is stepping down from K-Kids Faculty Advisor. Two 4th Grade teachers, Logan Donnals and Ashleigh Sterkel, have stepped up to serve. Janet Butler made a motion to approve Logan and Ashleigh and for the club to pay both of their club dues. Carol Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved.
3. Tuscola Community Foundation Application – Kim Higgins presented the TCF grant application, requesting \$3,000 for rental of the club storage unit. Pat Damler made a motion to approval to submit the application. David Butler seconded the motion, and it was approved.
4. I-I District Convention Delegates – Janet Butler made a motion that Carol Burwash, Kim Higgins, and Tim Hoel be selected as the club’s voting delegates at the 2024 I-I District Convention August 15-18 in Peoria. Pat Damler seconded the motion, and it was approved.
5. Kiwanis Teachers’ Grant Application – Janet Butler presented the revised grant program, making North Ward teachers eligible and raising the maximum request to \$500. After discussion, it was agreed to split the “other” funding into two questions, separating the school district question. Carol Martin made a motion to approve the updated grant application, as amended, effective with the 2024 Fall school year. Glen Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved.

6. Kiwanis International Proposed Dues Increase – There are three amendments regarding an annual per member dues increase. Remember the amounts below are only the “dues” portion of what we pay KI. The numbers do not include the \$36 districts dues, insurance, and magazine fees.

KI Board proposed increase - \$25.00 If this does not pass, the next proposal will be considered.

Pacific NW proposed increase - \$15.00 for 2024-25
\$10.00 for 2025-26
\$ 5.00 for 2026-27
If this does not pass, the next proposal will be considered.

New Jersey proposed increase - \$25.00 for 2024-25
\$15.00 for 2025-26
\$ 6.00 for 2026-27
\$ 2.00 for 2027-28 and thereafter

If all three proposals fail, there will be no dues increase for 2024-25.

The consensus of the Board was for our delegates, Pete and Jeannie, to vote no on the first proposal and yes on the second proposal if the first proposal fails, and vote no if the third proposal comes up after the first two fail to pass. Our delegates will vote in the best interest of our club as amendments may be amended at convention.

7. Independence Day Parade – July 4 – 11:00AM leaving from Ervin Park. Kim confirmed that Ian Rominger had submitted the parade form. Members with golf carts are encouraged to decorate and participate in the parade.
8. NW & EP Teachers Requested Supplies – Jeannie will coordinate the gathering of teacher requests and shopping for the items to be delivered in August.
9. Library Movie Night – Friday June 14 – 6:30PM The club will again give out free fruit ice pops. Kim is coordinating our participation. The movie is Kung Fu Panda 4.
10. Skip-A-Meal – As the club has done for many years, in August, the lunch ladies will be collecting voluntary donations for the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. The cost of a lunch is the suggested donation.
11. Safety Day – Due to Halloween, the Farm Bureau’s Safety Day at the Otto Center in Arthur is being held on Wednesday, October 30. Due to many of our Kiwanians volunteering for this event and that there are five Wednesdays in October, Jeannie

Craddock made a motion to cancel our regular October 30 club meeting. Tim Hoel seconded the motion, and it was approved.

12. Kiwanis Kids Days – After discussion, Dave Butler made a motion for October 25-26. Tim Hoel seconded the motion, and it was approved. Carol Burwash or Kim Higgins will take our request to Tuscola City Council for approval.

13. 2023/2024 Club Awards – Janet Butler reminded board members that the nomination forms were online at the club’s website, and hardcopy available at club meetings. She encouraged board members to submit nominations for worthy Kiwanians.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2024 at noon at The Pantry.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56PM.

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S.A.!

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