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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
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2024 Events/Activities

Friday, October 4	Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 5	Homecoming Breakfast
Wednesday, October 9	Board Meeting – immediately after Kiwanis mtg
Friday/Saturday, October 25-26	Kiwanis Kids Days
Monday, November 11	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon
Friday/Saturday December 6-7	Christmastown – Parade and Craft fair

2025 Events/Activities

TBD	Fish Fry Thaw/Dinner
Saturday, April 12 (tentative)	Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, May 17 (tentative)	Stamp Out Hunger

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

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
March 5	Pat Damler
March 12	Marsha Dawson
March 19	Kathleen Dyer
March 26	Sue Gavin

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!**



**“Forget buying Halloween treats at the store.
We’ll whip up our own fun-size batwings!”**

Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2024

- Attendance

39 – Members

2 – Guests: Pastor Bennett, Cheryl Bozarth and Justin Bozarth, our speaker

- Birthdays – 9/4 Lyn Kohlbecker, 9/7 Paul Wisovaty, Dave Butler 9/8
- Brags – Carol Burwash, Dave Butler, Janet Butler, and Tim Hoel
- Free Lunch Winner – Dennis Opperman
- 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 to decorate and bring their golf carts to participate in the parade. Members who would like to donate candy for the parade, please bring it to the September 18, 24, or October 2 meetings or call Kim for pick it up. Don't include "melty" types of chocolate.

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

Unpaid Dues – Candy is still collecting unpaid dues for the 2024/2025 year. Deadline is September 15.

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming Parade – 10/4

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – 10/5

Kiwanis Kids Days – 10/25-26

Program:



Kevin Nolan introduced our speaker, Justin Bozarth. He started in Tuscola in 2012 and is currently the principal of TCHS. Justin began thanking the club for all we do for TCHS, North Ward, East Prairie, and teachers.

The major renovations to TCHS have been completed. They include new science labs, new cafeteria and the Stage 301 auditorium.

Justin's and his staff/teachers' goals are rooted in relationships. Building up relationships with students, parents, and the community. Justin wants to see staff/teacher relationships strengthened and increasing morale.

Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2024

- Attendance

38 – Members

1 – Guest: Stepheny McMahon, our speaker

- Birthdays – 9/12 Alan Shoemaker

- Brags – David Butler, Tim Hoel, Judy Landeck, Carol Martin, and Val Morgan

- Free Lunch Winner – Dennis Opperman

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

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

Board Meeting Update –

-Approved a \$430 teachers grant request submitted by Darcey Voyles for TCHS classroom pencil sharpeners.

- Reviewed the garage sale results. The survey responses showed there is enough interest and support to host this fundraiser in 2025. The Board agreed to move forward with the sale.

-Reviewed 2024/2025 draft budget.

-Accepted the resignation of Linda Glenn as 2024/2025 VP and elected Carol Burwash unanimously to the vacant position.

- The Warrior Store at the high school has lost its support from the East Illinois Foodbank, and the school is looking for financial support from the community. Food is packed and delivered to family homes once a month. The Board approved providing \$100 from the school supplies

budget now and add an expense line for Warrior Store in the 2024/2025 budget for \$200.00.

-Due to schedule conflicts, the October Board meeting was changed to October 9, immediately following our Wednesday meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming Parade – 10/4

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – 10/5

Kiwanis Kids Days – 10/25-26

Program:



Marci Shoemaker introduced our speaker, Stepheny McMahon, Douglas County Economic Development Corporation Assistant Director, reporting to Brian Moody.

This new corporation is funded by Arcola, the Douglas County Board, Tuscola, and Villa Grove.

Stepheny is originally from Sullivan, having worked for thirteen years in the economic development area for Sullivan. She worked in economic development for four years for Urbana, and began her position in Tuscola in February 2024.

Her position covers county economic development, chamber and tourism. Her goals include work force development, branding/ marketing Douglas County, and attracting new retail businesses.

She will visit businesses to discuss their needs. support entrepreneurs who want to start a business, and promote the Tuscola enterprise zone.

Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2024

- **Attendance**

31 – Members

0 – Guests:

- **Birthdays** – 9/21 Topy Mooday, 9/23 Sandy Simpson
- **Brags** – Pete Buckley, Dave Butler, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, and Ian Rominger
- **Free Lunch Winner** – Suzanne Moody
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

North Ward Grandparents Day – Grandparents Day will be celebrated on October 4. They are looking for volunteers who might be willing to have lunch with students who don't have grandparents attending. If you are interested in participating, contact Jeannie Craddock.

North Ward Reading Buddies – This is a new program that partners an adult volunteer with a student during the school day to assist with reading skills. This required a \$35 background check for all adult volunteers, paid for by the volunteer. The school will accept a Kiwanis International background check. If you volunteer, Janet Butler can have a KI email sent to you to do the background check. You will need a credit card to pay for it. If you are interested in being a Reading Buddy, contact Jeannie Craddock.

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming Parade – 10/4

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – 10/5

Kiwanis Kids Days – 10/25-26

Program:



Glen Simpson hosted a fun “Who Wants to be a Millionaire” game. Candy bar treats were passed out to everyone.

The members of the winning table also received a box of Junior Mints.



Winning Table!

Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2024

- **Attendance**

35 – Members

2 – Guests: Amanda Minor and James Young, our speakers

- **Birthdays** – 9/25 Carol Martin, 9/27 Tim Hoel, 9/28 Donna Motley

- **Brags** – Dave Butler, Linda Damler, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, and Kevin Nolan

- **Free Lunch Winner** –

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

Last Dues Reminder – If you have not paid your dues, please give your check/cash to Candy or Janet.

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming Parade – 10/4

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast – 10/5

Kiwanis Kids Days – 10/25-26

Program:



Samdy Simpson introduced our speakers... Amanda Minor and James Young from the Douglas County Health Department. They are looking for volunteers for a new program... TASK (Trust Appreciation Support with Kindness). This is funded by a grant.

This is a Douglas County mentoring program to serve young people from kindergarten through high school in one-to-one mentoring relationships. These relationships foster strong 1 to 1 mentor-mentee bonds that provide support and guidance to children/youth.

Each mentor is asked for one year commitment, but encouraged to continue through the mentee's high school graduation. Each mentor volunteer is expected to spend time with their mentee 3-4 times a month for a few hours doing normal everyday activities, like seeing a movie, doing homework, playing games, going out to eat, etc. The program pays for the required background checks. Other volunteer opportunity to support this program include administrative support, event planning, outreach, and special projects.

This program cannot have any association with Kiwanis International or our club, as it requires 1-1 adult/youth interaction.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP DAY – SEPTEMBER 12, 2024



Linda Damler, Debbie Graber, Carol Burwash, Cathy Chaplin, Tim Hoel, Kim Higgins
(Not pictured: Dave Butler, Pat Damler)

More photos on club website

DANVILLE PANCAKE DAY – SEPTEMBER 26, 2024



Carol Burwash, Kim Higgins, Janet Butler, Pete Buckley, Danville Kiwanian (Not pictured: David Butler)

More photos on club website

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

The meeting was called to order at The Pantry on Monday, September 9, 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	AB	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	Val Morgan	X
Kim Higgins – President	X	Julie Slaughter (2026)	X		
Tim Hoel – Past President	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	AB		
Candy Hudson – Treas	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Consent Agenda –
 - Minutes of August 12, 2024 Board Meeting
 - Secretary’s Monthly Reports –Hours reported were 539 service hours. The top volunteers were Kim Higgins and Elaine Bryant.
 - Treasurer’s Monthly Reports –For balances ending September 9, 2024, the club was \$12,617.59 and for the foundation \$14,707.37.

Glen Simpson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Pat Damler 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	\$100 Doug Warren – LTG gift \$150 Aktion Club Outreach \$600 Annual Club Gift – KIF \$200 Peace Meals \$200 SAM Food Pantry

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

3. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2024/2025 Dues Update – Candy updated the Board regarding unpaid dues. Selected Board members volunteered to contact some of the members.
2. NW Project Proposal – Glen reported no update. Glen had spoken to Principal Wallace who advised if this project does move forward, he has some other project ideas such as an outdoor eating area.
3. Pancake Breakfast Update – Kim reported that signups are moving forward, and that Country Salvage was again donating the pancake mix, sausage, and Sunny-D drink.
3. Kiwanis Kids Days – Kim and Carol Burwash advised Janet to order the same number of Tootsie Pop Minis that we ordered last year.
4. North Ward Reading Buddies – After discussion, the item was tabled for next meeting. Jeannie will ask for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Teachers Grant Application – Darcey Voyles submitted a \$430 application for TCHS classroom pencil sharpeners. Pat Damler made a motion to approve. Jeannie Craddock seconded the motion, and it was approved. Janet will advise Darcey and deliver the check to the TCHS office.
2. 2025 Garage Sale - The Board reviewed the garage sale results. The survey responses showed there is enough interest and support to host this fundraiser in 2025. The Board agreed to move forward with the sale. For those 18 members who indicated they would serve on the core committee, Janet will call a committee meeting to select the 4 days that we will need the Community Building, based on availability of core committee members. We need to request the dates early from the city.
3. 2023/2024 Budget to Actuals & 2024/2025 Budget – The Board reviewed the documents. After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion to pay the KI insurance fees from the club foundation, and the dues and magazine from the club administrative account so that there are sufficient funds in the club account for 2024/2025. Ian Rominger seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Fish Fryers' Assembly – The two new fish fryers still need assembly. Kim, Pat, Jeff, and Dan volunteered to schedule a date/time to do the assembly. They will reach out to another member or two for additional help.
5. Vice President Election – The Board accepted the resignation of Linda Glenn as 2024-2025 VP and elected Carol Burwash unanimously to the vacant position.

6. TCHS Warrior Store – The Warrior Store at the high school has lost its support from the East Illinois Foodbank, and the school is looking for financial support from the community. Food is packed and delivered to family homes once a month. Julie Slaughter made a motion to provide \$100 from the school supplies budget now and add an expense line for Warrior Store in the 2024/2025 budget for \$200.00. Carol Martin seconded the motion and it was approved. The Board discussed a funding drive in the future.
7. Homecoming Parade – October 4 – Tim Hoel is providing two trailers...one for Builders Club and one for K-Kids. Members are welcome to decorate and bring their golf carts to participate in the parade. Members who would like to donate candy for the parade, please bring it to the September 18, 24, or October 2 meetings or call Kim for pick it up. Don't include "melty" types of chocolate. Kim will announce at our next meeting.
8. October Board Meeting Date Change – Due to schedule conflicts, the October board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 9, immediately following our Kiwanis meeting. Kim will advise The Pantry that we will not be meeting there October 14th.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2024, immediately following our Kiwanis meeting.

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary



Just treats...no tricks

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