



## WHAT IS KIWANIS?

*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.*

There are about 16,000 clubs in 70 countries with more than 280,000 adult members and approximately 320,000 youth members. Each year clubs sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects and raise more than \$107 million.

## TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB

### WHAT DO WE DO?

Kiwanis International, Kiwanis clubs and the Tuscola Kiwanis Club focuses on the needs of ordinary people and particularly local children. The Tuscola Kiwanis Club does service projects within our community, members volunteer for many good causes and we raise funds so we can help support programs and activities.

Here is a list of school related programs/activities that our club donates to and/or members volunteer:

#### North Ward –

Sponsor Tuscola K-Kids Club (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

NW Assist – Kiwanis members volunteer to help students primarily with reading and math

Donate funds to the NW library for book purchases

PASS Program - Kiwanis Volunteers at Methodist Church

NW Breakfast Program - Kiwanis Volunteers

East Prairie –

Sponsor Kiwanis Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) Program

PASS Program - Kiwanis Volunteers (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students)

Reading Program (current book “Rules”; members participate; members/club donate funds to purchase some of the books.)

Tuscola Community High School –

Sponsor Tuscola Key Club (the oldest and largest service program for high school students in the U.S.; Kiwanis at a high school level)

Kiwanis Scholarships (4 - \$750.00 scholarships in 2009)

Track Meets – Kiwanis Volunteers

Below are some of the local programs that Kiwanis makes donations to benefit the school children of Tuscola:

Junior Football League, Little League Baseball, Torpedo Swim Team, Tuscola Easter Egg Hunt, Tuscola Force Softball Teams U10 & U12 (traveling girls softball teams), Tuscola Soccer League and Nunn Scout Building to benefit Tuscola Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts.

Below are some of the local, national and international programs we help support financially and/or through members volunteering:

BETHS Place, Children’s Car Seats, Children’s Miracle Network, Christmas Bureau, Circle K Outreach (Kiwanis at a university level), Douglas County Health Department Car Seat Checks, Kiwanis International Foundation, Peace Meals, SAM Food Pantry, Spastic Paralysis Research, Salvation Army and Trauma Dolls.

Fundraising is part of our activities. All moneys collected from a fundraiser attended by the public are and must be used for service projects, not club administrative costs. We have three primary fundraisers each year:

Pancake Breakfast – We hold a pancake breakfast, usually at Forty Martyrs Hall in February, asking for meal donations.

Fish Fry Supper – We hold a fish fry supper, usually at Forty Martyrs Hall in April, asking for meal donations.

Kiwanis Peanut Sales Days – For 2 days usually in September members solicit donations at Main & Sale Streets and at Tanger Mall entrance. Donors are provided peanuts which we order from Kiwanis International.

## WHEN DO WE MEET?

Tuscola Kiwanis Club meets every Monday (except major holidays) at noon at the Amishland Buffet, in the Red Barn south of the Tanger Outlet Mall (1304 Tuscola Blvd). Meetings are adjourned by 1:00pm. We understand that not all members can attend meetings regularly, or that they may need to leave the meeting to return to work before 1:00p. The buffet should be ready about 11:00am.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT MEETINGS?

Meetings are a time of fellowship, information disbursement, planning, decision making and a program. Each week one club member is the Program Chairperson. Club members can provide the program themselves or invite a guest to the meeting to provide the program. If the club member invites a guest, the member pays for the guest's lunch of \$9.00 or \$11.00. Club members are assigned alphabetically and based on the current size of our club, members are the Program Chairperson only once in a 13-14 month period.

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

The cost for each meeting is:

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| \$11.00 | Full Lunch buffet, tip, \$.50 donation to spastic paralysis research and about \$.50 towards club expenses/free lunch program.<br>OR |
| \$9.00  | Soup/Salad buffet, tip, \$.50 donation to spastic paralysis research and about \$.50 towards club expenses/free lunch program.<br>OR |
| \$3.00  | Beverage, tip, \$.50 donation to spastic paralysis research and about \$.50 towards club expenses/free lunch program.<br>OR          |
| \$1.00  | \$.50 donation to spastic paralysis research and \$.50 towards club expenses/free lunch program. Water is free.                      |

Purchasing a meal or beverage is not required

Dues:

\$8.34 per month; collected twice a year in January & July (annual \$100)  
(\$61.90 goes to Kiwanis International, \$25.00 goes to the Illinois-Iowa District and the club keeps \$13.10 for club administration expenses)

New Member Dues: A prorated dues fee is paid when application is submitted.

## **HOW IS CLUB ADMINISTRATION HANDLED?**

A Board of Directors meets once a month to conduct club business such as budgeting, approving cash disbursements, planning activities, etc. The Board of Directors is composed of: President, Immediate Past President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and 6 Directors. The Kiwanis fiscal year runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. New officers serve one year and take over on October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Directors normally serve 3 year terms with two Directors turning over each year except the Webmaster position that is a standing member of the Board. The Board members and officers are nominated and elected by the club's general membership. The Board minutes are distributed to all members on a monthly basis. Any member is welcome to attend a Board meeting.

## **HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS?**

We primarily communicate with members at the regular meetings, the monthly club newsletter, the club's website ([www.tuscolakiwanis.org](http://www.tuscolakiwanis.org)), the monthly Board meeting minutes and periodic mailings.

The monthly club newsletter and Board meeting minutes are posted on the club's website. The newsletter includes information about each regular meeting, Board meetings, club activities and programs and many photos of meetings, activities, programs, special events, etc. The website is updated at least weekly. Hard copy newsletters and Board meeting minutes are sent to members without email and/or high speed internet.

## **HOW ARE WE A PART OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL?**

We are part of the Kiwanis family and a portion of our dues go to Kiwanis International and our District. Our club is in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa (I-I) District. Within that district, there are 33 divisions from Illinois and 14 counties in Eastern Iowa. Our club is in Division 27. Division 27 consists of 6 clubs: Clinton, Decatur Early Birds, Decatur Golden K, Decatur Noon, Decatur Prairie Land, and Tuscola. There is one I-I District Governor and a Lt. Governor for each Division.