



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011

## 2011 Events

Saturday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BETHS Place Clean-up – 8:00AM
Friday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
Friday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry Supper – Forty Martyrs Hall
May Board Meeting	Date TBD
Thu-Sun, July 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Kiwanis Int'l Convention, Geneva, Switzerland
Thu-Sun, August 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	I-I District Convention, Davenport, IA

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## Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

April 4	Jim Wood
April 11	Patty Russell
April 18	Doris Young
April 25	Dan Russell
May 2	Jeannine Fortney
May 9	Lorraine Best
May 16	Elaine Bryant
May 23	Andy Brzozkiewicz
May 30	No Meeting – Memorial Day
June 6	Joyce Brzozkiewicz
June 13	Carol Burwash
June 20	Dave Butler
June 27	Janet Butler
July 4	No Meeting – 4 <sup>th</sup> of July
July 11	Jan Chappell
July 18	Marge Conn

July 25	Janet Cox
August 1	Diane Pangburn
August 8	Linda Damler
August 15	Pat Damler
August 22	John Davis
August 29	David Dobson

Programs are scheduled out through the summer.  
If your program date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so a date swap can be arranged.

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**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your April Volunteer Hours  
at the end of the month!**  
[Click here to enter hours online](#)

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**Rules of Easter Chocolate**

1. If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.
2. Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.
3. A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?
4. If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?
5. Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.
6. Chocolate is a health food. Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean = vegetable. Sugar is derived either from sugar beets or cane, both vegetables. And, of course, the milk/cream is dairy. So eat more chocolate to meet the dietary requirements for daily vegetable and dairy intake.

## Meeting Notes – March 7, 2011

- Attendance

32 - Members

0 – Guests

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry – Pat reminded members that the Fish Fry is coming up in April. Fish thaw will be on Thursday, 4/28 and the Fish Fry on Friday, 4/20.

Kiwanis One Day – The club's project this year is BETHS Place Spring Clean-up, as we have done in the past. We will meet at BETHS Place on Saturday, 4/2 at 8:00AM. Janet Cox will arrange with the city to deliver mulch the day before.

### Program:



Robert VanCleave presented an informative and entertaining presentation. He shared some humorous memories from the past and educated us regarding bees.

Robert is an expert on bees, hives and honey. Bees are worth about \$2 billion just as pollinators. The pollination they do is more important than the honey they produce. The Queen bee can lay 2,000 eggs per day.

## Meeting Notes – March 14, 2011

- Attendance

42 - Members

17 - Guests: Clinton Interclub: Don Ferrill and David Killian Golden K Decatur: Donna Cleland, Neil Baird, Warren Berner, Charlie Brown, Gary Goeken, Floss Kruzen, Steve Rayhill, and Pat Riley Other guests: Ken Landeck, husband of Judy Landeck, Wayne Meyer, father of Jaci Manzella, Pam McDowell, Joan Spence, mother of Janet Butler/Sherrie Hoel, Gayle Page, wife of Ed Wachala, Jane Wood, wife of Jim Wood and our speaker, Jennifer Ketchmark.

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Nominating Committee – Mike Damler appointed Carol Burwash, Kevin Nolan and Jim Wood to the nominating committee. Don Miller and Gary Weber will complete their term as Board members on 9/30/11. The nominating committee will be looking for two new Board members, a new Vice President and possibly other Officer positions. If interested, contact one of the committee members.

Fish Fry – Pat reminded members that the Fish Fry is coming up in April. Fish thaw will be on Thursday, 4/28 and the Fish Fry on Friday, 4/20.

Kiwanis One Day –Members were reminded that we will meet at BETHS Place on Saturday, 4/2 at 8:00AM to do an outside spring clean-up. Sign-up sheet will be provided next week.

## Program:



Wayne Ward presented our speaker, Jennifer Ketchmark from WCIA Channel 3. Jennifer is a native of Sullivan with relatives in Tuscola, including her grandmother. She is a graduate of EIU with a major in Business. After taking a weather/climate class, she was hooked on meteorology. She tried doing the weather on WEIU public broadcasting and was “hooked.” She also completed an online degree from Mississippi State in Meteorology.

The story of how Jennifer was offered a job with WCIA is very interesting. Jennifer Roscoe was viewing a resume tape from another student when she saw Jennifer doing the weather in the background. She told the people at WCIA to find that woman and bring her in to interview for a weather person position. Jennifer came in and was hired. She was still a student at EIU, so for several months she was working full-time and attending school until her graduation.

Jennifer started with weekend weather and fill-in. She moved to the morning weather for three years, and has now done the evening weather for two years. Jennifer shared a number of stories with us from viewers’ calls and emails. Jennifer loves being part of the community and is an avid supporter of Special Olympics.

## Meeting Notes – March 21, 2011

### • Attendance

32 - Members

1 - Guest: Gayle Page, wife of Ed Wachala

### • News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry – Pat Damler sent around sign-up sheets for the Fish Fry. The Fish thaw will be on Thursday, 4/28 and the Fish Fry on Friday, 4/20. If you have not had a chance to sign up, contact Pat Damler.

Kiwanis One Day –A sign-up sheet was passed around for the spring clean-up at BETHS Place on Saturday, 4/2 at 8:00AM.

Interclub Meeting – Ed Wachala, Jerry Leonard, Doris Young and Marge Conn attended the Danville Noon club’s meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>.



Peace Meals – Mike Damler announced that the Board had agreed, on behalf of the club’s members, to deliver Peace Meals during the month of June as an ongoing service project. David Butler volunteered to chair this activity, assuring members are signed up to deliver each June.

## Program:



Ed Wachala presented a program about Polish people who had fought for American freedom. One of the people included in his presentation was:

Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, was the oldest son of Polish Count Joseph Pulaski and born in March. When he traveled to Paris, he met Benjamin Franklin. Franklin convinced him to support the colonies against England in the American Revolution. Pulaski impressed with the ideals of a new nation struggling to be free, volunteered his services.

Franklin wrote to George Washington describing the young Pole as an officer, renowned throughout Europe for the courage and bravery he displayed in defense of his country's freedom. In 1777, Pulaski arrived in Philadelphia where he met General Washington, Commander-in -Chief of the Continental Army.

Later at Brandywine, he came to the aid of Washington's forces and distinguished himself as a brilliant military tactician. For his efforts, Congress appointed him Brigadier-General in charge of Four Horse Brigades. Then again, at the battles of Germantown and Valley Forge, Pulaski's knowledge of warfare assisted Washington and his men. Later in 1778, through Washington's intervention, Congress approved the establishment of the Cavalry and put Pulaski at its head.

Ed finished with trivia questions and candy rewards.

## Meeting Notes – March 28, 2011

### • Attendance

36 - Members

1 - Guest: Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell

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Kiwanis One Day –A sign-up sheet was passed around for the spring clean-up at BETHS Place on Saturday, 4/2 at 8:00AM.

Legion of Honor – Mike Damler presented Wayne Ward with a Legion of Honor award celebrating his 25 years in the club. Carl Quinn and Jim Wood, also charter members, were also honored with a Legion of Honor award.



Distinguished Member Recognition – Mike Damler recognized Janet Butler as a 2009/2010 Distinguished Member, and presented her with a letter and pin from Kiwanis International.



New Member Induction – Peter Buckley, sponsored by Steve Niemann, was inducted into our club as our newest member.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – The dinner was a great success! Approximately 60 members and guests attended the special event including our Governor, Larry Forsberg. Charter member Jim Wood was presented with a Legion of Honor for his 25 years of service in Kiwanis. Legion of Honor awards will be presented at a later date to Carl Quinn and Wayne Ward who could not attend the dinner. The TCHS Honor choir provided entertainment with several wonderful songs. Club President Mike Damler presented the choir with a \$200.00 check to assist with their competition and performance expenses

Key Club District Convention – Darcey Helmick reported that four Key Clubbers would be attending in April the Key Club District Convention.

## Program:



Gary Weber presented the program about his position with Ameren (CIPS) and the U.S. power grid. Before his retirement, Gary was a relay technician working at numerous substations and power plants over a large geographic central Illinois area.

A relay is like a circuit breaker. It senses a problem on a line and shuts down the power. The type of lines that Gary worked around carried 360,000 volts of electricity. There are automated monitoring devices that open and close such circuits. Gary also tested, calibrated and installed from engineer plans.

The U.S. electric grid is a complex network of independently owned and operated power plants and transmission lines owned by sixteen grid operators. The U.S. electrical grid is the largest interconnected machine on Earth: 200,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines and 5.5 million miles of local distribution lines, linking thousands of generating plants to factories, homes and businesses. Overall reliability planning and coordination is provided by the North American Electric Reliability Council.

Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) is the grid operator that serves central Illinois as well as several states and the province of Manitoba Canada. They have about 94,000 miles of power lines and are headquartered in Indianapolis.

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## Trauma Doll Workshop



More pictures on the website

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner 3/25/11



Many more pictures on the website

## March 2011 Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at the Red Barn on Friday, March 4, 2011 at 12:10PM by President, Mike Damler, with the following members present: Janet Butler, David Butler, Mike Damler, Kim Higgins, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Jaci Manzella, Don Miller, Steve Niemann, Kevin Nolan, Alan Shoemaker, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. February Meeting Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Minutes approved.
2. February Monthly Report – A motion was made and seconded to approve the monthly report. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – As of March 4<sup>th</sup>, the checking account balance was \$6,159.06 A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursement or Budget Requests – Approval was given to reimburse Wayne Ward \$54.76 for trauma doll tags and Legion of Honor pins/certificates.
5. Pancake Breakfast – Gary reported that the net receipts for the event were \$989.54.
6. Tuscola Force Softball Team – Kevin reported that the team does not have any large expenses at this time, therefore a donation to the group was tabled.
7. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party – The event will be held at the Red Barn on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. The TCHS Honors choir will provide entertainment. The price will be \$15.00 per person. The committee is working on the final details.
8. Holiday Meeting Schedule – Since several holidays fall on a Monday, it was decided that meetings would only be canceled for major holidays when members may be traveling.
9. Peace Meals Deliveries – The peace meal coordinator requested that Kiwanis take the month of June. After discussion, a motion was made for the club to deliver meals in June, seconded and approved. Mike will appoint a chairperson for this project.
10. Club Liability Insurance – After discussion the Board decided that the current KI liability insurance was sufficient for the events that the club sponsors.
11. New Member Fees – The current new member fee is \$75.00 with the unwritten understanding that new members are not required to pay the semi-annual dues of \$50.00 if they joined within 3 months of January to July. The cost to the club treasure for each new members ranges from \$20 to \$61 depending upon what month the new member joins. The Board decided to not change the current fee and method.

(Full text available on club website)



*Happy Easter*

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New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos, pancake breakfast, Wii bowling event and more. Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to: [dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:dbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org) or [jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org](mailto:jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org)  
(If you need a screen and/or projector for your program, contact David or Janet Butler.)