



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011

## 2011 Events

Friday, June 3rd	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
Friday, July 1st	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
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

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
September 5	No Meeting – Labor Day Holiday
September 12	Debbie Graber
September 19	Clarice Hausman
September 26	Darrell Helm

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 June Volunteer Hours  
at the end of the month!**

**[Click here to enter hours online](#)**

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### **Ways To Tell You're Over 50**

1. Your houseplants are alive, and you can't smoke any of them.
  2. You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
  3. You hear your favorite song in an elevator.
  4. You watch the weather channel.
  5. You're the one calling the police because those %&@# kids next door won't turn down their stereo.
  6. You feed your dog "Science Diet" instead of leftovers.
  7. Sleeping on the couch makes your back hurt.
  8. You take naps.
  9. Dinner and a movie is the whole evening instead of the beginning.
  10. Eating after 9PM would severely upset your stomach.
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## Meeting Notes – May 2, 2011

- Attendance

39 - Members

2 - Guests: D.J. Settle, Casey Higgins' fiancé & Michael Smith, our speaker

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Fish Fry - Pat Damler reported that we served 174 customers and brought in a gross total of \$1,527.50. After expenses, the club should net about a \$1,000.00. Forty-six members worked the fish fry with two additional members attending. Pat presented the “fish thaw” workers with bags of Goldfish crackers and thanked everyone who helped. Food-wise Pat plans to reduce the amount of fish from 180 pounds to 160, the amount of beans was about right, and the amount of coleslaw will be reduced, too.

Food Drive for SAM Pantry – Andy B. passed around a sign-up sheet next for members to help out with the Post Office food drive for SAM Pantry on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

K-Kids Picnic - Jeannine Fortney reminded members that the K-Kids picnic is scheduled for Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring your hot dog sticks and come out to the park about 2:30PM.

Peace Meals - David Butler sent a sign-up sheet around for members to deliver meals during the month of June. [Note: No Friday deliveries in June; copy of schedule at end of newsletter.]

## Program:

Jeannine Fortney introduced Tuscola's new superintendent of schools, Michael Smith.



In ranking Illinois school districts' financial “health”, Tuscola is 862 out of 868 showing that Tuscola is in the very bottom of Illinois school districts, highlighting that the

district is in serious financial trouble. On average, a school district spends 70-75% of their budget on salaries and benefits. Since the new contract that began in 2009, Tuscola has been spending 83%. Though the late payments from the state has hurt the district and escalated the crisis, the cause of the financial crisis is spending more than the district was taking in over several years (handout attached). With the right decisions, Michael estimates that it will take 6-10 years to recover from the current financial crisis and put the school district on firm financial ground.

A copy of his handout is at the end of this newsletter.

## Meeting Notes – May 9, 2011

- Attendance

39 - Members

2 – Guests: Tommy Chappell, grandson of Jan Chappell, and Steve Niemann’s guest, Andy Brantner

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Nunn Scout Building – Tim Mooney sent a thank you note for the \$200.00 donation to the Nunn Scout Building.

Key Club Fundraiser – Darcey Helmick, Key Club Faculty Advisor, reported that the Key Clubbers are selling paper balloons at TCHS for the Children’s Miracle Network.

2012 Fish Fry – Pat Damler advised that she would schedule the 2012 Fish Fry for March 30<sup>th</sup> or April 13<sup>th</sup> based on the availability of Forty Martyrs Hall. [Note: Pat was able to schedule the Fish Fry for March 30, 2012.]

Relay For Life – The organizers for the Douglas County Relay For Life event have asked if the club would serve hamburgers/hot dogs at the event.

## Program:



Lorraine Best, a certified Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), spoke about speech language pathology and her career. Lorraine is a graduate of TCHS and holds Bachelors and Masters from EIU. She taught for over 25 years, retiring from North Ward after eleven years there. The month of May is Hearing & Speech month.

Speech-language pathologists, sometimes called *speech therapists*, assess, diagnose, treat, and help to prevent disorders related to speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, and fluency. To practice as an SLP, a person must have a masters degree and be certified by the State of Illinois. Certification requires 400 hours of clinical time and passing a national examination. To remain certified and licenses, an SLP must do many hours of continuing education.

One of the early speech therapists was Lionel Logue. Many people know this name from the movie “The King’s Speech.” Lionel was able to help King George VI with his stammer. Lorraine highly recommends seeing this movie.

Lorraine entertained members with her “Speech Helpers” program that she gave to kindergarten students. Speech helpers include nose, ears, lips, teeth, tongue, voice box, vocal cords, lungs, brain, etc.



## Meeting Notes – May 16, 2011

- Attendance

42 - Members

6 - Guests: Chase Kauffman, Key Clubber and son of April Kauffman, Todd Weising, guests of Steve Niemann and Mattoon Interclub: Don Grewell, Bob McCain, Greg Thompson and Christy Walk.

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

U.S.P.S. Food Drive – Joyce B. thanks members who helped with the SAM Pantry food drive in partnership with the Tuscola post office. Over 775 pounds of food was collected.

Peace Meals – The club received a thank you note from Barb Holstie for the club's \$100.00 donation for Tuscola Peace Meals.

Eastern Illinois Food Bank –The club received a thank you from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank for the club's \$222.00 donation. The donation will be matched by Alan Feinstein's \$1 Million Challenge.

Skip-A-Meal – Members are asked to donate the cost of a lunch to the Kiwanis International Skip-A-Meal program. Donations go into the Kiwanis Children's Fund which provides programs that directly help children. Donations should be given to Candy by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Program:



Elaine Bryant shared one of her passions with her program... Researching Family History.

Researching your ancestors can be extremely interesting and fun, too. Not only do researchers want to know who their ancestors were, they want to know how their ancestors lived, what they did and their accomplishments.

There are many sources of information such as relatives, family documents, birth/marriage/ death certificates, church records, census records, cemeteries, obituaries, etc.

There are many tools and sources of information available via the internet. One such website is: [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com). This site not only provides information is also allows the researcher to store information and photos, and link to other information that other researchers have entered. There are numerous reports and charts that can be generated.

## Meeting Notes – May 23, 2011

- Attendance

39 - Members

0 - Guests

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Skip-A-Meal – Members are asked to donate the cost of a lunch to the Kiwanis International Skip-A-Meal program. Donations go into the Kiwanis Children’s Fund which provides programs that directly help children. Donations are due by June 3 to Candy.

SAM Pantry Thank You Note – Mike read a thank you note from Betsy Stuerke thanking the club for donating \$250.00 to the SAM Food Pantry.

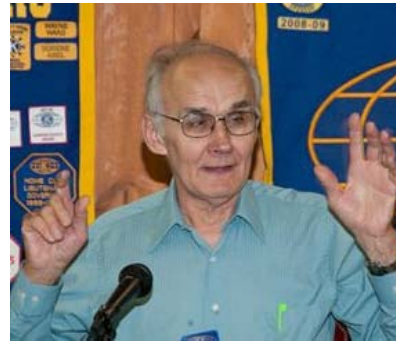
U.S.P.S. Thank You Note – Mike read a thank you note from the Tuscola Post Office thanking members for partnership with them to collect food for SAM Food Pantry.

TCHS Clickers Thank You Note – Mike read a thank you note from the TCHS Clickers Club, a “drive safely” student group, for the \$50.00 donation towards the cost of transportation for a trip to Springfield to participate in the Ride and Drive event sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

Kiwanis Scholarships – Three Key Club members were awarded the 2011 Kiwanis TCHS Scholarships: Claudia Christy, Lydia Swinford and Lexi Wasiloski. See photos in this newsletter.

FFA Donation Request – Mike Damler received a request from five FFA members asking for financial assistance to attend a leadership conference in Washington, D.C. in early June. Due to the short notice, Mike passed around an envelope.  
[Note: Our generous members donated \$240.00 to the FFA members.]

### Program:



Andy Brzozkiewicz presented a program about portions of his life. Andy and Joyce have been married 41

years. Family brought them from Palatine Illinois to Tuscola once they were retired.

Andy was born in Poland in 1937. In 1939 Germany attacked Poland. His father fought with the British RAF in a Polish unit. Andy did not see him for seven years. His mother and grandmother shielded him and his younger sister and brother as best as they could from the war. The family is Roman Catholic by faith.

Once the war was over, Poland was “given” to Russia. There was no travel outside of Poland. Andy’s father was in Western Germany and wanted his wife and family to join him. It was a dangerous trip to make for a mother and three children, but was successful. The family eventually migrated to England and then on to the United States.

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**K-Kids Picnic 5-12-11**



More pictures on the website

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## 2011 TCHS Kiwanis Scholarship Winners



**Claudia Christy**



**Lydia Swinford**



**Lexi Wasiloski**

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## May 2011 Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at the Red Barn on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 12:05PM by President Elect , Jaci Manzella, with the following members present: Janet Butler, David Butler, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Candy Hudson, Jaci Manzella, Don Miller, Steve Niemann, Kevin Nolan, Alan Shoemaker, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber.

1. April Meeting Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Minutes approved.
2. April Monthly Report – A motion was made and seconded to approve the monthly report. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – As of May 6<sup>th</sup>, the checking account balance was \$7,445.78. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. Requests for Reimbursement or Budget Requests – No requests were made. A donation to the Tuscola Swim Team was discussed. Alan Shoemaker will check with the new team leaders to see who the Treasurer is.
5. Scholarships – The scholarship committee has selected the three 2011 winners after reviewing the applications and conferring with the guidance counselor. Two are budgeted and funded by the club, and one, for a Key Club member, is funded by the Hoels, Butlers and Gary Weber. Mike Damler will handle the certificates and awarding.

6. Skip-A-Meal – The annual Skip-A-Meal donations by members will be help in the month of May. Members should give their donations to Candy Hudson.
7. Banner Patches – Janet Butler had checked on the availability of various banner patches at the request of a Division 27 club. Most of the patches now require the submittal of a form such as “Young Children Priority One”, “Kiwanis One Day”, etc.
8. Community Garden – Steve Niemann reported that the Ag group will again plant a garden for produce to be donated to local food pantries. They need help planting, weeding, watering and harvesting. Alan Shoemaker told Steve that the Tuscola Stone Company would provide water for the garden.

(Full text available on club website)

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*Take Time to Smell the Roses!*

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New items on the website include: weekly meeting photos, BETHS Place clean-up, fish fry dinner 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.)

# Tuscola Kiwanis

District Finances - May 2, 2011

Good things      Students/Mr. Voyles/Mr. Damler/Staff

Finances          Not good/Challenging/Crisis

Financial Consultant Mark Mullen from State Board (140 to 150 schools  
*Tuscola last... easily... not even close*)

Numbers          862 out of 868  
**\$5,021,194**  
Fund Balances - \$4.3 million to \$400,000 in 4 years

Overspent	2003	(-150,526)
	2004	87,849
	2005	(-501,104)
	2006	(-283,101)
	2007	(-136,759)
	2008	(-482,220)
	<b>2009</b>	(-1,156,893)
	<b>2010</b>	(-1,684,366)
	<b>2011</b>	(-714,074 projected) = <b>(-\$5,021,194)</b>
	<b>2012</b>	(-293,628 projected)
	2013	(-227,611 projected)
	2014	(-129,839 projected)

What about the cuts? In 2010-2011 Tuscola cut \$790,000

*\$790,000 - \$183,000 (payments to retired teachers) + pay raises for remaining teachers = \$372,393 in real savings*

Items to Address: Attitude, In District Spending, Vendor Contracts, Employee Contracts, Special Education Costs, Day to Day Expenses, Etc.

# Tuscola Kiwanis Peace Meal Delivery Schedule - June 2011

Please Plan to Arrive at the Senior Center by 11:00am.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Driver	27	28	1 Topy Mooday	2 Topy Mooday
Helper			Carol Burwash	Doris Young
Driver	6 Ed Wachala	7 Ed Wachala	8 Ed Wachala	9 Tim Hoel
Helper	Gary Weber	Gary Weber	Jaci Manzella	Sherrie Hoel
Driver	13 Gary Weber	14 Janet Boyer	15 Janet Boyer	16 Carol Burwash
Helper	Dave Butler	Donna Motely	Wayne Ward	Clarice Hausman
Driver	20 The Damlers	21 The Damlers	22 The Damlers	23 The Damlers
Helper	Darrell Helm	Darrell Helm	Darrell Helm	Clarice Hausman
Driver	27 Paul Jones	28 Paul Jones	29 Janet Boyer	30 Paul Jones
Helper	Kim Higgins	Kim Higgins	Donna Motley	Kim Higgins

*Please contact Dave Butler at 253-5107 if you need to reschedule.*

## Peace Meal Drivers & Helpers - June 2011

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>
Janet Boyer	(217) 253-2654	Tim Hoel	(217) 253-3174
Carol Burwash	(217) 253-5456	Paul Jones	(217) 253-4304
Dave Butler	(217) 253-5107	Jaci Manzella	(217) 621-7334
Jan Chappell	(217) 253-4829	Topy Mooday	(217) 253-4091
Linda Damler	(217) 253-3097	Donna Motley	(217) 253-3905
Mike Damler	(217) 649-6758	Diane Pangburn	(217) 840-3061
Pat Damler	(217) 253-9216	Ed Wachala	(217) 253-3835
Clarice Hausman	(217) 253-2695	Wayne Ward	(217) 253-2120
Darrell Helm	(217) 493-4309	Gary Weber	(217) 253-2801
Kim Higgins	(217) 649-8900	Doris Young	(217) 253-7494
Sherrie Hoel	(217) 253-3174		