



# TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2011

## 2011 Events

Friday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting - Noon at Amishland Buffet-Red Barn
Friday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – 6PM Amishland Buffet
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
Thu-Sun, July 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Kiwanis Intl 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

March 7	Robert VanCleave
March 14	Wayne Ward <b>(Program by Jennifer Ketchmark)</b>
March 21	Ed Wachala
March 28	Gary Weber
April 4	Jim Wood
April 11	Doris Young
April 18	Dan Russell
April 25	Patty 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 Brzozkieicz
June 13	Carol Burwash

June 20	Dave Butler
June 27	Janet Butler

If your program date does not work for you, please notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so we can arrange a date swap.

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**Don't Forget to Give Wayne your March Volunteer Hours  
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

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**An Irish Tale**

Two Irish mothers, Kate and Lorna were talking about their sons.

Kate says, "My Patrick is such a saint. He works hard, doesn't smoke, and he hasn't so much as looked at a woman in over two years."

Lorna responds, "Well, my Sean is a saint himself. Not only has he not looked at a woman in over three years, but he hasn't touched a drop of liquor in all that time."

"My word," says Kate, "You must be so proud."

"I am," announces Lorna, "And when he's paroled next month, I'm going to throw him a big party."



## Meeting Notes – February 7, 2011

- Attendance

38 - Members

0 – Guests

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Thank You Note – A thank you note was received from Tuscola Chix in Training for inviting them to speak at our 1/24/2011 meeting.

Thank You to John Davis – John was thanked by the club for displaying a sign at his State Farm Insurance business to publicize our upcoming pancake breakfast.

Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – Mike announced the planning for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party would begin. Our club is 25 years old on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Mike asked for volunteers for the planning committee.

SAM Pantry Food Drive – In partnership with the U.S. Post Office, we will assist with a food drive for SAM Pantry on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. More information and a sign-up sheet will be provided at a later date.

- Special Meeting Photo



Topsy displaying her “special” trauma doll

## Program:



Earl Pendergrass provided a program on the WWII WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots) and facts about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

In the United States, women pilots were trained to fly non-combat missions in order to free male pilots for combat missions. They ferried planes from the manufacturing plants to military bases, and ended up doing much more -- including flying new aircraft such as the B-29, to prove to male pilots that these were not as difficult to fly as the men thought.

In 1939, women were allowed to be part of the Civilian Pilot Training Program, a program designed to train college students to fly, with an eye to national defense. But women were limited by quota to one woman for every ten men in the program.

Jackie Cochran and Nancy Harkness Love separately proposed the use of women by the military. Cochran lobbied Eleanor Roosevelt, writing a 1940 letter urging that a women's division of the Air Force be established especially to ferry planes from manufacturing plants to military bases.

With no such American program supporting the Allies in their war effort, Cochran and 25 other American women pilots joined the British Air Transportation Auxiliary. Shortly after, Nancy Harkness Love was successful in getting the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) established, and a few women were hired. Jackie Cochran returned to establish the Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD).

## Meeting Notes – February 14, 2011

On August 5, 1943, these two efforts -- WAFS and WFTD -- merged to become the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), with Cochran as director. More than 25,000 women applied -- with requirements including a pilot's license and many hours experience. The first class graduated on December 17, 1943. The women had to pay their own way to the training program in Texas. A total of 1,830 were accepted into training and 1,074 women graduated from WASP training during its existence, plus 28 WAFS. The women were trained "the Army way" and their graduation rate was similar to that for male military pilots.

The WASP was never militarized, and those who served as WASP were considered civil service employees. There was considerable opposition to the WASP program in the press and in Congress. General Henry "Hap" Arnold, US Army Air Force commander, first supported the program, then disbanded it. The WASP was deactivated December 20, 1944, having flown about 60 million miles in operations. Thirty-eight WASP were killed, including some during training.

Records of WASP were classified and sealed, so historians minimized or ignored the women pilots. In 1977 -- the same year the Air Force graduated its first post-WASP women pilots -- Congress granted veteran status to those who had served as WASP, and in 1979 issued official honorable discharges.

Earl also shared a number of interesting facts about the guarding of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Tomb is guarded 24-hours-per-day and 365-days-per year by specially trained members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> United States Infantry (The Old Guard).

Some of the facts included: The guard marches 21 steps across the black mat, past the final resting places of the Unknown Soldiers of World War I, World War II, Korea, and the crypt of the Unknown Soldier of the Vietnam War. With a crisp turn, the guard turns 90 degrees to face east for 21 seconds. The guard then turns a sharp 90 degrees again to face north for 21 seconds. A crisp "shoulder-arms" movement places the rifle on the shoulder nearest the visitors to signify that the guard stands between the tomb and any threat. More information is available on the internet and/or library.

### • Attendance

36 - Members

3 - Guests: Joan Spence, mother of Sherrie Hoel and Janet Butler, Mats Selen, husband of Lyn Selen and Peter Buckley, soon to be member.

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

Kiwanis One Day – Mike reminded members that Kiwanis One Day is April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the plan is to assist BETHS Place with a Spring clean-up.

Trauma Doll Workshop – Janet Boyer and Janet Butler have set March 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Trauma Doll workshop at the Butler home. A sign-up sheet will be provided at 2-3 meetings.

Pancake Breakfast Results – Mike reported that we served 122 people and cleared almost \$1,000. Many members came out and helped. Great job!!!!

Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – As Linda Damler chairs this event, the plans are proceeding. The dinner will be on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at the Amishland Buffet. More information and a sign-up sheet will be provided soon.

Wii Bowling Event with K-Kids – Beth Linstead announced that a Wii Bowling event for K-Kids and Kiwanians was planned for Saturday, 2/26. A sign-up sheet went around asking for participants and the use of Wii machines.

## Program:



Lyn Selen presented her program about the history of Valentine's Day with some facts and a few quiz questions with candy rewards.

Origin of Valentine's Day began in Ancient Rome. February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno, Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Feast of Lupercalia started the next day to worship the she-wolf of Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome.

During these times boys and girls were segregated. However, the young people had a custom that began on the eve of the Festival of Lupercalia. The girls' names were written on pieces of paper and inserted into jars. Each boy then drew a girl's name from the jar and they were partners throughout the Festival. After being paired, the children would often continue to see each other throughout the year and on occasion even fell in love and got married.

Emperor Claudius II of Rome, also known as Claudius the Cruel, was having a difficult time recruiting men as soldiers. He believed that the men did not want to leave their sweethearts and cancelled all engagements and marriages throughout Rome. St. Valentine, a priest of Rome at the time, secretly married couples. He was eventually caught, arrested and condemned. He was beaten to death and beheaded on February 14th, around the year 270.

Lupercalia was a feast to a heathen God. Pastors and priests of the early Christian church did away with the pagan custom by replacing the names of the girls with the names of saints. They chose St. Valentine's Day as the day of celebration for the new feast.

Valentine's Day greetings became popular during the middle ages. During that time period, lovers sang or spoke their sentiments. Paper and written Valentines became popular at the end of the 15th Century. The oldest Valentine that exists today was made during this era and is on display in the British Museum.

In the midst of her program, Mats Selen walked in to surprise Lyn with balloons, flowers and candy. The members roared their approval!



Mats Sneaking In



Surprise, Lyn!

## Meeting Notes – February 28, 2011

- Attendance

39 - Members

2 - Guests: Chris Graber, son of Debbie Graber, and our speaker, Drew Hoel

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Interclub Report – Pat Damler, Clarice Hausman, Betty Leonard, Kathryn McCumber, and Topy Mooday attended a meeting of Golden K Decatur. The speaker, superintendent of Decatur schools, gave an interesting program.

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



Welcome, Peter!

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – The dinner will be Friday, 3/25 6:00PM at the Amishland Buffet. The cost will be \$15.00 that includes full buffet, beverage, tax, tip and a donation to the TCHS Honor Choir who will provide entertainment.

Wii Bowling Event – Thirteen Kiwanians joined K-Kids for a Wii Bowling event at North Ward School. Great fun!

### Program:



Alan Shoemaker introduced his guest, Tuscola City Administrator Drew Hoel. Drew's program was information about and relating to the City of Tuscola. Drew is a 1987 graduate of TCHS, and in 1991 he graduated from the University of Illinois with a BA in Economics.

Drew reported that the city's fiscal condition is going pretty well. Sales tax revenue has remained strong. However, that said, most of the revenue for the city is funneled through the state of Illinois. There is a six month lag on payments that are due the city.

The City Council is working on promoting and revitalizing downtown. It is very hard to attract new businesses to downtown, however a new restaurant has recently opened.

The city swimming pool is 99% complete and will open Memorial Day weekend. The old Dixie truck stop building's demolition should start anytime. Any plans for the old North Ward property are on hold.

**Pancake Breakfast February 12, 2011 (more photos on website)**



Wow...early for Carol



Early Crew



Dennis, Ed and Jerry



Gary & Wayne



Debbie, Alan, Tim and Darrell



Barb, Diane and Robert

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**Wii Bowling – Kiwanians & K-Kids (more photos on website)**



## February 2011 Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at the Red Barn on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 12:00PM by President, Mike Damler, with the following members present: Janet Butler, David Butler, Mike Damler, Kim Higgins, Sherrie Hoel, Tim Hoel, Candy Hudson, Jaci Manzella, Don Miller, Kevin Nolan, Alan Shoemaker, Wayne Ward and Gary Weber.

The following items of business were discussed:

1. January Meeting Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Minutes approved.
2. January Monthly Report – A motion was made and seconded to approve the monthly report. Report approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – As of February 4<sup>th</sup>, the checking account balance was \$4,544.52 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 Jaci Manzella \$96.96 for the pancake breakfast sausage.
5. Spastic Paralysis Foundation – Based on a request from Lt. Governor, Janet Butler to provide a donation for a division 27 level donation, the Board approved a donation of \$200.00 for the request.
6. Tuscola Force Softball Team – A letter was received from the Tuscola Force Girls traveling team for donations. The club donated \$200.00 in 2009, but there was no request made in 2010. Kevin Nolan will check with the team leaders about the amount of funds that have been raised and how much is needed. He will report at the March Board meeting and a decision about the donation will be made.
7. Mail Carrier/Food Drive – The mail carrier pickup for the local food pantry will be held May 14. The Board approved the club's participation again this year by following each mail carrier and picking up the food donations. More information will be available closer to the date.

(Full text available on club website)

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## *Happy St. Patrick's Day*

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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.)