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KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2014

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2014 Events/Activities

Friday, December 5	Christmastown – Table at Craft Fair
Saturday, December 6	Christmastown Parade/ Table at Craft Fair
Wednesday, December 10	Board Meeting – The Smith House

2015 Events/Activities

Wednesday, January 14	Board Meeting – The Smith House
Saturday, February 21	Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs Hall
Thursday, March 19	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday, March 20	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs Hall
Friday & Saturday - May 1 & 2	I-I 100 th Year Event – Gurney, IL
Thur-Sun – June 25-28	Kiwaniis Int’l Convention – Indianapolis IN
Thur-Sun – August 6-9	Kiwaniis I-I District Convention – Peoria, IL

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

December 1	Dennis Opperman
December 8	Kathryn McCumber
December 15	Jerry Reynolds
December 22	Club Christmas Party – bring \$10
December 29	Nancy Reynolds
January 5	Nancy Runge
January 12	Mary Schultz
January 19	Alan Shoemaker

January 26	Char Snyder
February 2	Pat Sturgis
February 9	Tom Sturgis
February 16	NO MEETING - President's Day
February 23	Wayne Ward
March 2	Darlene Wiesener
March 9	Carey Wood
March 17	Jim Wood
March 23	Doris Young
March 30	Tammy Baer
April 6	Bill Bauer
April 13	Carol Beals
April 20	Maureen Bergeson
April 27	Lorraine Best

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

**Don't Forget to Give Janet Butler Your Volunteer Hours
at the end of the month!**

[Click here to enter hours online](#)

What Not to Buy a Woman for Christmas

1. Never give a woman any kind of household appliance or something that is going to make "housework" easier.
2. Any bulk cleaning supplies.
3. Any sharp objects made by Ronco which slices or dices, or a set of ginsu knives.
4. Do not buy gifts for yourself and pretend they are for her.
5. Any lingerie made of flannel, such as a pair of feet pajamas.
6. Generic, knock-off perfume which costs you \$1.99, such as Eu de Toilet.
7. Any type of cubic zirconia jewelry.
8. Do not buy her clothes because you think for one minute you have good taste in woman's clothing.
9. Do not give her a gift certificate to Jenny Craig or Weight Watchers.
10. Last but not least, never buy a woman anti-wrinkle cream.



Remember...the above are not considered gifts; they are considered reasons for seriously injuring the person who bought it and just may stand up in court of law.

Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2014

- Attendance

56 – Members

4 – Guests: Carmen Meyer, guest of Jaci Manzella, Sharon March-soon to be new member, and our speakers Fred McDonald and his daughter, Kelly Clarkson

- Free Lunch Winner – Maribeth Opperman
- Birthdays – None
- Brags – Jan Chappell, Mike Damler, Dave Dobson, Eloise Kennedy, Judy Landeck, and Dave Morgan
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Books for Kids – Maribeth Opperman reached out to member regarding the need for books at the Humbolt and Kansas Illinois Treatment Learning Centers. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our 11/10 meeting for anyone who would like to purchase one or more books, or if you have one from the list in good condition, bring it to the meeting. Also, an envelope will be sent around if you prefer to make a monetary donation. Maribeth is happy to do the shopping from the book lists with the donations.

Veterans Day Parade – Tammy confirmed that the club would be participating in the November 11 Veterans Day Parade. Bill Bauer is generously providing a truck and trailer. All interested Kiwanians should report to Ervin Park by 10:15AM to walk or ride to the courthouse.

Peanut Days – Sign-up sheets are going around for our Peanut Days November 7 & 8.

Program:



Donna Motley introduced our speakers, Fred McDonald from Tuscola Rotary and his daughter, Kelly

Clarkson. Fred and Kelly spoke about the proposed Ervin Park Toddlers' Playground project.

Tuscola Rotary had been considering the replacement of the 45 year old "Rotary Corral" for several years, but were delayed due to city budget constraints. When talks with the city began earlier this year, the timing was right for the city to partner with Rotary and the community to build a playground designed for 2-5 year old children. The City of Tuscola has pledged \$45,000 and Rotary International and Tuscola Rotary have pledged \$8,000. Tuscola Kiwanis was asked to come on board, and we agreed to submit a \$20,000 grant request to Kiwanis International Foundation.

The playground will be in a new location, north of the North Pavilion. The playground equipment will help toddlers' development in coordination, strength, balance and cognitive skills. Depending on how much funds are raised, the playground will have rubber mulch, rubber mulch with a outside trike track, or a full poured in place surface.

Next steps are continued fundraising, selecting colors and panels, and naming the playground. The playground is expected to be constructed in April or May 2015.



Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2014

- **Attendance**

54 – Members

7 – Guests: Soon-to-be-member Sharon Marsh, Key Clubbers: Ashley Bartly, Ashley Mattingly, Alexis Nau, Krupa Patel, and Elizabeth Rund; and our speaker, Sandra Decker

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Jerry Leonard

- **Birthdays** – None

- **Brags** – Wilma Allen, Pete Buckley, David Butler, Janet Butler, Mike Damler, Kim Higgins, Dennis Opperman, and Patty Russell

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

Peanut Days – Donations totaled \$3,277.27. There are some extra boxes for sale at \$25.00 per case. Contact Kim Higgins if you are interested. Great job!

Veterans Day Parade – Bill Bauer was thanked for volunteering his truck, straw and trailer. Members were reminded to come out to the park by 10:15AM to participate in the parade.

Key Club Volunteering Updates – Ashley Bartly, Ashley Mattingly, Alexis Nau, Krupa Patel, and Elizabeth Rund were honored for their summer volunteering. Each Key Clubber gave a description of where and how they did their volunteering.



Ashley Mattingly, Krupa Patel, Alexis Nau, Ashley Bartley and Elizabeth Rund
Great job, Key Clubbers!

Program:



Vera Nauta introduced our speaker, Sandy Decker. Sandy is well known in the community because she has worked for Douglas County law enforcement for over 32 years. She began in 1982 as the secretary to the Douglas County Sheriff. She has worked for a number of different sheriffs. In 2004 Sandy served as interim sheriff following the resignation of John Chambers until the election of Charlie McGrew.

Sandy said that one of the biggest changes since she began is technology. There was very little technology in 1982, but now they depend on technology and use it every day.

Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2014

- **Attendance**

57 – Members

1 – Guest: Anna Miller, new director of the Douglas County Museum

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Betty Leonard
- **Birthdays** – Cindy Surma 11/23
- **Brags** – Margo Blaudow, Janet Butler, Sharon Corum, Linda Damler, Mike Damler, Pat Damler, Carol Hausmann, Jerry Leonard, Dave Morgan, Maribeth Opperman, and Paul Wisovaty
- **News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities**

Christmastown Volunteers Needed -

Kiwanians are needed to volunteer at our table in the lobby of the Tuscola Community Building during Christmastown Craft Fair. The dates/hours are: Friday, Dec. 5 from 4p-8p and Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8a-2p. We will be soliciting donations for the Ervin Park Toddlers' Playground, selling raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt donated by Sandy Robinson, and selling crocheted necklaces. Darla Gardner has generously volunteered to make some signage for promoting donations for the toddlers' playground. Janet Butler sent around a sign-up sheet today. Slots are open. Contact Janet by calling 253-5107 or emailing her at jbutler@tuscolakiwanis.org to volunteer.

Thank You Note – Tammy read a thank you note from Father Delix Michel for the member donations that were collected for his school in Limonade, Haiti.

Trauma Doll Workshop – Janet Butler reported that the successful workshop of 11/12 turned out well over 100 trauma dolls. She thanked those members who cut out dolls, sewn them, turned them inside out, stuffed them, and finally closed the open leg. Great job!

New Member Sponsor – Tammy Baer presented Joyce Brzozkiewicz with a Bronze Key for sponsoring new member Char Snyder during the 2013/2014 Kiwanis year.

New Member Induction – Lt. Governor and President Tammy Baer inducted new member Sharon Marsh today. Sharon was sponsored by Topy Moody.



Sharon Marsh with sponsor Topy Moody
Welcome, Sharon!!!!

Program:



Janet Butler, club secretary, provided today's program that included information about our Kiwanis club, the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District, and Kiwanis International.

The presentation included information about what is Kiwanis all about, the Kiwanis organizational structure, the Kiwanis family clubs, the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation and its work, the Eliminate Project, new members fees and dues, volunteer hours guidelines, program chairpersons, and how perfect attendance works.

Meeting Minutes – November 24, 2014

- Attendance

45 – Members

1 – Guest: Dylan Kleiss, our speaker

- Free Lunch Winner – Donna Motley

- Birthdays – Sharon Marsh 11/28 & Diana Phillips-Gray 11/28

- Brags – Tammy Baer, Pete Buckley, and Dave Morgan

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Farm Bureau Thank You – Tammy read a thank you note from the Tuscola Farm Bureau for the Kiwanians that volunteered during Ag Safety Day.

North Ward Christmas Donations – Jeannine reported that the K-Kids will again be collecting donations to benefit low-income families so that there will be presents and food at Christmas. An envelope will be passed on 12/1, and possibly 12/8 for those Kiwanians that would like to help with a monetary donation.

K-Kids Food Drive – Jeannine reported that the food drive at North Ward for SAM Pantry was a great success. There are many, many jars of peanut butter which was an item specifically requested by the pantry, as well as other food and paper products. Great job!

PROGRAM:



Kevin Nolan introduced his guest speaker, Dylan Kleiss. Dylan took part in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program from August 2013 to June 2014. Dylan was sent to Vera Cruz, Mexico which is said to be the first Christian city in North America. The city is the capital of the State of Vera Cruz located in the southern part of Mexico.

Dylan was one of twelve (and by June, one of fifteen) foreign exchange students in Vera Cruz. He was hosted by three different families during his time in Vera Cruz, Mexico. He became great friends with many of his fellow exchange students from such countries as Australia, Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, and Poland.

Dylan attended Central Hispanic University of Mexico in Vera Cruz. He attended classes, but was not assigned homework. During the school year, he and his classmates were all together in the same room with instructors coming to them.

Dylan said that especially the first five months, he was very homesick. But he stuck it out, meeting many people, becoming fluent in Spanish, taking some side trips, attending various Rotary activities, and making some lifelong friends. Dylan plans to visit Germany and Poland next summer to see some of his youth exchange friends.

Peanut Days – November 7 & 8



More photos on our website and our Facebook

Veterans Day Parade – November 11



More photos on our website and our Facebook

Trauma Doll Workshop – November 12



More photos on our website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB
2014 NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Smith House on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 12:07PM by President Tammy Baer with the following officers, club directors, and guests present:

X	Tammy Baer – Pres	X	David Butler – Vice Pres	X	Donna Motley (2015)
X	Carol Beals (2017)	X	Pat Damler – Past Pres	X	Tom Sturgis (2015)
	Margo Blaudow (2016)		Jim Hausmann (2017)		Guests: Carol Burwash
X	Pete Buckley (2016)	X	Candy Hudson – Treas		Mike & Linda Damler
X	Janet Butler – Secy	X	Jerry Leonard – Pres Elect		Tim Hoel

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Minutes of October Board Meeting – Donna Motley made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. October Monthly Reports – Janet Butler had emailed Board members copies of the monthly Tuscola Volunteer Hours report and the Kiwanis International monthly report for their review. Tom Sturgis made a motion to approve the reports. Jerry Leonard seconded the motion, and it was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Candy Hudson had emailed Board members a copy of the monthly treasurer’s report. As of 11/12/14, the current balance is \$16,268.48. Carol Beals made a motion to approve the report. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. Disbursements/Reimbursements – Pat Damler made a motion to approve the following requested items: \$65.51 to Janet Butler for B.U.G. certificates and peel-off name tags, \$200.00 to Tuscola Christmas Bureau, \$38.00 to Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation so that the Governor Gift equals \$100.00, \$191.91 to Tuscola IGA for K-Kids picnic, \$25.00 to Gould Transportation for K-Kids bus transportation, \$996.83 to Kiwanis Peanuts Day, Inc. for peanuts, and to allocate \$250 to the 2015 Easter Egg Hunt fund for our club’s monetary contribution. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved. Later in the meeting Janet Butler made a motion to donate \$50.00 to SAM Pantry in memory of Kiwanian Leo Plaszczynski. Pete Buckley seconded the motion and it was approved.
5. Builders Club Update – Tammy reported that so far a faculty advisor has not been found. Tammy is going to speak again with Principal Carol Munson for her input and advice.

6. New Member Approval – Janet Butler made a motion to approve the membership of Sharon Marsh. Donna Motley seconded the motion and it was approved.
7. Key Club – Mike Damler inquired if he needed to request Board approval to bring Key Clubs members, no more than monthly, to our meetings for recognition with the club providing the Key Clubbers with a free lunch. After discussion, it was agreed that this is part of supporting the Key Club, and that Board members will keep in mind activities that the Key Club can be part of and/or assist our club.
8. Ervin Park Toddlers' Playground – Janet Butler sent an advance copy of the Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) application to Board members. Pat Damler discussed the application and asked for input. Pete Buckley had researched some information that the Board agreed will improve the application, and was asked to email the verbiage to Janet Butler. Pat also discussed that it was important for the club to have some “skin in the game” by pledging to raise \$2,000.00 for the playground in addition to the \$20,000 that is being requested from KIF. This \$2,000 would be raised by an additional fundraiser(s) in the Spring. After the discussion, Carol Beals made a motion to approve the application with additional information to be provided by Pete and included as determined by Janet and Pat . David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved.
9. Peanut Days Results – Candy’s report showed that \$3,277.27 was donated during peanut days with an expense of \$996.83 for peanuts. Once the extra cases of peanuts are sold, the results will be very close to budget. A great job was done by the Grand Goober, Kim Higgins!
10. Club Christmas Party – The club Christmas Party will be Monday, 12/22. Members will be again asked to bring a \$10.00 donation. After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion that the donations be given to SAM Pantry. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved. Tammy asked for volunteer(s) to host the party. Pat Damler and Pete Buckley volunteered. Janet Butler will send an email after Thanksgiving to members providing Candy’s address for members that are not able to attend a December meeting but would like to contribute to the SAM Pantry donations. Tammy will alert members on 12/8 that an envelope will be passed on 12/15 for donations to thank Lisa, our primary waitress at Red Barn.
11. Christmastown Parade – After discussion, it was decided that Tammy would contact Dennis Opperman regarding providing a truck for the parade, and to see if he can procure the Pangburn trailer that we have used in the past. K-Kids will be asked to participate in the parade with us.

12. Christmastown Craft Fair – After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion for the club to sell raffle tickets for the quilt donated by Sandy Robinson and crocheted necklaces. Janet volunteered to prepare a sign-up sheet and to contact the right people so that we have a place in the lobby. Pat Damler seconded the motion and it was approved.
13. Camp Independence Playground – Janet Butler reported that part of the 2015 100th Kiwanis celebration in the I-I District will be a special weekend May 1-2 in the Gurney, Illinois area. Kiwanis International President Dr. Button will be making 12 visits worldwide to Kiwanis districts during 2015, and the I-I District was selected to receive a visit May 1-2. More details will be provided in January 2015. As part of the celebration, a playground for disabled children with spinal issues at Camp Independence in Volo Illinois will be dedicated during this weekend. Camp Independence is part of the programs supported by the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation which in turn is supported by the I-I Kiwanis District. Clubs have been asked to make a pledge, over and above what they usually donate to Spastic. Janet suggested \$200 because we usually raise about \$1,200 and donate \$1,000 at the I-I District Convention each year. No additional fundraising would be required for a donation of \$200.00. Jerry Leonard made a motion to pledge \$200.00. Tom Sturgis seconded the motion and it was approved. Janet will send in the pledge for to the I-I District office.
14. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



*And the three wise men came...
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

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