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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

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2024 Events/Activities

Monday, June 10	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon
Thursday, July 4	Fourth of July Parade – leaves Ervin Park 11AM
Monday, July 8	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon
Friday, October 4 (tentative)	Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 5	Homecoming Breakfast

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

June 5	Jeff Martin
June 12	Suzanne Moody
June 19	Dave Moody
June 26	Val Morgan
July 3	MEETING CANCELED
July 10	Maribeth Opperman
July 17	Dennis Opperman
July 24	Lori Nichols
July 31	Jerry Reynolds
August 7	No Meeting Tentative – Flesor's Closed?
August 14	Ian Rominger
August 21	Patty Russell
August 28	New Member Recruitment meeting (tentative)
September 4	Kevin Nolan
September 11	Marci Shoemaker

September 18	Glen Simpson
September 25	Sandy Simpson
October 2	Officer/Club Director Installations
October 9	2023/2024 Club Awards
October 16	Julie Slaughter
October 23	Wayne Ward
October 30	No Meeting - Tentative
November 6	Jerie Wills
November 13	Paul Wisovaty
November 20	Susan Wisovaty
November 27	No Meeting – Thanksgiving Week

If your program date does **not** work for you, please arrange a swap and notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so the calendar can be updated.

**Don't forget to give Janet Butler your Volunteer Hours
at the end of the month!**

Father's Day Their Way



Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2024

- **Attendance**

40 – Members

2 – Guest: Ryan Hornaday and Drew Sterkel, our speakers.

- **Birthdays** – None

- **Brags** – Elaine Bryant, David Butler, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, Val Morgan, and Dennis Opperman

- **Free Lunch Winner** – Jeff Martin

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

Take Back Drugs Event – Thirty-seven pounds of drugs and thirty-two pounds of sharps were collected with a total of sixty-nine pounds.

Peace Meal Deliveries – Month of June – Online sign-up is available; hardcopy sign-up available at meetings.

Upcoming Events:

May 18 – Stamp Out Hunger

May 22 – K-Kids Spring Picnic

Month of June – Peace Meal deliveries

Program:



Lyn Kohlbecker introduced our speakers, Drew Sterkel and Ryan Hornaday. Ryan has been at TCHS for 20 years, and is currently the athletic director and track & field head coach. Drew is a PE teacher and track & field assistant coach.

Ryan and Drew collaborate with five volunteers to coach the eighteen events that the boys and girls compete in. They provide balanced training with recovery and rest periods, and intense training. They both agreed that pole vaulting was the most difficult to coach.

The boys team won the 2023 Illinois State Championship Class 1A for cross-country. The girls team won the 2022 Illinois State Championship Class 1A overall.

Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2024

- Attendance

38 – Members

1 – Guest: John Stephens

- Birthdays – None

- Brags – Maureen Bergeson, David Butler, Janet Butler, Tim Hoel, and Patty Russell

- Free Lunch Winner – Linda Glenn

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

KNRF Donation Challenge – Doris Young has challenged members to donate to the district's Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF) and she will match the donations up to \$1,000. Deadline to donate is May 29, 2024.

Key Club Volunteer of the Month - Claire Leonard is the March Key Club Volunteer of the Month with 9 service hours. Raeanna Boyer is the April winner with 15.5 hours. They received a recognition certificate and a \$25 gift card.

Key Club Service Project - Key Clubbers held a Walk-A-Thon this past Saturday for the Thirst Project raising \$370. If you're not familiar with the Thirst Project, it is the world's leading youth water activism organization. They are high school and college students who build freshwater wells in developing nations and impoverished communities to provide people with safe, clean water.

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May 22 – K-Kids Spring Picnic

Month of June – Peace Meal deliveries

Program:



Jean Leonard introduced our speaker, John Stephens. John is the Executive Director and Producer of the

Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan.

The original building was built in 1928 as a silent movie theater. In the 1950s, Guy S. Little, Jr. started renting the building for 9 weeks each summer for theatre performances. Mr. Little purchased the building in 1957. It stopped being a movie theater in the 1960s.



Original building as Little Theatre

In 1981, the theatre became a not-for-profit organization that purchased the building from Mr. Little. The following year it purchased and renovated the adjoining building for its ticket office, public restrooms and administrative offices. The theatre continued to grow and add amenities for its patrons and production company.

In 2000, the organization purchased another building for rehearsal space, a dance studio and apartments to house the company. Another building was purchased in 2001 and converted into a technical production facility.

This summer is the 67th season. About 50,000 people attend performances each year. Since the beginning, over one million people have enjoyed the performances at Little Theatre. This summer 55 adults including technical and backstage personnel and 27 children will present this season offerings. There are seven year-round staff members. John has been with Little Theatre for 16 years.

Auditions are done via video and in person at Sullivan and two in Chicago.

To provide additional fundraising, the theatre has opened Second Act Thrift Shop at 206 South Vine in downtown Sullivan.



You can drop off your household/clothing donations at the shop or the theatre. All proceeds benefit Little Theatre.

The process to put together a season starts every summer....select the shows, procure the rights to produce the shows, hold auditions, select the casts, line up the backstage/technical people, and organize all the “nuts & bolts” that put everything together to make it happen. Just the sets for each show cost around \$3,500.

John generously offered a drawing for free tickets. Kim Higgins was the winner.

For more information, a list of shows, and/or order tickets, go to:

<https://www.thelittletheatre.org/>



Little Theatre today

Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2024

- Attendance

30 – Members

1 – Guest: Heather Hughes, our speaker

- Birthdays – 5/22 Jerie Wills, 5/26 Janet Boyer, 5/27 Janet Butler
- Brags –David Butler and Tim Hoel
- Free Lunch Winner – Christopher Sutton
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

2024/2025 Officers/Club Directors – A slate of candidates approved by the Board was presented to the membership (see page 8 for names/photos). Carol Burwash made a motion to approve the candidates as presented. Jerry Reynolds seconded the motion and it was approved.

Board Meeting Updates – The Board met on Monday, May 13:

- The Board discussed the dwindling income and attendance we've experienced in the last few Spring pancake breakfasts. Considering that we also have several other spring events competing for our resources, the Board voted to discontinue the Spring Pancake breakfast. We will monitor the success of our Fall breakfast and revisit our fundraising options.

- On Honors Day, May 10th, Our club's four \$1,000 2024 TCHS Scholarships were awarded. The winners were Raeanna Boyer (3-year Key Clubber and current President), Mindy Lin (1-year Key Clubber), Elizabeth

Powell, and Michelle Reese. (See page 9 for photos.)

- The Board authorized Ian Rominger to purchase 60 preschool books for \$100 for our Little Free Libraries. We will plan a book drive in the Fall later this year.

- Flesor's Renovations – As a club foundation 501c3, we cannot accept donations for Flesor's Candy Kitchen. The Board encourages Kiwanians who want to help Flesor's, to make their own donations via Go Fund Me with a credit card or donate directly with cash or check to Flesor's. During part of the renovation, we will have to meet temporarily in the buffet room.

REMINDER – NO MEETING MAY 22

Upcoming Events:

May 18 – Stamp Out Hunger

May 22 – K-Kids Spring Picnic

Month of June – Peace Meal deliveries

Program:



Judy Landeck introduced our speaker Heather Hughes, an Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education (EIASE) Recycling Coordinator. Heather

manages the center in Mattoon open during the school year. The special education students earn points for behavior, attire, safety, work ethic, and more. Earning points can provide inventive parties, movies, lunches, gifts, etc.

Every student has a job ranging from high to low levels of skills. Jobs include sorting and bailing cardboard. The center only accepts #1 & #2 clean plastics, plastic caps, aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard, and paper.

Meeting Minutes – May 29, 2024

- Attendance

38 – Members

0 – Guests

- Birthdays – 6/3 Carol Beals
- Brags – Carol Beals, Maureen Bergeson, David Butler, Pat Damler, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel, and Sue Wisovaty
- Free Lunch Winner – Sandy Simpson
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive for SAM Pantry Results – 1,864.5 pounds of food was collected and \$1,006.00 in cash/checks. Converting the dollars into pounds (\$1 X 3 pounds) a total of 4,882.5 equivalent pounds of food was collected. In addition, \$751.70 was donated during the “round-up” week at Kirby Foods. Great job!

K-Kids Update – At the K-Kids picnic, Beth Linstead, announced that she was stepping down as K-Kids Faculty Advisor. She has served in this position for many, many years. In past years, the club has honored Beth for her service and leadership with a Zeller Fellowship and Amador Medallion awards. Logan Donnals and Ashleigh Sterkel, 4th grade teachers are stepping up to share the K-Kids Faculty Advisor position.

Flesor’s Candy Kitchen Renovation – Devon Story provided an update on the building renovations. Work is expected to start in early June. We will meet in the buffet room temporarily while the candy cases are in the room we normally meet. Devon advised that a little over \$50,000 has been raised towards a total cost estimated at \$250,000. Devon and her husband will complete the renovation having acquired a loan so the work can proceed as quickly as possible.

Upcoming Events:

Month of June – Peace Meal deliveries

TBD – July 4th Parade

Program:



Carol Martin with assistance from Suzanne Moody provide a fun activity “America Family Feud.” Each team answered questions about American history, customs, and information. The winning team received candy bar prizes.

2024/2025 Officers & Club Directors – Effective 10-1-24

Officers



Jeannie Craddock
President



Ian Rominger
President Elect



Linda Glenn
Vice President



Candy Hudson
Treasurer



Janet Butler
Secretary



Kim Higgins
Immediate Past President

Club Directors



Dave Butler
Webmaster



Dan Craddock
Term Expires 2027



Sue Gavin
Term Expires 2027



Carol Martin
Term Expires 2026



Jeff Martin
Term Expires 2025

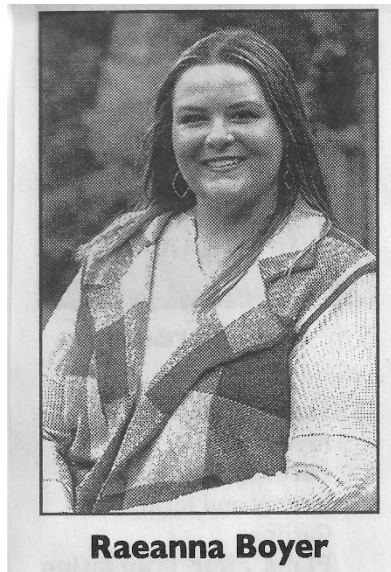


Julie Slaughter
Term Expires 2026

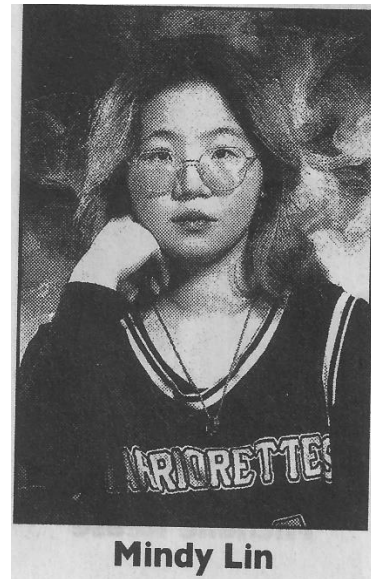


Cindy Wood
Term Expires 2025

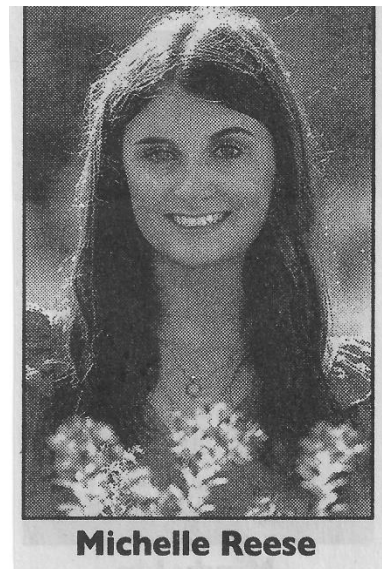
Tuscola Kiwanis Club 2024 TCHS Scholarship Winners



Key Club President



Key Club Member



Thanks go to our Scholarship Committee - Chairmen Linda & Mike Damler,
Elaine Bryant, Jean Leonard, and Val Morgan
Great job!

Stamp Out Hunger-SAM Food Pantry Drive – May 18, 2024



More photos on club website.

K-Kids Spring Picnic – May 22, 2024



More Photos on Club Website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2024 MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at The Pantry on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 11:56am by President Kim Higgins with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an "X":

David Butler – Webmaster	X	Carol Martin (2026)	X	Guests:	
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jeff Martin (2025)	X	Carol Burwash	X
Jeannie Craddock – Pres Elect	AB	Ian Rominger – VP	X	Sherrie Hoel	X
Pat Damler (2024)	X	Glen Simpson (2024)	X		
Kim Higgins – President	X	Julie Slaughter (2026)	X		
Tim Hoel – Past President	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	AB		
Candy Hudson – Treas	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Consent Agenda –

-Minutes of April Board Meeting

-Secretary's Monthly Reports –Hours reported were 714 service hours, 122 fundraising hours for a total of 836 volunteer hours. The top volunteers were Tim Hoel and Jeannie Craddock.

-Treasurer's Monthly Reports –For balances ending May 13, 2024, the club was \$10,064.23 and for the foundation \$20,923.60.

Ian Rominger made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carol Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the reports are included in Board Meeting Documents under "Board Reports" in the "Members Area" of the club website.

2. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
(none)	(none)

David Butler made a motion to approve a request from Ian Rominger to purchase 60 pre-school level books for the club's Little Free Libraries for a cost of approximately \$100. Carol Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved.

3. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. K-Kids – The K-Kids picnic is May 22 with rain date of May 23.
2. Take Back Drugs event – April 27 – Tim reported that 69.9 pounds of prescription and OTC drugs and sharps were collected.
3. Spring Pancake Breakfast – April 20 – The Board reviewed the dwindling attendance and donations as this is a trend over the last few years. The Spring is a busy time for club members with Fish Fry, Egg Hunt, and Food Drive. After discussion, Janet Butler made a motion to discontinue the Spring Pancake Breakfast. Ian seconded the motion and it was approved.
4. 2024 TCHS Scholarship Winners – The four \$1,000 scholarships were awarded at Honors Day May 10th. The winners were Raeanna Boyer (3-year Key Clubber and current President), Mindy Lin (1-year Key Clubber), Elizabeth Powell, and Michelle Reese.
5. Stamp Out Hunger – Set up for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive for SAM Pantry is Friday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church, and the food drive is Saturday morning, May 18.
6. Peace Meals - Our club provides the volunteers for the Month of June. We still need 3 runners and 3 drivers. Kim will send around the paper signup sheet on Wednesday or members can register on-line.
7. Little Free Library – Ian reported that he had restocked the Health Center. Funds were approved to purchase additional pre-school books. See details under Disbursements.
8. NW Project Proposal - Glen Simpson reported no update because the Tuscola school district has still not been selected an architect.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024/2025 Slate of Officers/Club Directors –
With a motion from Tim Hoel and a second by Julie Slaughter, the Board approved the slate of officers and club directors for the upcoming 2024-2025 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024.
The candidates are:
 Immediate Past President – Kim Higgins
 President – Jeannie Craddock
 President Elect – Ian Rominger
 Vice President – Linda Glenn
 Secretary – Janet Butler

Treasurer – Candy Hudson
Club Directors (2025) – Jeff Martin & Cindy Wood
Club Directors (2026) – Carol Martin & Julie Slaughter
Club Directors (2027) – Sue Gavin & Dan Craddock

Retiring Club Directors (2024) – Pat Damler & Glen Simpson

Members will vote on the slate at our May 15th meeting.

2. Flesor's Renovations & Fundraising – Flesor's is seeking donations for some major required renovations, like rebuilding the east wall, roofing, etc., to keep the business open. The Board discussed its options. As a not-for-profit club and a 501c3 foundation, we can't do any funding or donating as an organization or foundation. To support Flesor's, each of us can donate individually to the GoFundMe account they are establishing. Due to the major rebuilding of the east wall, Flesor's will be moving their candy counters to the room we meet during the renovation. We will temporarily be meeting in the "buffet" room. We don't have a date, but it will be soon.
3. Easter Bunny Costume – Kim reported the bunny costume needs cleaning. After discussion, Carol Martin made a motion to authorize Kim to take it for a professional cleaning. David Butler seconded the motion, and it was approved.
4. Tuscola Community Foundation Application – Kim Higgins reported that Janet Butler and she were working on a TCF application requesting funds to pay for the club storage unit rent over three years. It was suggested that the cost of the contents insurance be added as well. Kim agreed to do so.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, June 10, 2024 at noon at The Pantry. Items to be discussed: Proposed dues increase by KI, updates to the club's Teachers Grant Program, and a review of the TCF application.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50PM.

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary



Land of the Free!

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