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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

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2024 Events/Activities

Monday, May 13	Board Meeting – The Pantry at noon
Saturday, May 18	Stamp Out Hunger with USPS. & Tuscola Rotary
Wednesday, May 22	K-Kids Picnic – Ervin Park (Raine date-5/23)
July - Date TBD	Fourth of July Parade
Friday, October 4 (tentative)	Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 5	Homecoming Breakfast

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

May 1	Lyn Kohlbecker
May 8	Jean Leonard
May 15	Judy Landeck
May 22	NO MEETING
May 29	Carol Martin
June 5	Jeff Martin
June 12	Dave Moody
June 19	Suzanne 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	Julie Slaughter
October 9	Wayne Ward
October 16	Jerie Wills
October 23	Paul Wisovaty
October 30	Sue Wisovaty

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!**

Mother's Day Her Way



*"Thank you all for coming. Starting next year, Mother's Days
will find me at the Desert Palm Spa."*

Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2024

- Attendance

36 – Members

0 – Guest

- Birthdays – 4/6 Sherrie Hoel, 4/8 Mike & Pat Damler
- Brags – Maureen Bergeson, David Butler, Tim Hoel, and Dennis Opperman
- Free Lunch Winner – Tim Hoel
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Mega Interclub Champaign – April 11 –
Reminder – hosted by the Champaign-Urbana Kiwanis Club. Online registration.

Upcoming Events:

Nunn Scout Bldg. Clean-up – April 6

Spring Pancake Breakfast – April 20

Drug Take Back – April 27

Many flags are very similar. See samples below.

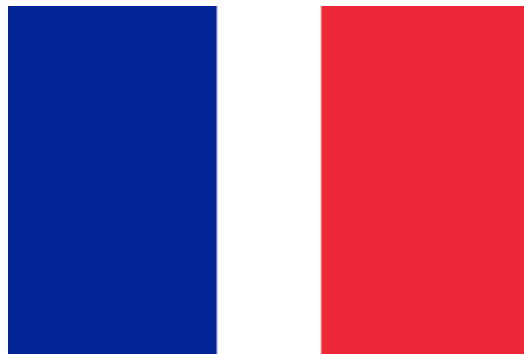
Belgium



Germany



France



The Netherlands



Program:



Linda Glenn prepared a presentation of country flags around the world. Members guessed at what country flag was displayed. Linda reported that there are 240 countries in the world of which Kiwanis has a presence in 80 of those countries.

Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2024

- Attendance

41 – Members

1 – Guest: Jessica Neton

- Birthdays – None

- Braggs – Elaine Bryant, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Jeannie Craddock, Debbie Graber, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel, and Val Morgan

- Free Lunch Winner – Cathy Buckley

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Club Storage Unit Leased – The club now has a storage unit. If a Kiwanian is storing any club items that do not require climate control, contact Kim to arrange moving the items. The club will purchase content insurance.

Teacher Grant Approved – Rachel Henderson requested \$250 to purchase calculators for the TCHS Math Dept. It was approved.

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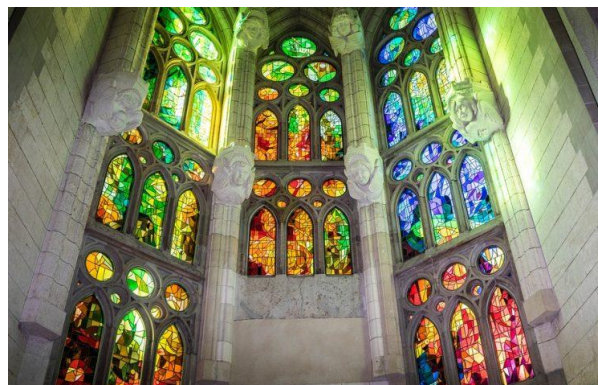
Program:



Janet Butler presented a program on the Barcelona Sagrada Familia Basilica which is scheduled to be completed in 2026. Constructions began March 19, 1882. When

building began, it was open farmland. During the 144 years of construction, Barcelona grew up and surrounded Sagrada Familia. It is an active Catholic church with worship services.

The three exterior facades depict phases in the life of Jesus: nativity, passion (suffering), and glory. The internal was designed to resemble a forest and mother nature. Its fantastic stained-glass windows are primarily reds, oranges, blues, and greens. For more information and photos, to go: <https://sagradafamilia.org/>



Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2024

- Attendance

33 – Members

1 – Guest: Claude Wilson, our speaker

- Birthdays – None

- Brags –Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel, Topy Mooday, Val Morgan, and Ian Rominger

- Free Lunch Winner – Sherrie Hoel

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Danville Annual Day of Giving – Our members are invited to the Danville Kiwanis Club's special event where they give out \$18,000 that they have raised in the past year to 28 local organizations. The event is at the Danville First Church of the Nazarene at 6:00PM. There is no meal, no cost and no RSVP to attend.

Monarch Butterfly Way Station/Garden – Elaine Bryant asked for volunteers to do the Spring clean-up of the East Prairie butterfly garden. Contact Elaine if you can help.

Upcoming Events:

Spring Pancake Breakfast – April 20

Drug Take Back – April 27

Program:



Candy Hudson introduced our speaker Claude Wilson from Tuscola TrustBank. Claude spoke about wealth management. On a daily basis, he works with customers regarding their financial health.

It's never too early to start planning and saving.

Steps that are taken are:

- Identify their goals. Goals vary and there are many ways to achieve them.
- Determine level of risk comfortability. Claude wants his customers to be able to sleep at night.
- Put a plan together with short and long term goals and actions. Plans can change, especially in the short term.

Claude's goal is to create long term customer relationships and help people achieve their financial goals.

Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2024

- Attendance

32 – Members

2 – Guests: Casey McClain, and our speaker Abby Hendren

- Birthdays – 4/24 Jessie Hanner, 4/29 Maribeth Opperman
- Braggs –Pete Buckley, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Pat Damler, Kim Higgins, Tim Hoel, Jerry Leonard, Jeff Martin, and Kevin Nolan
- Free Lunch Winner – Jerry Leonard
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Thank You Note – Kim read a note from Rachel Henderson thanking the club for the \$250 teachers grant. She purchased 23 calculators for the TCHS Math Dept.

Pancake Breakfast Results – We served 79 customers of which 38 were Kiwanians. Total donations were \$995.00 less \$173.11 in expenses for a net of \$821.89. Country Salvage generously donated the sausage, pancake mix, and orange drink. Because attendance and donations were down substantially, the Board will discuss this event at their May board meeting.

Stamp Out Hunger – May 18 - The online sign-up is available and hardcopy sheets will be provided at our meetings.

K-Kids Spring Picnic – May 22 - The online sign-up is available and hardcopy sheets will be provided at our meetings.

MAY 22, 2024 KIWANIS MEETING CANCELED DUE TO K-KIDS PICNIC. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Monarch Butterfly Way Station/Garden – Elaine Byant, Linda Damler, and Key Clubber Brianna Boyer will be sprucing up the butterfly garden this afternoon. See page 10 for the results.

Upcoming Events:

Drug Take Back – April 27

Stamp Out Hunger – May 18

Program:



April Kauffman introduced our speaker, Abby Hendren, Director of Health at the Douglas County Health Department. She has a Masters degree from EIU and is working on a PhD. DCHD

has 33 employees.

Abby spoke about the fairly new Student Health Center. The center has grown from 4 employees to 7, and has expanded its services directly to the Tuscola schools.

The Summer Meal Program will be one day a week with delivery to the households. DCHD is looking for volunteers to pack food or deliver to the households.

DCHD is starting a new Suicide Program called “CALM” (Counseling on Access to Lethal Means). They are looking for people to train. If interested, contact Abby at DCHD

Nunn Scout Building Spring Clean-up – April 6, 2024



Jerry Leonard, Cubmaster Mark Hancock, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel
(and David Butler behind the camera)

Spring Pancake Breakfast April 20, 2024



More Photos on Club Website

Take Back Drugs April 27, 2024



April Kauffman, Pat Damler, Pete Buckley, Val Morgan, Sheriff Nate Chaplin, Pennie Trimpler from Tuscola Police, and Tim Hoel



Collected 37 pounds of drugs and 32 pounds of sharps for a total of 69 pounds.

Spring Spruce-up for the Monarch Butterfly Way Station/Garden– April 27, 2024



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

The meeting was called to order at The Pantry on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 11:59am 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)	AB	Guests:	
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jeff Martin (2025)	AB	Sandy Simpson	X
Jeannie Craddock – Pres Elect	X	Ian Rominger – VP	AB		
Pat Damler (2024)	X	Glen Simpson (2024)	X		
Kim Higgins – President	X	Julie Slaughter (2026)	AB		
Tim Hoel – Past President	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	X		
Candy Hudson – Treas	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Consent Agenda –

-Minutes of March Board Meeting

-Secretary’s Monthly Reports –Hours reported were 652 service hours, 215 fundraising hours for a total of 988 volunteer hours. The top volunteers were Tim Hoel and Jeannie Craddock.

-Treasurer’s Monthly Reports –For balances ending April 8, 2024, the club was \$9,917.73, and for the foundation \$20,404.57.

David Butler made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Cindy Wood 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)	\$523.88 Reimburse Janet Butler for egg hunt candy. \$566.53 Reimburse Jeannie Craddock for 2025 egg hunt prizes. \$78.71 Reimburse Pat Damler for Spring Pancake Breakfast supplies. \$250.00 Approved teacher’s grant. Requested by Rachel Henderson for math department calculators.

Pat Damler made a motion to approve the above disbursement. Glen Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved for the first four items. After discussion

regarding the grant request, David Butler made a motion to approve the grant request. Glen Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved.

3. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Key Club – Jeannie reported Celia Dandy with 10 service hours was named Key Club Volunteer of the Month for February 2024.
2. Builders Club – Jeannie reported that pizza would be provided at the club's last meeting of the school year.
3. K-Kids – Cindy Wood reported she will contact Beth Linstead about the end-of-school picnic for the K-Kids.
4. 2025 Easter Egg Hunt – Jeannie reported that the vast majority of prizes have been purchased. As she sees items such as bubbles and Hot Wheels cars on sale, she will add a few more.
5. Nunn Scout Building Clean-up – Tim reported that the clean-up went well and was completed in about an hour.
6. Take Back Drugs event – April 27 – Tim reported that he will update the banner and put it out the weekend before the event. Janet reported she would be sending an ad to the County Chronicle for the event. Val has the volunteers that she needs.
7. Pancake Breakfast – April 20 – Kim reported all was on track for the breakfast and sign-ups for time slots were OK.
8. NW Project Proposal - Glen Simpson reported no update because an architect has still not been selected.
9. Club Storage Unit – Kim reported the best quote was from Pekin Insurance with a cost of \$251 per year and a \$250 deductible, and content coverage of \$5,000. Janet Butler made a motion to approve the Pekin quote. Jeannie Craddock seconded the motion and it was approved.
10. Fryers – Kim reported that fryers have been purchased and will ship in 4-6 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024 TCHS Scholarships – Kim reported for Linda/Mike that the applications were due before they went on Spring break. Elaine Bryant, Jean Leonard, and Val Morgan are the committee to evaluate the applications and select the winners. Honors Day is May 10th this year.
2. 2024/2025 Slate of Officers/Club Directors – The Board discussed possible candidates for the open positions of Vice President and two club Directors. The club membership will vote at our meeting on May 15.
3. Stamp Out Hunger – May 18 – Janet reported that the online sign-up would be up after the Pancake Breakfast and a hardcopy sign-up would start Wednesday, April 24.
4. Little Free Library – Kim reported for Ian that we still have plenty of books. No help is needed at this time with monitoring.
5. Online Due Payments – A member has inquired about paying dues online. Currently, that option is not available. Many sources charge a service fee, however we know that Champaign-Urbana Kiwanis has online dues payments. David Butler volunteered to check with them and see how they are doing it, and if a service fee is involved. Jeannie said she would look into options as well.
6. Recycling – Kim reported for Val Morgan that Bryant’s Recycling would partner with us for a recycling event. They do not accept televisions or monitors of any type. They would deliver a truck/trailer on Friday and pick up on Monday. They would sort the material and pay the club an amount, as determined. After discussion, the Board decided not to pursue such an event due to Bryant’s restrictions and how they would do the process. Kim will let members know that they can take many items out to Bryant’s, and as determined would be paid.
7. EP Monarch Way Station – Tim reported that the butterfly garden at East Prairie needs some TLC and weeding. Elaine will be contacted about gathering 3-4 Kiwanians to take care of this. Jeannie said she would be glad to help.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, May 13 , 2024 at noon at The Pantry.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.

Submitted by: Janet Butler – Secretary



Loving May Flowers

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