

Kiwanis Communicator

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Monthly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Tiffin, Ohio

From The President

Dear Kiwanians,



April is a season of new life and this year, that message feels especially close to my heart.

In March, we were blessed with the arrival of our first grandchild (Anastasia Grace "Annie" was born on March 14th). There is something truly remarkable about holding new life for the first time... tiny

hands, a fresh beginning, and the overwhelming sense of hope for what lies ahead. It's a reminder that even in a world that can feel uncertain and unstable, God is still creating, still renewing, and still at work in beautiful ways.

As we enter the Easter season, that same promise of new life is at the center of our faith. Easter reminds us that through Christ's resurrection, we are given hope beyond measure - a promise that light overcomes darkness and life overcomes death. It's a time to reflect, to rejoice, and to be renewed in our purpose.

As Kiwanians, we are called to live that message every day. Whether it's through acts of service, supporting children and families, or simply showing kindness to those around us, we have the opportunity to bring hope into our community, just as this season reminds us.

This April, I encourage each of us to embrace both the joy of new beginnings and the chance we have to make a difference. Just like new life brings promise for the future, so does every act of service we give.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter season filled with love, hope, joy, and renewal.

Pam Greene
President

Storybook Festival



Thank you to Jeremy Cripps, Pam, Greene, Tammy Waugaman, and Pat Nee for volunteering at the Storybook Festival at Sentinel.



Inspiration

Provided by the Human & Spiritual Values Committee

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

Louis Armstrong, 1967

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world!

I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world!

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying, "I love you"

I hear babies cry, and I watched them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world!

Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world!

Written by Bob Thiele & George David Weiss

Sympathy



Joyce Hersh

Please keep Julie Hersh, her husband Ron, and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Julie's mother-in-law, Joyce, passed away on March 10. Joyce was a graduate of Old Fort High School. She worked in the meat packing industry with Eckrich in Fremont and New Riegel Foods. She enjoyed Ohio State football and basketball, loved cooking, doing word search puzzles and watching *The Young and Restless*.

APRIL PRAYER PROVIDERS



April 2	Tammy Waugaman
April 9	Eric Willman
April 16	Jeremy Cripps
April 23	John Millar
April 30	Tammy Waugaman

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

April 22 Julie & Rusty Adkins

APRIL CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

April 10	Rick Dorsch
April 14	Melissa Mullins
April 20	Gene Chintala

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 7	Steve Schreiner
April 19	Amy Miller
April 23	Sharon Rigby
April 25	Shirley Smith

APRIL SPEAKERS

April 2	Tammy Waugaman, CERT, Community Emergency Response Team
April 9	Hanna Vera, The Milkhouse Reception & Event Center
April 16	Lee Wilkinson, Mayor of Tiffin
April 23	Claire Campbell, Maleya Whaley, Cold Case Fellows, Tiffin University Cold Case
April 30	Chris Armstrong, Practical Engineering Solutions

Let's work on getting some new Kiwanis Club of Tiffin members!

Share this with your friends, family, neighbors



The Kiwanis Club of Tiffin meets Thursdays at noon. Anyone interested in making a difference in our community should go to https://www.tiffinkiwani.org/get_involved.

March Programs

March 5



Lew Hurst, David Adkins, Amy Miller

Lew Hurst, Superintendent for the Seneca County Opportunity Center (SCOC), was joined by **Amy Miller**, Director of Service/Support, and **David Adkins**, Aktion Club member. Lew has served as superintendent for 20 years, has worked in the developmental disability field for 35 years, has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Tiffin for 19 years, and has lived in the Tiffin community for 21 years. Lew said that the makeup of those utilizing SCOC services is 50/50 between children and adults. On average 10 children are entering into the Center's program each month. Lew stressed that finances can be challenging but the local entity is doing fine as opposed to 14 county boards that he is aware of that are having trouble paying their bills. Currently, 80 percent of the budget comes from personal property taxes. The fact that the elimination of personal property tax is currently being discussed is of concern. The SCOC has 95 full-time employees and an \$18 million budget. Lew praised the Aktion Club for giving back and building relationships. Membership is at a robust 74. David Adkins spoke about Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and the many activities planned for the month of March.

March 12



Melissa Beatty, Donor Recruiter with the American Red Cross, was the featured speaker for the March 12th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Tiffin held at Kiwanis Manor. _____ were in attendance in addition to two members who joined via Zoom. Melissa has worked with the Red Cross for 11 years and currently serves most of Northwest Ohio,

facilitating between 20-40 blood drives each month. Growing up, her grandmother volunteered with the Red Cross. Her husband was in the military and was stationed overseas when she went into pre-term labor

with her daughter. Because the Red Cross works closely with the armed forces, her grandmother was able to locate and get him home just in time for her birth. Due to her daughter being born at 6 months, and because of toxemia, both she and her daughter needed blood donations. These experiences encouraged her to get involved with the Red Cross. Melissa said they need 12,000 units of blood each day and that it is getting much more difficult to get blood donations than it used to be, especially with high school and college students. The average age of blood donors is 47. The youngest age someone can be a donor is 16 (with a signed parental permission slip). They had a deficit of 20,000 units of blood in December/January, when the need is heightened. They also need more blood donations throughout the summertime. One pint of blood is broken into 3 products, so it serves 3 people. The Red Cross holds a home fire campaign over the summer, helping families by installing smoke alarms for those who need them. They also offer training courses for lifeguarding, babysitting, First Aid, and CPR.

March 19



Jennifer Miller, Program Manager for the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, was the featured speaker. She was joined by Denise Pauley, who is the new Walk Manager for the Alzheimer's Walk in Tiffin, which will take place at Tiffin University's Heminger Center on October 3rd. The Alzheimer's Association

Northwest Ohio Chapter provides services to 24 counties in Ohio. Cities included in this chapter are Ashland, Bluffton, Bryan, Bowling Green, Bucyrus, Celina, Defiance, Findlay, Fostoria, Fremont, Kenton, Lima, Mansfield, Mount Vernon, Napoleon, Norwalk, Ottawa, Paulding, Port Clinton, Sandusky, St. Mary's, Swanton, Tiffin, Toledo, Upper Sandusky, and Wauseon. Jennifer said that her father, uncle and grandparents had Alzheimer's. she spoke about how it affects, not just the individual, but family and friends. It is a problem when it becomes severe enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's and dementia are not the same thing, rather Alzheimer's is one form of dementia, albeit the most common. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that affects memory, thinking, and behavior and there is no cure. It gets worse over time. The population at the highest risk is the black population, which is twice as likely to get the disease. Hispanics are second most likely, while two-thirds of Alzheimer's victims are women. Early detection is important since medications are available to help with symptoms.

March 26



Jill Miller, Vice Principal for Buckeye Community School (BCS), is serving in her first year as Vice Principal for Buckeye Community School, which has seven locations, including one that opened in November of 2025 and is located in the Tiffin Mall. Buckeye Community School serves students ages 14-21 in mid- and central-Ohio, with locations in Fremont, Mansfield, Marion, Lima, London, and Springfield in addition to Tiffin. It is a public high school with an alternative learning environment - what that means is that the school is innovative, creative and compassionate about getting kids through high school. The school is considered an alternative learning center to help students who want to earn a high school diploma no matter their obstacles. Mentoring and coaching is available. Jill said that BCS has some students who work 34 – 40 hours a week. Some of the issues that have led to high school students coming to BCS include dropping out or having attendance issues. Success has come from some of those same students (14 total) that have enrolled and graduated since last November. BCS offers individual learning plans and those that move out of the area can continue with the school. Buckeye Community School is having a Tiffin Grand Opening Celebration on April 20 from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Food and refreshments will be available. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 4:30pm. RSVPs are due by April 10 to buckeyecs.org/rsvp. The address is 870 W. Market St., Suite 15, Tiffin, within the Tiffin Mall.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Alabama is known as the most religious state in America.
- Alaska has the highest number of missing persons cases in the USA.
- The first McDonald's drive-thru opened in Arizona.
- Arkansas is home to America's only working diamond mine.
- The largest hot springs pool on earth is in Colorado.
- The secretive Area 51 base is in a desert in Nevada.
- Delaware was the first state to approve the U.S. constitution.
- Hawaii is the only U.S. state comprised entirely of islands.
- Grand Central Terminal in New York City is the largest train station in the world.
- The first successful airplane flight happened in North Carolina.
- The most widely used name in the world is Muhammad.
- The letter "R" does not appear when spelling out numbers 1 – 99.
- A mosquito has 47 teeth.
- Fingernails grow about four times faster than toenails.
- Smiling can help lower your blood pressure.
- Sleeping in complete darkness helps balance hormones and improves your sense of taste.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- Lobsters can live up to 100 years.



- Honey never expires.
- You can't hum while holding your nose.
- Your DNA can stretch to Pluto and back.
- The Eiffel Tower grows taller in summer.
- Your heart can beat outside your body.
- You blink 15 – 20 times per minute.
- Don't go into water to escape wasps...they will wait for you to resurface.
- The more vivid and colorful an animal is, odds are that it's poisonous.
- 2026 is the first year since 1900 where all the digits add up to 10. Some mathematicians call it a "reset year."
- We are now closer to 2050 than to 2000. Let that sink in!
- 2026 marks 100 years since the invention of television.
- People can appear in dreams simply because you saw them once even if they were never important.
- Human memory does not record events; it recreates them, meaning every memory you recall is slightly altered.

Pass The Pig

The HUB provides a safe environment for Tiffin's youth. It provides local youth with games, time with friends, help with homework, and any other necessary help! The Tiffin Seneca Teen Center, referred to as "The HUB", has been in existence since 1991. It is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded by a group of adults in response to a school-wide survey that found junior high and high school students wanted a safe, friendly, comfortable drop-in location to gather after school. We pass the pig at the first Thursday meeting of the month in support of the HUB and our donations are used to purchase food supplies for the snack area.



- Hippos release gas through their mouth.
- Your brain can't feel pain.
- You get a new skeleton every 10 years.



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