

TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

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Meeting Second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Tecumseh United Methodist Church

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April Meeting

Regina was the program chair for our April Tecumseh Kiwanis meeting and her guest speaker was Ashley Buss from Successful Connections which is the organization that we make the cuddle blankets for. Successful Connections is a non-profit organization whose mission is to connect parents of newborn babies with any resources that they may be in need of. While they do not actually provide any of the services, they are a conduit that informs parents about any services that other agencies provide and refer the families to those agencies. The target age for children is birth to 5 years old. The hospitals and health care providers determine which families might be in the greatest need for this information program and they identify them to the Successful Connections staff. That prompts a visit to the mother in the hospital where they introduce the program and provide them with a folder containing information and a cuddle blanket. We appreciate Ashley sharing their mission with us. We thank Ashli for provided cake and ice cream for our dessert.

Upcoming Programs

May 8	- Cindy
Dessert	- Mary
June 12	- Ashli
Dessert	- Denise
July 10	- Regina
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Pancake Feed

It was a warm Spring day for this year's pancake feed and silent auction. This year we teamed up with Boy Scout Troop 18 for the event and they did a great job of acquiring auction items and helping to serve our customers and clean up afterwards. We could have used some more of those customers because, as usual, turnout is spotty. It is fairly busy between 8:30 and 9:30 with much less business before and after. If we can remember, it has been suggested that we end at 11:00 AM in the future. Cindy estimates that we will receive \$1360 from pancake sales and \$1200 from the silent auction with \$300 in expenses. This is our biggest fund-raising event of the year and everyone did an outstanding job of contributing to the success of the event. We are a good team. Thank you.

Santa Fe Band Concert

The Santa Fe Band has contacted us and provided us with the date of July 21 when they have us on their schedule for our annual Santa Fe Band Concert and Ice Cream Social. The band will play from 6:30 until 7:30 PM and we will start serving ice cream at 6:00 PM. As you might recall, we ask each member to bring two cakes pre-cut into serving sizes in disposable pans because any cakes that we do not serve will be delivered to the Topeka Rescue Mission. Three months should be enough time to rest up from the Pancake Feed and be ready for action at this event.

May Program

Cindy has arranged for our own Ashli along with Mark Eisenbarth to speak at our May program about Boy Scout Troop 18 and their activities.

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