

# TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

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



**KIWANIS** is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.  
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## April Meeting

Our April Program Chair, Denise, reached out to Doorstep, Inc. who sent a very committed volunteer ambassador, Ron Cook, to speak at our April 8 meeting. Ron is a retired teacher who moved to Topeka with his wife after retirement a few years ago. He is active in First Presbyterian Church and was asked to be the church coordinator with Doorstep which is affiliated with 58 area churches. Doorstep's mission is to provide short-term emergency help to families or individuals in need. This is done mainly by providing a food bank along with a clothing bank which are the main areas in which Ron helps, in addition to providing information to other groups in the community about what Doorstep provides and what needs they have. Additionally they provide utility, rent, medical and transportation assistance along with referrals to other local agencies who may provide more long-term assistance. Doorstep was started in 1966 and will be celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. We enjoyed meeting Ron and hearing his enthusiastic presentation.

Thanks also to Diana for the delicious apple dumplings with vanilla ice cream

## Upcoming Programs

May 12	- Regina
Dessert	- Ashli
June 10	- Cookout
Dessert	- Various
July 8	- Cindy
Dessert	- Regina

## Pancake Feed & Silent Auction

This is the week for the annual Tecumseh Kiwanis Club and Troop 18 pancake feed and silent auction which will be held on Saturday, April 18. Setup will be on Friday at 5:00 PM and should not take too long to accomplish. Please remember to bring your auction items on Friday if possible. Scott Dial will again be flipping pancakes this year so you might be careful where you walk. Rumor has it had he may be bringing his replacement as principal at Tecumseh South since Scott is apparently moving up in the administration. We should be able to get more details on Saturday.

Ashli reports that the Scouts have been busy gathering auction items also and that they will be ready to help on Saturday morning.

Ken and Mary are headed back to Kansas and have graciously agreed to help us. One slight deviation to the plan occurred last week when Ken was working on his garage door spring and spent two days in the hospital as a result. Apparently most of his pinky finger on his right hand will remain in Florida. There are stiches and bandages involved and he does not think that egg cracking is in his future for a few weeks, however he thinks that he might be able to flip pancakes. Ken never shies away from work and he seems to be willing to do whatever he can. His injuries could have been worse so we are glad for that and look forward to seeing Ken and Mary once again.

## Volunteer Hours

Kiwanis volunteer hours for the month of March were 174 giving 743 hours since October 1.

## Santa Fe Band

We have scheduled Sunday, July 26, for our annual Santa Fe Band Concert and ice cream social.

**Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.**

**TECUMSEH KIWANIS CLUB  
AND TROOP 18  
PANCAKE FEED  
AND  
SILENT AUCTION**



**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026**

**7 - 11 AM**

**TECUMSEH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
334 SE TECUMSEH RD.  
TECUMSEH, KS**

**\$8.00 AT THE DOOR  
Elementary Students - \$4.00  
6 yrs and under free**

**Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and orange juice**

**OVER 50 SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

**Proceeds benefit KIWANIS children's  
and community programs and TROOP 18  
Scouting activities**