

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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August Meeting

For our August 12 meeting, Program Chair Ashli Salzano introduced our guest speaker, Katie Bivens, who has been the principal of Tecumseh North Elementary School for five years. There are around 475 students at Tecumseh North and this year they added another kindergarten class to keep the class size small. They are a Title I school with about 63% free and reduced lunch. This year they got funding so that every 5th grade student will have the opportunity to have a band instrument. North is an AVID school which is a national program whose goal is to close the learning gap for diverse and lower socioeconomic students through programs that teachers use to help prepare all students for college opportunities. Many students will be the first generation of their family to attend college. Ms. Bivens thanked our club for the help that we have given them over the years including the courtyard. Thanks to Diana for her cookies and light lemon dessert.

Upcoming Programs

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| September 13 | - Regina |
| Dessert | - Regina |
| October 11 | - Diana |
| Dessert | - Debbie |

Tecumseh South Bake Walk

Tecumseh South has asked if our club would be willing to help them with their Bake Walk in conjunction with the school carnival this year at the end of September. Our members agreed to prepare 20 cakes for them. More information will be coming as the date nears.

Santa Fe Band Concert & Ice Cream Social

It had been very warm all week up until Sunday, July 30, and again this year we were able to summon up some rain for the community as we held our annual Santa Fe Band Concert and Ice Cream Social. We started serving at 6 PM and the band started a little before 6:30 PM. They were able to play several numbers before the clouds gathered and a light rain turned into a heavier one. Cindy reports that we received donations of \$475 and expenses of \$72.13, which was more than we have received in recent years. It was another successful community event that those attending always enjoy.

Winter Wonderland

Due to a scheduling issue, our Winter Wonderland volunteer opportunity this year will change from our initial date of December 3 to December 10. It will remain a Sunday evening and we will be taking money and directing traffic from 8 until 10 PM. We are partnering with the Southwest Topeka Kiwanis Club this year and they will serve on the 6 until 8 PM shift. This is an annual fund raising event for TARC.

Tecumseh North Courtyard

Tecumseh North requested that our club help them by doing some maintenance on their courtyard before their start of school Sneak Peek night. Diana, Debbie and Larry spent a few hours on a Friday morning sweeping, trimming and washing and the results were definitely worth the effort as the pictures on the next page show.

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