# **TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH**



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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world

one child and one community at a time.

# **RINGING FOR A WORTHY CAUSE**

Saturday Dec. 11 was a great day for ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Though Christmas was near and people were busy shopping, many stopped to remember those less fortunate by donating to the Salvation Army. Our club members rang bells from 10am.– 6pm. at the East entrance to Walmart North. Those who participated were, Cindy, Larry, Jim, Tom and Georgia, Doris and Rob, Ken and Mary.

#### WARM AND HEALTHY

As a Christmas project our club members donated hats gloves, mittens, hand sanitizer and facial tissue for the children of Tecumseh North and Tecumseh South Elementary Schools. Donated were 24 jars of Hand Sanitizer, 49 boxes of facial tissue, 8 pairs of mittens, 50 pairs of gloves, 23 hats and 6 hat and glove combinations. These items will help students stay warm and healthy.

#### SERVICE HOURS REPORT

Our club has been described as "small but mighty" because our small numbers are able to give mighty service to our community through the many projects, programs, and events we sponsor. The recording of service hours is a way to recognize those who give their time to help others. Since Oct. 1, our club members have given 221 hours of service. That's an average of 12.21 service hours per member per week. All club members are to be congratulated for their dedication to serve others.

#### PENNIES FOR THE PARK

As part of the ongoing fundraising process for the Tecumseh Park Playground Project, **Pennies for the Park** will be initiated at Tecumseh North Elementary School, January 23, 2012 thru January 27, 2012 The objective of this program is to create awareness, excitement and ownership by the students of Tecumseh North, of the new playground equipment to be placed in Tecumseh Park. Jars will be placed in each classroom for the collection of change. A pizza party will be provided for one class in grades K-3 and 4-6 who collects the most change. We hope to involve the children is other ways not yet determined.

## **INTERCLUB REPORT**

Interclubs are an important aspect of Kiwanis. It allows us to fellowship with other Kiwanians, to gain information, and make business contacts. Our club members attended two interclub in December.

Many of us attended the Kiwanis Club of Berryton's Christmas party, Dec. 15, where we shared a delicious meal and were entertained by David Boyles, who sang and played Christmas songs on his guitar.

Our club had a "round robin" at the District Joint Division 11 and XI meeting Dec. 11. A round robin is attained by having all clubs from a division represented at one gathering.

## FUTURE PROGRAM CHAIRS

Jan. 11 Tom Sirridge - Steve Jones, Frye & Assoc.

**Playground Project** 

Jan. 18 Georgia Sirridge - Vice Governor

Robert Maxwel

- Jan. 25 Mike Sullivan
- Feb. 01 Community Dinner– Chili or vegetable soup

with relish plate crackers and dessert.

- Feb. 08 Valentine Party
- Feb. 15 Herb Whitlow
- Feb. 22 Cindy Cooper
- Feb. 29 Ken Ertl Ks. St. Rep. Ann Mah

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The first female member of the Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh was then Kansas St. Rep. Denise Everhart. Denise now serves as a Topeka City Commissioner.

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone Ronald Reagan