

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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December Meeting

For our club meeting on December 13, Ken presented the annually required Kiwanis Youth Protection program. Sadly, in the midst of increasing abuse of children, many organizations find it necessary to educate their members to protect the organization from lawsuits due to actions from some of their members. Probably the main take away is not to be in a one-on-one situation with any youth. The training also helps us to identify signs of abuse and instructs us to report this to the Kiwanis Youth Protection Helpline at 866-607-SAFE if this occurs at a Kiwanis event.

Ashli provided dessert although she was not able to attend the meeting at the last minute. Ashli is the volunteer coordinator for Winter Wonderland this year and her group of volunteer ticket takers cancelled at the last minute leaving her with a problem.

Upcoming Programs

January 10 - Ashli
Dessert - Cindy

February 14 - Debbie
Dessert - Cindy

March 13 - Denise
Dessert - Larry

Get Well

Viola Remington is still recovering from her broken hip and shoulder and Cindy has been released from the boot after her broken ankle. We hope that both of them are back to 100% very soon.

Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.

School Supplies

Once again this year the club collected requested school supplies for Tecumseh North and South elementary schools. We ask them to let us know what they need for the benefit of the children in the classrooms. This year Tecumseh North requested gloves and disinfecting wipes while Tecumseh South needed disinfecting wipes, paper towels, facial tissue, and pocket folders. Thanks to club members for coming through for our schools again and to Debbie and Diana who delivered them.

Condolences

We express our condolences to Regina's family upon the passing of her husband Adam's, grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Stephenson family.

Bell Ringing

It was not a bad day for bell ringing for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 9. We were stationed at Dillon's at 29th and California and with the help of Boy Scout Troop 18 and leaders, we manned the kettles from 10 AM until 4 PM. Thanks to Regina, Denise, Debbie, Diana, Cindy, Larry, Mary, and Ken for their participation in this annual event.

Winter Wonderland

It was a busy weekend as many of us manned the entrance gate again this year at the Winter Wonderland on Sunday, December 10. This is TARC's biggest fund raising event of the year and this year we partnered with the Southwest Topeka Kiwanis Club who worked the first two hours of the shift while we handled the final two hours. Mary, Ken, Diana, Debbie, Denise, and Ashli were on hand to receive donations and direct traffic and we thank them for their volunteer efforts.

Cuddle Blankets

Club members generously agreed to make more cuddle blankets for Successful Connections. Around 500 blankets are given away each year to mothers of newborns and they indicate that it is a good ice breaker while trying to connect with their clients. The club funds the purchase of the fleece for the project with Ken and Mary making the purchase, cutting the material into two yard pieces, and packaging the material with instructions for members to complete. Now it is up to us to cut the fleece into the correct size pieces, cut a lot of slits around the edges and double knot them all to hold them together. It is a labor intensive project but is a good way to do something productive while watching TV.

Merry Christmas

We wish you and your families a very safe and Merry Christmas along with a fabulous New Year.

