

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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February Meeting

Debbie introduced our guest speaker, Major Tom McDowell, from the Salvation Army. Major McDowell and his wife have recently been assigned to a command in Topeka from Janesville, Wisconsin. The Topeka Salvation Army program provides congregational services on Sunday in both English and Spanish. They also serve 70 to 100 meals on weekdays, provide a pantry serving 40 to 60, host a shower and laundry program, and provide rent and utility assistance. Their Christmas program served over 500 children and seniors while they served over 300 for Thanksgiving. Teaming with Scotch Cleaners, they provided over 1300 coats. Youth are served through providing hygiene products, basketball and soccer programs and a very successful boxing program that hosts 60 kids including a 13 year old girl who won a national title. Thanks to Cindy for providing dessert of strawberries and angel food cake.

Upcoming Programs

March 13 - Denise
Dessert - Larry

April 10 - Regina
Dessert - Ashli

May 8 - Cindy
Dessert - Mary

Pancake Feed

We will be having our pancake feed and silent auction on Saturday, April 13, from 7 AM until noon. Please remember that we need items for the silent auction, so start planning. This year we are partnering with the Scout troop so we will welcome their assistance. We will plan on setting up on Friday, April 12, starting at 4:30 PM.

Southwest Pancake Feed

Southwest Topeka Kiwanis will be having their pancake feed on Saturday, March 2, from 7 to 11 AM at Lowman United Methodist Church. They are raising money for playground equipment for Shaner Elementary school.

Cuddle Blankets

Club members made a total of 76 cuddle blankets for Child Care Aware and the Successful Connections program this year. This is the third year that we have helped with this project. The blankets are used as an ice breaker at Topeka hospitals to help the Successful Connections staff connect with mothers of newborns as they help to find any resources that may be of help to the family. It is a lot of knot tying but well worth the effort.



Blanket makers Denise, Debbie, Cindy and Larry. Diana was taking the picture.

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