

# 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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## January Meeting

Program Chair Mary Ertl invited one of her daughters, Nicole (Nikki) Hansen to be our guest speaker at our meeting on January 11. Nikki is a librarian for the Kansas State Library. As the name implies, this a state library which serves all of Kansas. There are three divisions: Statewide Services which includes digital books and online resources, References Services which includes legislative research and Talking Books which is based in Wichita and provides audio resources for the visually impaired. Nikki also gave us the opportunity to get signed up for a Kansas eCard which allows holders to digitally access a wealth of audiobooks and research materials. Denise Bennett provided mini cheesecakes and brownies for dessert for the meeting.

## Upcoming Programs

February 8  
Program Chair - Cindy  
Desserts - Ashli

March 8  
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Desserts - Cindy and Bob

## Community Dinner

The next Community Dinner will be on February 1 from 5 until 6:30 PM and the menu will feature a chicken and noodle dinner.

## Ongoing Projects

Serving at the Topeka Rescue Mission  
Reading to preschool and kindergarten students  
Delivering Meals on Wheels each week  
Boy Scouts  
Triangle maintenance.

## Cuddle Blankets

We are off to a slow start on our cuddle blanket production but there appears to be some progress being made in the new year. We are making the blankets for Successful Connections which is a Topeka based non-profit that arranges for one-on-one visits with pregnant women and families with newborns to determine their needs and to connect them with existing agencies who can provide them support. They give out around 500 blankets yearly on their initial visits with the families and say that for many of them it is the only gift or new item they will have for their baby. Blanket tying is a tedious process but it is a good way to fill idle time or to do something productive while watching television. If you find yourself being overwhelmed by so many pieces of felt, reach out for some help. We might even be able to schedule a work time where some of us could get together and build blankets together.



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