

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

The same speaker who cancelled in December cancelled the day before our January meeting but fortunately our own Ashli Salzano is very busy and filled us in on Scouts and Winter Wonderland. Ashli is the volunteer coordinator for Winter Wonderland and is in her second year. She is responsible for ensuring that the front gate is staffed each night and that freshly baked cookies are available for the 36 nights they are open. This season went fairly smoothly with the weather co-operating and the lights staying lit. There were only a couple of evenings when a crew could not completely fulfill their obligation but Ashli's family stepped in to fill the void. Ashli is also involved with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts both of which meet at the church. The Boy Scouts meet on Mondays and they work mostly on skill preparation. The Troop is run by the boys, who make the decisions and do the planning, with input from the leaders. In February there will be Eagle Scout recognition where two scouts, Peter Vincent and Aiden Eisenbarth, will be honored. The club helped Aiden on his Eagle project which was creating an outdoor learning center in the courtyard at Tecumseh North. Peter is being awarded his Eagle posthumously as he passed away in May of last year after a 14 month battle with leukemia. Peter wanted his memorial for cancer research at Children's Mercy Hospital and to date his donors have raised \$60,000.

Eagle candidates must have at least 21 merit badges and the troop will be sponsoring a merit badge conference open to area scouts. An outlaw pinewood derby race is also scheduled. This year's summer camp will be held in St. Louis at S Bar F Ranch. Cub Scout Pack 18 meets on Tuesdays and has 23 active members who have a bit more leader guidance than the older scouts. There will be one Cub crossing over into Boy Scouts. Their pinewood derby will be in March.

Thanks to Debbie for providing cookies and ice cream with chocolate sauce.

Upcoming Programs

February 11 - Diana
Dessert - Regina
March 11 - Debbie
Dessert - Cindy
April 8 - Denise
Dessert - Diana

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

January - Making cuddle blankets

April 18 - Pancake Feed

Volunteer Hours

Kiwanis volunteer hours for the month of December were 120 giving 282 hours since October 1.

Cuddle Blankets

Cuddle blanket making for Childcare Aware is fully underway for the club. Cindy purchased the fleece online since local fabric shops in the area seem to have all vanished. Being an overachiever, she has finished making all of her blankets while the rest of us are apparently savoring the experience a bit more.

Expenses

During December, we provided a donation to the Kiwanis Children's Fund of \$150, to the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation for \$100 and the fleece cost \$274. We also provided an estimated \$350 in school supplies to Tecumseh North and South.

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