

# 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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## June Meeting

Since the church was in use with vacation bible school on the night of our June 12 meeting, it was decided to change locations and have a family picnic at the Tecumseh Park. We got to enjoy the fruits of the labors of our club who initially proposed the idea of a new shelter house and helped with the fund raising efforts. Members brought food and family members and Ken provided the chef skills to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs. Ashli was the program chair and she invited Sarah Carnahan, who is a Program Assessor for Midland Care Meals on Wheels. Many of us are familiar with MOW since we deliver meals for them but it is good to hear the mission and history. They started in 1972 as Mobile Meals and in 2019 became a program of Midland Care. They deliver meals in Shawnee, Jefferson and Douglas counties over 87 routes. They also have 12 congregate dining centers where clients gather to receive a meal and socialize. MOW provides a nutritious meal, a social interaction/safety check, and help their clients stay in their homes longer. About 50% of their funding comes from a state contract that is supplemented with fees that clients pay for meals, along with fundraising and donations. Besides the many volunteers, they have 5 full-time employees in the office, 5 part-time drivers and 8 other part-time helpers.

## Upcoming Programs

July 10	- Regina
Dessert	- Regina
August 14	- Larry
Dessert	- Ashli
September 11	- Regina
Dessert	- Ken

## Reading

Ashli and Larry distributed books to the respective classes to which they read. Ashli reads to pre-school students at Tecumseh North and Larry reads to Mrs. Simpson's kindergarten class at SHES. There were many smiling faces as seen in the picture on the next page. Thanks to the club for providing the students with their own personalized book.

## Santa Fe Band Concert

Please remember next month on July 21 we will be hosting the Santa Fe Band Concert and Ice Cream Social on the cool, shady church grounds.. The band will start playing at 6:30 PM and will not bring any rain with them this year. We ask members to bring two cakes pre-cut and in disposable pans because any unused cakes will be taken to the Topeka Rescue Mission. This is an enjoyable community event. Invite your friends and neighbors.

## Ertl Adventure

We wish Ken and Mary a safe and problem-free vacation as they set off for a 60 day RV tour starting in British Columbia and proceeding to many destinations in Alaska including a jaunt to the Arctic Circle sans RV. It sounds like an adventure of a lifetime.

## Volunteer Hours

For the month of May, we recorded 53 service hours which brought us to a total for the Kiwanis year since October of 889 hours. Keep up the good work.

**Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.**



Mrs. Simpson's Kindergarten class at Shawnee Heights Elementary School



Family picnic at Tecumseh Park