

# 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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## March Meeting

Our March program chair was Denise and she invited Amy Pinger who is responsible for volunteer activities, among other things, at Harvesters. Harvesters is a food bank with locations in Kansas City and Topeka. The Topeka location will soon be relocating to Lawrence because their current building will be demolished in order to make room for the new I-70 bridge in downtown Topeka. The Topeka location currently serves 14 counties in Northeast Kansas by providing food to agency partners who then distribute it to individuals and families. The Kansas City and Topeka distribution centers together partner with 760 different agencies that distribute the food. One of the programs that many of us are familiar with is the Back Snack program that provides weekend food for selected school children. Amy mentioned that they are reducing that program because it is their most expensive program and it only feeds one person when many times the entire family could use food. There is a relatively new program that sets up pantries in schools where parents can pick up food for the family. Amy also brought three dedicated volunteers with her who told us of the benefits they receive by serving others. Dessert was apple pie and ice cream.

## Upcoming Programs

April 10	- Regina
Dessert	- Ashli
May 8	- Cindy
Dessert	- Mary
June 12	- Ashli
Dessert	- Denise

## Pancake Feed

Saturday, April 13, is the day earmarked for our biggest fund-raising activity. We will host the Tecumseh Kiwanis and Troop 18 Pancake Feed and Silent Auction from 7 AM until noon at the church. We will set up on Friday, April 12, starting at 4:30 PM. We are about a month away so please start gathering items for the auction. Each year we ask members to provide at least two items valued at approximately \$25 each. This year member Scott Dial from Tecumseh South is scheduled to flip pancakes on the early shift while Katie Bivens from Tecumseh North will take the later shift. We welcome both of them to show off their pancake flipping skills. Get the word out so that we can have a lot of pancake eaters.

## Volunteer Hours

As of the end of February, we have performed 568 volunteer hours as a group. Some of the volunteer activities in which we were involved in February are Meals on Wheels, Topeka Rescue Mission, reading to youth, Boy Scouts, income tax preparation for seniors, and finishing up some cuddle blankets. Thanks for all that you do.

## Returning Members

We plan on members Ken and Mary to be returning home soon so that we can put them to work on the pancake feed. We have not seen them since December as they escaped the Kansas winter in exchange for a Florida winter.

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