

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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May Meeting

Program Chair Debbie Barr had two guest speakers at our May meeting - Debra Billingsley and Madison DeLuna from CASA of Shawnee County. Debra is the Executive Director and Madison is the Volunteer and Events Coordinator. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates and it is a national organization of volunteers who are appointed by judges to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court and other settings. These children are typically in a foster care situation and range in age from newborn to 17 years. Only 8% of those eligible have a CASA volunteer assigned to them due to a lack of volunteers. It is a commitment that consists of background checks, 30 hours of initial training, 5 to 10 hours per month to investigate the case, write a report, and follow up on the plan. Unlike the social workers, a CASA volunteer only has one or two cases so they can have a much more in depth understanding of the situation and have more contact with the client and family. Mary and Ken provided cake and ice cream for dessert.

Triangle Park

On Tuesday morning, May 9 and again on Saturday, May 13 members of the club spent some time getting the Triangle Park ready for the growing season. We re-grouted the memorial bricks, trimmed bushes and ground cover, planted flowers and spread cedar mulch. Depending on the weather and the number of people who drive through it, it should be good for summer thanks to Ken, Mary, Cindy, Diana, Debbie and Larry.

Dewey Mohler Memorial

The family of Dewey Mohler suggested that memorial donations go to the window fund for the Tecumseh United Methodist Church. The church recently completed Phase II of the project which replaced windows in the upper floor of Fellowship Hall. The third and final phase will replace the bottom windows in both Fellowship Hall and the original church basement. The Tecumseh Kiwanis Club made a \$1,000 donation in Dewey's memory as he was our first president and was instrumental in the success of the club.

Upcoming Programs

June 14
Program Chair - Diana
Desserts - Larry

July 12
Program Chair - Cindy
Desserts - Denise

Community Dinner

The next Community Dinner will be on Wednesday, June 7 from 5 until 6:30 PM. The menu consists of pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, dessert and other goodies.

Southwest Kiwanis Interclub

The Topeka Southwest Kiwanis Club is planning on having an interclub with us at our meeting on June 14.

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