

# 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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## November Meeting

Our November guest speaker, Ann Mah, was introduced by program chair Larry. Ann is a member of the Kansas State Board of Education representing District 4 which includes only Shawnee Heights in Shawnee County along with Osage, Douglas, Franklin, Johnson and Leavenworth county school districts. Ann said that literacy is one of their big pushes and that the State has given \$15 million toward the LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) program which is designed to teach teachers how to teach reading. This is being used in USD 450 with success. It is said that students learn to read through the third grade then read to learn after the third grade. Ann also mentioned an increased push for a financial literacy requirement, possible teacher shortage solutions, mental health pilot programs where students could receive care in school so parents do not have to take them to appointments, technical education in the high schools, Native American history education, nine free college hours earned in high school, and the Promise Scholarship among other things. Diana made homemade apple dumplings topped with ice cream for dessert.

## Upcoming Programs

December 13 - Child Protection Training  
Dessert - Ashli  
January 10 - Ashli  
Dessert - Cindy  
February 14 - Debbie  
Dessert - Cindy

## Lieutenant Governor Visit

Our Kiwanis District Lieutenant Governor, Greg McLaren, visited our November club meeting and sat in on our board meeting where we finalized and approved the 2023-2024 club budget.

## Get Well

We need to send get well wishes to Viola Remington who recently fell and broke her hip and shoulder. We wish her good pain management and a speedy recovery.

Cindy Cooper continues to heal from her broken ankle received during a golfing mishap in the Ozarks. We hope her healing progresses rapidly and we missed her at our meeting.

## Condolences

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Ashli Salzano's father-in-law, Tony Salzano, who died unexpectedly on November 8. We are keeping Ashli's entire family in our thoughts and prayers.

## Bell Ringing

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army this year will be on Saturday, December 9, starting at 10 AM. We will be at the east door of Dillon's at 29th and California.

## Winter Wonderland

We are planning on having a warm evening on Sunday, December 10 to again take tickets and direct traffic at the TARC Winter Wonderland event from 8 until 10 PM. We are partnering with the Southwest Topeka Kiwanis Club this year and they will serve on the 6 until 8 PM shift.

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