

# 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

Program Chair Denise invited Shane Hilton to be our speaker for the November meeting. Shane grew up in the Shawnee Heights area and in addition to being the clerk on the Tecumseh Township board, he is also the chief of police for the Shawnee Heights School District. After retiring from the Topeka Police Department, Shane was hired at USD 450 as their only school resource officer. Currently the force has grown to 3 officers in addition to one deputy provided by the Shawnee County Sheriff. Unfortunately school resource officers have become a fixture on school campuses due to the increase of school shootings. Originally SRO's were used to create a bond between students and the police and that it still a very useful purpose today.

At Shawnee Heights there are over 500 cameras throughout the various buildings and the city has the ability to view those cameras to direct outside resources to the proper areas in case it is ever needed. All schools have buzzer systems at entrances to screen who may enter the buildings. The SRO's receive training from the Sheriff's Department in addition to meeting with SRO's from other area school districts. Students have applications on their tablets or laptops that allow them to anonymously report any questionable behavior.

The SRO's job is not to handle the normal school punishment, which is left to administration, but rather to deal with more serious situations where the law is being broken. We are grateful to have officers like Shane interacting with and protecting our students.

Thanks to Regina for the season appropriate pumpkin pie and chocolate cake for dessert, to an interclub from Downtown Topeka Kiwanis and to Lt. Governor Greg McLaren for his support.

## Trunk or Treat

Plans got changed due to the weather report and the Big Brother/Big Sister Trunk or Treat event was rescheduled from Halloween Eve to Halloween evening. Several members who were planning on attending were not able to due to the day change but we had a great member turnout nevertheless. Thanks to Diana, Debbie, Denise, Cindy, Mary and Ken who were on hand to dole out candy. Also a big thank you to Bob Remington, Ashli, and Larry who provided some candy for the event even though they could not attend. It must have been successful because we ran out of candy but were restocked by BB/BS. The comments were that it was an enjoyable evening and many would be willing to do it again next year. See pictures on the following page.

## Upcoming Activities

Sunday, December 1, from 7:15 PM until close we will be taking tickets at Winter Wonderland.

Saturday, December 7, from 7 AM until 11 AM the Kiwanis Club of Topeka will be having their pancake feed and silent auction at Lowman United Methodist Church.

Saturday, December 7, we will be ringing bells Dillons at 29th and California. 10-12 Diana and Debbie, 12-1 Cindy and Larry, 1-2 Regina and Denise, 2-4 Ken and Mary

For many days to come we will be individually making cuddle blankets for Child Care Aware.

## Upcoming Programs

December 11 - Larry  
Dessert - Larry

January 8 - Ashli  
Dessert - Denise

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