

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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October Meeting

Program chair Ken Ertl introduced Katie Bivens, Principal of Tecumseh North Elementary School. Tecumseh North has 472 students compared to 430 students four years ago. It is also a Title I school with 60% free and reduced lunches and breakfast which brings its own challenges. Tecumseh North is an AVID school which is a program that trains teachers to teach social and academic skills to students who normally would not consider higher education as an option. Katie is a good friend of our club and she even came to work at the pancake feed. Debbie and Diana provided dessert for the meeting.

Kansas Kiwanis Foundation

Greg McLaren, who is a member of Southwest Topeka Kiwanis Club, is also a District board member of the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation. He attended our October meeting to thank us for our club donation and to remind us that the Foundation awards the Kiwanian of the Year, and achievement award and several grants which must be applied for my May 15, 2023.

Upcoming Programs

November 9

Program Chair - Scott Dial
Desserts - Regina and Larry

December 14

Program Chair - Larry McCammon
Desserts - Cindy and Larry

Community Dinner

The next Community Dinner will be on November 2 from 5 until 6:30 PM and the menu will feature a turkey dinner.

Service Project

Members of the club have started on the Tecumseh North Courtyard project to convert the courtyard into an outdoor learning area. So far we have power washed the brick, stained the curb around the center area with blue concrete sealer, hung a ladder and filled many concrete joints and cracks with sealer. On Saturday, October 22, at 9:00 AM we plan to again meet at Tecumseh North and apply grey concrete sealer to the floor of the area. We would like to have a good turnout for this event because it will require some people to cut in around the edges and some to roll the sealer on the main area. The weather forecast looks sunny.

Pancake Feed and Silent Auction

We held our annual pancake feed and silent auction on Saturday, October 15 and had a successful day. The turnout was not exceptional possibly due to other events in the area like the SHHS Band Fall Craft Fair. The figures have not been finalized but we are probably within \$200 of what we took in last year for pancake sales. Last year we had an incredible silent auction because of all of the baskets that were donated. We should have more financial information at our next meeting. We appreciate all of the hard work that our members and volunteers put into this event. We appreciate Scott Dial and his way with kids. It is entertaining to everyone watching him encouraging the little ones to catch with their foam plates the small pancake that he flips to them. We especially thank Ashli Salzano for getting the Boy Scouts to help along with her parents and husband. More hands ease the burden.

Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.

2022-2023 Budget

The Tecumseh Kiwanis Board of Directors met on October 12, 2022, to consider the budget for the upcoming year. The following budget was approved:

Description	Amount
Church - Ice Cream Social	\$100.00
Church - Pancake Feed	\$100.00
Kansas District Foundation	\$100.00
Kiwanis International Foundation	\$150.00
Shawnee Heights Key Club	\$300.00
Kindergarten Books	\$750.00
Oregon Trail Triangle Park Maintenance	\$250.00
Tecumseh North/South Beautification	\$300.00
Tecumseh Community Park	\$250.00
Shawnee Heights Post Prom	\$100.00
Blanket Project	\$400.00
Christmas School Supplies	\$200.00
Discretionary Fund	\$250.00
Total	\$3250.00