TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

October 2026 | Regina Stephenson, President 785-408-0844
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Meeting Second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Tecumseh United Methodist Church

KIWANIS is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.
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October Meeting

Mary Thomas was the invited speaker of Program Chair Larry for our October meeting held on October 14. Mary is the CEO/Executive Director of the Community Resources Council. She has been at CRC since 2013 and was a former Shawnee County Commissioner and a paralegal.

The predecessor group to CRC was formed in 1925. It was interesting to learn that CRC has a mission to help new non-profit organizations get started along with bringing existing non-profits together to facilitate positive change in the community. CRC has three locations which serve as home to several organizations including recently started ones. The locations are Avondale East in the Highland Park Hi -Crest area, Lundgren in Oakland, and Stout around 23rd and College. For instance, we had a speaker from SENT and they are located in the Avondale East building along with the Fellowship Hi-Crest Church. CRC also provides space for free income tax preparation, administers the City of Topeka's utility rebate program along with their property tax refund program and produces data reports concerning the needs of seniors in the county.

CRC Safe Homes is a program that was started in 2017 as a Tenant to Homeowner vehicle. Currently they are concentrating on purchasing homes in the Hi-Crest neighborhood that are in need of repair, spending around $55,000 improving them and then selling them to veterans.

Some other programs at the CRC buildings, known as Care Centers, include community gardens, health clinics, food pantries, infant and child care centers, and mental health services.

We appreciated Mary being with us even though her granddaughter had a concert at Shawnee Heights. She later indicated that she made it on time and it was a wonderful concert.

Debbie provided us with chocolate chip cookies, brownies and ice cream for dessert with enough left to take some home.

Planning Meeting

After our speaker, Regina presided over her first meeting as President and did an admirable job. We spent time going over the 2025-2026 year end budget numbers along with deciding what activities we were planning on doing this Kiwanis year and when. It was decided to have the pancake feed and silent auction on April 17. We would also be happy to make blankets for Child Care Aware again this year if they are in need of them. Last year they told Diana that they had plenty of them but she will check to see if that is still the case. We also plan to participate in the BB/BS Trunk or Treat, gather winter supplies for Tecumseh North and South schools, work the gate at Winter Wonderland and ring bells for the Salvation Army. Other volunteer opportunities would also be considered.

Dues are Due

If you have not already done so, please send your dues check for $140 to Cindy.

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Upcoming Programs

November 11	- Debbie
Dessert	- Diana
December 9	- Diana
Dessert	- Larry
January 13	- Regina
Dessert	- Denise

Service Hours

The Tecumseh Kiwanis Club performed a total of 1170 hours of community service work for the 2025-2026 Kiwanis year.

Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.