

TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

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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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September Program

Program chair Regina Stephenson arranged for Jessica Barraclough, Vice-President of Volunteer Engagement for the United Way of Greater Topeka, to be our speaker for September. Jess let us know that the Topeka United Way and the Douglas County United Way are merging and that they are changing their focus to try to break the two generations of poverty. This will be done with early childhood education to ready kids for kindergarten, on-grade achievement to focus on third grade reading and sixth grade math, financial stability to ensure a more stable home life, and health lifestyles. Regina and Larry provided dessert for the meeting.

Upcoming Programs

October 12
Program Chair - Ken Ertl
Desserts - Debbie and Diana

November 9
Program Chair - Larry McCammon
Desserts - Regina and TBD

Community Dinner

The next Community Dinner will be on October 5 from 5 until 6:30 PM and the menu will feature Chili or Chili Dogs, Corn Bread, Carrot/Celery Sticks, Desserts, and Drinks

Dues are Due

The Kiwanis year starts on October 1 which means that our dues will need to be paid by that date. The amount will remain the same this year at \$105 per year. Please get with Cindy so we can count on your community service work for another year.

Service Project

Tecumseh North Elementary School is in the process of transforming their courtyard into an outdoor learning center and we have the opportunity to help both physically and financially. On Saturday, September 24, we will meet at the south entrance of the school at 9:00 AM to help prepare the space by painting the curb around the flower bed, hanging a ladder and cleaning joints in the concrete and filling them.

A Boy Scout has taken on the project as an Eagle Scout project so it will be his responsibility to plan and implement the transformation of this space to match the wishes of the school board and the Tecumseh North staff.

Our board voted to spend up to \$2,000 toward the project and revisit it later to see if additional funds might be warranted. The first purchase that we will make will be commercial grade umbrellas for the picnic tables.

Pancake Feed and Silent Auction

Our annual pancake feed and silent auction will be held on Saturday, October 15, from 7 AM until noon at the church. This is the event from which we raise the bulk of the money that we use to fund our budget for the year so its success is important. Setting up for the event will happen on Friday, October 14, starting at 4:30 PM and should not take more than an hour. We ask each member to provide two items for the silent auction and Friday would be the best time to bring them. This year it appears that several members will be out of town on the day of the event so we may be short-handed. If you have any friends or family members who would be willing to help out that day, please bring them along, even if it only for a while. Tickets this year will be \$7.00 at the door and \$6.00 in advance. Even if you are not able to attend, we still need auction items so you can help in that way.

Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.

Installation of Officers

Lieutenant Governor LaCretia Porubsky attended the September meeting and inducted the new officers for the 2022-2023 Kiwanis year. They are:

President - Larry McCammon

Vice-president - Mary Ertl

Secretary - Larry McCammon

Treasurer - Cindy Cooper

Board Member - Ashli Salzano

Board Member - Denise Bennett

Board Member - Bob Remington

Board Member - Debbie Barr

Board Member - Diana Halstead

September Activities

Cleaning brick and the floor at Tecumseh North courtyard

Serving at the Topeka Rescue Mission 4th Monday

Delivering Meals on Wheels each Friday

Mowing at Tecumseh Triangle and church

Reading to Kindergarteners

Boy Scouts

Community Dinner

If you have any ideas about additional club service projects we could become involved in that would benefit the community, please let a club officer know.

**TECUMSEH KIWANIS CLUB
PANCAKE FEED
AND
SILENT AUCTION**



SATURDAY, OCT 15, 2022

7 AM-NOON

**TECUMSEH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
334 SE TECUMSEH RD.
TECUMSEH, KS**

**\$7.00 AT THE DOOR
6 yrs and under free**

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and orange juice

OVER 50 SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

**Proceeds benefit KIWANIS children's
and community programs**

Please mask and socially distance as you deem appropriate