

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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September Meeting

Program Chair Diana arranged for Ann Mah, who is the District 4 representative on the Kansas State Board of Education, to speak at our September 11 meeting. Ann is no stranger to our club as she has spoken to us several times about the Board of Education and her former position as State Representative, along with being a judge at our pie contests. This will be her last year on the Board of Education as she has chosen not to seek re-election. She is currently one of 10 members of the Board with each member covering 4 of the 40 Kansas Senate districts. Interestingly this carves Shawnee County into 3 different Board districts. Ann's district covers southern Shawnee County including Shawnee Heights and Auburn-Washburn. Literacy is a big concern of the Board and they funneled federal Covid money into structured literacy including \$15 million for teacher education in a program known as LETRS. Graduation requirements were changed this year by adding STEM, computer science and financial literacy. There is also even more emphasis on career and technical education including some school districts offering career paths in high school including teaching, agriculture, etc. The teacher shortage is a real problem and is being addressed by restricted licenses for those who have experience in a subject but do not have a teaching degree and teacher apprentice programs.

Thanks to Ken who provided brownies and ice cream with much help from Mary.

New Year

Since the Kiwanis year starts in October and ends in September, President Diana is rapidly moving to Past President and making way for Ashli to start her presidential run. We thank Diana for her leadership during the past year and look forward to Ashli's term in office. December 1 has been reserved as our evening to take tickets for Winter Wonderland.

Dues Are Due

Club membership dues will be due by October 1. This year at the convention, Kiwanis International voted to raise dues by \$25. That will cause our dues to increase to \$140 for the year. Please get your dues to Cindy by October 1.

Upcoming Programs

October 9	- Diana
Dessert	- Ken
November 13	- Denise
Dessert	- Regina
December 11	- Larry
Dessert	- Larry

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