

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 Meeting

Program Chair Ashli invited the Director of House Operations for the Topeka Ronald McDonald House, Bobbi Mangas, to speak at our meeting on September 9, 2026. The Ronald McDonald House's mission is to keep families close to their hospitalized children. Located at 825 SW Buchanan Street in Topeka, the house has rooms for 8 families and is available everyday year-round. The house opened on June 15, 1988 and has served over 20,000 families. Most families stay at RMH because they have a child in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, live outside Topeka, and driving back and forth would be a great inconvenience since the average stay is 11 days. Bobbi supervises 15 women who provide 24/7 coverage. Volunteers provide an evening meal which is cooked in the RMH kitchen.

RMH has a yearly fund-raiser that provides about one-third of their operating budget coupled with events at Ravenwood Lodge, Apple Market, a golf tournament, and their pop tab program. Most families are low to moderate income level with less than 25 percent of them being able to afford the requested donation of \$25 per night but no one is turned away because of that.

Thanks to Cindy for the delicious chocolate Trifle dessert.

Also, it was a great treat and surprise to see Bob Remington come down the stairs to the meeting. We miss not having Bob close by anymore and we think of him often. We are very happy that he is going to continue to be a member of Tecumseh Kiwanis.

Kiwanis Officers

Our Tecumseh Kiwanis officers for 2026-2027 are:

President - Regina Stephenson
President Elect - Denise Bennett
Treasurer - Cindy Cooper
Secretary - Larry McCammon
Past President - Diana Halstead

Board of Directors - One Year
Scott Dial
Debbie Barr

Board of Directors - Two Years
Bob Remington
Ashli Salzano

Dues are Due

Since the Kiwanis year starts on October 1, Cindy will need to send our dues to Kiwanis International in early October. International did not raise the dues this year so they will remain at \$140. If you have not already done so, please send your dues to Cindy by October 10.

Upcoming Programs

October 14	- Larry
Dessert	- Debbie
November 11	- Debbie
Dessert	- Diana
December 9	- Diana
Dessert	- Larry

Service Hours

The Tecumseh Kiwanis Club has performed 1090 hours of community service work since October 2025 with 74 hours for August.

Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.