



TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

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Celebrating over 50 years of service

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Meeting every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Tecumseh United Methodist Church

GOVERNOR ATTENDS VALENTINE DINNER



The annual Valentine Dinner held Feb 13, and catered by Sweet Dreams Catering, was both delicious and intimate with fourteen club members and guests attending. Special guests included Kansas Kiwanis Governor, Mary Hammond, and Reva Wywadis, Executive Director of

Gov. Mary Hammond Child Care Aware, also known as ERC Resource and Referral. Gov. Hammond who's home club is Hays Kiwanis Club, commended our club for its many accomplishments and our dedication to community service, calling our club "small but mighty." Ms. Wywadis informed us about the recent change in name and location of her organization and the 33rd annual Designer's Showhouse, completed and open to the public May 4 thru the 26. The Showhouse is a fundraiser benefiting children by supporting high-quality child care options for families. Thanks go to Diana for making all the arrangements and decorations for the dinner.



Ex. Dir. Reva Wywadis

\$500 DONATED TO TRASH MOUNTAIN PROJECT

The Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh has donated \$500 to the Trash Mountain Project. Founded and directed by Topeka native, Brett Durbin and headquartered in Topeka, the project is a ministry targeting people living in giant trash dumps in countries like Honduras, where crime, human trafficking, prostitution and disease are ways of life. The organization has developed a series of

innovative programs assisting trash-dump residents, including aquaponics aimed at providing food for people living in dumps. In aquaponics, Tilapia fish are grown in water tanks. Filtered water from the fish tanks is then used to grow plants in other water tanks attached by pipes. The goal is to help people become nutritionally self-sufficient. A large aquaponics training facility for people from around the world is being built by the Trash Mountain Project near NW62nd and 75 highway in Topeka. For more information visit www.trashmountain.com

SEVEN TO ATTEND KEY CLUB CONVENTION

Six students from Shawnee Heights High School Key Club and their faculty advisor Ms. Kate Harland will attend the 63rd annual Kansas Key Club Convention, March 15-17 at the Wichita Marriott, in Wichita, Ks. The conference is an exploration of the myriad forms and opportunities for community service. Attendees will embark on a personal journey that is fun, educational, motivational, informative, helpful and exploratory! Planned by high school students for high school students, every aspect of the conference is designed to encourage an active interchange of ideas and effective projects that members can take home to their clubs. Speakers, workshops and group activities focus on assisting the self-discovery process. Jessica Hecker, a Junior at Shawnee Heights High School, who is currently serving as Key Club Dist. Lt. Governor, is running for Key Club District Secretary. The Shawnee Heights Key Club, now in its 20th year, is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Tecumseh, and Berryton. Ken Ertl from Tecumseh, and Ed Miller from Berryton are the Key Club advisors from Kiwanis

SERVICE HOURS

President Ken has set a goal of 1,000 service hours for Kiwanis year 2012-2013. Since October 2012 club members have given over 485 hours of service to community and children programs and projects. Service projects range from Meals on Wheels to reading to Kindergarten students.