



TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

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Meeting every Wednesday at 6:30p.m. in the Tecumseh United Methodist Church

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

PROGRAMS

Mar. 05 Chris Korb, TN Principle spoke to us about the impact of the realignment of the elementary school boundaries in the Shawnee Heights School Dist. TN lost 4 students and gained 9 students. Chris reported that the mandatory test scores are the same across the district. All day Kindergarten students are far beyond the 1/2 day kindergarten students, and that all day Kindergarten allows time to give kids individual help.

Mar. 12 Cheryl Reitmeir, Community Emergency Response Team Coordinator for Shawnee County spoke about the need to become a trained volunteer to help with local and out of town emergencies.

Mar. 19 Sharolyn Dugger Exc. Director CASA and Kate Clemmons, Resource Development Director of CASA, spoke of the important roll the CASA or Court appointed Special Advocate program is in the protection and advocacy for at risk children and youth, in Shawnee County.

Mar. 26 Barbara Lundquist, Director of the Volunteer Center of Topeka said that people volunteer because they have a need to help. Ms. Lundquist stated that Kansas ranks number 5 in the nation for volunteerism, and that the average "hourly wage" of a volunteer is \$18.77.

KIWANIS ONE DAY

On April 5th from 10am until 2pm members of Division 11 will participate in a Kiwanis One Day service project at the Alpha Christian Children's Home, located at 15017 27th Street, Perry, KS. The home needs volunteers to do painting and make repairs around the home. If you would like to help with this project see **Herb**.

Congratulations to Piet and Dottie Knetsch who have purchased their first home. According to Dottie, the home sits on 3 acres with woods, has two bedrooms and a large basement. It sounds perfect!

INTER CLUB REPORT

Inter club Chairman **Herb Whitlow** reports the following inter clubs:

March 08 Maple Hill Bob Pollom, Jack Crispin and Herb attended.

March 10 Osage City Bob Remington, Bob Pollom and Herb attended.

Thanks to **Herb** for keeping our club connected, and thanks to all of you who participated.

SERVICE HOURS

Our club members are very giving of their time and talents to help in the community. Since October 2007, club members have given **541** hours of service to various projects. We are over half way to our club goal of 1,000 hours of service, set by Pres. Ken and the board. Remember to record your service hours weekly, and keep up the good works

PROGRAM CHAIRS

Apr. 02	Piet Knetsch
Apr. 09	Tom Martin
Apr. 16	Larry McCammon
Apr. 23	Rob McCune- Dist. Attorney
	Robert Hecht will speak.
Apr. 30	Open
May 07	Dewey Mohler
May 14	Bob Pollom
May 21	Don Proper
May 28	Bob Remington

Our goal is to have a speaker at every meeting. If you need help finding a program, please call Elaine Toland at 379-9558

Just a Reminder, please continue to bring newborn diapers and baby wipes for our ongoing Young Children Priority One Project. To date 868 diapers and 1,311 wipes have been donated Shawnee County Healthy Start Home Visitor program.