



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.

APPLE FESTIVAL AT OLD PRAIRIE TOWN

Old Prairie Town is a unique park located in the Potwin area of Topeka. Formally known as Ward-Meade Park, this park is a replica of an 1800's town, complete with a one room school house, drug store, church, train depot and the Ward-Meade homestead. The park is the site of the Apple Festival, held the first Sunday in October and features live music, vendors, and much more. With the help of the Shawnee Heights Key Club, Tecumseh Kiwanis members Ken Ertl, Diana Halstead, Larry McCammon, Tom Sirridge, and Bob Remington, sold tickets and took admission at the two gates into the park. The event was very well attended as it was a lovely fall day.

READING IS FUN

Tuesday mornings, before school starts, club members are reading books to kindergarten students at Tecumseh North and Tecumseh South Elementary Schools. There are three Kindergarten classes at Tecumseh North and at Tecumseh South, with approximately 15 students per class. Club members participating in this program are Howard Hildenbrand, Larry McCammon, and Mary Ertl at Tecumseh North, Cindy Cooper, Ken Ertl, and Elaine Toland at Tecumseh South. Herb Whitlow, and Bob Remington are available to substitute as needed. The kids and teachers appreciate having us in the classroom.

US HIGHWAY 40 LITTER PICK UP

Three times a year, club members collect trash along both sides of three miles of Highway 40. The litter pick up is part of the "Adopt a Highway" program. The Kansas Department of Transportation provides the litter bags and bag collection, and club members provide the clean up crew. On Saturday October 10 crew members included Diana Halstead Larry McCammon, Dewey Mohler, Mike Sullivan, and Bob Remington. It took club members 1 1/2 hours each to complete the job.

Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people.
Harry Emerson Fosdick

PANCAKES EVERYONE!

October 31 was a great day for our club's annual Pancake Feed and Silent Auction. All club members were on deck to help serve, over 400 people, who ate their fill of pancakes, sausages, and eggs from 7am until noon. The ever efficient, ever organized Larry McCammon made sure the Pancake Feed came off without a hitch. David Kroenkes' donated handcrafted game table was the center piece of our Silent Auction. The table brought a lot of attention from bidders. Through the generous support from our community, the Pancake Feed and Silent Auction raised over \$3,000, which will be used to fund children's and community projects. Every one involved in this event deserves a pat on the back.

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS KEY CLUB NEWS

SHHS Key Club sponsor Ken Ertl informed us that the Key Club at Shawnee Heights High School Key is off and running. Ken reports good attendance at club meetings and effective leadership by the officers. The Key Club will participate in a KTWU pledge drive during December.

INTERCLUB REPORT

Interclubs are a way for all Kiwanis members in the division, the district and internationally to fellowship, build business connections and make new friends. Bob Remington, Interclub Chair, reports these interclubs for the month of October:

10/03/09 Topeka Southwest Pancake Day
10/15/09 Berryton -Herb, Bob R., Mike, and Rob
10/19/09 Topeka Downtown-Elaine, Tom, and Larry
Clubs attending our Pancake Feed and Silent Auction
10/31/09 Topeka Downtown -7
Berryton -8
Topeka Southwest -4
North Topeka -6

Thanks to Bob Remington who keeps our club members traveling, and thanks to all who traveled.

