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Today's Meeting News

• Hosts

- **Greeters**
 - Ron Wimple
 - Ron Publiski
- **Presiding Officer**
 - Susan Gilmore
- **Reporter**
 - Anne Walker
- **Photographer**
 - Dick McLaughlin
- **Publisher**
 - Dick McLaughlin
- **Invocation**
 - Sharon Hawley

• Announcements

- There won't be a meeting on Dec 24th. The Dec 31st meeting at 7 a.m. will be a Board meeting vs a regular meeting. Coffee and donuts will be served. Our next regular meeting will be Jan 7th.
- The **Kiwanis Scholarship Express** is scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 12th, at THS from 2-4 pm. Susan Gilmore needs 10 Kiwanis members to volunteer to help staff this event. Please sign-up or connect with Susan by e-mail or phone if you can help.
- Our next TCA **Travel and Adventure** program is scheduled for Jan 14th. Ron Wimple circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sign up to host and MC this event.



Ron Wimple is Looking for Travel and Adventure Helpers.

- **Adopt- A-Family** will take place this Friday Dec 20th and Sat. Dec 21st at the Masonic Temple and in First Methodist Church Fellowship hall. Lana Archer recirculated the sign-up sheet for volunteers to help set-up Friday at the Masonic Temple from 6-8 and Sat. 8:30 til done for distribution. Gifts can be dropped off at the church Friday from 2-8 pm.



- o Dick Feight thanked the members and spouses who helped with the **Porter Center Christmas Party** on the 4th. He estimated that there were 188 staff and students present and a total of between 250-275 people in attendance between family, guest and Kiwanis members. The kids loved Santa and his elf again and per the great jolly one, were especially well behaved.



- o Susan Gilmore circulated two Thank You notes from Hospice of Lenawee and the Alzheimer's

group our club has supported.

- o Jack Beach happily reported that all the nuts are out in the community (**Kiwanis gourmet nuts**). If members need anymore, please check at Martin's (still have 6 cases in their back room) or The British Pantry or Jerry's.



Jack Beach Announces Sell Out of Nuts.

- o Mary Bruno drew attention to the ad that appeared in the Herald "**Give a helping hand, Give a Gift that Gives Twice**" opportunity. Purchase a \$50 gift certificate for a one hour massage and the therapists involved will donate the proceeds to your choice of Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh, Hospice of Lenawee or Salvation Army of Lenawee. Contact Mary at 517-442-8895 to purchase your voucher by Jan 10th. The vouchers need to be redeemed by June 27th, 2014.



Mary Bruno Publicizes Massage for Charity.

- o Wendy Brys brought greeting cards she has acquired from years of working for American Greeting cards for members to write a note to Pat Bowles, a gal from Clinton who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer. This was in response to a Letter to the Editor in the Herald last week from her husband requesting people to send cards to Pat, which is all she wanted. The cards were completed and will be bulk mailed.



Wendy Brys Had Cards for Us to Sign.

- o Spencer Ruffner announced that the Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce **Business of the Week** - David's Pre-Owned Cars in Clinton - Jake Bernard owner.



Spencer Ruffner Announces Chamber Business of the Week.

• Seniors of the Month

Chuck Gehrke introduced our Kiwanis Seniors of the Month: Morgan Monahan and Ben Shaw.

Morgan Monahan is a Senior at Tecumseh High. She is a Varsity Softball and Basketball player and was a member of the 2013 THS Division III State Championship Softball team. She is also a member of NHS, Key Club, SADD, and is President of the Varsity Club as well as a Link Crew member. Morgan has received Excellence Awards for Honor Roll, Scholar Athlete, Student of the Month, Department Awards and recognition from the Society of Women Engineers. She is planning on attending either Grand Valley State University or the University of Toledo next fall. She hasn't decided on a major but thinks it will be in the medical field.

Ben Shaw is a Senior at Tecumseh High. He was Captain of this year's Cross Country team, runs track, is a member of NHS, a 2-year member of Key Club, Treasurer of SADD, is publicist for the Math Club, served on the Prom and Float Committees and is a Link Crew Leader. His favorite leisure activities are swimming, running, being outside and building things. He has earned 4 varsity letters, 3 academic letters and been the Business Department's Student of the Month. He plans to attend the University of Cincinnati in the fall to study Architectural Engineering.



Seniors of the Month Ben Shaw and Morgan Monahan.

• 50/50 Drawing

\$12.00 in the pot carried over (Ron Wisner's number drawn).

Note - Starting in January the 50/50 drawing will change from member numbers to purchasing raffle tickets, so the weekly pot will be no longer be carried over from meeting to meeting.

• Fine Session

Fine Master Gayle Hazelbaker entertained and stumped us with a game of Anagrams she created using members names. Very clever. Did you guess that the one in the picture below is "Lana Archer"?



Fine Master Gayle Hazelbaker Tests Us with Anagrams.

Special Fines and Happy Dollars

- George Eidson was delighted to pay a Happy Dollar for receiving some peanut brittle from Jack Beach, but he was sad for the feckless Lions in their game against the Ravens.



George Eidson Has Happy and Sad News.

- Mary Bruno paid a dollar in celebration of her son's coming home for 10 days at Christmas.



Mary Bruno Is Happy for Son's Visit.

- Anne Walker paid a happy dollar for a great weekend in Cleveland with daughter, granddaughters, for enjoying hearing son-in-law Craig perform with the Burning River Brass, and for enjoying the great performance of White Christmas at the Crosswell in Adrian.



Anne Walker Has a Happy Dollar for Trip and Show.

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jody Howard celebrates her birthday on January 4th.



Birthday Girl Jody Howard.

Mike and Judy McAran celebrate their 48th anniversary Dec 30th. Amazing!



Anniversary Celebrant Mike McAran.

• Program

Our guest speaker today was Tim Vannater, spokesman for the Fans of Tecumseh Baseball and Softball. Tim was Vice-President for many years with the Tecumseh Little League, and was one of many people who helped build the ball field complex at Mitchell Park. He was also instrumental in helping get the Concession stand at THS built.

Tim was approached in 2011 by then Athletic Director Griff Mills about what would be necessary to build a baseball and softball field at the high school. This question was in response to 25 games that were postponed or cancelled due to weather and especially flooding on the fields which are adjacent to Evans Creek. He happened to drive by and saw his son (a freshman) heading over to the ball field at Zorn Park on Russell Rd for practice. He was jogging the 1 ½ mile distance to practice carrying his school backpack and bat bag, and decided something needed to be done.

Fans of Tecumseh Baseball and Softball was formed in the winter of 2012. A group of approximately 5 people dedicated to raising funds, volunteer work and building minimum practice baseball and softball fields at THS. Fundraising has been done through many means: raffles, corporate donations, personal donations, and organizational donations and to date their have raised \$35,000 through these efforts.

The project has also received approximately \$30,000 worth of donations in kind and services from: F & S Landscaping, Slusarski Excavating, Tecumseh Plywood, Bashaw Painting, Radant Electric, Eldridge Fencing, Ganun Irrigation, Stratton Landscaping.

To date the following has been completed on the baseball field by 40 volunteers: infield and outfield seeding, infield irrigation, side fencing, outfield fencing, infield cut out, bases and plates. What remains on the baseball field for phase I is outfield irrigation and infield playing surface.

To date the following has been completed on the softball field: several hundred yards of fill dirt has been hauled in and the ground leveled, rocks have been cleared and the area surrounding the field seeded. The infield cut out has been done. The backstop poles and net have been donated and will be installed in the spring. Funding will be worked on for side and outfield fencing as well as the infield surface.

Thanks again to Kiwanis for the generous donation of \$1,500. The money will be used for baseball field irrigation. If you are interested in making a personal contribution, [CLICK HERE](#) for details.



Guest Speaker Tim Vannatter.

• Future Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Note Taker	Greeters	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
December 24th	No Meeting					
December 31st	Board & Round Table Meeting					
January 7th	Jack Beach	TBA	TBA	TBA	George Eidson	Surprise!
January 14th	Lana Archer	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	



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