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Today's Meeting News

• Hosts

- **Greeters**
 - Dick McLaughlin
 - Wendy Brys
- **Presiding Officer**
 - Susan Gilmore
- **Reporter**
 - Lana Archer
- **Photographer**
 - Dick McLaughlin
- **Publisher**
 - Dick McLaughlin
- **Invocation**
 - Carlton Cook

• Announcements

- Spencer Ruffner announced that the Tecumseh High School Robotics Club, the Cobalt Commanders, were a part of the winning team in the recent district competition. He thanked Kiwanis for the support they provided.



Spencer Ruffner Displays Robotics Trophy.

- Ron Wimple announced that the last of the Travel and Adventure programs for the season is coming up next week. They will be showing the Wildlife of Yellowstone. He asked that workers be at the TCA by 6:45 PM on Tuesday.



Ron Wimple Announces Final Travel and Adventure Program.

- Wendy Brys announced that there will be a "Celebrate Tecumseh!" open house on April 16th. She Jody Howard will be at a Kiwanis table 5:00 - 8:00 PM that day passing out information and answering questions about Kiwanis. If anyone would like to help, please contact Wendy. If you have any pictures from Kiwanis activities, she would like to get copies; she will return your originals.
- May 6th we will be celebrating Membership Day at our meeting. More details will follow.
- Cal Tuttle thanked Patti Glotfelty for bringing in a metal detector for the Flag Service Committee to use in locating flag sleeves. Cal is looking for help this Saturday in locating and marking flag sleeves before the grass gets to growing. If you can help, call Cal.



Cal Tuttle Looks for Help Marking Flag Locations.

- Doug Bird announced a Past Presidents Meeting immediately following this morning's regular meeting.
- Lana Archer scheduled the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for Saturday, April 26th. We will meet at the Community Center tennis courts at 9:00 AM. She will be circulating a sign-up sheet again next week.



Lana Archer Announces Adopt-A-Highway.

- Spencer Ruffner announced that Paws 4 Grooming is this week's Chamber of Commerce Business of the Week.
- In recognition of the opening of baseball season, we wrapped up our meeting today with the group's rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

• 50/50 Drawing

The pot was up to \$27, but Ken DeRemer was not in the pot when his number was called. Thanks, Ken, for rolling the pot over to next week!

• Fine Session

Fine Master Beth Noden had March Madness questions for us this morning. Did you know that teams from the same conference have met in the championship game of the Final Four only three times? Or that the first Final Four was held in Seattle in 1952?



Fine Master Beth Noden and Collector Ron Publiski.

Special Fines and Happy Dollars

- Spencer Ruffner had a Happy Dollar for the success of the Cobalt Commanders in the district competition.



Spencer Ruffner Has a Happy Dollar for Cobalt Commanders Team.

- Anne Walker had a Happy Dollar for George Eidson's front page write up in the Tecumseh Herald as Rolling Reader, and a thank you to him for mentioning Kiwanis as how he found out about the program.



Anne Walker Has a Happy Dollar for George Eidson's Front Page Write Up.

- Tom Meyer had a Happy Dollar for George as well for his popularity among the children to whom he reads.
- Nick Handler had a Happy Dollar to be back at Kiwanis. He thanked everyone for their cards and prayers. Keep up the good recovery, Nick!



Nick Handler Returns to Kiwanis.

. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Julie LoMonaco has a birthday coming up on April 7th, but she was not at the meeting this morning. Tell her "Happy Birthday" if you see her.

• Program

Mike McAran introduced today's speaker Kevin Welch, Tecumseh City Manager. Kevin will be celebrating 10 years as City Manager this year.

Rather than the usual state of the city talk, the contents of which would only repeat information that has already been in the papers, Kevin decided to talk about some of what might be little know facts about the way that Tecumseh is governed, the sources of its revenues and how it spends its money.

Tecumseh was chartered as a city in 1954 when its residents approved its charter. It is a council-manager form of government. The day-to-day operations of the city are directed by the city manager under the supervision of the council. The mayor presides over the council meetings, but has no decision making power independent of the council.

Tecumseh's population in the last census (2010) was 8,521, down slightly from previous levels. It has 45 miles of streets, 88 miles of water and sewer pipes, and the storm and sanitary sewers are two completely independent systems. It pumps approximately 385 million gallons of water a year from seven wells. It processes roughly 300 million gallons of sewage per year and returns the outflow to the River Raisin cleaner than the river water itself.

Tecumseh's annual revenue is \$12,687,113 from all sources. Only about 40% of the revenue is from taxes. The rest comes from many sources, including sewer and water fees. Expenses this year will be \$11,853,162 with the police depart being the biggest single budget item.

Much of the information about the city is now online. Information about property and taxes, for example, is available through the city web site. In general, it is a good place to look for anything you need to know about Tecumseh. The "Pure Michigan" campaign has led to an increase in access to the web site from outside the city.



Guest Speaker City Manager Kevin Welch.

• Future Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Note Taker	Greeters	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
April 8th	Doug Bird	Ron Wimple David Stimpson	Wendy Brys	Doug Bird	Anne Walker	Meals on Us - Barb Callis
April 15th	Anne Walker	John Barnhart John Bartram	Jerry Wolf	Terry Lighthall	Kelly Coffin	Celebrate Tecumseh! - Angel Mensing
April 22nd	Carlton Cook	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
April 29th	Julie LoMonaco	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA



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