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Today's Meeting News

• Hosts

○ Greeters

- Lana Archer



Greeter Lana Archer

- Wendy Brys



Greeter Wendy Brys

○ Presiding Officer

- Jody Howard

○ Reporter

- Sharon Hawley
- **Photographer**
 - Spencer Ruffner
- **Publisher**
 - Spencer Ruffner
 - Lana Archer
- **Invocation**
 - Wendy Brys
- **Song Leader**
 - Anne Walker
 - Dan Meikle



Song leader Dan Meikle finishing playing a song, and standing to say The Pledge of Allegiance

• Guests



Adrian Kiwanian Howard Pennington

Howard Pennington from Adrian Kiwanis and Seniors of the Month: Kody McCrate and Kelsey Hammer.

• Seniors of the Month





Seniors of the Month Kody McCrate and Kelsey Hammer

Kody McCrate and Kelsey Hammer. Chuck Gehrke presented our students of the month with their certificates. Both students are very busy and academically involved with AP and Honors classes.

• Announcements



Jody Howard

- **Presidents Announcement:** Christmas cards from Cambrian and Lenawee County Mission and letters from United Way and Hospice were acknowledged and passed around.
- We will have a meeting on December 23 but there will be no meeting on December 30th. A board meeting will be announced by email. Our regular schedule resumes in January
- President Jody attended the Tecumseh City Council meeting and was presented a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing Kiwanis for our various programs involving Kiwanis Park. Jody read the honor and passed copies around for members to enjoy!
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Ron Publiski

Ron Publiski passed around Thank You notes from Sutton Elementary 3rd graders for the dictionaries they received. He also reminded members that he has gourmet nuts available.



Dick Feight

Dick Feight thanked the 24 Kiwanis members and 2 helpers and new elf, Megan Porter, for the Porter Center Christmas Party attended by 140 students and 47 staff.



George Eidson

George Eidson announced we raised \$2,170.43 during the Salvation Army bell ringing by 29 members. The amount was more than we had raised in the 6 previous years.



Doug Bird

- Doug Bird proposed the addition of Kiwanis name on the front of the blue vests. Members voted to use Tecumseh Kiwanis rather than T Town Kiwanis. Members may purchase vests for \$20.00 and a sign up envelope was passed around.



Wendy Brys

- Wendy Brys, on behalf of Young Children Priority One, reported on her visit to Tecumseh Preschool to deliver hats and mittens and discussion of possible future partnership with the preschool
- Wendy Brys announced a Christmas envelope and card being circulated for our caterer Lisa. And reminded members we have a facebook page where she posts pictures and information about Tecumseh Kiwanis.





Lana Archer

Lana Archer reminded members of Tecumseh Service Club distribution on Friday December 19 and Saturday December 20.

○ **Chamber of Commerce Member of the Week:**



Spencer Ruffner

Spencer Ruffner announced this week's Chamber of Commerce member of the week is Mary Leathers of Foundation Realty.

• **50/50 Drawing**

\$20.50 in the pot. Robert Stross number was picked ...not in the pot. Thanks Robert.

• **Fine Session**





Anne Walker

Finemaster, Anne Walker quizzed us on Christmas Carols, and King Wenceslas, Wassailing and What Child is This.

Special Fines and Happy Dollars



Wendy Brys

Wendy Brys thank you to Beth Noden for bringing 20 boxes of pasta. Still in need of colorful or character Band Aids.



Susan Gilmore

Susan Gilmore announced a College Coffee House being held Monday December 22 from 8PM to 2AM at Tecumseh United Methodist Church.

- Spencer Ruffner thanked Howard Pennington for bringing him cheese. And paid another dollar for getting his first deer, although it was with his vehicle, on his way to pick up his pizza purchase at Marco's Pizza to benefit ENLIST at Monroe Bank and Trust. The deer is already processed and in the freezer and the vehicle can be repaired.

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

None this week.

• Program



Doug Bird

Doug Bird presented an informational program about the history of the Douglas W. Bird Memorial Park which is the 2nd largest park in the City of Tecumseh. Doug handed out an informational flier (see flyer information below). Doug thanked the many Kiwanis members for their efforts most recently in expanding the walking trail extension. The City, Community and Schools are working together to improve the park. Directional signs are being pursued for placement in the park.

City of Tecumseh
Douglas W Bird Memorial Park
Dedicated September 19, 1995

The City's second largest park at the present, at 23.7 ackers including Evans Creek, was first developed by the Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh in the early 1960's. Prior to that, it had been privately owned. In 1961 it was traded to the City by Dr. Carlton Cook for the property east of the hospital for Building his practice office. In 1960 the current N Maumee Street bridge was installed.

For the three year period 1962-64 the Kiwanis members cleared stumps, cut away brush, installed tables, grills, a log bridge, railroad tie steps, swings and a slide. Periodically Kiwanis family picnics were held as work progressed over the years.

In late 1972 and the following spring of '73, the club made plans for improvements in memory of Douglas W Bird, a Kiwanian President who died suddenly in office on September 9, 1972. A children's climbing apparatus, new swings, new picnic tables and grills were added as a result of memorials and club funds.

Renewed interest in park improvements came with the Kiwanis International 75th Anniversary in 1990. The club chose as its specials project this park. With a reolution before Tecumseh's City Council on October 16,1989, a name change was approved to the "Douglas W Bird Kiwanis memorial Park". Kiwanis is grateful for the recognition of a person who had a tremedous impact on the club, and also for memorializing all local decreased Kiwanians.

Phase I improvements, finished in 1991; included several picnic sites, large play equipment, plantings and a new handicap access on the north side. The club outlined a 1989-90 specific spending totaling \$6,200 for park improvements; and for the need for maintaining quality green areas in the city for all to use, enjoy and benefit from. \$4,000 was allocated from the City's park budget for engineering plus \$3,800 of in-kind donations. A matching funds grant for \$15,211 was received from the DNR in Lansing. The total Phase I investment was \$25,411 and over 75 man hours from the club in cleaning and trimming the park.

Leading up to Phase II implementation in the spring of 1995, the Kiwanis Club continued to accumulate funds from various projects. Members envisioned completing: a new pedestrian bridge over Evans Creek, walkwaylighting, additional plantings including over 2,500 dafodils and finishing the asphalt walkway on the south side.

Tecumseh Kiwanis and an anonymous donor combined in Phase II to invest in the park on a matching funds basis of \$27,339 each. The donor went on to also fund the lighting of \$11,200. This Phase II totals \$65,898; for a grand total of \$91,309 since 1989.

The parks and Recreation Department handles the ongoing maintenance and the day to day details. Kiwanis is proud of our partnership with the City of Tecumseh, to continue nurturing a great community asset that everyone can enjoy. Club members are also proud of the parks as a Memorial to and in recognition of deceased kiwanians who have served the Tecumseh community well.

• Future Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Note Taker	Greeters		Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
December 23	Julie LoMonaco	Chuck Gehrke	Tom Meyer	Mary Bruno	Mike Becker	Cathi King	Christmas Presentation
December 30- no meeting	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
January 6	Mike McAran	Bill Baker	Cal Tuttle	Jerry Wolf	John Barnhart	Mike McAran	TBA
January 13	Chuck Gehrke	Carlton Cook	Dick Feight	Cathi King	George Eidson	Spencer Ruffner	Lenawee Community Ambulance - Joyce Williams
January 20	Anne Walker	John Deming	Ruth Deming	Chuck Gehrke	Wendy Brys	Wendy Brys	District--100 Years Celebration

