

Kiwanis

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Tecumseh, Michigan, U.S.A.

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Today's Meeting News

• Hosts

- **Greeters**
 - Jeff Seitz
 - Lance Ness
- **Presiding Officer**
 - Jody Howard
- **Reporter**
 - Beth Noden
- **Photographer**
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- **Publisher**
 - Spencer Ruffner
 - Lana Archer
- **Invocation**
 - Ron Publisky
- **Song Leader**
 - America with Dan Meikle at the piano

• President's Announcements

- Adopt A Highway is Saturday, April 11. Meet at 9 AM at the tennis courts by the mill pond. Wear waterproof footwear and bring your own gloves. Water and donuts furnished.

Tuesday, May 12 there will be no AM business meeting. We will participate in a Community Shower for Mott's Children's Hospital at 7 PM that evening.

Kiwanis One Day will be Saturday April 18 at Sutton School from 9 AM to 11 AM. We will assemble two 3 x 5 raised garden beds. A sign-up sheet is being circulated.

April 16 is Celebrate Tecumseh. A sign-up sheet is being circulated.

• Announcements

- Ron Wimple: The next Travel and Adventure is "African Safari". Next year is all planned.

Wendy Brys: Thursday, April 16 we will participate in Celebrate Tecumseh. Sign up for 1 hour shifts between 4-8 PM.

Beth Noden announced on May 5 our program will be representatives from MIS. Bring your family and friends that will be working with us to hear this very informative presentation.

Susan Gilmore striped Cathi King's badge of 12 meetings, board meeting and project.

Susan Gilmore introduced Gayle Hazelbaker and Wendy Brys who presented a less than 3 minute elevator speech to promote Kiwanis. April is membership month for Kiwanis.

• **50/50 Drawing**

\$6.50 Pot rolls over since Ken Boyd wasn't in this week. Thanks Ken.

• **Fine Session**

Fine Master

Today's finemaster was George Eidson who provided us with information regarding Monarch butterflies. We didn't have to pay until he provided us with information that we did not already know. Most of us had to pay almost immediately. Brian Callaghan sure must know a lot about Monarchs since it took him a long time to put in his dollar. A few interesting pieces of information: If the temperature is below 55 degrees Monarch's can't fly, the best temperature for flying is 85-100 degrees; they fly between 12-30 miles per hour; in 4 hours after birth their wings double in size; of the 4 varieties of milkweed (a food source for Monarchs) 3 carry a deadly virus.

Special Fines and Happy Dollars

Ron Publiski reported Nick Handler is doing better and was out for the first time since November. Nick enjoys hearing from people, you may send him a note or maybe even a joke, his email address is: nickhandler@comcast.net.

Jeff Seitz invited members to an April 23 free seminar on flood insurance presented by Monroe Bank and Trust. The seminar will be held at the TCA with a 7:30 breakfast.

• **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Anne Walker celebrates a birthday on April 8 and Ron and Sharon Wimple will celebrate an anniversary on April 13th.

• **Program**

Trails Edge Camp - a camp for ventilator dependent children presented by Jeff Bradley and Matt Baginski who are both Pediatric Respiratory Therapists with C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital.

About half of the kids attending camp are always dependent on ventilators and the other half only need ventilators at night.

The camp is now a 501c3 corporation. Camp volunteers generate most of the funds to operate the camp. The camp is staffed 24 hours a day during

the week of camp. Camp is in its 26th year.

30 years ago a child on a ventilator could not go home. Now ventilators are much smaller and more portable.

The camp started with 6 kids and now has 32 campers. The camp is held at Fowler Center in Mayville. There is a need for 130 volunteers to run the weeklong camp. Campers require a minimum of 2 people. It is exhausting but rewarding.

There is no cost to campers. A few years ago a special tree house was built for the campers. Campers also go horseback riding, fishing and swimming.

Parents do not attend camp. 80-90% of campers are in wheelchairs. When kids reach the age of 18 they can no longer attend. It costs \$60,000 for the week of camp.

This camp was the first in the country, there are now 6 camps in the country.

• Future Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Note Taker	Greeters	Greeters	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
April 14	Chuck Gehrke	Tom Meyer	Kelly Coffin	Chuck Gehrke	Beth Noden	Kelly Coffin	Angel Mensing--Celebrate Tecumseh!
April 21	Kelly Coffin			Mike McAran	Megan Porter	Mike McAran	Scott Merillat--Proposal 1
April 28					Doug Bird	Anne Walker	Tecumseh Acres Fun Run
May 5	Susan Gilmore					Beth Noden	MIS



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