

Kiwanis

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Tecumseh, Michigan, U.S.A.

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Today's Meeting News

• Hosts

◦ Greeter



■ Greeter Susan Gilmore

- **Presiding Officer**
 - Mike McAran
- **Reporter**
 - Susan Gilmore
- **Photographer**
 - Spencer Ruffner
- **Publisher**
 - Spencer Ruffner
 - Lana Archer
- **Invocation**
 - Chuck Gehrke
- **Song Leader**
- Carlton Cook with Dan Meikle at the piano

- **Seniors of the Month:** Sarah Darling with her mom Sharon and Karman Wilford with her mom Debbie.
- **President Announcements**



○ **President Mike McAran**

A banquet celebrating our 60th anniversary will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at 7 PM. By majority vote the event will be at the Lenawee Country Club. Mark your calendars!!! the Governor and Lt. Governor and all Kiwanis clubs in our District will be invited.



Seniors of the Month presentation



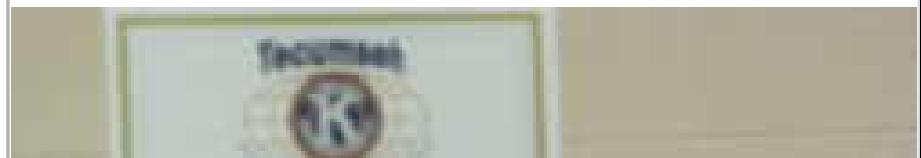
Left: Karman Wilford, Right: Sarah Darling

• Announcements

- **Spencer Ruffner announced the Chamber of Commerce member of the week: Sal's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria.**



Ron Publiski announce we still have 27 cases of nuts left.





Megan Porter has created a new poster to advertise them for graduation. Members are asked to help sell the rest of our inventory.



Beth Noden announced a Fellowship evening on Wednesday, March 23 at 6pm at Salsarias in Tecumseh.

o **Highlights of Kiwanis Own:** Spencer Ruffner





Spencer Ruffner

- Born October 22, 1951 age 64

Raised Catholic in Wyandotte, Michigan

Went to Catholic school from 3rd grade to 7th grade.

Went to Roosevelt High School graduated in 1970

Drafted in the Army lottery number 19.

I was assigned to be a Combat Engineer.

Did not like anything about going to war especially Vietnam. But always did the best that I could do.

Scored 500 out of 500 on the PT test at the end of basic training. Trained as demolation expert and was a marksman with the M16 rifle.

After completing basic training, I went for specialized training as a Combat Engineer. As the war / conflict in Vietnam was ending, instead of going to Vietnam the reason for the draft, I was stationed in Hanau Germany and assigned to a Transportation and floating Bridge building company. I work as a machinist and drove a boat when building the floating bridge.

Got married young and lived off post in Germany.

Made rank of Specialist rank E-4 – could not get E-5 (sargent) unless I re-inlisted for at least 3 more years.

Since the Conflict ended in Vietnam, military offered 6 month early out if you had a job arranged. So I call a former employer and had a job as a semitrailer repairman waiting for me so I got out of the service after serving only 18 month and returned home.

In my first marriage we had planned family with a boy Barry and 4 years later a girl Rebecca.

Work in various occupations from recreation travel trailer repair and installing trailer hitches on cars and preparing new travel trailers.

Worked as a auto mechanic until the auto market down turn in late 1970s. Got a job as an apprentice millwright- electrician at a stamping plant in Wyandotte, Michigan. Obtained Journeyman Millwright Card and went to Henry Ford Community college for an electrician tradesman and obtained a Associated Degree. I obtained State of Michigan Electrician licence. I later went to Eastern Michigan University for a couple of years but did not get a bachelor's degree.

I went to work for 3M Company in Wayne Michigan. Worked in as a tradesman and moved into salary position as a Maintenance Supervisor and developed into doing project engineer work as work there for 10 years.

3M closed the plant in Wayne so I interview across the nation and obtained a job at 3M center in Minnesota but chose to separate from 3M as I received a job offer as a Maintenance Engineer at Wacker -Staufer Company here in Lenawee.

Moved into Lenawee county and married Julie Hewlett 20 years ago. I refused to change my last name. We met at Clinton United Methodist Church where we both attended. She has a Daughter named Rebecca.

After Julie's Rebecca went off to College, Julie got empty nest syndrome and we are now blessed to have an 18 year old boy Garrett as a senior at THS.

I retired as a project engineer at Wacker Chemical Corporation after 26 years.

Not willing to take my final adviser stated that I can retire and do not need the income. I looked at buying an automotive machine shop but this is a declining business. So I found a job working as a Robot Specialist at Glov Enterprises (Tecumseh Thermo Plastic Co.).

So we have 4 children two Girls named Rebecca and two boys Barry and Garrett. We have 4 grand children. Three with Rebecca Meyers Julie's daughter in Saline Michigan and one with Barry Ruffner (lives in San Dago Ca.)

I have coordinated the NE Lenawee CROP walk for the last 15 years and a CROP run for the last 9 years. I have been with Kiwanis for 8 years. I volunteer with the Tecumseh Service Club for about 5 years. My hobbies are cross-country skiing, swimming, biking, running, reading and creating pen & ink drawings with water coloring.

o **Next Week: JoAnne Potvin**

President Mike provided a list those members who have introduced themselves and those who are still available as choices:

ALREADY PRESENTED – Lana Archer, Bill Baker, Wendy Brys, George Eidson, Melody Fanslau, Dick Feight, Gayle Hazelbaker, Jody Howard, Tom Meyer, Spencer Ruffner, Beth Noden, Megan Porter, Jeff Seitz, Robert Stross, Anne Walker and Ron Wimple

STILL AVAILABLE – Ron Publiski, Bryan Masten, Cathi King, Jack Beach, Sharon Hawley, Ron Musselman, Jerry Wolf, Susan Gilmore, Doug Bird, Marcy Brown, Katie Mattison, Chuck Gehrke, Maura Kane, Mel Stubli, John Bartram, John Barnhart, Jennifer Farver, Terry Lighthall and Mike McAran

• 50/50 Drawing

\$34.00 #9 Wendy Brys was not in. Thanks Wendy.

• Fine Session





Megan Porter quizzed us on St. Patrick's Day

Did you know?

It is celebrated March 17, the date of death of St. Patrick.

The first St. Patrick's parade was in 1762 in New York City.

The first Leprechaun was red.

\$13,000 dollars will be spent on this holiday each year.

Chicago River has to be re-dyed every 5 hours to keep it green

Special Fines and Happy Dollars



Spencer Ruffner paid a happy dollar as the Coblat Commander Team 3773 (III VII VII III) (Robotic Club) made a good presentation at the Tecumseh School Board meeting last night.





Wendy Brys that Drake Lambright of Adrian is the new Key Club Governor and for attending the Key Club convention with 410 kids over last weekend.



Robert Stross paid a happy dollar as he is going to Tucson, Arizona to see his dad and his son will be going with him!

• Birthdays and Anniversaries





Doug Bird had a birthday \$5 and asked that members stand on one foot and flap their arms as they sang to him.



Melody Fanslau and husband Scott have a 31 year anniversary. She asked Doug to sing and do the hokey-pokey. See picture below



Doug Bird singing and doing the hokey-pokey.

• Program



Right: Wendy Brys, Young Children Priority One Chair and Left: Lana Archer, Community Service with information on upcoming events and what the committees have been doing.



Lana shared a certificate from the State of Michigan for 25 years of Adopt of Highway from 1990 through 2015. The Spring clean up will be either April 16 or 23.

Through the Community Service Committee from October through February 217.5 hours of service time have been donated and \$821 has been distributed.

Our projects/events included a Ice Hockey table at Ice Sculpture Festival, collecting clothing for and manning a scarecrow Make and Take booth at Appleumpkin, Kiwanis Park clean up with 120 7th graders, Sharon Hawley and husband Kim distributed Snapeas during Appleumpkin raising money for CISTA and we manned Fire Barrels at the Christmas Open House Kick-Off.

Wendy introduced a new project – in support of Care Pregnancy Center members were asked to sign out a baby bottle and fill it with change/bills. Bottles are to be returned no later than April 26. Checks may be made payable to CPC.

Information on text4 baby is being distributed in the name of Kiwanis. What is text4baby? "If you're pregnant or have a baby under one year, you can sign up to receive Free text message on prenatal, infant care and more. You will receive 3 text messages each week, timed to your due date or your baby's first birthday. Messages begin during your pregnancy and go through your baby's first year. You'll get information on prenatal and infant care, immunizations, developmental milestones, nutrition, oral health, quitting smoking, safety and more." Wendy will do a workshop at District Convention on this program.

At the Key Club convention 23,538 meal packets were packaged for food banks. Wendy will be distributing a portion of those prepared to local food banks.

Flyers and a letter were distributed regarding the upcoming Shower for Motts Children's Hospital. It will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 PM. We are collecting coloring books, Crayola crayons, Hot wheels, Lego's, Play Doh and gift cards (JoAnns, Visa, Meijer). Dan Fischer will do a presentation at the event. Members who do not want to shop may give a donation to Lana and she will shop for you.

• Future Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Note Taker	Greeter	Greeter	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
March 22		Jody Howard		Wendy Brys		Jeff Seitz	Dustin Krasny-new opportunities afforded those with disabilities
March 29	Julie LoMonaca			JoAnne Potvin			Tecumseh Schools. Community Day



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