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Today's Meeting News

- **Hosts**
 - Greeter



Greeter Ron Wimple with Mike Morast

Presiding Officer





President Mike McAran

- **Mike McAran**
- **Reporter**
 - **Kelly Coffin**
- **Photographer**
 - **Spencer Ruffner**
- **Publisher**
 - **Spencer Ruffner**
 - **Lana Archer**
- **Invocation**
 - **John Barnhart**
- **Song Leader**



○ Song leaders Anne Walker and Carlton Cook

• Guest





Terry Beck – American Legion. Informed us about the Legion and the Legion Auxiliary's efforts to send Junior boys and girls to Boys and Girls State. He requested support from the club for sponsorship of any kind. One student costs \$325.

• President Announcements

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• Announcements

- **Spencer Ruffner announced the Chamber of Commerce member of the week: Daily Grind & DG II Gift Shop.**
- Spencer Ruffner. – Thank you to Kiwanis for sponsoring the Cobalt Commanders 3773, THS Robotics team. The team placed 2nd at Woodhaven last weekend.



Lana Archer – Adopt A Highway, Saturday, April 23 9am Meet at tennis courts. Wear waterproof clothing, bring gloves. Donuts and water provided.\

Community Service Committee meeting next Tuesday following the regular meeting.

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Wendy Brys– Celebrate Tecumseh to promote Kiwanis, April 14. Get information to Wendy that you want distributed.

– Jackson College Culinary Students Mexican Fiesta, Tecumseh High School, April 19 6:30 to 8pm. Dinner is \$3 for adults, kids are free. Donations are warmly appreciated and will support Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh. RSVP 265-5515.

– Sign up for 60th Anniversary Banquet on May 24 at Lenawee Country Club. Cash bar 6pm dinner at 6:30pm. Cost is \$28.00 per person, including all Kiwanis members. Please pay by check. Sign up deadline May 1.

– Motts Shower, May 3, 7pm at Gloria Dei. Collection items Crayola crayons, coloring books, Lego's, Hot Wheels and gift cards. Lana will shop for you.



Ron Wimple – Tuesday, April 12 is the last Travel and Adventure Series of the season.

– A sign-up is being circulated for greeters, fines and notetakers.





Anne Walker. – Need someone to attend the Aktion club meeting on Friday April 15 and April 29. Volunteer should be at HOPE Center at 11:45. Mike McAran will do the 15th.

– We need scarecrow clothes for Appleumpkin. Infant, kids and up to small adult size. Long sleeve tops, long pants and accessories welcome. We are already collecting to be ready for the event.



Brian Callaghan. – We have 70 flag renewals in so far and 38 new subscribers. Walk town to promote and sign up Saturday, April 16, meet in the parking lot by the Diner at 9:30am to begin neighborhood canvassing. Ask Old National Bank and Monroe Bank and Trust to display Flag Project yard signs.

© **Highlights of Kiwanis Own:**





Doug Bird

Born in Tecumseh, he lived in Dundee. He was born the first of 4 kids. He was born the day before his father's birthday and his parents decided if they had a son, they would name him Bill.. For 18 years was known as Billy Bird. Graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1966. Graduate of Ferris State College with a BS in Business Administration in 1971. Was drafted into the Army and served as a food inspector in California. President of Bird Insurance, started in 1945 by his father, for 43 years. Member of Kiwanis since 1975. Has 40 years of perfect attendance in Kiwanis. Kiwanis Park was named after his father. Married to Rochelle for 40 years. They are the 1999 Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce Musgrove Evans award winners. He has 3 children (Jennifer in Orlando, Kimberly in Texas and Lee in Farmington Hills) and 7 grandchildren. Live 6 miles South of town for 12 years and now back in town he finds the 300 block of N. Union Street to be grand with wonderful neighbors! When he wants to get away, he goes to "deer camp" North of Newberry in the Eastern UP on the East Branch of Two Hearted River. The camp was started by his grandpa and cronies in 1928. Back then it took 3 days to drive from Charlevoix to camp – now it takes 3 hours!

Next Week: Mike Becker

• 50/50 Drawing

\$ 11.50 JoAnne Potvin who wasn't at the meeting. Thanks JoAnne

• Fine Session

Special Fines and Happy Dollars

None.

• Anniversaries





Ron and Sharon Wimple

• Program



Chuck Gehrke

Fellow Kiwanian, Chuck Gehrke - The Epidemic of Opiate/Opoid Use

Narcotics are an important, helpful drug but the problem is how they are now being used.

Opiates are naturally occurring narcotics coming from 4 sources

Opoids are synthetic narcotics with increased potency, minimal side effects and decreased addiction.

Nationally 2M people have prescription addictions and 600K are addicted to heroin. There has been an increase in overdose deaths with someone dying from an overdose every 20 minutes, every day, every year.

In Michigan overdose deaths have doubled between 2009 and 2014 (2 times the number of automobile deaths). There has been a 10 fold increase in the number of overdose deaths since 1999.

Lenawee County has 13 documented overdose deaths in 2013.

80% of heroin addicts began with prescription drugs.

Nationally prescriptions for opioids tripled between 1991 and 2012. In Lenawee County 63K prescriptions for opiates were filled in the first 6 months of 2014. Increase in demand marked by pharmaceutical companies marketing them for neck and back pain; patients thought this was a good idea.

In 2001 pain evaluation added to vital sign checks.

Doctors had trouble explaining the downside of narcotics; doctors are rated by patients causing pressure on physicians to prescribe.

Addiction meets definition of chronic medical illness and is a treatable disease.

What to do? Not in order of importance – all must be addressed

- Prescribing Guidelines
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs
- Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Pharmacies
- Education re: Overdose Management, Addiction, Recovery
- Engineering Strategies
- Improve access to, quality and cost of treatment
- Community based prevention
- Physician education re: Principles of Pain Management
- Physician education re: Narcotic prescribing practices.

Addiction is Not a deficit of will power, a deficit of intellect or a deficit of morality. It is a treatable chronic medical illness. Addiction is very treatable.

Lenawee County has recently started a program to address the issues of the Opiate/Opioid epidemic.

• Future Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Note Taker	Greeter	Greeter	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
April 19th	Julie LoMonaco	Tom Meyer		JoAnne Potvin			911 phone Mileage
April 26th		Mel Stublie	Joanne Potvin	melody Fanslow			Paula Holtz Economic Development Tecumseh
May 3rd				George Edison			Artonic - Mike Riley (Web page design)



