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## Today's Meeting News



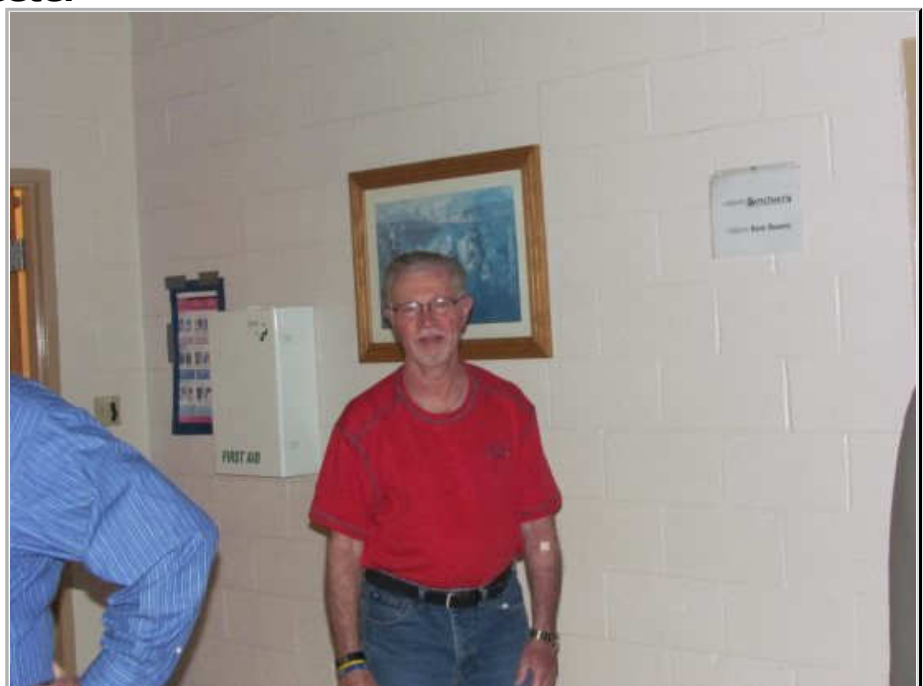
We were greeted this morning with temporary lights and no power for the presentation video.





• **Hosts**

- **Greeter**



■ Greeter Tom Meyer

- **Presiding Officer**

■ **Mike Mc Aran**





President Mike McAran opens the meeting in spite of the darkness.

- **Reporter**
  - **Julie LoMonico**
- **Photographer**
  - **Spencer Ruffner**
- **Publisher**
  - **Spencer Ruffner**
  - **Lana Archer**
- **Invocation**
  - JoAnne Potvin
- **Song Leader**
  - **Anne Walker**
- **Guest**
  - **Chief of Police Troy Stern**
- **President Announcements**



Ron Publiski read thank you letters from Communities in Schools for \$1,500 donation and Community Arts of Tecumseh for \$500 donation.

## • Announcements

- **Spencer Ruffner announced the Chamber of Commerce member of the week: Communities in Schools.**



Brian Callaghan. – Thank you for all the door to door volunteers. Flag program is taking off. Will do it again this Saturday, April 23. More information will be emailed to members.

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

- ⊗ **Highlights of Kiwanis Own:**





**Mike Becker**

Born in 1957, has 1 brother and 1 sister, Grew up in Toledo attended St. Catharin Catholic School. Got straight A's except in conduct he got an F. Switched to public high school went to Stark High School, and graduated in 1975. Meets classmates each year for a reunion. Has had jobs since he was 9. 9-13 was a Toledo Blade paperboy. 13-17 he built pallets. Went to University of Toledo and worked at Midwest paper but got fired for not going to his school classes. Played softball and still does. Dated his wife Julie for 9 years, marrying her when he was 30. Has a daughter, Elizabeth and son Erin. Was a neo-natal therapist at the University of Michigan. He is a clinical specialist and made 50 Survival Flight flights in 3 years. He educated doctors and nurses and was involved in research. He is published, has taught in Europe and enjoyed patient care.

Next Week: Melody Fanslau

## • 50/50 Drawing

\$ 31.00 Ron Musselman – not in the pot. Thanks Ron.

## • Fine Session





Mel Stubli and team, JoAnne Potvin and Medoly Fanslau. Quizzed us on garlic.

Today is National Garlic Day (it is best celebrated alone) Garlic is good for you and has many antioxidants, vitamins and minerals. China is the largest grower. 90% of US grown garlic is raised in California. There are over 300 varieties grown. Garlic is planted in the Fall. The average person consumes 2 pounds of garlic annually. To remove the smell of garlic from your hands rub them with stainless steel and water. The most garlic eaten in a minute by 1 person is 34 cloves. Lemon helps with garlic breath.

### Special Fines and Happy Dollars



Doug Bird – Flag sale on Craftsberry Court. Doug did the whole court while Mike Becker did one stop. Mike stated - he made the sell!





Beth Noden – Thank you for Kiwanis members and their referrals that helped make her salesman of the Month.

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries



Ron Publiski on 18<sup>th</sup>. We sang “normal” at his request.

## • Program



Tecumseh Police Department Chief Troy Stern, chair of the 911 Board – 911 surcharge and vote on May 3

.Since we have no electricity at meeting members are encouraged to visit the Lenawee County website and view the video/powerpoint presentation the he could not show.

In 2008 the surcharge was \$258 per line for all cell and land lines. Then it was rolled back to \$1.18. The 911 board had a plan based on the original surcharge but the lesser amount is not enough to sustain our 911 system for public safety. A committee was created and a 5 year plan established. The county needs to go to \$3 which is the maximum that can be charged. It would pay for new 911 dispatch, policy and fire department radios. It important so they can have inter operability, which you don't have right now. The surcharge increase isn't because of mismanagement it is because we were set back by the reduced surcharge.

In 2019 the State Mandate (unfunded) for the ability to text to 911. This increase will help position us (Lenawee County) for that State Mandate.

If the surcharge doesn't pass, they will have to take it from the General Fund and then cut back other places, probably patrol officers. \$1.18 to \$3.00 equals \$.06 cents per day per person. The increase will raise between 4.8 and 5 million dollars.

In 2013 there were 721,000 transmissions (phone, radio and 911 calls, transmission represents all recorded transactions performed by dispatch operators. It does not represent things such as warrant transactions or other computer transaction being performed by the dispatch operators). In 2015 there were 958,000.

For the equipment needed to accomplish the plan it will cost \$4.3 over the next 5 years.

The Next Generation of 911 – the citizens of Lenawee County embrace mobile technology and have come to expect a level of service that utilizes that technology. Being able to transmit text, photos and GPS coordinates in addition to voice communications to the 911 center makes first responders better prepared to deal with an emergency, makes dispatchers better informed to bring necessary resources to an emergency and makes Lenawee County a safer place to live.

Does any General Fund County money go to Central Dispatch? In theory, no, and we do not intend to do that. However, recently we had to move money in to cover expenses until revenues came in. We don't have enough reserve money to sustain our future expenses nor enough current revenue to support the current level of operation.

See: <http://www.lenawee.mi.us/documentcenter/view/1115> , watch video at following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmqPx5wX-po&feature=youtu.be>

## • Future Meeting Responsibilities

| Date              | Note Taker | Greeter     | Greeter       | Invocation     | Fines | Program Chair | Program Description                             |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|-------|---------------|---|
| <b>April 26th</b> |            | Mel Stublie | Joanne Potvin | melody Fanslow |       |               | Paula Holtz<br>Economic Development<br>Tecumseh |
| <b>May 3rd</b>    |            |             |               | George Edison  |       |               | Artonic - Mike Riley<br>(Web page design)       |
| <b>May 10th</b>   |            |             |               |                |       |               |   |
| <b>May 17th</b>   |            |             |               |                |       |               |   |
| <b>May 24th</b>   |            |             |               |                |       |               |   |





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