Alliances endorse tolerance

New acceptance group, Anti-Defamation League head host dinner

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The Women’s Resource Center and the Truman Jewish organization, Truman United, hosted a dinner Sept. 28 in Mabee-Center for Multicultural Life to celebrate diversity, but also to discuss the hate groups that are making communities uncomfortable.

Karen Amsden, regional director for the Anti-Defamation League, said she wants to help the community understand the different religious and ethnic groups in the world.

“People are different. It is important to realize there are people who think differently than you do. It is important to be open about the different groups,” Amsden said.

At the dinner, Amsden gave a speech about how hate groups band together to exploit people’s fears. She also gave a speech on how the anti-defamation league was created and what it does.

Shirt Talk

photo by Nick Cortez

Sixty Kirksville residents are trying to improve acceptance in the community by joining the Truman Jewish organization’s Citizens United Against Hate group.

Senior Ben Kort, president of Truman United, is a founding member of Citizens United Against Hate.

At the moment, we’ve had no actual hate crimes, but the organization is there just in case,” Kort said. “However, it doesn’t mean people won’t band together and act on it. At the moment, we’ve had no actual hate crimes.

Junior Reza Amin-Makary, who is a member of the organization and said she feels safe in Kirksville.

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