



The Serving Tray

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IN MEMORY OF JAMES LEE HARDING - February 25, 1932 - August 10, 2019

Jim had been a dedicated member of our club for many years. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Kirksville this afternoon. We send our condolences to his family.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES read by Past President Randy Smith, including 49 years of service by Larry Whitney.

ROTARY MINUTE: The answer to today's question is that our exchange student is from Italy.

RYLA THANK YOU NOTES read from participants Jacob Doman and Gabby Woodward. RYLA Director Valerie Anderson, in another note, said that this was the best RYLA year ever!



LOIS POWELL ON WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

In Randy Rogers' introduction we learned that Lois Powell, an Air Force veteran, graduated from Truman State University in 1978 with a Bachelor's degree in Special Education with an emphasis on Learning Disabilities. She received her Master's degree in Elementary Education from TSU in 1980. She worked for the Dept. of Mental Health until her retirement in 2003. Her volunteer work includes Linus blankets, Master Gardeners, American Legion Post 20, University of MO Extension Council, MO State Veterans Cemetery Assistance Board, and volunteering for Wreaths Across America, the subject of her talk today.

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to remember and honor veterans is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. Ms. Powell said the local ceremony this year will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 11 a.m. (weather permitting) at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, Missouri. The cemetery occupies 117 acres of land including a lake. (Phase one consists of 60 acres of which there are 8,885 total burial sites currently developed. As these sites become full, there is an additional 57 acres that are not yet developed which will ultimately provide a total capacity of over 400,000 graves.)

To offset Wreaths Across America expenses, Ms. Powell had raffle tickets to sell. If you didn't get a chance to purchase any, contact Ernie Allen <vfwmexico@att.net>. More information is available at www.wreathsassamerica.org. (Pictured above are Lois Powell and Randy Rogers.)

50-50 Drawing: Greg Gordon did not pull the ace of spades or joker; pot now up to \$1,567.

Membership Update: We have 74 members.

Guests:

- Doug Peterson (guest of Wade Coorts)
- Lois Powell (speaker/guest of club)

Make Up Meetings at 1000 Hills club - NE Regional Medical Center cafe (Thursdays at 7 a.m.) or North Star club - Wooden Nickel (Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.)

Upcoming Programs/Events:

- Aug. 17: R.E.A.L. Training
- Aug. 21: Bill Castles/United Way
- Aug. 28: Classification Talks
- Sept. 4: Jim LeBaron/Opioid Problem
- Sept. 11: Bardhi Jahjolli /TSU Int'l Student from Albania
- Sept. 14: RLI/Chillicothe
- Sept. 18: Ray Klinginsmith/Past District Governors
- Oct. 1: DG Marc Horner Visit/Evening Event