



# The Serving Tray

Rotary Club of Kirksville -- Charter 371 -- District 6040

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**ROTARY PARK SIGNS:** President Debi Boughton said we expect them to arrive December 2-3.

**FLAG COMMITTEE MEETING** - Wednesday, November 27 - Maxwell's at Noon. All are welcome.

**ROTARY BELL RINGING, DECEMBER 14:** Ron Brand circulated a sign-up sheet today.



## CLASSIFICATION TALK - TRAVIS GRAY

We welcomed back Travis Gray, son-in-law of fellow member David Erwin, who although remaining a member has not attended a meeting for over two years. He previously gave a classification talk on September 21, 2016 and is providing an update today.

Travis Gray, a 1999 KHS graduate, attended some college and then joined the Marine Corps. He served for five years including four tours of duty, three in Iraq and a fourth location he cannot disclose. While serving as a Marine Corps. intelligence chief, he spent only six months in the U.S. and the rest of his time was spent overseas locating enemy weapons. After his military service he worked in construction

off and on for over 12 years. Thereafter he became general manager at ServiceMaster by Lewellens for eight years. Two years ago today, he started his own business GT Contracting, a mobile paint stripping and cleaning service. He said "Dustless Blasting" described in his brochure is actually sandblasting and although it's dustless, it is not a clean operation. He said he is very busy and currently has two full-time employees. He spoke about some of his recent jobs, including at Mi Casa in Kirksville, a bridge at Rebel's Cove Conservation Area in Coatesville, Missouri and removing paint from classic cars to be restored. They have done two or three cars and have three more scheduled. Travis and his wife, Mandy, vice principal at Ray Miller Elementary, have a nine-year-old daughter and a eight-year-old son. Travis is pictured above with Randy Rogers (left) who introduced him.

**50-50 Drawing:** Ruth Bowers did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$386.

**Membership Update:** We have 73 members.

### Guests:

**Casey Higgins** (guest of Teresa Ross)  
**Marcy Palermo**

**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:

**Nov. 26:** Joint Service Club Luncheon/TSU Georgian Room/11:30 am  
**Nov. 27:** NO MEETING  
**Dec. 4:** Linda Treasure/Kirksville Arts Association  
**Dec. 11:** TBA  
**Dec. 14:** RLI, 4:30-8:30 pm Chariton Valley  
**Dec. 18:** Christmas Party/Bring White Elephant gift