



The Serving Tray

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Three club scholarships were presented at a Truman Nepal Namaste meeting at 9:30 pm Friday evening. The recipients pictured left to right with President Debi Boughton are Deepson Shrestha and Binu KC. Not pictured is Ujjwal Rasaily.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING THIS SATURDAY! The sign up sheet was circulated one last time today.

LITERACY sign up sheet circulated today. The reading dates have not yet been set. President Debi said the Literacy Committee needs more members (She volunteered.)

FIRE CHIEF JON COOK spoke about the Kirksville Fire Department he has been leading since Jim Hughes retired this year. He said he has a small paid staff of 18 line firefighters (including two women) as well as some paid reservists. They run 24-hour shifts with six per shift followed by two days off. (In 2020, this will change to three 24-hour shifts followed by four days off.) The Fire Department has been recently reorganized, cutting administrative costs and increasing the number of firefighters. As of July, training and also risk reduction are now full time jobs. Fire inspections are significant responsibilities. In 2019, they handled 1900 emergency calls, increasing every year. A few years ago the figure was only 1300. They handle 60 building fires a year. He said, due to modern materials used, fires fully envelop in 3-6 minutes now, whereas it was 20-30 minutes in the 1950s.



Jon said, in the event of a fire, close the door behind you. He said we should keep fire extinguishers in our kitchens and not use open-element space heaters which are a principal cause of home fires.

Jon Cook (right) is pictured above with Rotarian Matt Eichor who introduced him. (See also biographical information on Jon attached to cover email.)

50-50 Drawing: John Davis did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$511.

Membership Update: We have 73 members.

Guests:

Brenda Alstrom (guest of Ray Klingensmith)

Sarah Delaware (guest of Dana Delaware)

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:

Dec. 14: Rotary Leadership Institute, Chariton Valley Association

Dec. 18: Christmas Party/Bring White Elephant gift and Wear Your Ugly Christmas Sweater

Dec. 25: NO MEETING

Jan. 1: NO MEETING