



# The Serving Tray

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

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**SPAGHETTI DINNER - TSU ROTARACT - FEBRUARY 25, 5-8 PM** - President Olivia Gooch (pictured right) sold tickets today to this fundraiser to be held at the Baptist Student Center, Normal and Franklin Streets. The tickets cost \$8.00.



**LITERACY READINGS:** Michelle Lawrence announced they will be held the week of March 2. She will circulate a sign up list again once things are firmed up with the schools.



## KLIFE AREA DIRECTOR JOEL GORDON

Dale Schenewerk (left) introduced Joel, a former saxophone student of Randy Smith.

Joel grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. After HS graduation in 2011, he came to Kirksville to attend Truman State University and study Music Education, earning a BA in Music in 2015 and a MA in Education of Music in 2016. As a college student, he was active in Kirksville KLIFE serving in the Little K program and leading a high school small group. He also served on the summer staff at Kanukuk K-Kauai Family Kamp in Branson, MO, where KLIFE is based. A nine-month program was started in Kirksville, MO in 1979. After graduation, he and his wife Megan lived in Kansas City where he was a middle school and high school band teacher in the Platte County School District. He also

performed with jazz, classical and pop groups in the KC metro area and throughout the Midwest. After three years they returned to Kirksville and were happy to be part of KLIFE again, as area director himself and his wife, Megan, as women's director. KLIFE is a non-profit youth ministry, serving 200 young people each year between kindergarten and 12th grade. It is principally run by college students and free to participants. It is funded locally in large part by fireworks sales. KLIFE broke ground on its building in 2003 and it opened in 2005. Joel said KLIFE has awesome programs to support Kirksville students, complement local churches and develop young leaders. One fundraising event is "Secret Singer" which is a local American Idol-like competition which is scheduled for March 21. For information on how you can support KLIFE, contact Joel or Megan <[joel.gordon@klife.com](mailto:joel.gordon@klife.com)> or <[megan.gordon@klife.com](mailto:megan.gordon@klife.com)>.

**50-50 Drawing:** Olivia Gooch (with tickets from Annette Sweet) did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$795.

**Membership Update:** We have 76 members.

### Guests:

**Olivia Gooch** (TSU Rotaract)

**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:

**Feb. 12:** Jennifer Shutter/MU Horticulture

**Feb. 19:** Rotary Flag Project/J. Romine, et al

**Feb. 23:** Rotary Birthday Party, 2-4 p.m., KCC

**Feb. 26:** Mechelia Potter/Youth Program Associate/  
Adair County Extension Office/4H