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ROTARY 115TH BIRTHDAY PARTY - 2/23/20 - KIRKSVILLE

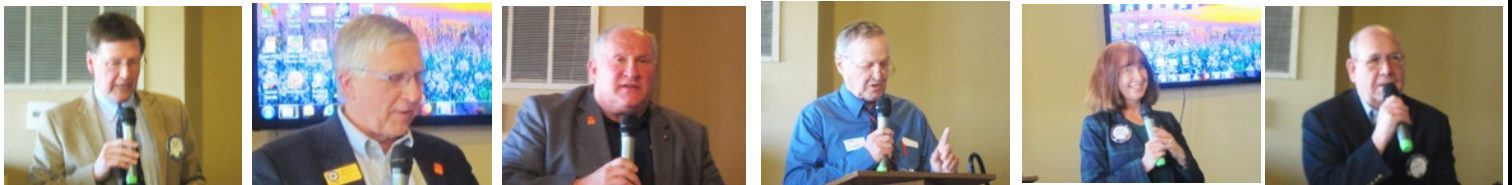
The event began with social time and snacks at 2 pm, with the program following at 2:30 pm. Dale Schenewerk served as MC, David Nichols gave the invocation, Jeff named special guests, then Ralph and Matt made introductions. President Debi Boughton welcomed us. David Nichols led us in singing Happy Birthday before the cake was cut at 3:30 pm.

The first speaker was PRIP Ray Klinginsmith who provided some Rotary history. He said that, although membership has decreased somewhat since 2005, contributions to The Rotary Foundation have much more than doubled and per capital contributions increased from \$98.89 to \$270.63. (See graphs attached to cover email for details.) The Polio Plus Fund has received great support from Rotarians.

The featured speaker was Carl Chinnery from Lee's Summit, Missouri who has had a very distinguished Rotary career including serving as District Governor in 2002-2003 and receiving numerous RI awards thereafter (see bio attached to cover email. Carl and his four brothers were Polio victims, one of whom succumbed to the disease. In a televised interview with KTVO News today, Carl said "We need to eradicate this dread awful, ugly, nasty, evil disease. It'll be the second disease that has been eradicated worldwide after smallpox. Rotary has been on this venture for the better part of 40 years, and we are very, very close to eradicating that disease." On a lighter note, Carl and his wife, Jean, presented Kirksville Rotary's accomplishments in the playful form of a Dr. Seuss rhyme. Carl also exhibited three-legged men's underwear as a proposed fundraiser for a "Jeff Romine Teeter Totter" (all in good fun!)

PDG Jerry Venters (who also had a mild case of Polio at age six) told us about a very sad letter written by Carl's mother in 1999 about her family's experience with Polio in 1942. Jerry's bio and a copy of the letter is attached to cover email.

At the conclusion of the event, PDG Jeff Romine held a drawing for five PHF fellowships. The winners were Dale Schenewerk, Claire Lloyd, Pete Detweiler, Marie Murphree and Erick Hanson. The \$9,700 donated as part this "Chinnery Challenge" brings Kirksville's giving into the range of \$15,000-\$17,000 which would place us first in the District.



Our Speakers: Dale Schenewerk, Jeff Romine, Ralph Cupelli, Matt Eichor, Debi Boughton and Ray Klinginsmith



PDG Carl
Chinnery

Jean and Carl
Chinnery

PDG Jerry Venters
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Party Hats!!



Thanks for a Fun Event!