



The Serving Tray

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YOUTH EXCHANGE: Annette Sweet said the committee was meeting after today's meeting. Suggestions for possible host families are sought and also suggestions for a country for an exchange student are welcome. Annette's email: <ASweet@ameren.com>.

ROTARY MINUTE: President Elect Roy Noe read this Chinese Proverb which is appropriate for Rotary: "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody."



OASIS INTERGENERATIONAL TUTORING

Barbara Smith-Mandell introduced Certified Volunteer Administrator Elizabeth Pawloski, who is the Director of Tutoring Partnerships and Expansion at The Oasis Institute in St. Louis, Missouri. She has worked in this field for 25 years. Elizabeth said, although she lives in St. Louis, she has roots in this area - her father was a Rotarian in Macon, Missouri throughout his adult life.

Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring began in St. Louis, MO in 1989 and is one of the oldest and largest tutoring programs of its kind, operating in 14 states. Since 1989 they have helped 485,000 children. Elizabeth said 66% of Missouri fourth

graders are reading below proficiency levels. Oasis tutors are making an impact in children's lives. It is also a rewarding experience for older people. She said by 2030, 1 in 5 adults will be over 65 and, by 2035, older people will outnumber children! Elizabeth said interested club members should contact Oasis Kirksville District Facilitator Marcy Graham by calling 660-627-7566 or emailing her <mgraham@truman.edu>. She said tutors will be trained for one day in the summer and begin tutoring by October when teachers and principals have identified the students who would most benefit from the program. There are 10 active tutors in Kirksville right now, 70% of whom are female. They are hoping more men volunteer since some boys need role models. Dr. Mark Laughlin, United Way Volunteer of the Year, is an OASIS tutor and has found the program to be very rewarding. The speaker is pictured above with President Elect Roy Noe and Barbara Smith-Mandell (right).

50-50 Drawing: Ralph Cupelli did not pull the ace of spades or a joker - pot now up to \$1,079.

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Guests:

Rick Steele (Thousand Hills club); **John Gardner** (guest of Jeff Romine); **Linda Eichor** (guest of Matt); **Bill Castle** (guest of Elizabeth Gregory); **Kate Minor** (guest of Roy Noe)

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:

March 18: Raneë Brayton/Hospital Update

March 25: Shirley Riley, Myra Baiotto/US Cadet Nurse Corp. in WWII

April 1: County Commissioner Mark Shahan

April 8: Ray Klingensmith Distinguished Service Award

April 20&27: RLI, Part III, Kirksville (need not be taken in order per Ralph Cupelli)

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READING ON DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY!**

Chair Michelle Lawrence, Sandra Fleak, Randy Smith and Kevin Butner were among about 23 club members reading to elementary school students all last week at Ray Miller Elementary, Mary Immaculate School and Faith Lutheran School.

