



# The Serving Tray

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**A MESSAGE FROM ERICK HANSON:** “This is a time that we as Rotarians need to step up in our community and help wherever we are needed. Please let me/us know where we can volunteer to help within our community during these interesting times. I strongly feel the Rotarians need to be leading the way for our community during this time. Most agencies that I have been in touch with are still trying to figure out how to use volunteers. I think it will be a few days before we truly know what the opportunities are for service. I feel we need to continue to support our locally owned businesses in any way possible. Stop buying items online that you can purchase locally! If you are able, order takeout or delivery from a family/locally owned restaurant in town, tip the delivery drivers! If you dine in, remember to tip generously as the servers need our help as well. Buy gift cards from local businesses and give them to a family/individual in need. Through all of the challenges stay positive and remember the 4-way test!”



**DUCK DASH 2020:** Randy Smith (pictured) met with Joel Gordon, the Director of K-Life, and Pat Fogelson, President of the K-Life Board, on Monday, March 16, to see if K-Life would like to partner with our Club on the 2020 Duck Dash. They were enthusiastic about the partnership! Our Club will do all the organizational work and K-Life will sell duck adoptions at Hy-Vee and Walmart the



four weekends preceding the event. The Club has 3,000 ducks and K-Life has committed to sell all 3,000!!! The 2020 K-Life Rotary Club Duck Dash: is set for **Sunday, October 25, 3-5pm** at Day's Inn! Quack! Quack!

**FLATS NATURE PLAYGROUND UPDATE FROM RANDY SMITH:** Construction of the FLATS Nature Playground is underway. On Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Randy Smith and members of the other two Kirksville Rotary Clubs met with FLATS, Benton & Associates, Rodney Sadler (Kirksville Director of Parks and Recreation), and Gail Hoskins and Joe Spencer (heavy equipment operators who are preparing the site) to develop a timeline. Weather permitting, the site will be staked the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> and graded the week of March 30<sup>th</sup>. Rotarians from all three clubs will be needed for volunteer work every weekend in April and May. A Rotary foreman has been determined for each playground feature. Preparing the site for the largest feature, a 14,000 lb. 23-foot polyfibercrete Old Oak Log, will be the focus of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> volunteer session. Once the site is prepared the Clubs will rent a crane capable of lifting 7 tons to install the log!!!



**UPDATE FROM DANA DELAWARE REGARDING SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS CAMPAIGN:** As we all know, everything is in flux because of COVID-19. With that being said, he is waiting for an update regarding the 6040 Rotary District's Shoes for Orphan Souls Campaign. He expects that he will hear something sooner rather than later (probably a postponement) and will communicate the information. If you are planning to donate money, please mail your contribution to Dana at 2 Grim Court North, Kirksville, MO 63501 or to Debi Boughton at the Chamber office. Checks should be made out to Kirksville Rotary Charitable Fund. If the Shoes for Orphan Souls Drive is cancelled, he will return your contribution to you in some way, such as at a future meeting or by mail.