



The Serving Tray

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MICHAEL JOHNSON: We learned from the *Kromboom Kronicle* that Michael is leaving the Rotary Club of Kromboom (South Africa) to join a Somerset West club where he now lives. He will surely be missed by the Kromboom club. We hope Michael stays in touch with us and we wish him all the best.

A THANK YOU NOTE was received from Namaste Nepal for helping food insecure Nepali students at TSU.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: Erick Hanson reported that \$750 scholarships have been awarded to two Kirksville seniors, Caleb Flaim and Elyse Johnson. Caleb will attend the University of Washington majoring in Oceanography and Mathematics. Alise, the daughter of former Rotarian Scott Johnson, will attend Central College in Pella, IA, playing volleyball there. She wants to become a lawyer.

ROTARY PLAYGROUND UPDATE: Randy said 20 dump trucks of dirt have been delivered. This is a possibility that developed this week that might save the Club \$3,000 of shipping costs. The nature playground plan calls for 125,000 pounds of boulders and rock slabs. We have an estimate from a company in Perryville for \$15,000--\$12,000 for the rock and \$3,000 for shipping. It's possible Knox County Stone may have what we need and by buying locally, we can save money on shipping. Joey Spencer has offered to pick up the rock from Knox county if we decide to purchase it from them. Dan Martin of FLATS and Randy are planning to visit Knox County Stone to see what they have.

ROTARY PARK: Chair Mark Burger reported Menard's will provide and deliver 100 chairs, 12 tables, and chair carts at a cost of \$2,450. Two six-foot benches will cost \$700-\$800 and the plaques will cost \$5,000. These purchases are to commemorate our 100th anniversary.

FLY THE FLAG: Jeff Romine said the committee now has 43 subscriptions. Thirteen more bases will be installed this weekend. You can download a subscription form by visiting kirksvillerotary.org and clicking on Fly The Flag. Jeff said Jonna is also working on electronic billing and bill payment.

ROTARY MINUTE: District Governor Marc Horner recently said in an email: "The world has changed. Zoom used to be a phrase in a comic book and social distancing was what the nuns told us to do at Catholic school dances!"

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS: **May 20:** Kit Freudenberg, a Jefferson City Rotarian, on the topic Rotary's Open World Program, specifically a delegation from Azerbaijan that visited this past year; **May 27:** Jim LeBaron providing Adair Co Health Department update on COVID-19; **May 28 & 30:** President Elect Training via Zoom



RYLA IS CANCELLED: Scott Templeton said a letter will be sent seeking donations to cover expenses already incurred.

DALE SCHENEWERK INTRODUCED TODAY'S SPEAKER: SHARI SCHENEWERK WHO SPOKE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MISSOURI. See page 2 for information provided by Shari about her program as well as a Zoom photo of participants. (Dale is missing from the gallery photo.)

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SHARI SCHENEWERK ON MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Missouri Department of Economic Development is closely working with the Department of Health and Senior Services to restore citizen health from the pandemic while preparing to restore our economic health. Missouri's unemployment numbers are better than the national average partly because there are programs like Shared Work which allow people to work, retain benefits while receiving a prorated unemployment benefit. Pandemic unemployment benefits pay even people who normally do not qualify for benefits, such as self-employed and those in the services

industry, access to \$600 per week until July 31, 2020. At the highest point there were almost 250,000 active unemployment claims.

Over the past two years, DED implemented a data driven initiative called Best in the Midwest and moved from 14th of the regional states to third. Those same principles are being used to prepare us to improve our economy. A skilled workforce will continue to be a key part to make us more competitive. Last year Missouri was second in the nation for the number of new registered apprenticeships.

The Show Me Strong Recovery Plan provides a framework for rebuilding our economy. Through small business grants and loans, local employers can retain employees and reduce the immediate impact of the pandemic. The CARES Act allocated \$2.9 billion and \$2.9 million of that is available through the county commissioners to use toward COVID-19 related costs.

Several companies have benefited by adjusting their product lines or business practices which provides hope and economic stability to their communities and employees.

Shari encourages individuals who have questions or suggestions to contact her at Sharon.schenewerk@ded.mo.gov.

