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HAVE YOU SPONSORED SOMEONE who hasn't been at a meeting lately? President Roy suggested you check in with them and invite them to a meeting. Member participation and increasing membership are among his goals for 2020/2021.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GREG who has now earned his 8th Paul Harris Fellowship! Jeff Romine said the five PHFs awarded in a drawing at our Polio event in February will be presented in person at an October meeting around World Polio Day.

DISTRICT GRANT PROJECT: President Roy said the grant application deadline has been extended to August 15. As a possible project, Randy suggested creation of another soccer field in KLIFE's backyard. He said two goals would cost \$3,200 and four corner flags \$420. There is a sidewalk connecting the walking trail to KLIFE building which would allow access to Ray Miller students. President Roy said a sign there with Rotary wheel and "brought to you by Rotary" would be great. President Roy said he would be open to any other grant application ideas provided he receives them soon.

A PLAYScape WORKDAY will be set up in early August for hand work at the site.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES: Marie Murphree introduced Dr. Christine Harker, a Truman professor of English and Linguistics who has also chaired the university's Environmental Studies department. She is also a member of the Climate Reality Project. Dr. Harker said, within the last 40 years, almost all new infectious disease have been zoonoses, diseases which can be transmitted to humans from animals. She had several examples including Lyme disease from white-footed mice via ticks, West Nile disease from birds via mosquitoes and Ebola and AIDS from primates. Climate change with heat range changes and also habitat degradation increase the likelihood of these transmissions. She said some short term solutions include reducing the opportunity for zoonoses, eliminating trade in wild animals (suspected in COVID-19 transmission), protecting existing wild species and restoring damaged wild spaces.

Medium range goals including combatting climate change with global actions, reducing burning of fossil fuels and reforestation. For more information on this subject, contact Dr. Harker <charker@truman.edu>. (Dr. Harker gave her presentation today via Zoom and her photo came from the Truman faculty website.)

Guests:

Natalie Moore (prospective member)

Mark Reynolds (guest of John Dungan)

Brigitte Bollerslev (PDG District 6060)

Buel Wiles (guest of Justin Wiles)

Upcoming Programs:

July 29: County Commissioner Mark Shahan

Aug. 5: Progress of the Aquatic Center project, Rotary Park and Parks-related updates (Rodney Sadler)

Aug. 12: Economic Impact of Agriculture (Zac Erwin)

Aug. 19: Superintendent Robert Webb

Aug. 26: TSU President Sue Thomas