

# The Serving Tray

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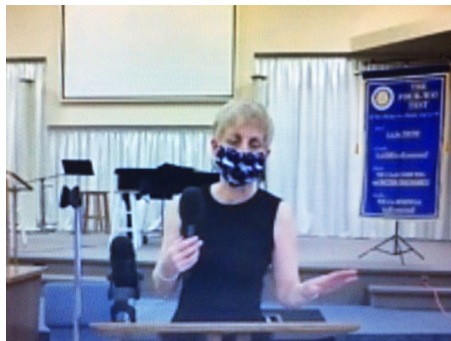
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**PLAYSCAPE PROJECT CONTINUES:** Thanks to Debi we have two photos taken during the August 22 workday. (Three of our members, Justin Wiles, Marty Jayne, and Jeff Romine are pictured prominently in right photo.) Randy Smith announced another workday is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, beginning at 7 am. (See 8/24 email for details.)

**DUCK DASH:** Randy said sponsorships closed at \$3,850 today. He said K-Life will be selling adoptions at Walmart&HyVee every Saturday&Sunday for 7 wks. starting Labor Day weekend.

**VOLUNTEERS MAY BE NEEDED TO INSTALL EIGHT MORE FLAG BASES BEFORE LABOR DAY.** Jeff will get back to us if needed. He will meet with team leaders next week in advance of starting flag setups Thursday and Friday. He explained an incentive for your neighbors to get their own flag set up for Veterans Day free with a \$75 subscription for 2 years. Four yard signs have been placed. He has more to place.



**TSU PRESIDENT SUE THOMAS** was introduced by Marie Murphree (see bio attached to cover email). Dr. Thomas spoke about how happy students are to be back in Kirksville after being away since March. (She said a "Love, Kirksville" video has received almost 100,000 views!) She spoke about Covid-19 precautions and being part of a masking campaign. They have produced stickers with masked mascots which are very popular with students. She said Truman has 11 active cases, far fewer than other Missouri schools. She spoke about 14-day quarantines and isolation of positive cases (most opt to go home). Dr. Thomas spoke of the new Truman logo (and a new

bulldog logo pictured) and about marketing being stepped up. A selling point is Truman is #1 for public colleges in MO for job placement and #7 in the country!) She said the Greenwood building exterior improvements include window replacement and painting as well as a new parking lot. The Sunderland Foundation out of Kansas City, MO is the grantor of a \$1.1M gift specifically for renovation of the Greenwood building. Dr. Thomas said the budget cut announced on July 1 is \$5.2M again this year but Truman is alive and well and will be for years to come! (Dr. Thomas said she still has new logo t-shirts. Contact her <[suethomas@truman.edu](mailto:suethomas@truman.edu)> if interested.)



**50-50 Drawing:** Randy Smith did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$1,425.

## Guests:

**Elsie Gaber** (1000 Hills club)  
**Chris Tharp** (guest of club)

Fourteen members joined us by Zoom today, in addition to those attending the meeting in person.

## Upcoming Programs:

**Sept. 2:** Kit Freudenberg & Nicole Slusser/Rotary Water Project in Panama; **Sept. 9:** Service Recognition Program (Ralph Cupelli); **Sept. 16:** Martin Stitzer/Sparklight; **Sept. 23:** Distinguished Service Awards Presentation; **Sept. 30:** Bill Castles/United Way Campaign