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RAY KLINGINSMITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED TO KIRKSVILLE ROTARIANS!

Congratulations to Randy Smith of our club (right) and Rick Steele (left) of the Thousand Hills club, the recipients of this prestigious award named for PRIP Ray Klingensmith, also pictured. The awards were presented at our noon meeting at the Nazarene Church which was also shown virtually via Zoom. After announcements, President Elect Amanda Langendoerfer, who conducted the meeting in the absence of President Roy Noe, turned the meeting over to Committee Chair Ron Gaber. Ron recognized the accomplishments of the recipients who were selected among nine nominees. PRIP Ray Klingensmith thereafter presented the awards. Dale Schenewerk introduced Ray who visited 60 countries during

his term as RI President in 2010-2011. His theme was "Building Communities Bridging Continents" and his goal was for Rotary to be bigger, better, and bolder. Ray spoke about the two recipients. The first was Rick Steele who he has known and worked with for many years at Chariton Valley. Ray thought so much of Rick that he wrote him a poem (attached to cover email). Ray also spoke highly of Randy Smith and mentioned a memorable experience he had with him years ago. Randy said that Ray called him one morning and asked him if he could get a band arrangement of "California Here I Come" for a recording to play at the 2007 Salt Lake City Convention to advertise the 2008 Los Angeles Convention for which Ray was the convention chair. Randy couldn't find a band arrangement so he bought the piano music and arranged it for 15 instruments, saxophones, trombones, trumpets, piano, bass and percussion. He contacted the best Truman student musicians prior to them leaving for winter break. They came back early for the spring semester and had a recording session in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. They rehearsed about 20 minutes and then recorded the track. RI paid each student \$100 and Ray ended up with a professionally recorded CD to play in Salt Lake and then the next year in L.A. Randy said Ray attended the recording session and thanked the students. After Ray spoke to us, Rick Steele and Randy Smith expressed their appreciation for being selected for this special award. At the conclusion, we were treated to video of Rhonda Vincent singing "Proud To Be a Rotarian" at our 100th Anniversary celebration.



Rick Steele, Ray Klingensmith &
Amanda Langendoerfer

PRIP Ray Klingensmith



Amanda Langendoerfer, Randy
Smith & Ray Klingensmith



Recipients: Rick Steele and Randy Smith



Ray, Rhonda & Band Members



THANK YOU TO AWARDS COMMITTEE! Chair Ron Gaber (pictured left) and members Debi Boughton (and for flower centerpieces), Ralph Cupelli, Janet Gooch, Jodie Gordon and Jeff Romine from our club; Jim Bergman of Thousand Hills club and Megan Bonham Smith of the North Star club.



Also, thank you to Dale Schenewerk for his introduction of PRIP Ray Klingensmith

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Natalie Moore and Marcy Palermo have been proposed for membership (first announcement). Chair Dana Delaware and PE Amanda Langendoerfer reminded us of the Blood Drive, September 24, at Rehoboth Baptist Church from noon to 6 pm.

GUESTS: Elsie Gaber, Shirley Baldwin and Pat Kurtzman (Thousand Hills club); Rick Steele (Thousand Hills club) - guest of club; Jo Conklin (guest of Randy Smith); Terry Combs & Janet Gremaud (Thousand Hills club) - guests of Rick Steele; PDG District 6000 Terry Geiger and Peggy Geiger (guests of Ray Klingensmith)

50-50 DRAWING: Ralph Cupelli did not draw the ace of spades or joker. Pot now up to \$1,704.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: September 30: Bill Castle/United Way Campaign; November 11: DG Visit