



The Serving Tray

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THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED for our contributions to Rotaract Club's "Begin Again Back Packs" project.

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: President Roy had 10 copies at today's meeting. Jeff Romine asked if anyone knows Hy-Vee Store Manager Rich Sherer. If so, please invite him to apply for organization membership. Up to four individuals can be included on one application.

SOCCER FIELD PROJECT: Randy Smith reported on meeting Monday evening with KLIFE. Gail Hoskins donated materials for the project and the Rehoboth Baptist Church has donated some top soil.



REV. CARROL K. DAVENPORT ON HOSPICE OF NORTHEAST MISSOURI (HNM): David Nichols introduced Rev. Davenport, an Episcopal priest, who has served with HNM for 15 years, beginning as chaplain in November of 2006 and as assistant director since 2020. Rev. Davenport said Hospice of Northeast Missouri is in its 26th year. The organization was formed to address the community need for end-of-life care and she credits Ron Gaber for getting it started here. It is the only not-for-profit hospice in northeast Missouri and has helped over 4,000 families in the 10 counties it serves. In five of those counties, it is the only hospice care available. Initially 80% of hospices were not-for-profit, now it is only 20%. HNM does not turn away individuals who cannot pay as for-profit hospices most often do. HNM depends on donations from the communities they serve. Its primary source of income, however, is Medicare/Medicaid which provides a daily rate of \$171 (to cover medications, staff and equipment). Most insurance companies don't pay. Last year they wrote off \$166,000 for the past three years of unreimbursed services. NHM provides

compassionate, physical and spiritual care to individuals deemed without treatment to have six months or less to live. Patients, however, can be re-certified. Their patient census has been lower on the age of COVID-19 since nursing homes have been reluctant to allow hospice presence. They will now test for Covid twice weekly at Hospice which will hopefully correct the problem. She spoke about listening to patients, talking to them about death and also their bucket lists. Patients can travel outside the home, even long distance with arrangements with other hospices. NHM also provides bereavement care for up to a year for family members.

HOW CAN WE HELP? We can help by donating to Hospice of Northeast Missouri or consider volunteering, spending time with patients or even working in the office.

50-50 Drawing: Ron Gaber did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$2,715 (only 9 cards remain!).

Guests:

Rev. Carrol K. Davenport (speaker/guest of club)
Elsie Gaber (Thousand Hills club)

**FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT
PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH.**

Upcoming Programs:

Feb. 10: Orin Jackson/Operation Hickory Hills Veterans Lodge; **Feb. 17:** Dr. Lashley; **Feb. 23:** Soup Social - Postponed to Later Date **Feb. 24:** TBA; **March 3:** Anthony Conn/ Peace Pipe Letters