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DALE SCHENEWERK IS PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PLUS SIX! President Roy (right in right photo) presented Dale's Paul Harris pin (with rubies!) today. Congratulations, Dale!

LITERACY COMMITTEE: Michelle Lawrence said there are 20 slots to fill at Ray Miller in the "Read Across America" program. She currently has nine readers. She will be sending an email with an on-line signup form today. Michelle said you get to choose your own book or poem in February but they will be back to assigning a book and chapters in March.



HICKORY HILLS VETERANS LODGE: Orin Jackson (pictured), a retired roofer/remodeler from the Kansas City area, spoke to us today about this lodge he built on 100 acres of land he owns in Green City. He built it to help veterans suffering from PTSD. In 2015, he said 22 veterans a day were committing suicide and he wanted to do something to make a difference in veterans' lives. Orin Jackson received all donated materials for the lodge from many sources, within just 1.5 months. (He thanked Tim Peters who provided A/C, the local Home Depot for its help and the DAV which donated for a UTV.) He broke ground

in 2016 and, 15 months later, opened the lodge in 2017. He said veterans visit the lodge for 2-3 days in groups of 5-6. They provide peer support to one another. In addition to outdoor activities, meals and lodging are provided, all without cost to the veteran. Orin read a thank you note received from a soldier who served three tours in Iraq in 2006/8. This soldier, who lost a leg to an IED, highly recommended the lodge which he said really helped him. He had photos of veterans and more thank you notes for the attendees to review. Orin Jackson is seeking support from our club to pay for insurance and other costs it incurs in providing this facility at no cost to veterans. Check these sites: <https://www.kshb.com/news/kc-man-builds-lodge-for-veterans-battling-ptsd> and <http://hickoryhillsveteranslodge.org/> for details on the facility and how we could help.



50-50 Drawing: Ernie Hughes did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$2,872 (8 cards left!)

Guests:

Sarah Delaware (guest of Dana Delaware)
Elsie Gaber (Thousand Hills club)
Will Robb (guest of President Roy)
Jeremiah Beamer (via Zoom)

2021/22 Theme: Serve To Change Lives

Upcoming Programs:

Feb. 17: Dr. Jeff Lashley/MACC Update
Feb. 24: Dana Delaware/Shoes for Orphan Souls
March 3: Anthony Conn/ Peace Pipe Letters
March 10: William Robb/Take Root Cafe