



The Serving Tray

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A FUN PROCLAMATION! PRIP Ray Klinginsmith presented it to PDG Ralph Cupelli (left) for Ralph's 75th birthday. The proclamation provides for a free ride to the June, 2022 Convention in Houston, TX.

BOARD MEETING 11/11/21 REPORT: President Amanda said we want to do a freezer raffle fundraiser again this year. The board decided we will not have a Rotary meeting on December 29 since many members will be out of town. The club is donating \$225 for Helping Hands Christmas Blessings boxes and \$1,100 to the Rotary Foundation because we didn't send anyone to the Foundation Dinner this year. Debi, Ernie and John are redoing our International Student Scholarship fund. The Nominating Committee, led by Past President Roy Noe, will present a slate of officers for 2022/2023 by mid-December.

POLICE CHIEF SCOTT WILLIAMSON: In Matt Eichor's introduction we learned that Scott was born in Des Moines, IA. He lived in Minneapolis for 15 years before moving to Hawaii to serve on the police force in Kauai. Scott was in the Air Force and the Air National Guard. His law enforcement assignments have included being on a Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team, a Sexual Assault Response Team, a Forensic Interviewer of Child Victims, Major Crimes Against Persons, Cold Case homicide investigations and, most recently, Lieutenant for the Office of Professionals Standards.



Police Chief Williamson was selected as Kirksville's next **police chief** on May 11, 2021 and assumed the position in early July. He leads a team of 27 officers currently. He is currently recruiting, however, for three openings which he said have been hard to fill. He supports police reform since no police department is perfect and there is always room for improvement. The health and well being of officers is important to him. His core values for officers are respect, dignity and empathy in its service to the community.

During a question and answer period after his talk, Scott spoke about the problem of theft of catalytic converters which has affected our community as well as many others. He said these thefts are now being charged as felonies. He spoke about improvements to the police department being planned. When asked what we can do to help the police, he responded to lock our cars and doors at home and to secure all guns in our possession.

50-50 Drawing: Dana Delaware did not pull the ace of spades; the pot sits at \$30.

Guests:

Prospective Members:

Ramey Weichert

Jeff Mehlenbacher

Aron Barwick

Upcoming Programs:

Nov. 23: Joint Service Club Luncheon/Newman Center

Nov. 24: NO ROTARY MEETING

Dec. 1: Jeff Romine/Rotary Foundation Committee

Dec. 8: Kirksville HS Choir/Rebecca Murphy

Dec. 15: Brian Hoscheit/Salvation Army

Dec. 22: Holiday Celebration: **Dec. 29: NO MEETING**