



The Serving Tray

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ROTARY CHECK PRESENTED TO PASTOR MARK: President Amanda presented the \$4,345 check to Mark today. The church carpet replacement project in our meeting room is to begin on February 14. Mark thanked us for our contributions which greatly helped them with this project!

THANK YOU TO FLAG SPONSORS: Bill Lovegreen thanked the following sponsors who made \$300 contributions for flags and upkeep: Dale Schenewerk, Ruth Bowers, Kevin & Mary Butner, Ron & Elsie Gaber, Marty Jayne, Kirksville Farm & Home/Greg Gordon, and new sponsors, U.S. Cellular, Hy-Vee, and Kirksville Tourism.

MORE TRUMAN MENTORS NEEDED: President Amanda said she has only three volunteers to date. She asked us to sign up even if we are not directly connected to any of the fields described. (See Mark Burger's message attached to cover email for details and signup form.)

Dr. Vayujeet Gokhale on Light Pollution

In Dale's introduction, we learned that Dr. Gokhale is an astronomy and associate physics professor at Truman State University. He also manages Truman's observatory. Before earning his PhD at Louisiana State University, he earned master's and bachelor's degrees at the University of Bombay in Mumbai, India. Dr. Gokhale has been involved in light pollution-related research, outreach and activism here for five years. He and Truman students established a QM program for the Missouri chapter of International Dark Sky Association (a U.S based non-profit organization) and analyzes sky data from across the state. Light pollution impacts not only star gazing but also the environment. Dr. Gokhale spoke about the environmental impact of light pollution on humans, turtles, pollinators and migratory birds. He is working with Thousand Hills State Park to become a Dark Sky Park like Stacy Park in St. Louis, the only one currently in Missouri. He spoke about what we can do to address light pollution such as changing to amber bulbs, installing motion detectors or timers, and directing our lights downward and away from neighbors and the sky. He also asked us to help him spread the message about remedies for light pollution to lighting vendors and city planners.



50-50 Drawing: Jeff Romine did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$319.

Guests:

Sam, a Truman student of Dr. Gokhale.

Announcements: Valena Ficus is proposed member (second announcement). January birthdays and club anniversaries read by Secretary Mark Czanderna. Coffee Corner ends today; a welcome desk to be added.

Upcoming Programs:

Feb. 2: Hollister Update/Joe Graves, Plant Manager

Feb. 9: Western's Partners Update/Matt Bormann, CEO

Feb. 12: Liberty Utilities/JR Derksen. Business & Community Development Manager

Feb.18 & 25: TBA

March 2: President Amanda, Treasurer Jonna/Budget Update