



# The Serving Tray

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## CLASSIFICATION TALKS



**VALENA FISCUS, D.O.** - Valena obtained her undergraduate degree in Biology from Indiana University, Clinton, Indiana (near the Illinois border). She earned her Doctor of Osteopathy degree at KCOM and did her residency at Tower Health in Reading, Pennsylvania. Her mother was a single teen parent with addiction problems. Although Valena ranked in the top 10% of her graduating class, there was no money for her to attend college. Her high school counselor stepped in to help make this happen. She hadn't decided on a career until she saw her sister suffer and die of Crohn's Disease at the age of 23. She was first diagnosed at age 17 but was not able to get proper treatment without insurance, before the Affordance Care Act and expanded Medicaid. She was treated with steroids and

weighed just 70 pounds when she died. (Her father also had Crohn's Disease and felt responsible for his daughter's early death.) At age 20 Valena had to make the decision to remove her sister from life support. It then became Valena's goal and focus to serve people without regard to their income or insurance status.

Valena serves in many professional capacities, including as medical director of the Adair County Health Department, Assistant Professor at ATSU, teaching internal medicine and helping with curriculum development among other duties, operates her own clinic and supervises an internal medicine residents clinic (2 1/2 days a week) and also now a family medicine residents clinic. Valena will soon add inpatient medical management at the hospital. She also mentors students and student clubs. A very busy person! Valena still finds time, however, to volunteer for Rotary projects.



**DANIEL WAXMAN** - Dan earned his B.A. degree in Environmental Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his M.A. at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. He works at Truman State University as a Residence Life facilities liaison in which he deals with leaks, bed bugs, electrical hazards, etc. He oversees day-to-day operations related to housing at summer and athletic camps such as JVA and has responsibilities at Campbell Apartments and Missouri Hall.

Outside of his employment, Dan tutors, teaches and coaches. He tutors Hebrew and has taught religion to the Hebrew community for 14 years. He also teaches the oboe and piano and serves as an ADHD life coach.

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**50-50 Drawing:** Kevin Butner did not pull the ace of spades or "joker"; pot now up to \$1,000. (\$55 in Happy Bucks were collected)

### Guests:

**MARY LOU BELL** (guest of Justin Wiles)

**BIRTHDAYS AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES WERE READ**, including 52 years of service by Charles Baldwin.

### Upcoming Programs:

**Sept. 14:** Anthony Nelson/U.S. Cellular/Internet Safety for Kids

**Sept. 21:** Boys State/Girls State

**Sept. 28:** Ramey Weichelt/United Way

**Oct. 5:** Dr. Sue Thomas/TSU update

CLASSIFICATION TALK (cont'd)

Dan Waxman, a RLI graduate, serves on the Rotary Program Committee in our club. He also serves on the board of the LGBT Fellowship and was a reader for the Peace Fellowship this summer, something he recommends to us highly. He collects Rotary pins and showed us the 14 pins he has collected to date.

Dan's hobbies include playing pickle ball, the oboe, piano and percussion instruments, and reading. He also has a passion for family history.

Dan has collaborated with composer Jordan Grigg on a symphony representing 24 countries, the symbolic 24 cogs in the Rotary wheel. He played us an excerpt of the 14-minute symphony which included a video presentation. It will be used at the upcoming International Convention.



**VALENA FISCUS NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**

Ralph Cupelli presented her certificate today.