



The Serving Tray

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ROTARY IN PARADE! The Rotarians who walked in the TSU Homecoming parade on October 18 were Jeff Romine, Marty Jayne, Marie Murphree, Marilyn Romine (behind white flag), Annette Sweet, Pete Detweiler, Ramey Weichelt, and Melissa Stuart (who took the photo). President Marie thanked the participants.



LIBRARY ON BALLOT: Last week Jami Livingston told us about this item on the November 8 ballot, The library is asking for a 12-cent increase per

\$100 of valuation in its property tax based operating levy. (See flyer attached to cover email for details.)

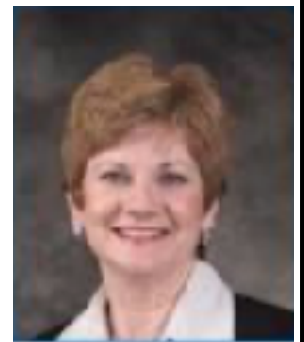
WHERE DID THE WORKFORCE GO?



Our two speakers Regional Manager Shari Schenewerk (pictured left), Missouri Department of Economic Development, and NE Regional Professional Development Center Career Advisor/Consultant Polly Matteson addressed this problem today.

Shari Schenewerk said there are 10 million openings in this country and six million people actively seeking employment. Unemployment in Missouri stands at 2.5%, less than the national average of 3.5%. She said unemployment at 4% represents full employment. Shari discussed various issues impacting the workforce.

Polly Matteson said the Regional Professional Development Center at TSU is one of only nine in the state. Polly covers 17 counties in northeast Missouri. She spoke about youth career planning, working with counselors and administrators to come up with ideas that work. There was a very successful event held at the Macon County Fairgrounds on September 21. It was titled "Build My Future Upstate Missouri" which involved over 1500 students and participation of over 50 employers/trade associations. It was an interactive construction career day and industry showcase. The event will be held next year on September 20, 2023. Polly provided a handout (copy attached) with details on Career Pathways and Regional Career Advisors.



50-50 Drawing: Chade Shorten did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$1.310.

Guests: None

Announcements:

Food Item for 10/25/22 is Corn Muffin Mix.
Board Meeting 10/13/22, 6:30 pm, Alliant Bank
(All are welcome.)

Upcoming Programs:

Oct. 19: Kristy Mueske/Cooperative Response Center
Oct. 26: World Polio Day/Matt Eichor
Nov. 2: Loring Miller/The Jefferson Highway
Nov. 9: Crystal Amini-Rad/Update on SB30
Nov. 16: Rotary Foundation/Jeff Romine
Nov. 23: NO MEETING: Joint Service Luncheon 11/22?
Nov. 30: Brett Berke/What's Going on with Take Root