



The Serving Tray

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HIGHWAY CLEANUP 10/12/22: Dana reports that Seven Rotarians, two spouses and two ATSU students participated in Wednesday's Highway Clean Up. Nine bags of trash was collected from our route. Mother Nature wasn't kind to them. It began to rain at 6 PM instead of 7 PM but they finished the task. Pictured from left are Sarah Delaware, Ron Brand, Tasha McKim, Dana Delaware, Debi Boughton, Anne Beard, Scott Beard, and ATSU Rotaractors Justine Farrell and Jennifer Pham. Volunteer Melissa Stuart took the photograph.

WORLD POLIO DAY FUNDRAISER! Aron Barwick said that for every box of 20 chocolate chip cookies sold at Hy-Vee from October 19-25, \$18 will be donated to end Polio (Hy-Vee = \$2; District 6040 = \$4; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation = \$12).



RON BRAND PULLED THE "JOKER!" (Three of clubs, actually)

(FYI The jokers have been misplaced from this deck.) Ron chose to take \$100 rather than a second card draw. Pot is now at \$1,355. For a second drawing, Jeff Romine donated a box of cookies which Dale Schenewerk won.



MANAGER KRISTY MUESKE, COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENTER (CRC): This new Kirksville business offers call handling for organizations in the utility industry. It is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year to take inbound calls, mostly from rural electric cooperatives in 47 different states. The site now employs 17 full-time people which she hopes to increase to 65 after its first year of operations. Right now, the Kirksville facility primarily handles power outage reports and billing questions, principally after hours. Representatives can also take payments. As the center adds more staff, its service will gradually be expanded including adding dispatch activities. Kristy Mueske, a seven-year employee of CRC, came to Kirksville in March 2022 from the company's headquarters in Austin, MN, her hometown. She served as a supervisor in Abilene, TX for a period until returning to Austin, MN in July, 2020. She said everyone has been very friendly here in Kirksville.

Guests:

Speaker Kristy Mueske, manager, Cooperative Response Center

Upcoming Programs:

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: Jt. Service Luncheon 11/22?
Nov. 30: Brett Berke/What's Going on with TakeRoot