



# The Serving Tray

Rotary Club of Kirksville -- Charter 371 -- District 6040

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**SHOE CARAVAN 4/26/23:** Rashmi Prasad reported that a check for \$2,436 was turned over to Larry Lunsford at 7:53 am today. Pictured from left are Dale Schenewerk, Larry Lunsford, Rashmi Prasad and Jeff Romine. Jeff said if you get a check to him soon he can take it to the District Conference 4/28-29.

**FOOD DONATED:** Debi Boughton said 63 pounds of tuna and macaroni and cheese were donated today.

**CAMDEN WILSON GAVE HIS FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH TO CLUB TODAY:** Camden "Cam" Wilson, the son of Presiding Judge for Missouri's 2nd Judicial Circuit Matt Wilson, is pictured with Committee Chair Melissa Stuart. Our club sponsored Cam in the District 6040 Four-Way Test Speech Competition this year.



**NEW MEETING SITE 5/17/23** will be chosen at a board meeting following today's meeting. The results will be shared with you when available.



## CLASSIFICATION TALKS - Mike Mitchell and Okhuaihesuyi Uyilawa

**Mike Mitchell**, a retired high school principal, said he started college as a pre-med student with a part-time job as a surgery orderly/autoclave technician. The orderly job convinced him that being a physician was not a fun idea. His instrumental music interest was always going to be a large part of his life, so he became a teacher – a band director. His district (Oklahoma City) officials saw that his inner-city band program had shortly become huge with a very large and monetarily productive parent booster program. The officials eventually recruited him to become a principal. In forty years as a principal, he has mentored, supervised, and evaluated over 1000 certified teachers, directors and assistants. He said what he most enjoyed here was supporting his people whenever and wherever he could, and celebrating when they were successful. In his career he has interacted with 25000 kids (about 3500 Kirksville kids) and that is the element of his position that he finds most enjoyable.

**50-50 Drawing:** Larry Whitney did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$438.

### Guests:

**Camden Wilson** (speaker)

**Matt Wilson** (guest of the club)

### Upcoming Programs:

**May 3:** Carolyn Chrisman/KREDI

**May 10:** NEMO Drug-Free Community/  
April Dobrinske

**May 17 & 24:** TBA

**May 31:** Randy Smith/Air Service  
In Kirksville

**Mike Mitchell** (continued): Mike said the most difficult thing about being a principal is the number of bosses you have: superintendents, board members, department of education bureaucrats, college professors, legislators, governors, congress-critters, and many many more. The field is wide-open. Ten years ago, many, many folks wanted to be principals. Now potential candidates are wondering if it's worth the effort. Mike said he wished he had known the 4-way test when he was working. In his last three years as a principal he spent much effort in presenting the ideas of kindness and ethics. The 4-Way Test could be adapted for use in middle and high schools.



**Okhuaihesuyi Uyilawa** is a Nigerian-trained Orthopedic Surgeon. He has been married 14 years to Oserienn Okhuaihesuyi, a trained Oral Pathologist. He said that a year ago he had no idea he would be in the United States at this time. He spoke about Nigeria, his home country, located in West Africa. He said there are 220 million people living in 36 states and the federal capital city, and over 256 native languages are spoken. He spoke about traditional clothing worn in Nigeria (see his wedding photo) and the types of foods enjoyed there. He said there are approximately equal populations of Christians and Muslims. There are 34,176 health care centers in Nigeria and that life expectancy there in 2021 was male: 59 years and female, 63 years.

