



The Serving Tray

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SHE'S HERE! Ramey's daughter, Denver Lee Weichelt, 8 lbs. 11 oz., was born on December 28. We are very happy for fellow member Ramey and her husband Cody!

2024/2025 OFFICERS/DIRECTORS: In the absence of Nominating Committee Chair Marie Murphree, Past President Debi Boughton presented for approval the following slate of officers and directors beginning on July 1, 2024: Ruth Bowers, President; Elizabeth Gregory, President-Elect; Kathy Stinson, Secretary; Jonna Lovenduski, Treasurer; Tasha McKim, Director of Club Service; Ramey Weichelt, Director of Community Service and Joint Service; Ryan Huseman, Director of New Generations and Vocational Service, and Debi Boughton, Director of International Service. Dale Schenewerk moved that the slate be accepted; Jeff Romine seconded the motion and it carried.



EXPRESSIONS SWINGS: Zach Small (pictured) thanked us for our donations with which they recently purchased three swings.

FOOD DRIVE 1/10/24: Debi said the item is soup. She said the Food Bank is planning a Super Bowl Soup activity.

RESIGNATION: Rashmi Prasad has resigned. The club, therefore, needs a new Shoes for Orphan Souls Chair.

NEW ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER - NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

President Melissa Stuart inducted this new organizational member today. Pictured from left are President Melissa; Rotary Sponsor Elizabeth Gregory; Patrick Avila, NRMCM CEO (primary member); Danny Bartlett, Director of Business Development and Provider Relations; Tami Western, Chief Quality Officer; and Elizabeth Guffey, Chief Nursing Officer.



RAY KLINGINSMITH is in Room 209 North at The Pines and would welcome visitors.

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50-50 Drawing: Ralph Cupelli did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$190.

Guests:

- Trent Barnes** (guest of Pete Detweiler)
- New Organizational member NERMC** (four representatives as listed above)
- Zach Small** (guest of Dale Schenewerk)
- SPECIAL MESSAGE: HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY JEFF & MARILYN ROMINE!**

Upcoming Programs:

- Jan. 10:** Community Service Project/Dog Toys for Humane Society/Ramey Weichelt/**BRING SCISSORS**
- Jan. 17:** Diane Richmond/Artificial Intelligence
- Jan. 24:** Marie Murphree/Chamber Activity Update
- Jan. 31:** Darrell Crooks/Signs & Response in an Emergency Adair County Ambulance District
- Feb. 7:** Travis Gregory/What the Fire Department can do in emergency
- Feb. 14:** Ramey Weichelt/Community Project for the Pines
- Feb. 21:** Andrea Thurman/Community Action Partnership

CLASSIFICATION TALKS - JENNIFER CHRISMAN AND MASON GARBS



President Melissa (center) is pictured with Jennifer (left) and Mason (right).

JENNIFER CHRISMAN, marketing and sales manager at Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, lives on a farm she calls “The Big Hill” west of Novinger. She graduated from Adair R-1 High School in Novinger and liked roller skating and was a Leisure World dance champion. After graduation she attended Northeast Missouri State University while working 2-3 jobs. She was the news director at KTVO before moving to Iowa where she finished her degree at Grandview College (now University). Jennifer worked as a news director at Channel 8 while in Des Moines, Iowa. She returned to Kirksville when her husband, Stacy Lee Daniels, opened the Aldi store in Kirksville. She worked for KTVO again as an operations and sales manager until her husband became a district manager in Iowa. Stacy sadly died suddenly in July of 2005 of a heart arrhythmia while in the car with their two children, a son Tristan and daughter Samantha. Religion is very important to her and helped her survive. Jennifer later married Mark Chrisman, an AT&T retiree, and they blended their families with his two daughters Alisha and Katie. They have seven grandchildren.

Jennifer said NEMR is excited to be expanding fiber optics to rural homes across nine counties. They received an \$8.9M grant for the Milan area, are working in the north end of Kirksville and planning work in the Downing rural area and the rest of Kirksville. Jennifer showed some fun photos from her life.

MASON GARBS, age 27, optometrist with Premier Eyecare Associates, Kirksville, said that family is everything to him. He showed a photo of his parents, his brother and his brother’s new wife on a ski vacation out west. Mason dislocated his shoulder and his dad was also injured! Mason, born and raised in O’Fallon, MO, earned a Bachelors in Biology from Mizzou in four years where he helped found/restart the Pre-Optometry Club. He worked two jobs, one in landscaping and one as a technician in an optometry office. He served as secretary of the club until his graduation. While at Mizzou he volunteered at the Lions Club. The Lions Club collects eye glasses, cleans and “reads” the prescription. Photos of the glasses are organized and put in a database making them available to the needy. He graduated in May of 2022 from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN, serving as his class secretary. He later served several what is called externships before joining Premier Eyecare Associates. It was started by Duane Thompson, Robert Sloan and Bruce Brodmerkle and is privately owned by associates. Mason worked for six months in Chillicothe, before starting at Premier’s Kirksville facility in December of 2022.