



The Serving Tray

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

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RAY KLINGENSMITH (June 19, 1937 - January 17, 2024): We are all very saddened by the loss of PRIP and fellow member Ray Klingensmith. Ray did not want a funeral but a celebration of life event will be held on Saturday, February 10 at the Dukum Inn.

Here is a link to Ray's obituary:

<https://www.davisplayleHUDSONrimer.com/obituary/ray-klingensmith>

SOUP! Debi Boughton said she collected 64 cans of soup last week and that we will be collecting soup again for our early February food drive.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARIE MURPHREE

spoke about this 501(c)(6) organization which advocates for businesses. She has led the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce for nine months, and is helped by Coordinator Nathan Nichols. Five committees serve the Chamber: Ambassador, Community & Economic Development, Governmental Affairs, Merchants & Events, and Kirksville Young Professionals. The Chamber will hold a Candidate Forum in March for the City Council position on the April ballot. An Art Walk is held the first Friday in June each year. A Student Welcome is held the Sunday after a Labor Day each year. Their biggest fundraiser is an annual Golf Tournament held the second Friday in August. There were 42 teams last year but are hoping to have only 40 at this year's event on August 9th. The Chamber acts in an advisory capacity to Kirksville Leadership Institute whose mission is to develop future leaders, which provides a session on economic drivers. They meet for one day each month from March to November, culminating with a class project. Last year KLI raised \$6100 for Expression Swings. There are 16 nominations for "5 Under 40" from which five will be chosen at the Annual Banquet on March 7. Marie encouraged membership in the Chamber of Commerce for networking and promoting businesses. One significant benefit is access to health insurance through Missouri Chamber insurance, provided you have two full-time employees on the plan. Business After Hours is a networking opportunity available to individuals, businesses and organizations. Our Rotary Club is a member so each of us can attend Chamber events. Membership costs: 1-10 employees \$220, retired \$60, non-profit \$170, and other members on sliding scale based on size. There is a special rate for utilities and banks. **Important:** By January 2025, all businesses must be registered on the national level in addition to state level. Marie can provide a link. Contact her at <kirksvillechamber.com>. You can also ask to receive the Chamber's newsletters at that address. Marie is pictured above with President Melissa (right).

50-50 Drawing: Jeff Romine did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$307.

Happy Bucks collected: \$106

Guests:

None

Announcement: Brett Lemmon and Trent Barnes are proposed members (first announcement).

Upcoming Programs/Events:

Jan. 30: Soup Social, Dukum Inn, 5:30 pm-8 pm

Jan. 31: Darrell Crooks/Signs & Response in an Emergency
Adair County Ambulance District

Feb. 7: Travis Gregory/What the Fire Department can do
in an emergency

Feb. 14: Ramey Weichert/Community Project for The Pines