



The Serving Tray

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

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NEW MEMBERS! Past President Debi Boughton inducted Trent Barnes, a realtor with Heritage House Realty, and Brett Lemmon, owner of Lemmon Landscaping. Pictured from left are Debi Boughton, Trent Barnes, Membership Committee Chair Ralph Cupelli, Brett Lemmon and Ruth Bowers, Lemmon's Rotary sponsor.

ALLIANT BANK is a proposed organizational member (first announcement).

KIRKSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jennifer Chrisman (left) introduced Deputy Fire Chief Travis Gregory (center) and Battalion Chief Michael Robinson (right). Gregory, who grew up in Brashear, was a member of the Columbia, MO Fire Department for over 23 years and has been with the Kirksville Fire Department since 2019. Robinson, a Schuyler County native, graduated from Novinger High School. He began as a volunteer fireman before working full time as a fire fighter in 2003.



Robinson, who is also a paramedic, joined the Kirksville Fire Department in 2006. Gregory said Kirksville is #48 in the state out of almost 400 in the state with the achievement of advanced licensure with paramedics on board every call. He said they answered 3,047 calls last year, up from just under 1900 calls in 2019 and about a thousand calls in 2006. All their firefighters are emergency medical technicians or paramedics. As of yesterday, the first paid firefighters in the city of Kirksville were hired 100 years ago! They hired four firefighters with two working every other day. They train their own staff and also provide training to the community in CPR and stopping bleeding. Gregory and Robinson then answered our questions and there were many. One question related to schedules. They run two 24-hour shifts with six firefighters and one with seven. Response time is 4-4 1/2 minutes. Robinson said that if CPR is not started within three minutes, survival drops by 50% and by 10% for each minute thereafter. They hope to have a second fire station again in the future.

50-50 Drawing: Ralph Cupelli did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$412.

Happy Bucks collected: \$32

Guests:

Elsie Gaber (Thousand Hills club)
Other guests?
Speakers Travis Gregory & Michael Robinson

Upcoming Programs:

Feb. 14: Ramey Weichelt/Community Project for The Pines
Feb. 21: Andrea Thurman/Community Action Partnership
Feb. 28: Judge Kristi Swaim/Missouri Courts
March 6: Bryce Cardwell/Corporate Transparency Act
March 13: Ramey Weichelt/Homeless Kits
March 20: Patrick Avila/CEO NERMC
March 27: Chanel Guidry/Morris Solar Farm Project