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“YOUR MISSOURI COURTS: PROTECTING LIBERTY & JUSTICE FOR ALL” ADAIR COUNTY ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE KRISTIE J. SWAIM



Dale Schenewerk provided some background on today’s program. He said President Melissa received an email which mentioned “Have Gavel, Will Travel” Civic Education program sponsored by the Supreme Court of Missouri. The above program is one of many programs available (if you are interested in pursuing). Judge Matt Wilson was assigned the program presentation but was not available today so he found Judge Kristie Swaim to cover for him. She was a good choice!

Judge Swaim received her undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa in Political science before attaining her law degree from the University of Missouri Columbia. She had a private practice from 1993-2002 and during that time she served a term on the Kirksville City Council. Since 2003 she has served as an Adair County Associate Circuit Judge. Her judicial-related service includes participation on numerous committees and boards over the past 20 years including the Civic Education Committee which brought her here today.

Judge Swaim discussed this case: **State of Missouri v. John Rowe (2002)**. John Rowe* appealed the judgment of a trial court following a jury trial in 1999. Defendant had been convicted of driving while his license had been revoked (in Iowa) in violation of Section 302.321, RSMo 2000, and was sentenced to three years of imprisonment and fined \$1000. The appellate court in St. Louis affirmed the conviction. The Missouri State Supreme Court, however, ruled that without the language “under laws of this state” the defendant cannot be charged with this felony in the State of Missouri. “The statute is clear. This court cannot rewrite the statute.” The case against John Rowe was returned to the Missouri county of original conviction where lesser charges were pursued. The Missouri State Legislature subsequently added the appropriate language to the statute.

50-50 Drawing: Harold Osborn did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$568.
Happy Bucks collected: \$36

*This is not the Kirksville, now Kansas, John Rowe.

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Guest:

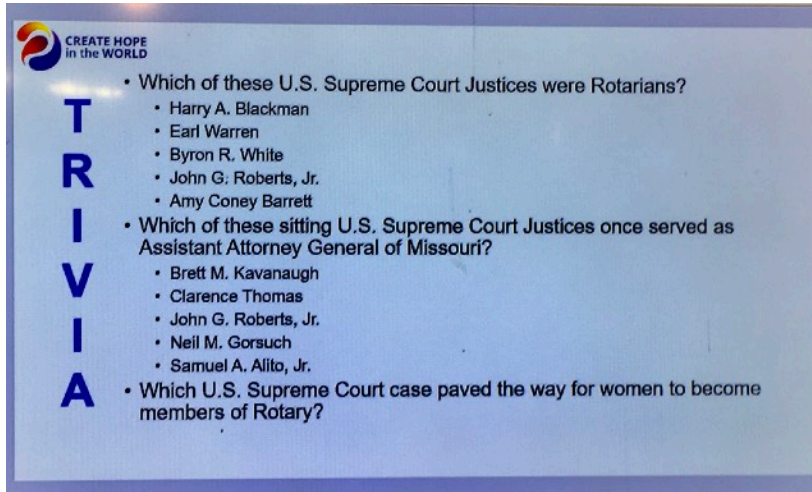
Nick Ferry, for Stacie Riley, Alliant Bank (proposed organizational member)

Announcement: Debi Boughton reported we are donating 52 cans of fruit to the Food Bank.

Upcoming Programs:

- 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
- April 3:** Ron Gaber, et al/RKDS Award
- April 10:** Ramey Weichelt/Community Proj./BDay Boxes
- April 17:** Lynn Buchen/Exchange Student from Germany

TRIVIA! President Melissa has been challenging us each week with trivia which has been fun. In keeping with today's law program, here are the trivia questions and answers:



Answers:

1. Harry A. Blackman, Earl Warren and Byron R. White
2. Clarence Thomas
3. Rotary International v. Rotary Club of Duarte (CA) 1987. Ten years later women were allowed to be Rotarians!

FLAGS! Today at Rotary Bill Lovegreen announced that an effort is underway to find the 2024 two-year sponsors for the Flag Program before March 15. The resources from sponsors provide the flags, flagpoles, bases, and other items that then makes it possible to tell subscribers that "all of the amount received from their subscription will be used on humanitarian and philanthropic Rotary projects in our community and around the world." A sponsorship is \$200 and besides recognition as a sponsor, one receives a two-year flag subscription with the sponsorship. Bill is contacting selected individuals. This announcement is a general appeal.

If you have not heard from Bill but wish to be a sponsor, please inform Bill or Jeff: <Bill.lovegreen@sbcglobal.net> or jeff.romine@gmail.com

Bill said \$4,500 in 2024 sponsorships is needed to allow \$2,000 for replacement flags and \$2,500 for new flags. There is a deadline of March 15 to have your name appear in the brochure. Here are the sponsors to date which Bill thanked: 1 Dale Schenewerk Ameriprise Financial; 2 US Cellular; 3 Tim Peters Peters Heating and A/C; 4 Vern Playle Davis Playle Funeral Home; 5 Aaron Barwick Hy-Vee; 6 Bill Lovegreen Lovegreen Ford-Chrysler; 7 Ruth Bowers; 8 Ron and Elsie Gaber; 9 Marty Jayne; 10 Jeff and Marilyn Romine; 11 Ralph Cupelli; 12 Danny Pagliai; 13 Kevin and Mary Butner; 14 Roy Noe Farmers Insurance; 15 Ron and Amanda Brand; 16 Melissa Stuart; 17 Gary and Claire Lloyd.