



The Serving Tray

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

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NEW MEMBER WELCOMED: Major Nathan Harms (right) Salvation Army corps officer/pastor of Kirksville Corps, was inducted. He is pictured with Membership Co-Chair Ralph Cupelli appearing for Harms' sponsor, Bill Lovegreen.

FEBRUARY IS PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH.

JOHN FABSTITS ON SCOUTING AMERICA: We were happy to have John, a fellow Rotarian (center), from Columbia MO speak with us today. He serves as scout executive/CEO of Scouting America, Great Rivers Council. John was accompanied today by another Rotarian, Scouting America District Director Rob Townsend (left) from Centralia, MO . The speaker was introduced by Matt Eichor, pictured on the right.



John shared some interesting statistics about **Scouting America** (new name as of last year): Over one million youth are served by Scouting America programs annually. Among this number are over 175,000 girls and young women. Adult leaders who volunteer their time and talent number 475,000. There are over 200 councils serving local communities. Scouts earned 1.3 million merit badges. Eagle Scouts number 30,000. Hours of service donated back to our communities: 7.1 million.

John also provided statistics about the **Great Rivers Council:** 2,439 youth served and 1,257 adult volunteers (Membership has grown in 2024). The youths are 79% male and 21% female. (Females were first welcomed in 2019). Within 142 Scouting Units. 2,967 merit badges were earned. Great Rivers Council has 75 Eagle Scouts and 2,248 service projects. Tuition assistance at William Woods University and Missouri Valley College is a perk available to Eagle Scouts. He spoke about two facilities - Scouting Adventure Center in Columbia and the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation which provides high tech experiences in addition to outdoor activities. See brochure attached to cover email. There is also a bio on John Fabsits attached to the cover email.

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50-50 Drawing: Ralph Cupelli did not pull the ace of spades or joker. pot now up to **\$1,206**. Happy Bucks **\$23**; Shoes for Orphan Souls: **\$36**

Guests:

- Elsie Gaber** (Thousand Hills club)
- Zac Burden**
- Rob Townsend** (Centralia club & Scouting America representative); **John Fabsits** (speaker)

Upcoming Programs:

- Feb. 26:** Danny Pagliai/Rotary Park Tree Planting
- Mar. 5:** Amanda Everhart/SVOCH (Optometry)
- Mar. 12:** Lori Guffey/Adair County Health Dept.
- Mar. 19:** Austin Miller/City's April Ballot Item

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

1. Applause & Cause: Wear Your Rotary Gear - First Workday of the Month. Use hashtags: #RotaryInAction #Rotary 6040 #ServiceAboveSelf. Nominate a fellow Rotarian for special recognition by sending details and photos to rotary6040office@gmail.com.
2. Shoes for Orphan Souls is hosting their big drive! Drop items off at Alliant Bank from now until March 31st.
3. Secretary Ramey Weichelt took Elizabeth Gregory's suggestion and produced Rotary Business Cards which we can share with prospective members. She had cards on each table today.
4. February birthdays and anniversaries were read by Ramey, including 45 years of service by Larry Lamberson.
5. Social Committee Meeting - February 26, following noon meeting.
6. District Conference is May 29-31: Registration is now live - check your email from Kandi. We would love to have a great local turnout :). We are needing a spouse liaison. If your partner is interested in entertaining/spending time with other partners that are coming in for the weekend, please let Ramey know. Willing to host a Rotarian or two? Let Ramey and Ruth know.