



# The Serving Tray

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

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**FOOD DRIVE 3/19/25:** Debi Boughton will be collecting **peanut butter** to help the “Jars of Love - A Peanut Butter Drive to Fight Hunger” effort sponsored by the Northeast Regional Medical Center.

**A CHALLENGE:** President Ruth said she would provide an extra dollar for Happy Bucks for each member who signs up for the District Conference 5/30-31/25 between now and March 19. The price increases from \$100 to \$125 after April 15. The cost is entirely for the meals provided.



## **ADAIR CO. HEALTH DEPT. ADMINISTRATOR LORI GUFFEY:**

In Matt Eichor’s introduction we learned that Lori, a Truman graduate, holds two Bachelor’s degrees, one in Psychology and one in Nursing. She started working with the Adair County Health Department in January 1996 as a Home Health/Community Health Nurse in the building behind the armory, Lori became the Communicable Disease Nurse and Clinic Supervisor in 2011. In 2018 she became the Assistant Administrator and then, in January 2024, became the administrator following Jim LaBaron’s retirement. Lori said in 1999 they were able to move from their building behind the armory to their new building on Jamison Street. Within the past year, through CDC grants, they were able to build the Emergency Preparative Annex building. **Their mission - the 3 “p’s” - promote health, prevent disease, and protect the public.** In 2005 they had their first walk-thru flu clinic at the fairgrounds, then drive-thru clinics were held later. These provided valuable experience for the Covid pandemic that followed. Eight mass immunization clinics were held and 77

curbside and 14 outside clinics. Lori provided copies of their 2024 annual report (copy attached to cover email) which showed clinic services to 3,899 individuals. Total vital records provided: 2,384. Woman, infants and children served under WIC: 7,456. She spoke about Environmental Services including inspections, Drug Free Communities and Emergency Preparedness. In April they will celebrate public health with several events and activities (see flyer attached to cover email). The speaker (center) is pictured above with Matt Eichor and President Ruth Bowers.

**50-50 Drawing:** **Bill Lovegreen** did not pull the ace of spades or joker; pot now up to \$1,413  
Happy Bucks \$58. Shoes for Orphan Souls: \$102

### Guests:

**Elsie Gaber** (Thousand Hills club)

### Upcoming Programs:

**Mar. 19:** Austin Miller/City’s April Ballot Item

**Mar. 26:** Marie Murphree/The Rotary Foundation

**April 2:** TBA; **April 9:** Qbic, Thai Exchange Student

**4/16-5/7:** TBA; **May 14:** Ruby Green-Frank Baldwin  
Free Enterprise Award

## Announcements

### District Conference is May 29 - 31st

- Registration is now live - kvrotary.org
- Looking for host for Marc Horner - let Ramey know

### Rhonda Vincent & The Rage - June 1st 6 PM

- Proceeds from this event benefit our District, and our club!
- If on social medias - please share the word !
- Register for concert for discounted rate with your district conference registration.

## Announcements

- Program committee meeting after Rotary **today**.
- There will be a food drive on **March 19** and we will collect peanut butter to help the Jars of Love Peanut butter drive.
- Reading @ Ray Miller **March 25th & March 27th**, online sign up sheet has been emailed to you.
- Shoes for Orphan Souls drive drop items off at Alliant bank from now until **March 31st** !

## Announcements

- Save the date - **April 26th** Rotarians will be participating in Earth Day stream clean-up, details to come soon.
- We are looking for hosts for the friendship exchange **June 12-15**. We also need drivers and local planners.
- Rotary Board meetings have been moved to **4th Tuesday of the Month**, 5:30 PM @ Dukum Inn.