



# The Serving Tray

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

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**SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS:** Treasurer Jonna Lovenduski reported that we had \$1,031 collected before the addition of \$226 today. She was unable to report on the pairs of shoes and socks donated to date. (Stacie and Jennifer were not at the meeting today.)

**FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE WITH ZAMBIA 6/11-13/25:** Debi said host families 12 individuals will be sought as well as a committee to show them around.



## CITY'S PROPOSITION B ON APRIL 8 BALLOT:

Six Kirksville officials spoke to us today, beginning with Councilman **John Gardner** who spoke about the importance of being an informed community and said that the six individuals are here to get the message out. The next speaker was Community and Economic Development Director **Ashley Young**. Ashley said the City Hall building, built as a post office in 1905, became our City Hall in 1962. This was decades before the Americans With Disabilities Act passed and the building is not accessible to residents with mobility issues. This accessibility and improved space are City goals. Deputy Police Chief **Justin Jones** showed photos exhibiting the cramped spaces in our current police

station. Officers must lead handcuffed individuals down a flight of stairs, posing safety issues. There is also no secure parking or entry to bring someone into custody. Fire Chief **Jon Cook** spoke about the need for a second fire station on the north side of Kirksville to ensure proper response to that portion of the city. Finance Director **Lacy King** said the City is seeking to raise \$25.1 million for this project through a 3/8 cent (\$0,0038) sales tax on goods and services in Kirksville. The tax will be in place for 20 years and is estimated to generate about \$1.5 million each year. It will end sooner if amount needed is reached before the 20-year mark. She said it would cost about one cent more on a three-dollar purchase like a cup of coffee. On a flat \$100 purchase, you would pay an additional \$.37. (See details in flyer attached to cover email.) Mayor **Zac Burden** concluded the presentation asking for our support. Pictured from left are Jon Cook, John Gardner, Lacy King, President Ruth, Zac Burden, Ashley Young and Justin Jones. **See Page 2 for Peanut Butter Donations.**

**50-50 Drawing:** Kevin Butner did not pull the ace of spades from 23 cards; pot now up to \$1,477.  
Happy Bucks: \$56; \$226 Shoes for Orphan Souls

### Guests:

- Fire Chief Jon Cook
- Deputy Police Chief Justin Jones
- Finance Director Lacy King
- Community and Economic Development Director Ashley Young
- Councilman John Gardner
- Mayor Zac Burden
- Adam Snyder (prospective member - g/o Larry Whitney)

### Upcoming Programs:

- Mar. 26:** Marie Murphree/The Rotary Foundation
- April 2:** Ruth Bowers/District Conference in Kirksville
- April 9:** Qbic, Thai Exchange Student
- April 16:** Ben Martin/District Friendship Exchange
- April 23:** Marie Murphree/New Businesses in Kirksville
- April 30:** TBA; **May 7:** Jeff Romine/Club's Flag Fundraiser
- May 14:** Ruby Green-Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award

**PEANUT BUTTER!** Today we donated 160 jars of peanut butter for the Northeast Regional Medical Center’s “Jars of Love - Peanut Butter Drive to Fight Hunger.” (Kevin Butner donated 100 jars and Gary Lloyd, 24 jars.) The goal is to collect 500 jars of peanut butter (March 3 - 24) to donate to The Pantry for Adair County. Rotary contributors gathered with NERMC personnel for this photo. Pictured from left are Chade Shorten, Kevin Butner, President Ruth Bowers, Claire Lloyd, Debi Boughton, Tyler Miller, NERMC CEO Patrick Avila and NERMC Marketing Director Amanda Selby. (Amanda said there will be a “fill the truck” event at Hy-Vee on Saturday, March 22 from 11am until 2 pm.)

