



The Serving Tray

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SHOES FROM THE HEART: Mike Mitchell introduced Gina Fowler, Community Outreach Specialist for this local non-profit organization. She first connected with Shoes from the Heart in 2013 during a local shoe distribution at Head Start in Moberly. The joy on the children's faces left a lasting impact and inspired her continued involvement. Professionally, Gina served over seven years as Executive Director of the United Way of Randolph County and ran a successful travel agency for 26 years before retiring to focus on family and community service. A lifelong Moberly resident, she and her

husband Gary of 34 years have four children and nine grandchildren. (Gina is pictured above on the left with Marie Murphree who conducted the meeting today in President Ruth's absence.)

Gina said **Shoes from the Heart** operates in every Missouri county as well as in other states. She and only two other staff members in her office set up Shoe Closets in schools, often in counselor's or nurse's offices. They ensure children in need have well-fitting shoes to avoid impacting their self esteem. Their shoes come in various sizes, designs and colors so every child finds the perfect fit and style. They deal with just one supplier which provides high quality but not brand names shoes for \$14 a pair. They have recently lost a major donor and need a new one. A city the size of Kirksville needs 25 pairs of shoes to stock a Shoe Closet at a cost of \$336. Schools in larger communities need 50 pairs at a cost of \$700. If you can help, please visit www.shoesfromtheheart.org or call 660-839-0024. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 171, Macon, MO 63552.

Shoes from the Heart also serves veterans transitioning into the workplace with shoes tailored for various jobs. They also provide gently used shoes year-round to aid disaster relief efforts and encourage community groups, workplaces and organizations to contribute.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: Bill Lovegreen announced it follows this meeting.

50-50 Drawing: Vern Playle did not pull the ace of spades; pot now at \$35. Happy Bucks \$43

Guests:

Elsie Gaber (Thousand Hills club)

Corey Luebbering (prospective member)

Upcoming Programs:

July 2: Elizabeth Gregory/Rotary Year 2025/26

July 9: Installation 2025/26 Officers/Rotary
Park 5:30 PM

July 10: Rain Date for Installation