Shrivats Manikandan, National Speech and Debate Association Qualifier

In its first year as a member of National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA), the team had a nationals qualifier - Shrivats "Shri" Manikandan! (He is pictured with former Kirksville school principal and Rotarian Mike Mitchell who introduced him.) Shri represented KHS and MOEast NSDA in US Extemporaneous speaking at the National Tournament in Des Moines, IA. He ultimately made it to the final

round. Shri, an incoming senior, said he plans to pay it forward, encouraging others to ensure that this is not the last NSDA event participation. After one week at NSDA, Shri went on to Boys State and Boy's Nation. He thanked Rotary for investing in youth! Shri's teacher, Elizabeth Anderson, (pictured right) spoke about the growing interest in debate and speech. She encouraged us to serve as judges during the upcoming year.

WANT TO SERVE CIDER AND HOT CHOCOLATE AT HOMETOWN HOLIDAY, NOVEMBER 29? Contact Marty Jayne as soon as possible if you can participate <mjayne@truman.edu>. The organizers need an answer from us quickly. Several volunteers are needed.

FOOD!: Debi said the items collected in two weeks will be Canned Meat or Tuna.

COMMITTEES 2025/2026: President Elizabeth had each member of our various committees stand for recognition. See the list attached to cover email.

50-50 Drawing: Ralph Cupelli did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $219. Happy Bucks $32

Guests:

Elizabeth Anderson (Shri's teacher)
Sumitra Miriyala (Shri's mother)
Dave England (prospective member)
Corey Luebbering (awaiting induction)

Upcoming Programs:

Aug. 13: RYLA Director Tracy Vincent/True Colors
Aug. 20: Kellen Nesbitt & Greg Nesbitt/Football at TSU & KHS
Aug. 27: Chief Scott Williamson; **Sept. 3**: Club Assembly;
Sept. 10: TBA; **Sept. 17**: Jonna Lovenduski/Financial Report
Sept. 24: Ralph Cupelli/Service Recognition Program