



# The Serving Tray

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

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**MEMBERSHIP GAME - COMPETITION BY TABLE:** Ruth Bowers' table won with 17 names! President Elizabeth will be seeking contact information for all the possible new members.

**FOOD DRIVE:** Debi Boughton said we donated 32 cans at soup today.

**FLAG SPONSORSHIP:** Contact Bill Lovegreen <Bill.lovegreen@sbcglobal.net> if you wish to continue your sponsorship.



**PATRICK AVILA, CEO, NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (NERMC):** In Matt Eichor's introduction we learned that fellow member Patrick was appointed to his current position in September of 2023, bringing more than 25 years of healthcare operations experience to Kirksville. He became interested in health care in high school and later became a physical therapist. A mentor encouraged him to pursue hospital administration which he did. Patrick and his wife of 23 years have two children, both attending Nebraska University.

NERMC in a Level III trauma center with an intensivist (critical care physician) on staff. Patrick spoke about an Amish toddler seriously injured in a buggy accident. The family refused a life flight; NERMC performed surgery and stabilized the toddler for transport to an Iowa hospital. He also spoke about the three duck hunters injured recently. Its 2024 Community Benefit Report showed 91,000 patient encounters and approximately \$13 million in uncompensated care rendered in this for-profit facility. It has a 4.3 overall Google rating and 3.4 for its ER. If the Affordable Care Act subsidies are not extended, 3.4% of patients will be uninsured. In spite of the \$50B to be allocated in the "Big Beautiful Bill," 756 rural hospital will be at risk of closing, 40% in the next few years; 29 hospitals in Missouri will be at risk of closing within the next 12 years. NERMC has been growing. Patrick said they have two new doctors. Salaries for nurses have been increased and 8-9 interviews have been held recently.

See flyer attached to cover email for additional information.

**50-50 Drawing:** Bill Lovegreen did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$710.

No Happy Bucks today.

**Guests:**

None

**Upcoming Programs/Event:**

**Jan. 21:** Tricia Reger, Superintendent/Kirksville R-III Schools

**Jan. 27.:** Soup Social, Dukum Inn, 5:30-8 p.m.

**Jan. 28 & Feb. 4:** TBA

**Feb. 11:** ATSU MO Campus President Gayla Sublette/ATSU Medical and Dental Schools