



The Serving Tray

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

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2026/2027 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Ruth Bowers shared the following named officers and directors: **President John Dungan, President-Elect Chade Shorten, Co-Treasurers Jonna Lovenduski and Angela Findling,** and Board of Directors Members: **Tyler Miller,** Club Service; **Nathan Harms,** Community Service and Joint Service; and **Ryan Huseman,** New Generations and Vocational Service. Ruth sought a volunteer for the International Services Director opening without success today. Matt Eichor moved that the 2026/2027 roster be accepted; Dale Schenewerk seconded the motion and it carried.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Dale Schenewerk (right) announced that, on **February 23, 1905, 121 years ago,** three friends of Paul Harris met for the very first Rotary meeting (Rotary Club of Chicago). Rotary now has over 1.1 million members in clubs throughout the world. The charter for our club was approved in **March, 1918 - 108 years ago!** Two birthdays to celebrate! Our club has had nine District Governors (soon to be 10 with Ruth



Bowers), and one Rotary International President of which we are proud. **Matt Eichor,** left, then presented photos of our club's accomplishments through the years, including this photo of the Ray Klingensmith Amphitheater under construction! See Club Activities attached to cover email for more items! Afterward, **Ralph Cupelli** (pictured on Page 2) shared some funny stories and interesting facts about our club.



MEETING SITES OVER THE YEARS: From December 1917 and into 1918, our club met at the downtown Poole Hotel. We had a few meetings at the Trinity Episcopal Church before moving to the Travelers Hotel, newly built in 1924. (Over the years we met at the Travelers Hotel more than any other place.) We met at the Shamrock Inn and Elaine's Dining Room for a year and a half, then in 1974 we met at the first of two Holiday Inns in Kirksville. In the 1980's we met at the Thompson Campus Center then moved back to the Shamrock Inn. We returned to the Travelers Hotel the last time in the 1990's. We moved to Patterson's (where Tractor Supply is now) in 2005. When it closed we held meetings at the Shrine Club (2005-2007) and Church of the Nazarene which also closed. We have been in our current home, the Kirksville Country Club, since 2023. (Continued on Page 2)

50-50 Drawing: Elsie Gaber did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$989.

Guest:

Elsie Gaber (Thousand Hills club)

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY for new member Jackie Jackson.

Upcoming Programs:

March 4: Classification Talks

March 11: DG Jodi Sundaram Official Visit

March 18: Linda Blessing/Friendship Exch./ African District

Ralph Cupelli (right) also spoke about **WOMEN IN ROTARY**. Ray Klinginsmith was on the RI board when the California issue of women in Rotary was decided in favor by the Supreme Court. At the time of our 100th anniversary we had 18 women in our club, we now have 24 (34% of our club). Glenda Davis Hunt was our first female president. Alvina Britz, our first female member and Sandra Fleak, our first female treasurer. Lois Powell was our first woman board member. Ralph said women are a welcome addition to our club.



THANK YOU, PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR THIS GREAT PROGRAM!

Pictured from left are Mike Mitchell, Ralph Cupelli, Matt Eichor, President Elizabeth Gregory (with the cake), Ruth Bowers and Dale Schenewerk.



OTHER BUSINESS:

BINGO; Thanks, Kim McClanahan, for agreeing to co-chair Bingo with Ruth.

DINNER WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR 3/11/26: Board members and spouses are welcome to have dinner at the Lake with District Governor Jodi Sundaram. 5:30 pm social, 6:00 pm dinner.

GRADE SCHOOL READINGS: March 17 and March 19 we will be reading at Ray Miller and Faith Lutheran. Those reading at Mary Immaculate must attend training first.