



# The Serving Tray

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

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**MARTY JAYNE IS PHF+4!** He is pictured on the left with Foundation Chair Melissa Stuart and Jeff Romine, former Foundation chair.

**NEED SECRETARY FOR 2026/2027:** Please contact President Elizabeth if you can take over from Ramey Weichelt in July. Ramey, thank you for your service in this very important Rotary position!

**POLICE AND FIRE SALES TAX:** A sales tax proposal is on the April 7 Municipal Election ballot to fund critical infrastructure for the Kirksville Police and Kirksville Fire departments. Police Chief Scott Williamson said this proposal differs from Prop B which lost last year by only 113 votes. It deals only with emergency services, police and fire, and removes everything else. The estimated cost for the project is \$29.4 million (\$11M for police; \$9 M for each fire station). The tax would generate \$1.48 M each year. The City of Kirksville will allocate \$500,000 toward the project annually (25% of overall cost). **The 3/8 cent tax would add just 1 cent to a \$3 cup of coffee.** The tax will sunset on 9/30/2051 or when paid off.



Police Chief Williamson (right) showed photos of overcrowding at the police station and a narrow stairway requiring two officers to transport a suspect. Fire Chief Jon Cook (left) said the current fire station has three challenges: location, space and flooding. He showed this interesting comparison of fire houses in cities of comparable size. All have more fire stations than Kirksville.



Challenges of Current Fire Station

Comparing Kirksville's station coverage to comparable cities

City	Population	Square Miles	Fire Stations
Union	12,573	12.46	2
Hambel	16,209	16.47	3
KIRKSVILLE	8,531	0.000	1
Huberly	13,337	11.72	2
Clintman	26,646	16.72	2
Sedalia	22,310	14.32	2
Warrensburg	29,906	2.47	2

**50-50 Drawing:** Ruth Bowers did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$1,236.

## Guests:

- Kaia Schenewerk** (guest of Dale Schenewerk)
- Kolton Schenewerk** (guest of Dale Schenewerk)
- Kim Keyes** (guest of Angie Findling)

**Announcements:** See Page 2

## Upcoming Program:

**April 1:** Dr. Stephen Lyons/About Colon Cancer

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*Dates to Remember!*

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### Announcements

- Flag Updates - Jeff
- Secretary Update - We are needing a secretary for the 2026-2027 year!
- Board voted to restock Shoes From The Heart closet in KV schools! \$168 all thanks to the Flag program!!
- Rotary Brands Around The US! - Debi Boughton (pictures on next slide)

### Events!

- **United Way Trivia** - Elizabeth will sponsor a Rotary Table, **March 28th, 7-10PM @ The Moose Lodge.**
- Shoes Caravan in Kirksville - **April 20th, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, @ MA Bank**
- Earth Day cleanup on **April 25th @ 1:00 cleaning up Steer Creek**
- District Conference ! **April 24-25th** at Rotary Youth Camp in Lee's Summit.
  - 25th Anniversary of the Shoe Roll Call
- Easter Prayer Breakfasts, Rotary hosts on **March 30 (See Flyer On Next Page)**



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