



The Serving Tray

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THANKS, RANDY SMITH! He delivered our Purple Pinkey donuts today, traveling by piloting his own airplane. Members who didn't wish to keep their donuts had the option to donate them to Melissa Stuart to sell at \$10/dozen with proceeds going to Polio Plus. He said \$11,105 was raised by the District, which with matching funds becomes \$83,287.50.

ANGIE FINDLING TO BE 2026-2027 SECRETARY. Thanks, Angie!

SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS: John Dungan reported that District 6040 collected 2,900 pairs of shoes (exceeding the 25,000 goal) and \$2,500 to be distributed by Buckner International to needy children in the world.



PRESIDENT SUE THOMAS ON TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

TSU President Thomas, pictured on the right with Club President Elizabeth Gregory, first wanted to dispel the fear that the 2026-27 budget will be cut by 53% as it came out of the Missouri House. The Senate Conference Committee is proposing flat funding (meaning funding at 2025/26 level) which, due to increased costs, will, of course, be a reduction. We will know the final result by May 8th. The governor needs to sign the appropriation by June 30. President Thomas said the Missouri Special Olympics State Summer Games will be held at TSU May 29-30. She spoke about Greenwood School, Kirk Building renovations, and the MACC/TSU program, as well as other programs

impacting students. The literature President Thomas provided included some interesting facts: TSU has been number 1 public university in the midwest for 29 years running. The university has 3,700 students, 16 NCAA Division II Varsity Sports Teams, about 55% of students graduate with no student loan debt, has a 23:1 student to faculty ratio, 99% of admitted students receive scholarship, there are 230+ student organizations, students attend from 49 countries and 34 states, 61 majors; 74 minors and 13 graduate programs are offered as well as over 200 study abroad programs. President Thomas said 50% of prospective students who visit here end up attending Truman State University.

50-50 Drawing: Danny Pagliai did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$1,613.

Guests:

Elsie Gaber (Thousand Hills club)

Randy Smith (Liberty club)

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Upcoming Programs:

May 6: Brad Hudson/KHS Music & Fine Arts Program

May 13: TBA; **May 20:** Amy Crawford/MO DOT

May 27: TBA; **June 3:** RKDS Award Presented



Dates to Remember!

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Announcements

- Flag Updates - Jeff
- Second Announcement - Mindy Bryant
- Program Committee meet immediately following today's meeting
- Food collection, **May 6th** will be cans of tuna and chicken
- Melissa Stuart has offered if you have any dozen donuts you do not want, she will take to ATSU and sell for \$10 to donate to PolioPlus
- Park clean up resulted in 17 bags of trash collected - check out photo above of Marty and Nick in high water getting trash!
- Thank you Angie Findling - 2026/2027 Secretary!!

Events!

- Bill Castles Retirement Party - Thursday, April 30th 5:30-7:00 PM at Dukum Inn
- Special Olympics in KV - May 28 -31st. Volunteers needed, please scan QR codes **on next slide** if you are interested in volunteering