



The Serving Tray

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

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LINETTE PAGE AND RUTH BOWERS RECEIVE 2026 RAY KLINGINSMITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS



Our Past President Elizabeth Gregory with Linette Page (left in left photo) and Ruth Bowers (left in right photo)



The DSA was created and endowed in 2007 and is named to honor Ray for his lifetime of service, including his service as the 100th President of Rotary International in 2010-11. His presidency was the culmination of 50 years of Rotary service. He worked in local, district and international projects and was a leader in many local projects and charters of numerous local clubs. He was instrumental in and charter president of Charlton Valley Association and helped establish Senate Bill 40 to assist persons with developmental disabilities. Rotary established this award to honor Ray Klinginsmith in perpetuity and recognize other Rotary members who have served Rotary and their communities like him.

HISTORY OF RKDS AWARD HONORING RAY KLINGINSMITH: David Nichols spoke about Ray Klinginsmith and his accomplishments (see cover email for three pages on Ray).

50-50 Drawing: Anthony Nelson did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$2,572.

Guests:

Rosemary Parker (guest of her sister, Ruth Bowers)
Carrie & Katie Parker, Matt Ermling (guests of their aunt, Ruth Bowers)
Elsie Gaber and other **Thousand Hills Club members**
Anthony Nelson (first announcement/proposed member)

Upcoming Programs:

July 29: Past President Elizabeth/Her Year in Review
Aug. 5: David Cook/Save the Lincoln School
Aug. 12-26, Sept. 2: TBA
Sept. 9: DG Amy Chinnery-Valmassei Visit

ABOUT THE RECIPIENTS

LINETTE PAGE: Marilyn Romine (left) spoke about Linette.



LINETTE PAGE

Rotary Club of Kirkville Thousand Hills 2011

Rotary Leadership includes Current Club Treasurer (5 years), Past President (2015-2016) and past board member. Graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute Program

Rotary Involvement: Kirkville Thousand Hills Rotary, active in all service projects of the club since becoming a member. Committee member including Be a Buddy, Reverse Raffle, Interact, Rotary Garden, Rotary Trail Head, Dictionary Program.

Achievements in Rotary: 2012 New Rotarian of the Year and 2015-16 Rotarian of the Year.

Leadership: President, Optimist Club 2010-2011, Treasurer, Sojourners 2019-2020, Coach ASA Aqua Dogs

Involvement: Quota 1985-1992, Red Barn Arts Festival Committee 2000-2001, Sojourners and PEO, Chapter C2



RUTH BOWERS: Ralph Cupelli (right) spoke about Ruth.



RUTH BOWERS

Rotary Club of Kirkville Thousand Hills 1996, Rotary Club of Kirkville 2014

Director, Community Service 2014-17, District Subcommittee Grant Chair 2024-26, Chair Social Committee 2015-26, Chair Nominating Committee 2025-26, Multi-District PELS Council 2024-26, District Secretary 2020-21, Club President 2024-25, District Conference Chair 2024-25, D6040 Executive Council Member 2025-26

Involvement: Bell ringing, pancake breakfast, Rotary Bingo, Taste of the World, Conference hospitality Chair, parade attendant, flags sponsor, Ducks fundraiser, Gus Macker committee, Membership & Program committees, Rotary Park and 100 yr Anniversary committee

Achievements: Paul Harris Society, major donor x2, Charter member Polio Plus Society, Charter 6040 Graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute, TSU Mentor, 6040 Foundation Dinner committee, Presidential Station Award, District Governor nominee Designate 2025-26,

Leadership: Jaycee Women, Director Ways & Means, International Congress & Shopping Centers, Student Mentor, American Legion, Judge-National Oratory contest, Salvation Army of NE Missouri Board member

Involvement: Moose International, United Way Drive Chair, Garrett Lake HOA President, Central MO Honor Flight Guardian, Jaycee Women Director, Lindenwood Women in Leadership

Achievements: Awarded guardianship of Kurt Klinginsmith, Retirement after 30 yrs 6 mo US Cellular

Many Awards and Accomplishments and projects completed in the 30 years of working and serving the community and Rotary.

