



The Serving Tray

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

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CLUB ASSEMBLY: As part of the activity, President John Dungan had us break down into five groups such as Membership, Foundation and Fund Raising, Public Image and Communication. After a short time discussing within the groups, President John sought our feedback. He provided this report in the evening:

FY 26-27 Club Assembly Report - August 26, 2026

A District Grant for \$2,500 has been awarded towards the Ray Klingensmith Accessible Pavillion at Rotary Park! (See project application attached to cover email.)

We discussed some of the top priorities for the year including Membership Growth, Development of an evening club, Getting started on the Klingensmith Pavillion in partnership with the City, the Morning club, and Chariton Valley, and Improving communication both with the club and in the community.

Table Groups met to discuss the following areas:

1. Membership Growth:

a. Top Suggestions for the year:

- i. Invite non-members to participate or help staff Club Events such as the pancake breakfast, Hot Chocolate booth for the Hometown Holiday, or service projects, or to join service opportunities such as Food Pantry collections, Shoes for Orphan Souls, Salvation Army Bell-Ringing, Literacy events, Cleanup days, etc.
- ii. Invite business operators in the Kirksville area to join us for a social/informational event to learn more about Rotary. We can get a list of candidates from the Chamber of Commerce, or the list of licensed businesses from the City. (Continued on Page 2)

50-50 Drawing: Dave England did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$3,225.
(He first pulled a joker then a non-winning card.) Happy Bucks \$44

Guests:

Dale Schenewerk (former member)
Shari Schenewerk (former member)

Upcoming Programs:

Sept. 2: Status of Dolly Partin Imagination Library/
Elizabeth Cook and Chris Koch
Sept. 9: DG Amy Chinnery-Valmassei Visit
Sept. 16: Debbie Blessing, Area Agency on Aging
Sept. 23: Ralph Cupelli/Annual Member Appreciation

CLUB ASSEMBLY (continued)

1. Fundraising and Rotary Foundation

a. Top Suggestions for the year:

- i. Keep both local and International Foundation Giving opportunities in front of club members—while making sure we do not over-pressure people to give.
- ii. Schedule a program on the Foundation in the first half of the year, and produce a QR code and link for members to give easily.

2. Service Projects

a. Top Suggestions for the year:

- i. Create a calendar of service events for the year, and
- ii. Be intentional about inviting participation from club members *and community members* who may connect with Rotary through these activities.

3. Public Image and Communications

a. Top Suggestions for the year:

- i. Continue club member and leader spotlights
- ii. Submit *Serving Tray* and *KV newspaper* articles on Rotary areas of Focus and Service goals (such as Polio Plus)
- iii. Add content to the website when requested: if you are unable to find information that you are looking for on our website, please ask Ramey Weichert or John Dungan to see if we can add it.

4. Club Programs and Fellowship

a. We didn't get a chance to discuss this, but some possible ideas include:

- i. Arrange one program a month to reflect one of the 7 Rotary Focus Areas
- ii. Plan at least 4 Fellowship/Social Events (1 per quarter) throughout the year (could include a Club Anniversary Celebration, Holiday Party, Soup Social, Picnic in the Park...)
- iii. Survey members for program ideas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Dates to Remember!

Announcements

- Ray Klinginsmith Pavilion project update
- Creation of a Coordination Council with the Thousand Hills Rotary group
- Reminder to record volunteer hours

<https://tinyurl.com/KVRotaryVolTime>



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- Truman Homecoming Parade October 24th, Marty/Ramey coordinating the entry.
Kirksville High School Parade October 2nd- Coordinate with Truman and ATSU Rotoract?
- Upcoming Programs
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- Expenses for the last fiscal year ending in June, cutoff for reimbursement of expenses is in 30 days
- Minneapolis Convention, need donation to help with transportation/hosting cost. The club will match up to \$1,000 in member donations
- Step Up To Bullying volunteer needed, will coordinate with Tonya Munn from Thousand Hills Club

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Including 56 Years of Service by Larry Whitney and 45 Years by Matt Eichor

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July/August Birthdays

Annette Sweet July 9
Pete Detweiler July 13
Jennifer Chrisman July 15
Elizabeth Gregory July 19
Gary Lloyd July 23

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July Anniversaries

Ron Brand July 1, 40 years
Jeff Romine July 1, 34 years
Scott Templeton July 1, 34 years
Marie Murphree July 6, 27 years
Nate Fajkus July 31, 2 years

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August Anniversaries

Larry Whitney August 1, 56 years
Matt Eichor August 1, 45 years
Craig Shorten August 25, 22 years
Claire Lloyd August 17, 21 years
Yohei Norimatsu August 10, 10 years
Danny Pagliai, August 24, 10 years
Doc Mitchell August 31, 4 years
Ryan Huseman August 9, 3 years
Cynthia Waller August 21, 2 years
Cory Luebbering August 13, 1 year