



The Serving Tray

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

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DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY IN ADAIR COUNTY (with LaPlata and Greentop)



Two Kiwanis Club representatives asked for our support today in continuing this worthwhile project that has lost state funding. See flyer attached to cover email for details on the effort.

Kiwanis Club President Chris Koch (right) is the service coordinator for the Missouri First Steps Program. Elizabeth Clark (left) is the President-elect of the Kiwanis Club. She retired from Truman's faculty in 2024 and was also on the faculty at MU and Stephens College in Columbia.

Elizabeth said more than 600 children were enrolled to receive a high-quality age-appropriate book each month when the state ended new enrollments on July 1, 2026. Missouri state funding has been sharply curtailed, and when it will be depleted on December 31 or sooner, all book distribution will stop. The soonest that restored state budget funds could be available is January 2028.

The Kiwanis Club has worked with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Foundation to continue the program in our county (with LaPlata and Greentop) by coordinating fundraising, enrollments and promotion as the Local Program Partner. See the flyer attached to cover email for how you can help. The cost to support one child each year is approximately \$32.00 (\$20,000 for 600+ children). Send checks made to Kiwanis Club of Kirksville Foundation with Dolly Parton Imagination Library under memo and mail to Kiwanis, P.O. Box 172, Kirksville, MO 63501. You can also donate at the Kiwanis Farmers Market booth through October 31.



Volunteer Hours: Log your hours of service to Rotary (lunch meetings, committee and board meetings, and service projects including flags, etc.) using the QR code shown on the left.

Announcements: See Page 2.

50-50 Drawing: Harold Osborn did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$3.419.
He earlier drew a joker and opted to draw again without success.

Guests:

Craig Berryman (prospective member)
Omer Sheriff Sultan (proposed member)
Tony Nelson (proposed member)

Upcoming Programs:

Sept. 9: DG Amy Chinnery-Valmassei Visit/at Arts Center
Sept. 16: Debbie Blessing, Area Agency on Aging
Sept. 23: Ralph Cupelli/Annual Member Appreciation



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Announcements

- **Sign up for RLI: Rotary Leadership Institute:**
 - Tues. Sept. 29, & Thurs. Oct. 1, 5:15 PM to 8:15 PM
 - Mon. Oct. 19, & Wed. Oct. 21, 5:15 PM to 8:15 PM
- **Flag Program Announcement: Jeff Romine,**
 - Flags need to be put up September 3rd - 4th
- **Reminder to record volunteer hours**



<https://tinyurl.com/KVRotaryVolTime>



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Announcements

- **Whiskey Turkey Festival Bingo: Sat, September 12th**
- **Truman Homecoming Parade October 24th**
- **Kirksville High School Parade October 2nd**
- **Upcoming Programs**
 - **September 9: DG Amy Chinnery - Valmassei Visit**
 - **5:30 at the Lakeside Grill–Thousand Hills**
 - **September 16: Debbie Blessing, Executive Director Area Agency on Aging**



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- **Expenses for the last fiscal year ending in June, cutoff for reimbursement coming up**
- **Hometown Holiday, November 28th. Rotary is invited to host a hot chocolate stand again.**