



The Serving Tray

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

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR INSTALLS OUR TWO NEW MEMBERS!

District Governor Amy Chinnery-Valmassei from Lee's Summit, Missouri installed two new members, Omer Sherriff Sultan and Anthony Nelson. Sultan is an associate professor at the Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health and Nelson, the former

store manager at the North Baltimore Street U.S. Cellular store. Pictured from left in right photo are Dr. Uyi, Sultan's Rotary sponsor; Sultan; DG Chinnery-Valmassei; Nelson and Nelson's Rotary sponsor, Ruth Bowers.



DG AMY CHINNERY-VALMASSEI'S OFFICIAL VISIT!

DG Amy invited member participation in her talk. She began by asking for our response to "What Is Rotary?" It is a question frequently asked by the public and can be an important introduction to Rotary. She said increasing **Membership** is a big goal this year. She said we should consider inviting a non-Rotarian to join us in a service project. One project is **Shoes for Orphan Souls**. A half a million pairs of shoes are sought in our next drive. Step Up Stand Up and Gun Safety are other projects. DG

Amy encouraged us to attend the **International Convention in Barcelona** next year. (The 2028 Convention will be in Minneapolis.) The **District Two-Day Conference** in 2027 will be held at the Rotary Youth Camp and will feature free housing at the camp! She also encouraged us to attend and/or participate in the November 6 "Boots and Bling" Foundation dinner. DG Amy also recommended participation in Rotary Leadership Institute, particularly for members with less than five years in the club. She is hoping to visit with us more at the reception this evening at the Lakeside Grill. See flyer with her biographical info attached to cover email.

50-50 Drawing: Tyler Miller did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$3,570.

Guests:

Natasha Nelson (guest of Tony Nelson)
Teresa Ross (former member)
Ryan Ratliff (returning former member)
Jennifer Jesse (guest of President John)
Rick Reeve (guest of Jackie Jackson)

Upcoming Programs:

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
- **United Way Campaign Kickoff will be on Sept 24th, 5:30 at the Kirksville Country Club**
- **Reminder to record volunteer hours**
<https://tinyurl.com/KVRotaryVolTime>




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Dates to Remember!

- **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.**
- **Welcome new Members:**
 - **Tony Nelson**
 - **Dr. Omar Sheriff**