



# The Serving Tray

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

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**DISTRICT 6040 POLIO PLUS CHAIR RANDY SMITH:** We were pleased to welcome former club member Randy Smith to speak about Polio and Polio Plus. He said that due to Polio eradication efforts 19.0 million Polio cases have been averted and 1.5 million lives have been saved. Twenty million volunteers have been mobilized to immunize 3 billion children (370-400 million annually). Polio, a disease transmitted through infected human feces, was endemic in many areas worldwide in 1988 when Polio Plus began but in 2026 is down to 35 cases in Afghanistan and five in Pakistan. He encouraged us to join the Polio Plus Society since we need to continue vaccinating for five years after we achieve zero cases worldwide.



Club Polio Plus Chair Debi Boughton said **October 24 is World Polio Day.** Our club's goal this year is to double the number of members in the Polio Plus Society. To be in the Polio Plus Society Rotarians pledge to individually give \$100 each year until polio is eradicated from the world. Members already in the Polio Plus Society are Jeff Romine, Ruth Bowers, David Nichols, Dale Schenewerk and Marty Jayne. Today six Rotarians chose to become members of the Polio Plus Society and turned in their paperwork and checks to Randy Smith. The newest members of the Polio Pus Society from our club are Larry Whitney, Kevin Butner, Debi Boughton, Mandi & Ron Brand, Pete Detweiler and John Dungan.



**GENE SCHNEIDER**, 85, passed away recently. A longtime former member of our club, he had continued to receive The Serving Tray up until his passing. He will be missed!

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** Debi said we donated 47 pounds of applesauce and several pounds of peanut butter today.

**TRUMAN HOMECOMING PARADE 10/24/26:** Ramey Weichelt said our spot is #60 at the corner of Buchanan and Elson Streets. (See map in her email today.) The parade begins at 9 AM. All are welcome to walk or ride in the parade!

**50-50 Drawing:** Kevin Butner did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$218.

## **Guest:**

**TSU Rotaract Member Neha** (introduced by Randy Smith) Surname unknown

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## **Upcoming Programs:**

**Oct. 28:** Mindy Bryant/Wreaths Across America  
**Nov. 4:** Dr. Vaujeet Gokhale/Dark Sky Initiatives  
**Nov. 11:** Jonna Lovenduski/Club Financial Statement  
**Nov. 18:** Erik McGuire/The Rotary Foundation  
**Nov. 25:** NO MEETING (Jt. Service Club 11/24)



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- This month is Polio Plus Month. October 24th is World Polio Day. Online giving can be found at [my.rotary.org](https://my.rotary.org)
- Reminder to record volunteer hours  
<https://tinyurl.com/KVRotaryVolTime>





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- Boots & Bling Rotary District 6040 Foundation Dinner, Friday, November 6th, 6 pm, The Carraige Club, KC MO**
- Argentina Rotary Friendship Exchange application deadline is Friday, October 23rd. Application were emailed to members.**



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Dates to Remember!

- Truman State University Parade October 24th
- Today's Food collection is Applesauce
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