The Serving Tray

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POLIO PLUS SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS: Pictured from left are Larry Whitney, Kevin Butner, Ron Brand, Amanda Brand, Debi Boughton, John Dungan and Claire Lloyd. Not pictured is new member Pete Detweiler.

FLAGS: Put up next weekend and take down by Nov. 14. Let Jeff know if you can't take them down by that date



DR. V. GOKHALE ON DARK SKIES INITIATIVE: In Amanda Brand's introduction, we learned that Vayujeet Gokhale is a professor of physic and astronomy at Truman State University. He earned his BSc. in physics ('96) and MSc. in nuclear physics ('98) from the University of Bombay, followed by a PhD in astronomy from Louisiana State University in 2007 He lives just outside Kirksville with his wife Michelle, two young kids and a cat. Dr. Gokhale loves the night sky and America's National Parks, and dreams of someday becoming an astronomy park ranger at the Arches National Park in Utah.

DR. Gokhale spoke about the Dark Skies Initiative and, in particular, the DarkSky Festival at Thousand Hills State Park on April 9-11, 2027. President John reported that the board agreed to fund the event for up to $1,500 and, hopefully, receive a grant to fund up to $3,000.

Dr. Gokhale provided a card that asked "How DarkSky friendly are your outdoor lights?" The five questions are (1) Is it useful? All light should have a clear purpose. Use lights only when and where they are needed; (2) Is it targeted? Shield and aim your light so t only falls downward and where it is useful; (3) Is it low-level? Lights should be no brighter than necessary to save money and reduce glare; (4) Is it controlled? Lights should only be on when needed. Use timers and motion sensors; (5) Is it warm-colored? Warm-colored lights reduce light pollution. Use amber-toned lighting when possible.

SCOTT SCHNEIDER IS PROPOSED MEMBER (second announcement).

50-50 Drawing: did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $584.
Happy Bucks $32

Guests:

Elsie Gaber (Thousand Hills club)

More Announcements: See Page 3

Upcoming Programs:

Nov. 11: Jonna Lovenduski/Club Financial Statement
Nov. 18: Erik McGuire/The Rotary Foundation
Nov. 25: NO MEETING (Jt. Service Club 11/24)
Dec. 2: Courtney Lovegreen/United Way
Dec. 9: Kenya P. Smith/Dental School & Oral Health
Dec.16: Annual Christmas Party
Dec. 23: NO MEETING



ROTARY PARK WORKDAY
10/29/26

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Announcements

- 2nd Announcement: prospective member Scott Schneider with Truman State
- Reminder that the donation form for Wreaths Across America was emailed to everyone last week with The Serving Tray
- Reminder to record volunteer hours
  https://tinyurl.com/KVRotaryVolTime



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- Still need a Diorector for International Service
- Flags for Veterens Day need to be up by Nov. 8th and come down by Nov. 14th