

15 or so Eastside Rotarians, 1 visiting Rotarian (Chad Higdon from Andrew County), and 1 prospective member (Joan Thomas) gathered today at the Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art for Rotary. Golden Corral served a spread of chicken noodle soup, salad, mashed potatoes, rolls, and an apple dessert.

Brian Kraus has applied for membership as a new member in the club. Brian is the Director of Human Resources for the St. Joseph School District. We'll run his name in the newsletter twice before voting to approve his membership application.

Please check your emails for the latest Meals on Wheels updates, including the October and November rotations that will be sent out soon. If you have a date that you can't deliver, please let Alan know.

The change jar still has a bit of room until it's full, but the good news is we have until November to bring in our spare change for the contest between the clubs in the district to support the Foundation dinner. On a related note, if anyone has auction items that could be good for the Foundation Dinner auction, please let Erik know and we can get them lined up.

Sergeant Josh collected several Happy Bucks today. Dana is happy to be going on vacation with her husband, Bill and Shelly McCammon will be celebrating their 31st Anniversary in Branson, Erik and Christy McGuire will be celebrating their 6th Anniversary in Chicago, Joan's son's football team is now 3-0, and Laura's husband's birthday is this Friday.

Josh also flummoxed everyone, including Chad, with some hunger-related trivia. As Amy said, we really all do have a lot to be thankful for and we shouldn't take something as simple as eating lunch for granted.

Laura shared that the Salvation Army still has some great deals on the donated clothes from Dillard's, and to let her know if you are interested in stopping by to look through the inventory.

"Ultimately a great nation is a compassionate nation. No individual or nation can be great if it does not have a concern for 'the least of these'."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in remarks accepting the Nobel Prize



Today's program was presented by Chad Higdon, the Executive Director of Second Harvest Community Food Bank.

Second Harvest provides nourishment and hope to the hungry in NW MO and NE KS.

Families have experienced increased food costs over the past year, and this continues to have an impact locally.

Second Harvest currently operates 24 mobile food distribution sites and supports the local pantries throughout their 19 county territory.

Some upcoming events are the 9/23-24 Bluegrass Battles Hunger and a Fill the Van Citywide food drive on 10/8 (volunteers can help with this).

For more information, please visit <https://www.shcfb.org/>



Next week's club program on 9/21 will feature a presentation from Rob Homan about Midland Empire Resources for Independent Living (MERIL).