SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS: Committee Co-chair Stephanie DeLaney announced the kickoff of this year’s campaign. A special envelope will be attached to Happy Bucks basket. It is suggested that each member donate at least $25 and/or sturdy shoes (no sandals). All shoes collected will be delivered to St. Joseph on April 25th. Last year we contributed 600 pairs of shoes; District 6040 collected 17,000 pairs; and, overall, 39,000 pairs of shoes were distributed to children in 37 countries around the world.

AIR FESTIVAL: Randy Smith placed a list of last year’s contributors on each table. He is seeking 4 to 6 Rotarians to contact 4 or 5 contributors each to solicit their help again this year. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m., at the Dukum Inn, at which time forms will be provided for your use in solicitation.

CHICKEN Q, SATURDAY, MAY 2: Committee Chair Scott Veach announced plans for this annual event to be held at the high school with 50% of the profits to go to Rotary Park and the remainder to a local charity not yet selected. The cost is still $7.00 and members will be billed for 10 tickets; however, this year envelopes (to be distributed to us at the March 18th meeting) will include five extra tickets which the committee hopes we will sell. If not, they need to be returned. Also, instead of half chickens, chicken breasts will be served. Sign up sheets for workers will be placed on tables at a later date.

SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT: NEW HARMONIES - CELEBRATING AMERICAN ROOTS MUSIC

Linda Colton (right) is co-chairing this special event coming to the Kirksville Arts Association March 21 - May 2, 2009. This 800 sq. ft. exhibit tracing the traditions of American music is on a three-year tour around the country and is making its Missouri debut in Kirksville before traveling to five other small cities in the state. Local historical and contemporary individuals, artifacts and music will be showcased to accompany the Smithsonian exhibits. The exhibit will be open 9-5 p.m., Mon-Thurs, 5-7 p.m., Fridays, and 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays. A dozen events (including concerts) and five “lunch and learn” events are scheduled in conjunction with the exhibition. (Linda is pictured above with Rotarian Alisa Kigar who introduced her and also spoke about the exhibit.)

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR: Contact Jeff Romine for details.

MARK HANLEY thanked Andrea O’Brien and Walt Ryle for helping him review Ambassadorial Scholarship applications.

TO ATTEND RYLA CAMP: Congratulations to Xavier O’Brien, Laura Krusniak, & Katy Lovegreen!

THREE PROPOSED MEMBERS (SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT): Matt Heeren, Charlene Boyes, and Betty McLane-Iles. (If you have comments about any of these proposed members, please contact President Randy at 660-349-9643.)

Guests: Richard Detweiler (guest of Pete Detweiler); Betty McLane-Iles (guest of club); Stacey Hudson (guest of Jeff Romine); Shiyu “Bridget” Han (TSU Scholar); Phil Tate (Gallatin club); Linda Colton (speaker)

Announcement: March birthdays and club anniversaries read, including 48 years for Max Bell.

Upcoming Programs/Events:
March 6: Fellowship Friday; March 11: Mari Macomber, City of Kirksville Update; March 18: TSU Int’l Student from China (Bridget); March 25: NO NOON MEETING - Youth Recognition Dinner; April 1: Ron Gaber/Plans for “Celebrate Ray”; April 8: PETE RAHN, MoDOT; April 15: Darrell Krueger, TSU