IT’S HERE - OUR NEW BANNER TO “CELEBRATE RAY”!!

At our first meeting of the new year at Rotary Park, Matt Eichor unveiled and hung for the first time our club’s new banner! He is pictured in left photo with 2009/10 President Tim Tucker (left) displaying the banner which reads in part: Home of Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith 2010-11. It will be carried, along with numerous international flags, in the Red, White, and Blue Festival July 4th Parade where Ray and Judie Klinginsmith will be the Senior Marshals.

FLAG BEARERS FOR PARADE: Claire Lloyd read a memorandum from the Chamber of Commerce warning us about throwing candy during the parade, although not discouraging us from handing candy to children. At today’s meeting, Claire reported that 37 volunteers have agreed to carry international flags to honor Ray and Judie (the count is now 44!). Volunteers should report to the Kirksville Fire Station (Illinois and Franklin streets) at 3:30 p.m. We are Group No. 6.

DUCK DASH: Mac McCord announced that this committee will meet following today’s meeting. He encouraged all Rotarians selling tickets at tables to actively seek out sales. (Tickets: $5 or $25/6-pack)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7/4: Ricki Trosen said workers are still needed for 10-12 noon shift. In the event of rain, the breakfast will be served in the building adjacent to the Kirksville Arts Association.

NEMO FAIR CELEBRITY BARTENDERS 7/13: If you are interested in helping, contact Craig Shorten, David Hall or Ralph Cupelli. Proceeds this year will support the Air Show.

ROTARY PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND FUTURE PLANS

Matt Eichor introduced our first speaker of the day Rotarian Ralph Cupelli, a member since June 1990. Ralph, who began his career at Truman State University as a professor of military science, is now assistant to the provost, vice president for academic affairs.

Ralph, and the second speaker Melanie R. Smith, Kirksville community services director, discussed progress on improvements to Rotary Park as well as future plans, including developing a tree and bench donation program with memorial plaques and instituting a “Movies in the Park” program in the fall.

Upcoming Programs:

JULY 8: Tim Tucker/2009-10 President Club Assembly/Committee Meetings
JULY 15: Matt Eicher/Rotary Foundation
JULY 22: TBA
JULY 29: Dr. Elizabeth Horton/Dementia