DISTRICT GOVERNOR, JOHN GILL

District Governor, John Gill—in town for the Kirksville Rotary Board of Directors Meeting—addressed the club at the noontime meeting. Mr. Gill focused on Rotary International President John Kenny’s message to Rotarians “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”. Gill discussed what the message meant to him, reflecting on what Rotary can do for each member and encouraged members to consider where Rotary can take them. His list of areas where Rotary has enriched his life included giving him the opportunity to:

1) develop business relationships;
2) improve his communication skills;
3) serve his community and the world; and,
4) expand his horizons.

The District Governor also shared how Rotary and Rotarians had been important in his life since he became a member in 1989. One of his several memorable experiences included the outpouring of financial support from worldwide Rotarians in 1993 when his community of Richmond MO was devastated by the floods. In conclusion John encouraged each member to assess what he/she has gained from being a member of Rotary and to remember that the “future of Rotary is in our hands”. Pictured above: Club President Tim Tucker and District Governor John Gill with a snow globe of Kauffman stadium, a gift from the club.

FLATS PROJECT

Kirksville Tourism Director, Debi Boughton, announced an opportunity to help support the Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS). On Tuesday, September 8 Ponderosa will donate 20% of proceeds from dinners purchased between 5pm and 8pm to the trail project. Debi urged Rotarians to have dinner at Ponderosa next Tuesday night and help support the FLATS project.

AIR FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Rotarian Randy Smith of the Kirksville Airport Association announced that there is an urgent need for 60 volunteers to help with tickets and parking at the Air Festival. Parking is the largest logistic concern for the Festival which relies heavily on Rotary volunteers. The Air Festival is scheduled for Friday, September 11 and Saturday September 12. To volunteer contact Randy Smith or David Hall.

Announcements:

- Club President Tim Tucker announced that the price of Rotary meals will be increasing to $5.13/meal.
- President Tim announced that he was not a winner at the Dancing with the Local Stars; the event made $8000.00 anyway.
- Rotary Tree Planting to take place in Rotary Park on October 17, 2009.

Guests:

Phil Tate (Gallatin club); Harley Harrelson (guest of George Scheurer); Ed Tiff (guest of Frank Colton); Dan & Phyllis Hall (Lee’s Summit Club); Jacob Condon (guest of the club); John Gering (guest of Mike McCormack); Katya Markova (guest of Ralph Capelli) Dorian Pyl (club youth exchange student, guest of club), Quang Nguyen Nhat (International Scholarship student- Truman), and D.G. John Gill (speaker)

Upcoming Programs:

Sept. 9 Matt Holt/Juvenile Justice Center
Sept. 16 Ronnie Watkins/2010 Census
Sept. 23 To Be Announced
Sept. 30 To Be Announced