CLASSIFICATION PRESENTATIONS:
JANET GOOCH and ERIK HANSON

Kirksville Rotary Club had the pleasure of hearing the presentations of Rotary members Janet Gooch and Erik Hanson who addressed the club at the noontime meeting. Each shared their lifetime experiences and goals.

Janet Gooch joined Kirksville Rotary Club in April 2006. She had lived in Kansas City since January 1995. Janet is from Cleveland where she had attended Cleveland State University. Janet Gooch completed her doctoral work in Speech Pathology at Case Western Reserve. Here at Truman State University, she started as Assistant Professor of Speech Pathology with her mentor/colleague John Applegate. Four years ago, Janet became director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at the time of John Applegate's retirement. She is presently Chair of the Department of Communication Disorders. As Chair, she does administrative work, faculty reviews, teaches Speech/Sound development, and works in the Speech & Hearing Clinic. Janet gives particular attention to the speech communication needs of young children. Janet works with future speech pathologists, and her own specialty is disorders caused by the condition of 'Cleft Palate.' Janet works also in the areas of Exercise Science and Marathon Training. She is presently training for the Half Marathon and the Iron Man Triathlon on Sept. 12. Janet is married with three children. Her husband, Rick, is a dentist, a Kirksville native. Janet encourages interest in the Speech & Hearing clinic and describes it appropriately as a great center of community service.

Erik Hanson, also a member of Kirksville Rotary Club, grew up on a farm in northeast Iowa. His family were successful farmers and business people. All of his grandparents were emigrant farmers. He is a youth minister in Kirkville. Erik came here in 1986 and first met his mentor advisor Ricki Trosen, as an undergraduate at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) who assisted in helping him find employment. Erik Hanson spoke also of the friendship and help given him by Kirkville resident Mark Krueger, in whose store Erik worked as store manager. After the birth of his first son, Erik left his position to spend more time with his family for a couple of years. Erik Hanson subsequently found his life's work in youth ministry programs through his church. He has worked in this area for ten years. He has not, at this time, the intention of becoming a senior minister. Erik Hanson speaks of his work as unpredictable, never knowing from day to day what he is going to be doing. The needs of the community he serves arise spontaneously and include personal counseling, suicide prevention, youth organizing, and an immense range of family and community services. His spiritual comfort comes from reading. Erik works in the summer, in a camp in the west Mississippi River Bluff county. Erik Hanson was the first incorporated member of the board of Hope's Kitchen. He encourages others to look into the area of Youth Ministry for their life's work, as it continues to give him great personal meaning and satisfaction in his life.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE

Larry Lamberson was recognized as the recipient of the Attendance Prize.

Announcements:

- Rotarian Ron Brand announced the successful completion of the Highway 63 Clean-up.
- President Tim Tucker and Rotarian Randy Smith discussed the success of the Air Festival fundraiser event last week-end and thanked volunteers, including those of Kirkville and Thousand Hill Rotary Clubs.
- President Tim Tucker reminded members of the October 15th due date for GSE Applications.
- Rotary Foundation Dinner will take place on November 7th, reception at 5:15 pm, dinner at 6:15 pm at Airport Embassy Suites, near Kansas City Airport.
- Our next Tree Planting will take place at Rotary Park, on October 17.
- There will an Open House held on October 1st, 4 to 7 pm, at Alliance Bank. There will be cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes for the public.

Guests:
Jim Wagner (Thousand Hills Rotary Club, guest of Kirkville Rotary Club); Dorianne Pyl (Youth Exchange Student, guest of club); Nate Walker (guest of Harriet Beard); Merl Snyder & Tonia Hengstensberg (guests of Larry Lamberson) David Erwin (guest of Harley Harrelson)

Upcoming Programs:
Sept. 30 Wi-Fi program