DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT: PE Ralph Cupelli announced last week that our club received a $1,500 grant under this program. The funds will be used to help pave the walkways to Rotary Park shelters.

SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS (for Haiti): Becky Bragg said that DG Gill will pick up 1000 Hills club shoes at 5/1 Chicken Q (if not too congested to bring the truck there). If you wish to personally contribute shoes, bring them then. Remember to pull all paper from the toes and tie the shoes together with their laces or use heavy rubber bands for those with velcro fasteners. Flip flops are okay this year and packaged socks can be donated. An envelope was attached to Happy Bucks basket for donations today and it will be there again next week.

Jeff Romine reported on the Missouri District Conference in Springfield last weekend and announced next year's District Conference (theme "Celebrating Service Celebrating Clubs") will be held in Kirksville on April 29-30, 2011. Mark Burger is chairing the effort. Ray will be in attendance on Saturday, the 30th. Jeff is hoping for high attendance. Matt Eichor said the 1928 District Conference in Kirksville had 1,400-1,500 people - a pretty high goal to match!

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SELECTED: Chair Ron Knight announced that Scott Kriegshauser of Kirksville and Kelsey Potter of Novinger will each receive a $750 club scholarship, named for Ray Klinginsmith beginning this year. Ron thanked his committee for their help in selecting the recipients. (Mark Hanley also thanked the Rotarians who helped with the Ambassadorial Scholarship process.)

TSU BIODIESEL PROJECT: Dr. Tom Marshall, TSU associate professor of agricultural science, spoke about this project which began as part of a senior agricultural practicum class and is now carried out by a biodiesel club. Club members collect waste vegetable oil and convert it into biodiesel for use in tractors at the Truman farm. It also can be used at the physical plant. Biodiesel is produced through a chemical process by adding lye (or KOH) and methanol to vegetable oil and heating. Their two processors have the potential to produce 200 gallons/week or 10,000 gallons/year. So far 4,000 gallons have been produced. Glycerine, produced as a byproduct of their operation, has been made into soap and hand creams and also added to cattle feed. Unused glycerine is composted. About ten gallons of glycerine is produced with every 50 gallons of biodiesel. The biodiesel project has been helped considerably by a $34,000 grant received last year from the Northeast Missouri Solid Waste District. [The speaker (left) is pictured above with Nate Walker who introduced him.]

Guests:
Becky Bragg & Heather Mitchell
(Thousand Hills Club)
Ashley Frazier (guest of David Hall)
Marsha Redmon (guest of Dana Delaware)

Announcements:
Stand up meeting Free Enterprise/Four-Way Test Committee at 1 p.m. today.

Upcoming Program:
April 28: Doriane Pyl
Youth Exchange Program