ROTARIAN FOLK SINGING: Following President Tim Tucker's last call to order of his presidential term, prayer and pledge were eloquently led by Jim Harding. We all joined together with John Dungan accompanied by David Nichols on the piano to sing Woody Guthrie's moving American classic patriotic folk song "This Land is your Land."

BANNER PRESENTATION FROM MONTREAL: Ralph Cupelli and Jeff Romine presented to our Kirksville Rotarians the impressive international banner gift from Ray of "Building Communities and Bridging Continents." Ralph and Jeff also brought to us, another magnificent Rotary banner from Scotland, in our exchange of banners with John Kinney, past president of Rotary International.

ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE: Speaker Mary Farwell representing Enhanced Enterprise Zone was introduced by Kirksville Rotarian Charlene Boyes. Mary Farwell is a former faculty of Truman State University, a family woman, and an experienced local businesswoman. She has been working extensively to help make our climate regionally more welcoming to industry. Mary and her husband run an eight thousand acre ranch in addition to another three thousand rented acres of ranch land. She is thus experienced in business and emphasizes our need regionally to bring more commerce into our city and region. Mary Farwell and a certain number of associates established Enhanced Enterprise Zone on November 24th and completed its establishment on February 2. The zone encourages more businesses to come into the area by offering tax abatement. The primary industry successfully encouraged and supported by Enhanced Enterprise Zone is that of wind farms which will receive 50% tax abatement in Adair County and 60% in Sullivan County. The business, its construction and manufacturing will constitute a tremendous source of employment and fresh commercial activity and prosperity for the area. Given the oil crisis and need for energy efficient industries and public services, wind power will bring hope and a regeneration of commerce to northeastern Missouri counties. Tax revenue in one year would be one million eighty thousand dollars. Plans are to negotiate a twenty year contract resulting in 23,600,000 dollars going into local area. One wind tower is already up in Adair County, as part of Phase One of the construction. Phase One would involve also construction in Sullivan and Macon counties as well as Adair County. Wind turbines are energy efficient. There are no hidden social or environmental costs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) Saturday, July 10: Installation of District Governor Jeff Romine Rotary District 6040, 2010-2011, at the Newman Center, 709 S. Davis, Kirksville, Missouri. Reception at 5:30 pm, followed by Dinner at 6:30 pm. Installation of District Governor, District Officers, Assistant Governors and Club Presidents, Officers and Directors will take place at 7:15 pm. Spouses and other guests welcomed. Cost: $20 per person.


3) Attendance Prize: Congratulations to David Nichols!

4) Meeting of the Scholarship Committee announced by Ron Knight would take place immediately after the meeting.

5) Elsie Gaber announced "Celebrate Ray Meat stick Sales" to raise funds to help allay costs for the "Celebration of Ray". $10 cost will allow $5 fundraising contribution.
6) Ron Gaber and Matt Eichor announced the upcoming "Roast Ray" or "Celebrate Missouri's Rotary Presidents, and Celebration of Ray Kinginsmith Rotary International President,"Reynold's Alumni Center, Columbia, Missouri, July 31st, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

7) Air Festival announced by Randy Smith, to take place September 11 and September 12th. Goal is to reach $40,000. $18,000 has already been raised for the event.

| GUESTS: | 1) Jim Waggoner from Thousand Hill Rotary Club. 2) Elsie Gaber, Thousand Hill Rotary Club, guest of Ron Gaber. 3) Jenna Rodgers, guest of Randy Rodgers. 4) Lynn Daniels, guest of Carl Baldwin. 5) Robert (Bob) Hardwick, guest of Jim Hughes. 6) Paul and Richard Detweiler, guests of Pete Detweiler. |