INSTALLATION OF 2010/11 DISTRICT 6040 GOVERNOR AND 2010/11
OFFICERS & BOARDS OF DIRECTORS, BOTH KIRKSVILLE CLUBS

Newly Installed DG Jeff Romine (left) installing Thousand Hills Club President Elsie Gaber (middle with husband Ron to her right)

In right portion of photo: Rotary Club of Kirksville President Ralph Cupelli (with wife Suzanne to his left), being installed by DG Jeff Romine.

DG Jeff Romine, PE Annette Sweet, Pres. Ralph Cupelli & Past Pres. Tim Tucker


Rotarian Casey Venters, PDG Jerry Venters & PDG H. Middleton

Ron Gaber, T.H. Pres. Elsie Gaber, DGE Dan Hall & wife Phyllis

PDG John Gill (left) presenting 2009/10 Presidential Citation to Past Pres. Tim Tucker

Rotarian Marilyn Romine & DG Jeff Romine enjoying HyVee catered buffet meal

Mark Burger & Ron Gaber admiring banner designed and presented to our club by one of our fellow members

David Nichols (2nd from left) and colleagues providing a taste of music we'll experience at RI President Ray Klinginsmith’s 2011 NO Int’l Convention!

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PDG John Gill called the meeting to order. John Dungan led the prayer and T.H. Club member Ernie Loft led the Pledge of Allegiance. In his introduction, PDG Gill introduced the past district governors and other Rotary dignitaries in attendance. He also announced there have been 83 new members in the District and that there are new grant projects. The campaign to eliminate polio has been re-energized by Bill Gates' contribution of an extra $150 million (we are at $131 million towards our $200 million goal). He said a number of local and district members were at the Montreal convention. He spoke with pride of the international programs we have so successfully engaged in and others we are close to completing. He announced also that we have sent a Rotaract medical student to Jamaica (Christine). Gill paraphrased former Rotary International President John Kinney’s declaration that the club is the most important part of Rotary. Gill reminded us of our motto: “Service above self” and said words do not suffice to define the essence of service. He concluded by offering U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm’s definition of service: “Service is the rent you pay for being on this earth.”

After dinner, the installation ceremony proceeded. Jeff Romine was installed as District Governor by PDG John Gill and Jeff’s wife, Marilyn, placed a district governor’s pin on his lapel. Jeff then introduced his family members present and mentioned that his brother-in-law was responsible for getting him interested in Rotary years ago. PDG John Gill received a pin in recognition of his work as district governor. Romine installed six officers of District 6040 and asked the district chairs to stand. Rick Steele and Tim Tucker then expressed their feelings about their past presidency and both thanked PDG Gill. DG Romine talked about things he wants to get done this year including working harder to vanquish polio. He said we must never forget the suffering children and quoted a New Testament biblical verse: “To whom much is given, much is expected,” He said that so much of the world has not the privileges, abundance and advantages that we have. He said that the first action of District Governor this year is to turn the spotlight on the wonderful volunteers of District 6040, to focus on “nurturing Rotarians, to use the district resources to make the world better.” He asked us all to step up and choose a project in Rotary that is important to each of us, to ask Ralph how we can each help. Romine thanked us in advanced for being the best Rotarians we have ever been as we spend our energies bridging continents and building communities.

DG Romine then installed club presidents, officers and board members of both Kirksville clubs. The new presidents each introduced the new incoming club members: (T.H. club) Eric Barber, Joe Novinger, Matt Wilson, and (our club) David Pfohl and Nate Walker. New Paul Harris Fellows were introduced, including our club’s 120th, Scott Templeton. Charter members were also announced and members with 50 or more years of membership (Bob Reed and Walt Ryle).

The evening concluded with a video of Ray & Judie Klinginsmith at New Orleans to encourage us to attend next year’s convention, music and a trivia contest.

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