COMMITTEE MEETINGS: President Annette reminded committee chairs if your committee has not yet met this year, please do it quickly so everyone on the committee is aware of the committee's plans or responsibilities.

THANK YOU NOTES: Teresa's Bridal Boutique thanked us for paying its 2012 Chamber dues as our Ruby Green/Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award winner. We also received a thank you note from Bob Barrett, our Honor Flight speaker.

BOARD MEETING, January 12, 5:30 p.m., upstairs at Dukum Inn. All are welcome.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES READ, including 51 years of service for Walt Ryle and Dean Rosebery! Ralph then led us in singing Happy Birthday.

MATT EICHOR ON ROTARY GIVING THROUGH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION: Matt encouraged us to make a tax-deductible donation to allow Rotary to carry out its mission of improving health, alleviating poverty and supporting education including programs such as Ambassadorial Scholars (program soon to be revised), Rotary Peace Fellows (with a goal of influencing policy) and Group Study Exchanges. Your donations to Polio Plus will go to complete our Gates Foundation matching funds ($200 million needed, mostly raised). Earn a Paul Harris fellowship for each total of $1,000 donated to either Annual Fund or Polio Plus Fund. Contributions can also be made to the Permanent fund as an endowment. PDG Jeff Romine spoke about humanitarian grants. He said 20% is allocated for District Simplified Grants and described several District 6040 grants awarded. Four districts, including 6040, contributed for "Ray's Reading Room" for homeless people in New Orleans. Many Rotarians donated books and volunteers went to New Orleans to clean, paint and assemble shelves. Internationally, funds go to numerous important efforts. [Matt (right) is pictured with PDG Jeff in above photo.]

HOW TO DONATE:

See Matt Eichor's attached summary of ways to contribute, along with Every Rotarian Every Year Contribution form and TRF Direct Donations form.

JANUARY IS RI AWARENESS MONTH.

Guests:
- Monty Murphy (Columbia South club)
- Mike Valkenaar (guest of Deane Valkenaar)

50-50 Drawing:
- Greg Capranica did not pick the ace of spades (or the joker); pot now at $2,238.

Upcoming Programs:
- Jan. 11: Cyber Crime (Tim King)
- Jan. 18: City of Kirksville & Adair Co. Strategic Plan
- Jan. 25: TSU Strategic Plan (Troy Paino)
- Feb. 1: Classification Talks
- Feb. 8: Polio Plus (Tim Tucker)