NO MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY: The March 22 Youth Recognition Banquet in TSU Georgian Room (6:30 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. dinner) will replace our regular noon meeting next week. Sign up sheet circulated.

FREE ENTERPRISE AWARD NOMINATIONS: Chair Mark Burger had nomination forms on the table again today. He needs all nominations in hand by Wednesday, March 21. It does not need to be a new business.

SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS: Chair David Nichols had a bag attached to the Happy Bucks bucket for our checks (payable to Kirksville Rotary Charitable Fund) and cash donations.

RON KNIGHT PRESENTS PRESIDENT ANNETTE ROCHESTER, MN ROTARY CLUB BANNER: We are glad to have Ron back from his radiation treatments at Mayo Clinic! He said he feels fine.

GET WELL, RON WINKLER: He is recovering from double bypass surgery.

50-50 DRAWING: Marcy Palermo (for Randy Smith) did not draw the ace of spades; pot now up to $384.

NEW MEMBER WELCOMED: Courtney Bonnell (center), Bank Midwest banking center manager and assistant V.P., was inducted today by President Annette (left). Her Rotary Sponsor, Jill Williams, is also pictured.

JOPLIN TORNADO VICTIMS: Anna Watt, a licensed mortician with Playle Jones Funeral Home in Unionville, showed photos of the devastation from the tornado that struck last year and spoke about her experiences in dealing with its tragic victims. There were over 160 fatalities including high school students who had just graduated. She spoke about identification problems which delayed the embalming process. Once they were able to proceed, she stood for several days non-stop attending to the deceased. Anna specializes in restoration art (in this case reconstructing faces, ears) and derives a great deal of satisfaction from her work. Anna is a mother of young children; her husband Jeremy (a Unionville Rotarian!), also a licensed mortician, is the Unionville school principal. Before moving to Unionville, Anna worked nine and a half years at Parker Mortuary in Joplin so this was somewhat a “going home” experience for her. She is pictured in left photo above with Matt Eichor who introduced her.

LeAnna Lutz (Metroport TX club); Greg Fowlds (g/o LeAnna Lutz); Elsie Gaber (1000 Hills club); Brent Barnhill (g/o Jeff Romine); John Nolan (g/o Pres. Annette/prospective member); Ted Wendel (g/o Matt Heeren); Alejandra Frias (exchange student); Anna Watt (speaker, g/o club)

Upcoming Programs:
March 21: NO MEETING
March 22: YOUTH RECOGNITION DINNER, TSU Georgian Room, 6:30 p.m., reception; 7 p.m. dinner
March 28: TO BE ANNOUNCED
April 4: Kevin Keith, MoDOT