YOUTH RECOGNITION BANQUET: President Annette thanked Michael McManis and his committee for this successful event last Thursday. At the event, she presented an engraved clock to Dr. Jack Magruder, our featured speaker, as a token of Rotary’s appreciation for 55 years of service to Education and the Kirksville Community.

OUR CONDOLENCES AND ALSO WELCOME BACK: Secretary Erick Hanson shared our sympathy to Jim LeBaron on the loss of his mother and to Andrea O’Brien on the death of her father-in-law. On a happier note, we welcomed back Ron Winkler and Dick Gooch (had health issues) and Jacob Condon who returned from his deployment in time to witness the birth of his daughter, Olivia Jean Condon. Congratulations, Heather and Jacob!

HOLD THESE DATES: DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 18-20, UNITY VILLAGE, LEE’S SUMMIT, and 2012-13 DISTRICT GOVERNOR KENNY HARRIS’S INSTALLATION, JUNE 30, ADAM’S POINTE CONFERENCE CENTER, BLUE SPRINGS (Details will follow.)

20 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLATS PROJECT! We need members to meet at the Petroglyph site on Sunday, April 1, 1:30 P.M., with brush cutting tools and gloves to finish the work begun last week. If we have that many workers, it should only take about an hour. Our club sponsored a District Simplified Grant for this project and we need to put some time in on it this Spring. If you have the time and the ability please participate.

SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS: We collected checks and cash again this week to reimburse Chair David Nichols for the shoes he has already purchased. In early May, David will begin boxing the shoes for transporting to the District Conference.

ATSU PRESIDENT DR JACK MAGRUDER ON DENTAL SCHOOL: After an interesting introduction of little known facts about our speaker by Dr. Michael McManis, Dr. Magruder spoke about A.T. Still University and the Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health, projected to open here in the Fall of 2013. This will be ATSU’s six school; currently there are five schools (including KCOM) on two campuses (Kirksville and Mesa, AZ). He began by thanking Ron Winkler and Michael McManis, who are among the architects behind the dental school, and his other staff members. Dr. Magruder spoke about ATSU’s beginnings here in 1892; 103 years later the next school was opened in Mesa, AZ. Kirksville competed with San Diego and Orlando and was selected by the board for the site of the new dental school. Missouri’s needs are great; it ranks 49th in dental care for children and 47th in dental care overall. Six Missouri counties have no dentists and another 12 have only one. He provided a timeline for the selection process, mentioning the grass roots fund raising of $1.1 million and spoke about the ground breaking ceremony on March 15. Students will study the first two years here, then third year clinical experiences will occur in St. Louis, the poorest U.S. city for dental health. Fourth year clinical experience will be with Community Health Centers in Missouri, including Kirkville. In left photo, Dr. Magruder (right) is pictured with Rotarian Michael McManis. [Jeff Romine, who had the winning 50-50 ticket, had Jack pick a card for him (he would have donated money to dental school); unfortunately, Dr. Magruder didn’t pick the ace of spades.]

Guests:
Chris Marks (Columbia Northwest club)
Bob Hardwick & Jim Wagner (1000 Hills club)
Jason Lene (g/o Sheila Pruett)
Jill Walker (g/o Carl Baldwin)
Eric Beal (g/o Ron Gaber)
Nick Barert (g/o Roger Edge)

Upcoming Programs:
April 4: Kevin Keith, MoDOT
April 11: Ruby Green-Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award
April 18: Experiences of our High School Exchange Student (Alejandra Frias)