GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) TEAM FROM ROMANIA AND MOLDOVA IN KIRKSVILLE! Several members of our club were able to meet, visit and enjoy dinner with the team Monday evening at the Thousand Hills Dining Lodge. This followed kayaking on the lake which most of them did. Pictured (left to right) are Ciprian, Anca, Odie, Andreia (team leader) and Cosmin. The GSE team could not attend our meeting today; they were attending the Rotary meeting in Macon.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 5/18-20: President Annette announced that Ralph Cupelli was recognized as our Club Champion there and Dondi Bates (right in left photo with President Annette) as our Rookie of the Year. Dondi was honored with flowers and a duck today. At the District business meeting, votes were taken to increase district dues by $5 (Our club voted against it but it passed anyway.)

ALEJANDRA’S “COMPUTERS FOR ECUADOR” FUNDRAISER: We will have an envelope on the Happy Bucks bucket today and for the next two weeks to support this fundraiser for purchase of computers for schools in Ecuador. Alejandra asked us to provide the names of those donating for a drawing two weeks from now. [President Annette had earlier today read an appreciation letter from Alejandra’s father and Rosa Virginia translated a letter from the Machala (Ecuador) Rotary Club on the fundraiser.]

INCOMING ATSU ROTARACT OFFICERS: Ron Gaber (center) introduced us to Rotaract Advisor Dr. Melissa Stuart (far right) and the following Rotaract officers (left to right): Vice President Christina Pavelko, Secretary Seth Van Heukelom and President Amy Krausnaar.

50-50 DRAWING: Tim Tucker pulled the ace of diamonds, not the ace of spades. Pot now at $1,368.

IMPROVEMENTS AT TWIN PINES ADULT CARE CENTER: Sandra Williams introduced today’s speaker, Linnette Baker, who has served as administrator at Twin Pines since 2005. Ms. Baker spoke about the changes to the facility and its operations since it began in 1968 when it had no private rest rooms and only five private rooms. There has been extensive remodeling/updating over the last six years which has also involved a culture change - care has been moved toward a resident-centered model. Restrooms are now in each room. There are 35 private rooms. There is a full-service beauty salon. The 15-bed special care unit for residents with dementia has been redesigned to have a more home-like atmosphere. Public areas have been redecorated to also be more home-like. Made-to-order breakfasts are provided and there are menu choices at all meals - again, the focus is on the individual. (The speaker is pictured above with Secretary Erick Hanson.)

Guests:
Amy Krausnaar, Christina Pavelko, Seth Van Heukelom, (ATSU Rotaract and Advisor); Dr. Melissa Stuart (g/o Ron Gaber); Monty Murphy, Columbia South club; Dr. Craig Phelps (g/o Michael McManis); Alejandra Frias (Exch. Stu.); Linnette Baker (speaker); Craig Perkins (g/o Mike Valkenaar)

Upcoming Programs:
June 6: Rotary Charitable Fund/Jeff Romine
June 13: Past RI Dir. Fred Hahn/Peace Through Service
June 20: Yr. End Wrap Up/President Annette
June 27: NO NOON MEETING/Evening Installation