TRAILER NEEDED 3/21-23: See cover email for details and contact Jeff Romine at his cell number (660) 349-8163 if you can help.

YOUTH RECOGNITION BANQUET 3/7: President Sandy thanked Michael McManis and his committee for this very successful Rotary event. Michael in turn thanked his committee.

FREE ENTERPRISE AWARD: Return nomination forms to Chair Mark Burger no later than April 3.

CONGRATULATIONS DALE SCHENEWERK, our 2013 CLUB CHAMPION, to be honored at District Conference.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS: Chair Ron Knight said nominations forms are at the high school. The deadline for submission is April 1.

RYLA PARTICIPANTS SELECTED: Chair Greg Gordon announced they are Tyler Hanson and Eric Krusniak.

PRAYER BREAKFAST, Monday, March 25: Erick Hanson needs 4-5 volunteers each for set up and clean up.

CAN YOU BUILD IT? Joint Rotary, Rotaract and Interact community service event (See cover email for details.)

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: A motion was made, seconded and carried for the following 2013-14 board members: Janet Gooch, president elect and Directors Matt Heeren and Jacob Condon (two-year terms) and Clint Iadanza and Michael McCormack (one-year terms). The other 2013-14 board members were approved in December.

ROTARY PARK UPDATE: After an introduction by Matt Eichor, Committee Chair Ron Gaber presented the history of Rotary Park and plans for the future. In 1955, the Rotary Club of Kirksville began fundraising to purchase the land for Swimming Pool Park. It began with a radio auction of 10,000 items and over three days $6,850 was raised. H. Greene Simpson organized a street auction of 1,000 additional items bringing in $762 and an auction of home products prepared by “Rotary Anns” (wives of Rotarians) yielded another $360. The profits were used to purchase the land and finance the cost of the bond election for the building of the pool. In 2003 Swimming Pool Park was renamed Rotary Park and the club undertook as a Rotary Centennial Project the construction of an amphitheater in the park which was completed and dedicated on July 4, 2005. On October 5, 2011, the Rotary Park Amphitheater was renamed Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheater. Various park improvements have been accomplished including a paved parking lot, trees planted, signage and disk golf. Planned actions include adding a concession and restroom building by 2015 and a signature sign for Rotary Park. Committee member John Nolan spoke about the sign to be constructed in the park just south of the Veterans Memorial and asked for donation of large rocks for the base. Pictured above (l. to r.) are Rotary Park committee members Roger Edge, Tim Tucker, Chair Ron Gaber, John Nolan, Jason Hunsicker and Melissa Stuart. Committee members not pictured are Carl Baldwin, Charles Baldwin, Ron Brand, Nate Walker, Mike Valkenaar, Dondi Bates, Christine Thomas (ATSU Rotaract), and Melanie Smith (ad hoc, Assistant City Manager).

Guests:

Elsie Gaber, Bob Hardwick, Terry Combs (1000 Hills club); Ann Moody (g/o Elsie Gaber); Bill King (g/o Bob Hardwick); Rob McKinney and Trey McKinney (g/o Dean Rosebery); Kathy Otero (g/o President Sandy); Maggie Campbell (Interact President, g/o club).

Upcoming Programs/Events:

March 20: Connie Greany/Kville Legacy Mosaic Mural
March 27: International Student Louis Darkwa
April 3: Middle School Engineering Club
April 10: H.S. Exchange Student
April 17: Free Enterprise Award/Mark Burger, et al
April 26-28: District Conference/ KC(see cover email)

[Image of people at Rotary Park]

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