IN FOND MEMORY OF DAVID HALL (9/15/59-4/27/13): It is with much sadness that we report the passing of a great fellow Rotarian, David Hall, on Saturday, April 27. He will be sorely missed. Services will be Thursday evening with visitation from 6:00 p.m. until the service at 7:00 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, 2100 E. Shepherd Ave., Kirksville.

OUR CONDOLENCES, SAM: Sam Berendzen’s wife Barb passed away Monday. Visitation is Wednesday evening, May 1, 6-8 p.m., at Davis Playle in Kirksville; her funeral will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sedalia, Friday at 10:00 a.m.

ROCKS WANTED! Chair Ron Gaber needs approximately 700 rocks ranging from 8” diameter (25% of total) up to 40” for the Rotary Park sign (no shale please). John Nolan said the sign will be 22 ft. high. Either bring them to a Rotary meeting or contact a Rotary Park committee member for pickup.

GIFT TO ATSU ROTARACT: Ron Gaber stepped down as the advisor for ATSU Rotaract recently and presented the club with a banner as a token of his appreciation. He started the club in 2003 and it reached a membership of 80 members. The new advisor is one of our fellow club members and an ATSU faculty member, Melissa Stuart.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT: Annette said a boy from France will be attending school here beginning this fall. She has one host family as of now but needs more.

DALE SCHENEWERK, CLUB CHAMPION: Dale was recognized as our Club Champion at the 2013 District Convention in Blue Springs this weekend (attended by President Sandy, Ralph Cupelli, Carl Baldwin and Jeff Romine). President Sandy thanked Dale for his contributions to Rotary and our club. He was described as “Dependably Enthusiastic”!

PER CHAIR DANA DELAWARE: HIGHWAY CLEANUP 5/1, 5:15 P.M., Westlake’s Parking Lot

NORTH STAR CLUB OFFICERS: Matt Eichor said the club chose its proposed officers at this week’s meeting (Candrika Collins, president; Dave Koenecke, president-elect; Brenda Snider, secretary; Angela Carron, treasurer, and Jeremy Pingle will serve as sergeant at arms.)

FOUNDATION DONATION INCENTIVE: Contact Jeff Romine for details. He said that half of our donations will come back to the district during Ralph’s year as District Governor.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Ron Knight scheduled a short meeting to follow the general meeting today.

CLASSIFICATION TALK: FRANK COLTON (SEE PAGE 2)
Matt Eichor (right) introduced Frank Colton (left), a member of our club since October, 1980. Frank, who said he was dedicating his talk today to David Hall, began by speaking about the early influence of his scoutmaster, Walter Beard, and the boy scout motto “Be Prepared”. He came to Kirksville in 1939 at age 4 and grew up here, along with his sister Ginny (who became Gene Schneider’s wife). After spending years away from Kirksville, he was able to come back. He spoke about events and decisions he and his family made in his life, always feeling he had great guidance. He was playing cowboys and Indians with his best friend when he was 11 years old and was hit in his right eye with an arrow. He developed a traumatic cataract which a surgeon removed but never otherwise repaired. During his recovery period, he was very comforted by a baseball board game (see right photo below) which he showed us after the meeting. He played baseball from age 14 to 16, and at age 15 he received a record for “three errors in one inning”! Golf has been part of his life for years and he lettered on the Bulldog golf team the two years he played. He received a military deferment during his college years and was to serve six months active duty thereafter. However, at Fort Leonard Wood it was deemed that he was unfit for military duty because of his vision impairment and was discharged early. He then became a business teacher in Linn, MO, pursued working on his master’s degree and met and married his wife Linda in 1960. He spent one year also teaching in Centerville, IA. He was then recruited by Pete Nicoletti’s business office at TSU and, sometime after, President Ryle (Walt Ryle’s father) put Frank on the road interviewing new teachers. Later, he obtained a leave of absence to attend the University of Missouri. Art Fritchell offered him the position of Assistant to the Dean, however, he wanted to finish his doctorate. He applied for and was awarded a Mott Foundation fellowship and obtained his doctoral degree from Wayne State University. Shortly thereafter he had three interviews at universities for teaching positions; Wisconsin, Kansas State and Kentucky. He joined Kentucky and was promoted to Associate Professor in five years. He and Linda loved Lexington, KY but the loss of Frank’s dad and illness of their other parents brought them back to Kirksville, where he spent the rest of his career in administration at ATSU. He and Linda now spend a lot of their time traveling to Kansas City to visit his two daughters and four grandchildren, and to Chicago to visit their son Matthew who is an actor and teacher at Second City.