ROCK ON! BE A PART OF THE HISTORIC ROTARY PARK SIGN! Rotary Park Committee Chair Ron Gaber said we can thank City Council member and fellow Rotarian Roger Edge for the “rock pen” which is being set up near the sign location which is 50 yards south of the veterans memorial (large rocks to the left and smaller rocks to the right.) If this won’t work for you, contact a committee member for pick up (Carl Baldwin, Charles Baldwin, Dondi Bates, Ron Brand, Roger Edge, Ron Gaber, Jason Hunsicker, John Nolan, Melissa Stuart, Christine Thomas, Tim Tucker, Mike Valkenaar or Nate Walker).

OUR CONDOLENCES, MICKEY: Mickey Hays lost his mother, Melba (Mullenix) Hays, on Sunday.

ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE, NORTH STAR: Jeff Romine reported the new club has accepted its Constitution and is working on its committee structure and by-laws. The club’s goal is to keep dues low.

WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE: Chair James Harmon scheduled a 5-10 minute meeting to follow today’s meeting.

CLASSIFICATION TALK - JOHN NOLAN: After an introduction by Gene Schneider (right), John began by sharing his experiences as a new member of Rotary. Building friendships and networking has been important to him and he believes in following the four-way test principles. He grew up in Joplin, MO and attended a private Lutheran school before transferring to public school where he could be part of middle school football. Football remained part of his life from then through half of his junior year at Truman State University. To fill time during the summer football training season at TSU, he and a friend developed P&J Lawn Care with the purchase of a $65 push mower! He expanded his business by researching operations on the internet. P&J later grew into Trumascape and has continued to grow. Trumascape purchased Cannaday Tree Service and a lawn mowing company and has expanded into commercial landscaping. On very short notice John bid on a landscaping project for the new dental school and won the bid, coming in 1/4% lower than the next lowest bid! Other successful bids include University of Iowa football field and the Joplin, MO school system. He now has salaried landscapers on board. He has 16 full-time employees and is bringing in three more, plus he has additional staffing from an outside group. Putting in 14-hour days is commonplace for John but it has been a rewarding experience for him. John is truly an entrepreneur and we wish him much success!

50-50 DRAWING: John Davis did not pull a winning card; pot now up to $2,264!