Upcoming Programs/Events:

- September 11 - Jim Hughes/Kirksville Police Dept.
- September 18 - Frank Colton/Kirksville Rotary - A History
- September 19 - Blood Drive (see details in cover email)
- September 25 - Gentrie Schafer/GSE Experience

On a beautiful evening, four lucky people won prizes in the 15th Annual Kirksville Rotary/RSVP Duck Dash and two of them are club members! Angie Findling’s duck came in at 1st place ($1,500), then ducks of our own members Erick Hanson placed 2nd ($1,000) and Glenda Hunt’s came in 3rd ($750). Besides the “dumping” team, Debbie Reese of RSVP and Chair Marcy Palermo are pictured at the finish line above, (third photo from the left) along with “last duck” winner, Allie Fast, shown at right with the $20 prize donated by David Erwin. Ralph Cupelli, who officiated at the event, reported that duck sales this year totaled $7,400, that’s $3,700 for RSVP and the same sum for us!

President Bob’s Rotary Remembers: Our club celebrated its Golden Anniversary (50 years) in 1968. H. Parker York was president and Dean Rosebery was vice president. The guest of honor was E.E. Swain, Sr., the only active charter member from 1918. Senator Frank Briggs in the Macon Chronicle-Herald commented “Ed Swain has remained the same sweet-spirited, friendly, likable man. He is humble but far from retiring, exacting but understanding, frugal but unselfish.” Have you ever wondered what our centennial celebration of Rotary in Kirksville will be or should be like? President Bob then asked for recollections about 1971-72 President Ralph Shain. Some members shared memories of this local businessman.

Vocational Minute: Jill Williams spoke about banking and the services it renders. She said nationwide there are 5,950 bank businesses, down about 1,000 from five years ago.

Gregg Nesbitt, Truman Football Coach: Gregg Nesbitt, originally from Hannibal, is beginning his fourth season coaching at Truman. His team, in a new conference this year, is hoping for a good season. In addition to speaking about football, Coach Nesbitt spoke about the academic success of his athletes. While the national average is 54% earning degrees, 90% of TSU players earn degrees. Ten of his players have a 4.0 GPA and 86% have a GPA above 2.5. The speaker is pictured with Rotarian and Former TSU Athletics Director Walt Ryle (left) and Rotarian Wes Roper (right) who introduced him.

50-50 Drawing: Dana Delaware pulled the ace of clubs, not spades; pot now up to $482. Booster Club passes, a discount card and several game tickets were awarded; President Bob, Jim Harding, and Dondi Bates were lucky recipients.