VOOCATIONAL MINUTE: President Bob circulated a signup sheet again this week for those interested in participating.

PRESIDENT BOB’S ROTARY REMEMBERS: In 1976 Walter H. Ryle, President Emeritus of NMSU now Truman, compiled our club’s history as our nation celebrated its bicentennial. Dr. Ryle had become a member of our local Rotary club in its 14th year of existence (1932). Our club is Missouri’s sixth Rotary club and the world’s 371st. We have much to be thankful for during this Thanksgiving season - but certainly we owe a debt of thanks to Dr. Ryle who answered the board’s call to compile the club’s history. President Bob then asked for memories of 1994-95 Club President Charles Truitt. Bob mentioned he served as club secretary while Charles was president. He said the Truitt family operated a car dealership. Matt Eichor also had memories of Charles Truitt.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: A $500 children’s program contribution to ACPL was approved; and $250 was confirmed to the library to cover the costs of books donated in honor of our guest speakers.

WELCOME BACK, RANDY! President Bob recognized our newest member Randy Smith.

SHAG GROSSNICKLE ON TURKEY INTRODUCTION IN N.E. MISSOURI: Shag’s accomplishments as described in President Bob’s introduction were so impressive, a copy of it is attached to the cover email. Born in Carlisle, Iowa, on June 3, 1915 (98 years ago!), Shag has served as an Adair County Sheriff (8 years), Adair County Assessor (12 years) and Public Administrator (8 years) or a total of 28 years of public service. He is also a Hall of Fame member in athletics, both at Truman and elsewhere (see the intro). He has been active in sports and the outdoors throughout his lifetime. Doc Stickler offered him a baseball scholarship in 1937, after watching him play a game in Kirksville. He thus began his college education at Kirksville State Teachers College (now TSU). He met and married his wife Sarah here and they were married nearly 70 years before her death in 2011. Sarah also served as a Public Administrator for 12 years. They had three children, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He has served and continues to serve on hospital boards here and has been awarded an Excellence in Governance award by the Missouri Hospital Association. He has also achieved substantial recognition for his efforts in the area of conservation. Shag’s talk today was on introducing wild turkeys to N.E. Missouri. He spoke about the serious difficulties he had in convincing the Department of Conservation that this area is an appropriate turkey habitat. After much perseverance on his part, 20 turkeys were introduced in late December 1960. In the first open season in 1967, 36 gobblers were harvested and harvests have grown. Birds have now been released in all 114 Missouri counties and wild turkey hunting is open in all of them. The speaker is pictured above with Harriet Beard and President Bob Behnen.

50-50 DRAWING: Sheila Pruett did not pull a winning card (ace of spades or joker). Pot now up to $1,681.