NOMINATIONS FOR THE RAY KLINGINSMITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD are now being accepted. Please turn nominations in to Jacob Condon via email <broylestransfer@gmail.com> or via cell phone/text (660-988-1967), or in person. The deadline for nominations is January 27. The banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 (venue not yet determined), with a social hour starting at 5:30 p.m. Spouses are welcome. PDG Jeff Romine encouraged everyone to attend this year!

ROTARY REMEMBERS: OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR TROOPS - On December 10, 1941, Lee Spaulding of our club commented at the weekly meeting “Resolve that Kirksville, by your cooperation, shall aid a little bit more to the cause we serve.” The club went on a bread and milk diet at a future meeting to raise money and eventually supported three War bond sales during WWII surpassing their goal each time and eventually raising $125,000! President Bob also noted that our 1998-99 Club President was John J. Davis.

MEETINGS AND RESULTS: Social committee met following today’s meeting. A board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 5:30 p.m., Dukum Inn. At the last meeting, the board approved a $1,000 contribution to the United Way, which will be matched by a donor.

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY: Chair Dana Delaware said we raised almost $4,700 this year ($4,655.32).

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES ANNOUNCED, including 53 years of service by Walt Ryle and Dean Rosebery (!), followed by 39 years of service by David Nichols and 36 years, by Jim Nevins.

JASON HAXTON AND THE DIBBUK BOX: Jason, curator of A.T. Still Osteopathic Museum, showed us a replica of a purported haunted Jewish wine box with indirect links to the Holocaust. It was owned by a 103-year old lady who lost family in the Holocaust. She asked that the box be buried with her but her wishes were not honored. Jason believes the box may have ended up in Kirksville because of local Eugenicist Harry Laughlin who Jason said mentored Adolf Hitler. In 2004, Jason purchased the original box from a student who bought it at a garage sale. Strange things have been reported happening to those possessing the box, including Jason. Jason wrote a book on the box and Truman State published it. Books are sold at Truman and 90% of the profits go to the university. Hollywood produced a movie based on Jason’s book and a sequel is being done by a grandson of actor Dick VanDyke. Programs have aired on SYFY network “Paranormal Witness” and on National Geographic Channel “America’s Last Treasures.” The Discovery Channel will air a program on the Dibbuk Box in about two weeks. [Jason Haxon (l.) is pictured above with David Nichols who introduced him.]

50-50 AND DIBBUK BOX DRAWINGS: Wes Roper won Jason’s book and Randy Smith, the movie DVD. Tim Tucker did not pull a winning card in the 50-50 drawing; pot now stands at $2,245!