Upcoming Programs/Events:

January 29 - Amy Voiles & John Thomas/ Preferred Family Health Care; Feb. 5 - Classification Talk; Feb. 22/23 - Rotary Birthday Party; Feb. 24-28 - Reading Program; Feb. 26 - Mentor Day; March 20 - Youth Recognition Banquet; May 1 - Ray K. Distinguished Service Award Banquet (note date changed from March 6)

ROTARY REMEMBERS: Why did we build an amphitheater in Rotary Park? In 1955, Rotary purchased the land for the park and donated it to the City of Kirksville for the development into a park and construction of a swimming pool. In honor of Rotary’s 100 year anniversary in 2005-06, Rotary clubs were asked to commemorate the event by undertaking a significant club project. Ray K. suggested an amphitheater, and the idea became reality under the leadership of Presidents Ron Gaber, Gary Lloyd & Jeff Romine and the fundraising co-chairs Mark Burger & Dale Schenewerk. President Bob then asked for and received memories of 2000-01 and the 2010-11 Club President Ralph Cupelli (some were humorous!).

MATT HEEREN ON MENTOR DAY, FEBRUARY 26: Signup sheets were on each table for this opportunity to mentor a high school student. The student will spend three hours with you on that date then come to Rotary with you.

DALE SCHENEWERK ON READING PROGRAM, FEBRUARY 24-28: Dale said he’ll have signup sheets on the tables next week.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN KIRKSVILLE, OCTOBER 15-17, 2015: DG-Elect 2015-16 Ralph Cupelli announced the dates and said Dale Schenewerk will be chairing the event.

RALPH CUPELLI IS FIVE-TIME PAUL HARRIS FELLOW! PDG Jeff Romine presented his pin today. Thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation, Ralph!

50-50 DRAWING: After receiving his $1,197.50 winnings from last week, Craig Shorten’s ticket was drawn again for today’s raffle!! He didn’t pick the ace of spades though; pot now at $60.00.


MARCY AND RALPH ON MEMBERSHIP

After an introduction by Matt Eichor, Marcy Palermo and Ralph Cupelli presented a membership challenge for us. The worldwide goal is for 1.3 million members by June 30. As of July 1, 2013, there were 1,185,081 members, our lowest since 2001, even though 4,000 new clubs were added. North American memberships have declined the most. In Zone 31 of which we are a part, the decline was 9%, whereas District 6040 had a 4.5% decline. Our club now has 109 members (96 members in 2010; 101 in 2011; 104 in 2012 and 104 in 2013). By increasing our memberships, in addition to sharing the gift of Rotary, we broaden our perspective, ideas, talents and skills, expand our volunteer resources and provide fresh leaders (25% of our members have been members for 25 years or more).

Marcy & Ralph asked for our ideas on increasing membership on the sheets provided at each table. We were asked to identify prospective Rotarians. Marcy and Ralph noted that we have no representation at the hospital (NERMC), Adair Foods, and Cable One, among others. Consider inviting a prospective member to a meeting with a speaker of particular interest to that person. Once we bring in new members, we need to keep them engaged and provide them opportunities for leadership. [Pictured (left to right) are Ralph Cupelli, Marci Palermo and Matt Eichor]

Guests:

Marilyn Romine (1000 Hills club)
Steve Ellis (proposed member/2nd announcement)
Ruth Bowers (guest of club)
Kelli Hunsicker (guest of Jason Hunsicker)