SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE: Randy Smith arranged for this short program by two Italian musicians, who are in Kirksville to perform at Saturday’s concert at Truman’s Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall (Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 5, Op. 73, “Emperor” and also works by Cherubini and Grieg). Pictured are Valentina Renesto (saxophone) and Giuseppe Bruno (pianist and a Rotarian). Very nice! Thanks, Randy!

ROTARY READING PROGRAM (2/24-28): Dale said signup sheets are circulating today. Matt Heeren is also seeking more volunteers for MENTOR DAY, (2/26). He has 8-10 signed up so far.

50-50 DRAWING: Kathy Otero did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $124.

ROTARY REMEMBERS: President Bob said he’s not sure when our official weekly newsletter “The Serving Tray” was first issued although tradition indicates that Felix Rothchild, club secretary 1922-28, prepared it in 1922/23. For many years it was produced and printed by Greene Simpson and in recent years members have received it electronically. (Bob added a big Rotary thank you to Claire Lloyd who helps document our Rotary accomplishments and keeps us all informed in this new digital age.) He then asked for and received memories of 2001-2 Club President Dave Erwin.

ROTARACT CHECK FOR ROTARY PARK: Tyler Marler, ATSU Rotaract President, spoke about the Plastic Pumpkin Klassic, a disk golf tournament held October 12, 2013 to raise funds for Rotary Park improvements. There were about 50 participants at the event, 20 of whom competed in the tournament. Tyler extended a special thank you to Gold ($200 or more) and Silver ($25-$199) sponsors, and to the additional businesses who donated prizes and refreshments. Gold sponsors included Wal-Mart, A.T. Still University, the DuKum Inn, and Melissa Stuart. Silver sponsors included Ameren, Cable One, Century 21 Whitney Agency, Trumascape, and Ron Gaber. Each Gold sponsor was given recognition as a “hole sponsor” by including a business logo in signage at the hole they sponsored. Tyler then presented a $1,000 check to President Bob for Rotary Park from the event’s proceeds. In the group photo are (l. to r.) Dylan Fulmer, first year representative; Karina Flores, secretary; Christine Thomas, Rotaract representative to the Rotary Park Committee; Stephanie Finn, VP; Tyler Marler, president; Lynn McAlister, treasurer; and Melissa Stuart, ATSU Rotaract advisor.

PREFERRED FAMILY HEALTH CARE: After an introduction by Wes Roper, John Thomas, Director of Human Resources, and Amy Voiles, Program Director, spoke about this private non-profit organization that provides substance abuse treatment, prevention and mental health services throughout Missouri and Kansas. In 1979, it began with 13 employees; it now has 794 employees, of which 204 are employed in its Kirksville facility. Last year slightly less than 1,000 adolescents and adults with substance abuse issues were helped, including 250 residential and outpatient “consumers” here in Kirksville. An additional 175 consumers received mental health services in Kirksville. Amy said, although methamphetamine continues to be a serious problem, heroin use among adolescents in some areas is on the rise. Although the organization receives some Department of Mental Health funding, much of their funding comes from private sources. Virtual counseling for adolescents and young adults, funded through grants, has been implemented and is gaining in popularity; less stigma is involved than face-to-face interactions. Pictured above (left to right) are Amy Voiles, Wes Roper and John Thomas.

Guests:
Clinton Normore (g/o Matt Heeren); Mark Hartman (North Star club); ATSU Rotaractors (as above); Victor Guillot (Exchange Student); Valentina Renesto & Giuseppe Bruno (g/o Randy Smith); Steven Sorhus (g/o Ron Knight); Nettie Carpenter (g/o Ed C.); John Thomas & Amy Voiles (speakers, g/o club)

Upcoming Programs/Events:
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