SIGNATURE EVENT 11/1/14: Mark Hanley said plans are coming along well for the Taste of the World event. Sodexo will be providing three food stations with great offerings. The committee is seeking sponsors (businesses or individuals) for the event with a $1,000 level sponsorship providing your business name in the title; $500, $250 and $100 sponsors are also sought. If you can’t attend the event, consider purchasing a ticket for someone else, perhaps an international student. Co-chair Jason Hunsicker added that we really want all members to try to attend.

SPECIAL PINS FOR BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS were awarded to Ron Gaber and Craig Shorten today. More pins will be presented to Andrea O’Brien and John Gardner.

JOHN HICKEY, CHAPTER DIRECTOR OF MISSOURI SIERRA CLUB: After an introduction by James Harmon, John Hickey spoke about the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act (1964-2014) and eight wilderness areas designated in our state between 1976 and 1984. The largest of these is Irish Wilderness, 16,227 acres located in Oregon County, 25 miles west of Doniphan, MO, off Highway 160. The others are Bell Mountain Wilderness, 9,000 acres in Iron County south of Caledonia off County Road A; Devil’s Backbone Wilderness, west of West Plains in Ozark County, a favorite for turkey hunting and fishing; Hercules Glade Wilderness in Taney County, east of Branson; Mingo Wilderness in Stoddard County, north of Puxico on Highway 51; Paddy Creek Wilderness in Texas County west of Licking; Piney Creek Wilderness in Barry & Stone counties, off Highway 76 west of Branson; and Rockpile Mountain Wilderness in Madison County, southwest of Fredericktown off County Road C. Each of these is endowed with a rich heritage of wild beauty. Mr. Hickey said there are seven remaining areas within Mark Twain National Forest that should be designated wilderness areas including Lower Rock Creek near Fredericktown, Smith Creek in Boone County, and Big Spring on the Current River. The subject of Mr. Hickey’s talk previously announced for this meeting on Clean Energy will actually be held at Magruder Hall at 4:30 p.m. today. This is in preparation for a Thursday, October 30 hearing on an energy plan for Missouri. We were able to enjoy the impressive Wilderness photo exhibit at KAA before and after Mr. Hickey’s presentation.

PRESIDENT JANET ACCEPTS ALS CHALLENGE! Randy Smith provided addresses to donate (see cover email).

50-50 DRAWING: Eric Hanson did not pull the ace of spades. Pot now up to $842. Booster Club tickets and a Tiger Card were also awarded to Marcy Palermo, Bob Hardwick and Amanda Moser, respectively.

Upcoming Programs:
- Sept. 30: Blood Drive
- Oct. 1: Jerry Wollmering, TSU Athletic Director
- Oct. 8: Scott Latham/HS Athletic Program
- Oct. 15: Jim Hughes/Membership
- Oct. 22: Craig Phelps/State of ATSU
- Nov. 1: Taste of the World Signature Event