SOME RESULTS OF OCTOBER 9 BOARD MEETING: Voted to approve $250 to the Kirksville Chamber initiative “Shop Kirksville” – need to collect $6,000 for the initiative to go forth; will donate $10.00 for each club member for the Rotary Foundation Dinner in lieu of buying a table; Matt Heeren has asked to step down as Director of Community Service. The board approved the appointment of Ruth Bowers as his replacement.

LIGHTING UP PARK SIGN: Ron Gaber reported earlier that the trenching/conduit is in for the lights (hats off to Robert Killday, TH & N). Packed dirt has been raked to save the lawn. Wire still has to be pulled, fixtures installed and the switch turned on! Ron thanks Roger Edge and Craig Dawson for their help.

RHONDA VINCENT sent this photo of Lanexa, VA Rotarians! Glad to see they appreciate her as much as we do. We’re looking forward to spending time with Rhonda on November 14. As a special treat, she and her band will be performing for us at lunch that day at the Nazarene Church!

JUDGE KRISTIE SWAIM IS OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW! Tim Peters named her as the recipient of his second Paul Harris fellowship; it was awarded today by Foundation Chair Jeff Romine. Pictured from left in right photo are Jeff Romine, Club President Janet Gooch, Associate Circuit Judge Kristie Swaim, and Tim Peters.

DR. CRAIG PHELPS, PRESIDENT, A. T. STILL UNIVERSITY (ATSU): In her introduction Harriet Beard said how happy we are that Dr. Phelps, a 1984 ATSU graduate, returned to Kirksville to serve as the university’s 11th president in July, 2012. Dr. Phelps spoke about ATSU specifically but also about Osteopathy generally. Osteopathy, which emphasizes whole person health care, has been steadily growing. There are now 30 Colleges of Osteopathy with 42 campuses in 28 states. He spoke about the $245 million annual economic impact ATSU has in Kirksville. He showed a photo of the dental school building in St. Louis currently under construction and spoke about other efforts to be undertaken. These include improvements to the Gutensohn clinic, Tinken-Burnett Research building, the East Wing (top two floors now devoted to storage), and placement of way finder signs near campus. As a physician, Dr. Phelps couldn’t help but make recommendations for our well being: (1) have a purpose in life, (2) do not smoke ($290 billion is spent on smoking related illnesses), (3) exercise four days a week, (4) maintain a healthy weight, (5) limit alcohol to two drinks per day, and (6) be proactive in your health care including arranging for screenings. He encouraged us all to get flu shots, not just for ourselves but to protect the health of the children and elderly around us. In our recent history, flu has killed 50,000 adults and 3,000 kids. [Dr. Phelps is pictured with President Janet (right) and Harriet Beard.]