Program: *Fiddler on the Roof*

Kirkville High School drama instructor Denise Clark and members of the cast from *Fiddler on the Roof* presented today’s program. Denise provided background information on the musical, explaining that the story is set in a small Russian village in 1905. The main character is Tevye, a Jewish dairyman struggling to maintain his family traditions and cope with his strong-willed daughters, while dealing with an edict from the Tsar evicting the family from their home. Tevye is portrayed by Aaron Krusniak, who performed the selection “If I Were A Rich Man.” Three of Tevye’s five daughters are portrayed by Mikah Belitz, Gloria Mitchell, and Alexandria McGinnis, who together performed “Matchmaker, Matchmaker.” In addition to Denise Clark, the musical is under the direction of Rebecca Murphy (choir), Brad Hudson (band), and Dawn Howd (choreography). Piano accompaniment is by Dee Roberts. The musical begins at 7:00 pm each evening from Thursday, November 20 through Saturday, November 23 in the William Matthew Middle School auditorium, with a 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday, Nov. 24. It has been ten years since the musical was last performed by Kirksville R-III students.

Left: Aaron Krusniak performs “If I Were A Rich Man.” Middle (L to R): Mikah Belitz, Gloria Mitchell, and Alexandria McGinnis perform “Matchmaker, Matchmaker.” Right (L to R): Pianist Dee Roberts; drama instructor Denise Clark; actors Aaron Krusniak, Gloria Mitchell, Mikah Belitz, and Alexandria McGinnis; and Rotarian Matt Eichor, who introduced the program.

Announcements:

- Ron Brand has a few more bellringer slots to fill for December 6. Proceeds will benefit the Salvation Army.
- Andrea O’Brien announced that there is discussion of expanding the RYLA program. There are currently 20 good applicants on the wait list. Information and paperless registration can be accessed at missouriryla.org or missouriryla.com.

Guests:

Carolyn Harding, guest of Jim Harding
Craig Phelps, guest of Michael McManis
David Lee, guest of Sandra Williams
Deb Krusniak, guest of Bryan Krusniak
Mike, Justin, and Sandy Nevins, guests of Jim Nevins
Shari Schenewerk, guest of Marcy Palermo
Tyler Marler, ATSU Rotaract

50/50 raffle: Craig Phelps gave the United Way his drawn raffle ticket. John Dungan did not draw the ace of spades. Pot now at $1584.

Fiddler tickets: Winners of tickets to *Fiddler on the Roof* were Ruth Bowers (2 tickets), Marcy Palermo, Harriet Beard, David Lee, and Scott Alberts.

Upcoming Programs:

- Nov. 25 – Joint Service Club Luncheon
- Nov. 26 – NO MEETING (See Nov. 25)
- Dec. 3 – Lt. Brian Bump/Salvation Army
- Dec. 10 – Saxophone Quartet/Christmas music
- Dec. 17 – Mia Hammond, Youth Exchange/Belgium
- Dec. 24 – NO MEETING
- Dec. 31 – More information to come