HOST FAMILIES SOUGHT: The committee is lining up host families for the next school year and would like to talk with any Rotarians or friends of Rotarians who MIGHT be interested. See any committee member for more info. Committee members are Annette Sweet, John Dungan, Bill Lovegreen, Millena Marler, Ralph Cupelli, Betty McClain-Iles, Greg Gordon, Scott Templeton and Bryan Krusniak.

MEMBERSHIP: Chair Jim Hughes spoke about the upcoming 5th Friday Rotary Membership Social, January 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the DuKum Inn for members and prospective members. (He said there are four “5th Fridays” in the year and the membership social will be repeated three more times this year.) There will be free snacks and door prizes at the event. Jim distributed a list of prospective members, many of whom are former members. He also gave us cards for us to give to a prospective member of our choosing. In addition, the combined membership committee would like our input on the Rotary brochure (see pdf attached to cover email). Also, check out the combined Rotary website: http://www.kirksvillerotary.org/.

FOUNDATION GIVING: Last fall the Board of Directors approved awarding 100 Paul Harris points to Rotarians who chose to give $100 annually to the Rotary Foundation through Rotary Direct. Currently, 12 have signed up for Rotary Direct. If you are going to sign up, please do so within the next week (or by January 31) to receive 100 points towards your next Paul Harris Fellowship. If you have problems signing up, please contact Jeff Romine <jeff.romine@gmail.com>.

MATT EICHOR AND JEFF ROMINE ON RALPH’S YEAR AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2015-16): Matt said Ralph Cupelli is currently attending a four-day training event in San Diego as one of about 1,000 Rotarians from 525 districts worldwide! At this event, RI President-Elect K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran from Sri Lanka announced the 2015-16 theme: “Be A Gift to the World.” Matt showed us the area covered by District 6040 of which we are a part. There are 56 clubs (with approximately 2500-2600 members) in our district, one of three districts totally within in the State of Missouri. He provided a brief description of Rotary International’s many expectations for District Governors and said that districts exist to support the clubs. Ralph is in the process of filling key district positions including members of our club; Kathy Otero has agreed to serve as treasurer, Dale Schenewerk as conference chair, Matt Eichor as grants chair, as well as Andrea O’Brien (RYLA), Annette Sweet (Youth Exchange) and Janet Gooch (Literacy). Jeff spoke about his training before serving as District Governor 2010-11. He said serving as District Governor involves the equivalent of working full time for one year over a period of 18 months. Matt and Jeff spoke about the time spent traveling to all the clubs in the district. Half of the 56 District 6040 clubs are in the Kansas City area. Matt said he logged in about 25,000 miles during his year (1998-99, District 6050)! Both Matt and Jeff asked us to support Ralph in any way we can. Pictured above from left are PDG Jeff Romine, PE Tim Peters and PDG Matt Eichor.

50-50 DRAWING: Greg Gordon did not pull a winning card. Pot now up to $2,191!

Upcoming Programs:

January 28: Classification Talks
February 4: Kelly Nelson/Agriculture
February 11: Sara Riffer/YMCA
February 18: Damon Kizzire/Kirksville R-III
February 25: DGE Ralph Cupelli/Expectations for his Year as Governor

Guests:

- Tyler Marler (ATSU Rotaract)
- Lacy Seeger and Mike Elrod (guests of Sandra Williams)
- Daniele Scotece (exchange student from Italy)