MURILYN KOUTSTAAL PART OF ROTARY POLIO IMMUNIZATION TEAM! She is among 60 individuals traveling to India to administer polio vaccines. She leaves Thursday, February 12 for this 12-day mission. Murilyn, a former club member and treasurer, is pictured with Mark Burger who provided an introduction before Murilyn spoke about her upcoming trip.

50-50 DRAWING: Pot now up to $2,439!! Ruth Bowers did not draw a winning card.

ATSU ROTARACT RAISES $1000 FOR HOSPICE OF NORTHEAST MISSOURI: Dylan Fulmer, president of ATSU Rotaract Club, presented Stephanie Byrum, Executive Director of Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a check for $800 at the January 29, 2015 meeting of the Rotaract Club. The check represents the proceeds earned from the 5th Annual Plastic Pumpkin Klassic Disc Golf Tournament held October 4, 2014 in Rotary Park. An additional $200 tournament pledge was donated directly to Hospice by Ameren Missouri.

MEMBERSHIP EVENT: Chair Jim Hughes reported 25 potential members attended Friday’s event, with ten of them very interested in joining. A successful recruitment effort - thanks, Jim and the entire committee!

GET WELL SOON, DAVID! Matt Eichor reported on his visit with David Nichols who is making a slow recovery from knee surgery.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES READ, including 35 years of service by Larry Lamberson.

KELLY NELSON ON AGRICULTURE: In his introduction, Wes Roper said Kelly Nelson, Ph.D. is a research agronomist at the Greenley Research Center, Novelty, MO, and has authored 50 publications in professional journals. Dr. Nelson said Greenley, operated by the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) at the University of Missouri, has five full-time employees and 20 project leaders. In addition to plant research, the facility does artificial insemination and grazing research on its 120 head of cattle. Nelson’s research is focused on increased agronomic production needs specific to our area. Nelson conducts applied research in production systems, alternative crops, pest management and drainage water management. He also collaborates with campus-based faculty, growers and industry representatives. His research emphasizes the integration of crop production systems and the economic realities of farm management. Dr. Nelson invited us to attend Greenley Research Center’s free Field Day starting at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4. Educational talks and tours will be offered at this center operated by the university. It includes a free breakfast and lunch! Pictured from left are President Elect Tim Peters, Dr. Nelson and Wes Roper.

Guests
Murilyn Koutstaal (guest of Mark Burger); Ken Shook (guest of Dan Hamlet); Margie Hughes (guest of Jim Hughes); Elsie Gaber (1000 Hills club); Sam Fleak (guest of Sandy Fleak); Scott Johnson (proposed member); and speaker, Kelly Nelson (guest of club)

Upcoming Programs/Events:
February 11: Sara Riffer/YMCA; February 18: Damon Kizzire/Kirkville R-III; February 25: DGE Ralph Cupelli/Expectations for his Year as DG; February 27: Rotary/Rotaract/Interact Game Night; March 4: NO MEETING; March 5: Ray Klinginsmith Distinguished Service Awards Dinner; March 11: TBA; March 18: NO MEETING; March 19: Youth Recognition Banquet