The Serving Tray
Rotary Club of Kirksville - Club #371 - District 6040
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Upcoming Programs:

**March 24:** Youth Recognition Banquet/TSU/6 p.m. start

**March 25:** NO MEETING

**April 1:** Margaret A. Wilson, DO/Boy Scout Anniversary

**April 8:** Mike Downing/Economic Development in MO

**April 15:** Daniella Scotece/Exchange Student

**April 22:** Four Way Test Award

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**ROTARY PARK BRIDGE:** President Janet reported the board voted to donate $1,000 to this project. Park Committee Member Melissa Stuart said the bridge might be built for $12,000. The city will contribute $6,000; Rotaract, $2,000 and, with our club’s donation and $1,000 remaining in the park budget, they would be short only $2,000. The additional funds hopefully can be raised so the project can get done this summer.

**50-50 DRAWING:** Secretary Ron Knight presented a $1,462 check to Thomas Bridgeman representing his winnings last week! President Janet said our half will go toward paying for the 100th Anniversary Celebration being chaired by Bob Behnen and also for club donations such as the bridge project. Annette Sweet failed to draw the ace of spades today; the pot stands at only $69.00.

**PDG JOHN GILL IS A GUEST TODAY:** District Rotary Foundation Chair John Gill congratulated us on earning Star Club status ($100 in per capita Annual Fund Giving).

**KATIA PALLAIS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FROM NICARAGUA**

Mark Hanley introduced Katia Pallais, from Managua, Nicaragua, the recipient of a $2,500 Rotary scholarship and the only Truman international student in all of Central America! She is a freshman with a double major, economics and business administration. Katia is involved in student government and is an international ambassador with Truman’s international student office.

Katia said her father is involved in agriculture and his work led to moving his family to three Central American countries: Guatemala, Honduras and then Nicaragua. When her father lost his job, Katia’s plan to attend Truman seemed to be out of the question until she received our scholarship. She deeply appreciates our help.

Katia spoke about Nicaragua where agriculture is the primary industry. Tourism is also alive and well, with the country’s picturesque lakes and volcanos. She said 42.5% of the population lives in poverty with a shortage of doctors and hospital beds. The people, however, are happy - always smiling. Katia appreciates being able to learn about different cultures here. She is pictured above with Club President Janet Gooch (left) and Mark Hanley, international scholarship committee chair.

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**Guests**

*Mandeep Karki* (international student from Nepal, guest of Claire Lloyd)

**PDG John Gill** (guest of the club)

**Daniele Scotece** (Exchange Student from Italy, guest of the club)