RUBY GREEN-FRANK BALDWIN FREE ENTERPRISE AWARD: Committee Chair Dana Delaware reminded us that today is the deadline for nominating a local business for this award.

DUCK DASH CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED: Marcy Palermo announced that no one has yet volunteered to help with the 2015 Duck Dash in any way. Please contact Marcy at mpalermo@charitonvalley.org to sign up for this important committee.

ROTARY PARK SPRING CLEAN-UP, APRIL 25, 9 A.M. to NOON: Jason Hunsicker asked Rotarians to volunteer for the Spring Clean-up by using the sign-up sheets on the tables. Volunteers can help for any length of time between 9 a.m. and noon. If possible, please bring rakes and work gloves. The City of Kirksville will provide trash bags, mulch, and paint supplies.

HAPPY BUCKS: Rotarians shared memories of Dr. Charles McClain, who passed away on April 9.

SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS: Andrea O’Brien reminded us that this is the last week to contribute to the Shoes Campaign. District 6040 Designated Funds will match the amount clubs spend on shoes up to $500/club. This amount is higher than the previously reported $400 maximum match. Rotarians were urged to help us surpass $500 by slipping a little extra cash into the bag today during Happy Bucks.

PROGRAM: DANIELE SCOTECHE, Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Milan, Italy, spoke about his home country and his experience living in Kirksville. Milan is the second most populous city in Italy and is known for its art, fashion, nightlife, food and wine. It is also considered the economic capital of Italy. The population of Milan is about 1.3 million. When Daniele was notified that he would be sent to the small town of Kirksville, he had second thoughts about coming to the United States. Those misgivings quickly disappeared after he arrived and found Kirksville to be “awesome.” When asked to name his favorite three things about Kirksville, he listed the friends he has made, his wonderful host families (the Templetons, Gooches, and the Mark Campbell-Karen Keck family), and school. At school, he especially likes being able to choose classes, the friendliness of the teachers, the sports, and choir. Daniele will have one year of high school to complete when he returns to Italy, after which he hopes to pursue a degree in chemistry. Pictured with Daniele are John Dungan (left photo) who introduced him, and president-elect Tim Peters (right photo), who presented Daniele with a banner and pin from our club.

50-50 DRAWING: Walt Ryle pulled the King of Spades as proxy for Pete Detweiler. The pot is now $266.

Guests:
Margie Hughes, guest of Jim Hughes.
Meghan Weber, guest of Ruth Bowers.
Daniele Scotecce, Rotary Youth Exchange Student, guest speaker.

Upcoming Programs:
April 22: Four Way Test Award
April 29 & May 5: TBA
May 13: Ruby Green-Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award