GET WELL, HAROLD! He was able to come home from Columbia today after undergoing major surgeries. We circulated a card for him last week.

JOINT MEMBERSHIP EVENT, SATURDAY, MAY 30: Lunch at 1:00 p.m. at Rotary Park in the Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheatre.

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES READ, including 44 years of service for Max Bell and 41 years for Ray Klinginsmith.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Rotary Park committee meets at 5:30 tonight and the Scholarship committee, after today’s meeting. 50-50 DRAWING: Bill Lovegreen not a winner today; the pot grows.

THEY’LL BE MISSED: Andrea O’Brien announced she is moving her membership to the Thousand Hills club because a morning meeting is better for her. Amanda Moser is resigning because she needs to devote her attention to working on her Master’s degree.

NOTABLE MISSOURIANS SERIES FOR RAY MILLER ELEMENTARY: President Janet sent an email on this subject recently and donations to purchase the first series of six books ($156) were sought today.

OPERATIONS MANAGER MARK LEAKE ON HARTZELL HARDWOODS: Hartzell, a family-owned business since 1875 headquartered in Piqua, OH, has three divisions, one of which is Hartzell Hardwoods. It operates in Kirksville as well as in Piqua, OH. Although the Piqua facility is three times the size of Kirksville, Kirksville’s efficiency is within 1% of Piqua’s. The hardwoods are 75% walnut, 22% oak and 3% ash, principally from S. Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa; 60% of walnut comes from surrounding states. The facility receives green lumber and inspects it. All lumber goes to kilns for drying, the walnut after first being stored in a steam chamber for 48-96 hours. Most (71%) of its finished products are exported, mostly to China and the rest to Europe. Production in Kirksville is up 41% over the last 12 months. The facility currently has 26 employees but hopes to grow to 41 in the future. They work on a quota system, which has worked out well; overtime over the last year is down 53%. Mark, pictured above with Harriet Beard who introduced him, hopes to begin offering tours next year and will invite us to come visit.

Guests:
Kelly Jones (guest of Sandra Williams)
Meghan Weber (proposed member/guest of club)

Upcoming Programs:
May 13: Linda Manning/Health Care Insurance
May 20: Ruby Green/Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award
May 27: Recognition of Judie K. (a surprise to her!)
June 3: Ron Gaber/Living Wills & Advance Directives
June 10: President Janet Gooch/Reflections on 2014/15
June 23: Joint Installation of Officers, 5:30-7:30, KCC