RECOGNITION OF CARL BALDWIN: On May 20 it was reported that the Kirksville City Counsel approved the naming of a new planned footbridge over Steer Creek at Rotary Park in honor of Carl Baldwin. Carl was one of our club’s great Rotarians. Thank you, Charles Baldwin family, for providing additional funding to enable this Rotary Park project to proceed. (Editor’s Note: I am sorry I didn’t report this honor earlier.)

CLUB PRESIDENT JANET GOOCH 2014-2015 - YEAR IN REVIEW

Matt Eichor introduced our President and provided us some biographical information. President Janet earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Pathology from the University of Kansas, a Master of Arts in Speech Pathology from Kent State University, and her Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She joined the faculty of the Communication Disorders Department at Truman in January, 1995 which at that time was headed by Dr. Kees Koutstaal. She was a participant in the Belize hearing impaired project with Kees. Her current position at Truman is Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Education and Professor of Communication Disorders. Janet joined Rotary in 2006, sponsored by Sandra Fleak. This year she was appointed District Literacy Chair by District Governor Cassy Venters - combining her professional interest with service to Rotary. She is married to Rick Gooch, a family dentist. They have three children, a daughter and twin sons.

President Janet expressed her appreciation to the club for electing her President for the 2014-15 Rotary Year - an amazing year! The theme for the year was “Light Up Rotary” - not just a theme for the year but a call for each of us to take action and make Rotary stronger. President Janet had a special thank you for the board and said their enthusiasm and support made her job as president easy. (She even included me, Claire Lloyd, in her special thank you!) Our club met all requirements for the Presidential Citation except membership for which a net gain in membership was required. Secretary Ron Knight reported that membership as of June 1 was 95 active (20 female, 75 male) plus three honorary members (2 female, 1 male). Three additional members will be added this month (1 female, 2 male). Treasurer Corey Eagen reported that Duck Dash proceeds were up by $200, 6% more than last year; our Signature event was up by $500, 12% over last year; and we donated $1,142 worth of shoes, nearly twice the amount from last year. Raffle funds accumulated to about $4,000 and we are projected to end the year under budget. We donated $500 to YMCA Accessible Playground, $250 to Days of Girls International, $1,000 approved for Rotary Park bridge, $4,000 in scholarships, $500 to Adair Co. Public Library, $250 to Boy Scouts, $700 to Boys/Girls State, $230 to KBSA, and $500 to KHS Booster Club. President Janet said about 15 members participated in the February 2 Strategic Planning session moderated by Kent Shelman, and monthly coordinating meetings, conceived by Ray K. and chaired by Marilyn R., were attended by Presidents and Presidents-Elect. Board Member Jacob Condon - New Generations/Vocational contributions include hosting Daniel Scotese, exchange student from Milan Italy, a successful Youth Recognition Banquet and awards including Ray Klinginsmith Distinguished Service Award, Four-Way Test Award (to Glenda Hunt). and Free Enterprise Award (to Harley Harrelson). The Rotaract and Interact clubs hosted a FUN game night.

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Under **International Service**, the Foundation committee met its two goals, $100 per member and 10% of members participating in online Rotary Direct Program. We sponsored International Scholar Katia Pallais from Nicaragua and may consider helping her again next year. **Board Member Melissa Stuart** reported there 11 committees under **Club Service**, including membership which has been more challenging since there are three clubs in Kirksville. Outstanding efforts were made, however, working closely with the other two clubs; membership social events were held. The Social committee hosted a Christmas party and collected canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Bank. The Kirksville Rotary Charitable Fund supported the FLATS project with tax-deductible contributions. Matt Eichor and his committee scheduled great programs this year. Under **Community Service**, 191 seats were filled (including about 45 of us) at the Taste of the World signature event which earned $4,800. Re Duck Dash 2,719 ducks were adopted. Bell ringing yielded $5,700, up $600 from previous years. Road cleanup was done and there was a successful blood drive. Re Rotary Park, way finder sign erected, funding for second creek bridge obtained; scheduled for completion in Fall 2015. A walk/bike trail is in planning stage. Annual park clean/membership event was a big success. We read at Ray Miller Elementary in February and March and purchased a Notable Missourians Series for the school with member donations. Club members also helped with the Community Prayer Breakfast.

**All in all - it WAS a very good year! Thank you, President Janet and 2014-15 Officers and Board of Directors:**

Janet Gooch, President  
Tim Peters, President Elect  
Bob Behnen, Immediate Past President  
Ron Knight, Secretary  
Corey Eagen, Treasurer  
Jacob Condon, Director, New Generation/Vocational Service  
Scott Alberts, Director, International Service  
Melissa Stuart, Director, Club Service  
Matt Heeren/Ruth Bowers, Director Community Service

**President Janet welcomed the incoming 2015-16 Officers and Board of Directors:**

Tim Peters, President  
Jacob Condon, President Elect  
Janet Gooch, Immediate Past President  
Ron Knight, Secretary  
Corey Eagen, Treasurer  
Scott Alberts, board member (2014-2016)  
Melissa Stuart, board member (2014-2016)

Books we purchased for Adair County Public Library!  
Claire Lloyd (right) thanks President Janet for the flowers