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JULY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES READ, including four today, July 1: Ron Brand, 29 years; Dale Schenewerk, 25 years; Jeff Romine and Scott Templeton, 23 years. Also this month are Craig Harris and Bryan Krusniak 10-year anniversaries.

A THANK YOU NOTE: Secretary Ron read a nice note from Kayla Bryant, scholarship recipient.

DUCK DASH: Chair Joe Vincent said the committee met last night. Team captains will be designated again this year. Signup sheets were on the tables for selling duck adoptions at Walmart. Twelve slots were available on July 18, 25 and August 1, two each for 8-10 a.m. and 10 a.m.-noon shifts. Ron Brand and David Nichols volunteered to man a table at the July 4th pancake breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m. to kickoff adoption efforts.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: President Tim said, if you haven’t previously signed up to help at the breakfast, feel free to come and help anyway. The July 4 event runs from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., with teardown afterwards.

WORLD POLIO DAY - OCTOBER 24: President Tim announced that Rotary International is streaming a live event http://ow.ly/A7OKy and he believes Debi Boughton may also be organizing an event to coincide with that day.

EMILY BURKE ON THOUSAND HILLS STATE PARK: Matt Eichor introduced Emily Burke, an interpretive resource technician, who provided background on the park and activities we can enjoy there. Emily, who holds a B.S. degree from Northwest University in Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, has been giving programs at the park for five years and has a passion for what she does. Photography is a hobby for her and, as part of her program, she showed great landscape and wildlife photos. Emily spoke about city-owned Forest Lake, which occupies 600 acres in the 3,000-acre park and serves as one of two Kirksville reservoirs. Earlier the Chariton River was our water source! The Laughlin family donated 1000 acres to the City of Kirksville for the lake and its watershed, and the Kirksville donated all the land excluding the lake to the state contingent on it being established as a state park. Emily said that when our colleges are in session eight million gallons of water per day are pumped out of the Forest Lake reservoir! The lake provides recreational activities as well, with great fishing (including walleye), canoeing and kayaking. There is a 90 horsepower limit on motors operating on the lake. Camping, picnicking, and hiking (including Phase 1 of the FLATS trail which now complete!) are very popular at the state park. Concessionaires rent cabins, boats, etc., as well as operate the dining lodge. Petroglyphs dating back 1,500 to 2,000 years have been preserved at Thousand Hills State Park. The only other site like it is in Washington State Park. (Jim Nevins said he was present there when our petroglyphs were first discovered!) Naturalist-led boat tours are given at 10 and 11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting (small fees to cover gas: $4 adults, $2 kids 4-12). Guided nature hikes and free evening programs (including one on snakes) are also offered. A program entitled “The Art of Falconry” is scheduled for August 15 at 7 p.m. (bring lawn chairs). Check out the State Park’s Facebook page: ThousandHillsStatePark. Emily Burke is pictured above with Matt Eichor.

Guests:
Daniel O’Brien (guest of Sandra Williams)
Margie Hughes (guest of Jim Hughes)

Make Up Meetings at 1000 Hills club - NE Regional Medical Center cafe (Thursdays at 7 a.m.) or North Star club - Wooden Nickel (Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.)

Upcoming Programs:
July 8: President Tim Peters/This Year in Rotary; July 15: Classification Talks; July 22: TBA; July 29: Rep. Nate Walker/Report on Last Session MO General; Aug. 5: Robbart Koutstall & Venturing Crew/Coed Scouting

50-50 Drawing: Daniel O’Brien did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $877.00.