SUPPORTING NORTH STAR’S BBQ: Many of us attended this great event on Friday. Special thanks to Murilyn Koutstaal, along with her grandson Case and Javier visiting from Spain, who manned the Polio Plus table (left photo). In right photo, Charles Baldwin and Melissa Stuart are pictured in foreground and the Klinginsmiths and Cupellis are in foreground in far right photo. Congratulations to winners - Spanky’s Smokin’ BBQ (1st), Backdrafts BBQ (2nd), Roosters and Ribs BBQ (3rd), Thousand Hills Rotary (4th) and Storybuilt (5th)!

DUCK DASH: Chair Joe Vincent said we hope to raise another $3,000 by August 20. There is a planning meeting at 5 p.m. tonight at DuKum Inn. A cash bar and snacks will be set up an hour before August 25 Duck Dash (to be held at 6:30 p.m.)

DISTRICT 6040 CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 16-17, TSU STUDENT UNION BUILDING: After an introduction by Matt Eichor, Conference Chair Dale Schenewerk spoke about this upcoming event in Kirksville, which marks only the fifth time in our 110-year history what we have welcomed Rotarians for a District Conference. Previous conferences were held in 1928, 1940, 1970 (Ruby Green, D.G.), and 2011 (Jeff Romine, D.G.). Among District Governor Ralph Cupelli’s goals is that this conference be a celebration of Rotary. Sponsors are sought to underwrite a small portion of expenses. Dale asks that you submit your check payable to District 6040 prior to September 10 so that you will be included in the program booklet. Volunteers are also sought. Forms for both are attached to cover email. Planning committee member Mark Burger spoke about the special website he designed (with help from Bryan Krusniak) http://6040conference.kvrotary.org. It includes registration information as well as the tentative schedule. (It looks like a terrific program; check it out!) Jeff Romine, planning committee member in charge of program content, went over some of the high points. Other planning committee members are Charles Baldwin, Pat Murdock, 1000 Hills club, and Alisa Kigar, Scotland Co. club. There are also several sub-committee members that Dale named. In a city of over 17,000 people, having over 1% as Rotary members is impressive. Kirksville earned a reputation for friendliness and hospitality at the 2011 conference. Let’s all be a part of another successful conference! All inclusive registration (including four meals) is $100 before October 1 or $110 thereafter. There are also “a la carte” prices if you can’t attend all four meals. DG Ralph is encouraging all area clubs to attend the Friday luncheon which will count as the meeting for the week. Dale said there is no registration cost to attend the conference, only for the meals. Pictured above from left are Jeff Romine, Mark Burger and Dale Schenewerk.

Guests:
- Heather Condon (1000 Hills club); Olivia & Jacob Condon, Jr. (g/o Jacob Condon); Adam Bishop (g/o Ron Knight); Jeff Jachura (g/o Lary Ciesemier); Marilyn Romine (1000 Hills club)

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:

50-50 Drawing: Larry Whitney did not pull the ace of spades or joker for Ron Winkler; the pot grows.