DUCK ADOPTIONS! They are still accepting duck adoptions for a few more days before the ducks can be readied for the race on August 30, 6 p.m., at the Kirksville Country Club pool. Pictured are Rebecca Emlund (holding her daughter, Amelia) and Chair Joe Vincent selling adoptions at Walmart on August 6.

50-50 Drawing: Jeff Romine did not pull the ace of spades or a joker; pot now up to $1,406.00.

NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS! President Jacob awarded Paul Harris fellowships to Melissa Stuart and Ruth Bowers (both PHF plus 1) and Ralph Cupelli (PHF plus 7). Pictured from left are President Jacob, Ruth Bowers, Ralph Cupelli, Melissa Stuart and Ron Gaber, Melissa’s membership sponsor.

CLASSIFICATION TALKS - HECTOR CONTRERAS AND TOM CORBETT

HECTOR CONTRERAS was born in Galveston, Texas, the youngest of eight children. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Communications from LaMar University in Beaumont, TX, where he worked in the school’s news department. His first on-air job was in Midland-Odessa. Hector worked as an NBC reporter. He was a one-man operation (reporter and photographer) at a murder scene and his superiors were so impressed with his skills as a photographer they began to utilize his talents there as well. He later worked for FOX-NEWS in San Antonio. He became disillusioned with the commercial aspects of the job which he viewed as not moral or noble, such as knocking on the door of a grieving mother to get a story. He decided he needed a change and didn’t renew his contract. While traveling west to Los Angeles, he got a call from the news director at the FOX station in Kansas City and a took a reporting job with them. When he resigned from that position 10-11 years ago, Elsie Gaber encouraged him to apply for a position in ATSU’s marketing department. From ATSU, he purchased and operated his own photography studio for six years. For the last year and a half, he has been employed by Kirksville Motor Company, handling the digital aspects of their business. Joe Vincent encouraged Hector to join Rotary and he is very happy he did. Pictured above from left are Hector, Jacob and Tom. (TOM CORBETT TALK: SEE PAGE 2)
TOM CORBETT was born in Chicago, Illinois and he and his family moved to the suburbs when he was in the third grade. Tom apparently was a “difficult” child. He said (maybe jokingly?) that he was expelled in the first, third, and eighth grades. He graduated from high school on disciplinary probation. At the end of his freshman year of junior college, he had a 1.52 grade point average, just high enough to avoid a Vietnam draft. In his sophomore year his grades went up and he entered Kirksville State Teachers College on probation for grades. Things looked up for him thereafter and he earned both Bachelor and Master’s degrees at KSTC. Tom has had a 47-year career in teaching and is part of the MACC adjunct faculty in the A+ program. He will be welcoming his next A+ students on Monday and hopes to continue teaching until his 50th year. Tom said he is a Hospice volunteer. Hospice was a big help when his wife was dying of cancer and he wants to give back. Craig Shorten was Tom’s Rotary sponsor.