OCTOBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED: The years served totaled 21, with James Harmon serving the longest, nine years. We had birthday cupcakes and sang Happy Birthday.

THANKS, SCOTT TEMPLETON (right photo) for entertaining us with trivia as we awaited the arrival of our speaker!

SUSAN DUBLIN - THE FOOD BANK FOR CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST MISSOURI

In Wes Roper’s introduction, we learned that Susan Dublin, a 1975 KHS graduate, worked for Marriott Hotels in Chicago, New Orleans and Denver before returning to Kirksville nine years ago. She and her husband, Scott, have two children.

An advisory group was set up eight years ago which included Mary Playle. For the last three and a half years Susan has worked on fundraising for the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri, one of six in the State of Missouri, but the only one distributing food free of charge. It has a staff of 60 employees.

In 2015, over 31 million pounds of food were distributed, including over 540 thousand pounds in Adair County. She said, however, that 1.3 million pounds of food are needed here. Government programs, including food stamps, have had funding reduced, creating a greater need. She said that in Adair County 1 in 4 individuals are food insecure. In addition to providing food through the Christian Community Food Depot and Salvation Army programs here, the Food Bank also operates a Mobile Pantry, a Summer Feeding Program, and the Buddy Pack program. Buddy Packs provide weekend food through 10 schools in four counties. Susan said the sight of hungry youngsters devouring Monday morning breakfasts is an eye opener. She spoke about one child in foster care who previously had depended greatly on Buddy Packs.

A larger pantry is needed here. Jeff Romine asked what criteria would have to be met. Susan said it needs to be several thousand square feet and be able to accommodate equipment, including coolers, as well as have semi trailer access and ample parking.

The speaker is pictured above with Wes Roper (left) and President Jacob Condon.

Guests:
Elsie Gaber (1000 Hills club)
Larry Attaberry (guest of club per Walt Ryle)
Jim Crnic (guest of Jim Harding)

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:
Oct. 12: Janet Gooch/Greenwood Project
Oct. 19 & 25, Nov. 2 - TBA
Nov. 9: Cassy Venters/Rotary Foundation

50-50 Drawing: Jeff Romine did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $1,958.