DUCK DASH: Rebecca Emlund presented President Jacob with a check for $3500, our club’s portion of the 2016 Duck Dash fundraiser. Many thanks to Rebecca and Joe Vincent for their leadership during this event.

PROPOSED MEMBERS: Second announcements for Larry Attebery and Taylor Mullinix.

IN SYMPATHY: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dana Delaware and his family on the loss of his mother.

RI CONVENTION: An information session for all Rotarians interested in attending the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta will be held Wednesday, November 9, at 5:15-6:30 pm in the Upstairs Room at the Dukum Inn. Please see the attached flier for more information.

RALPH’S REVERSE ROAST: Help celebrate Past DG Ralph Cupelli’s year as District Governor and 70th birthday! Join the Roast Him Gooood Committee at the Kirksville Country Club on Wednesday evening, November 16, for cocktails, dinner, and the program. Please see the attached flier for more information, including ticket sales.

PROGRAM: After being introduced by Jeff Romine, past RI President Ray Klinginsmith presented a program on the benefits of attending the Rotary International Convention. The next RI Convention will be held June 10-14, 2017 in Atlanta, GA. An estimated 35,000 Rotarians are expected to attend. The 2017 Convention will also mark the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation, which was proposed in 1917 by outgoing Rotary President Arch Klumph “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” Several Rotarians shared stories of the conventions they have attended. Some common themes were: there are no strangers among Rotarians, no matter which nation they call home; the Flag Ceremonies, Plenary Sessions, and House of Friendship displays are particularly inspiring; the balloon drop kicking off the Polio Plus campaign at the Philadelphia convention was very memorable; spouses and children of Rotarians find the meetings engaging; great food and entertainment abound; and there’s always humor to be found, e.g., watching John Germ become flustered while attaching a pin to Dolly Parton’s blouse! Ray is pictured with Club President Jacob Condon.

CLUB CHAMPION: Melissa Stuart was selected as the Rotary Club of Kirksville Club Champion.

Guests: Thousand Hills Rotarians Elsie Gaber and Jim Wagner; John Krogh, guest of Ron Knight; Jim Crnic, guest of Jim Harding.

50/50 drawing: Harriet Beard pulled a joker! She opted to take $200. After the pay-out, the pot stands at $1,945.

Upcoming Programs:
Oct. 26: Robin Earhart, Crossing Thrift Store
Nov. 2: Dr. Heather Cianciola, Ronald McNair Program
Nov. 9: Cassy Venters, Rotary Foundation Program
Nov. 16: Ralph Cupelli