JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES ANNOUNCED, including 56 years of service by Walt Ryle! Also David Nichols, 42 years; Jim Nevins, 39; and Jeff Romine, 32. David Nichols led us in singing Happy Birthday.

CAR RAFFLE TICKETS: President Jacob announced we have only 744 more to sell with the 750th ticket going to the member who sells the most tickets!

DISTRICT’S CENTENNIAL LEGACY DINNER CAMPAIGN: Jeff said the goal is to raise $2,650,000 for the Foundation. (A hundred years ago, Kansas City Rotary donated $26.50 to begin the Foundation.) He said a third of the money has already been raised, one fifth within 20 miles of here! See Jeff or Ralph for ways you can donate. The minimum contribution is $10,000.

DAVID NICHOLS ON MISSOURI ARTS COUNCIL (MAC): In Wes Roper’s introduction we learned that fellow member David has been a member of the MAC board of directors and Trust Board since 2005 (One of 14 but the only member north of Highway 70, according to David.) He is a retired professor of music and chair of graduate programs in music. David is both a performing musician (conductor, clarinetist and saxophonist) and also a writer. He has written two books: one, a college textbook on music history and appreciation, and another on the history of Truman State University. He designed the majority of exhibits for the Ruth Towne Museum and is also on the Foundation Board at Truman.

Beginning in 1965, The Missouri Arts Council has created support and leadership to bring the arts to the people of the state. The Missouri Arts Council, a division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, provides grants to Missouri nonprofit organizations, schools, and artists to encourage and advance the appreciation of the arts in Missouri. By direct funding, MAC has funded arts organizations which provided 6,326 jobs, hired 58,946 artists, generated $200 plus million in salaries, for $4.3 million in state tax revenues. In 2015, from its total revenue of about $5.8 million, grants were awarded in the sum of about $4.6 million. Some funding has come from the Athletes and Entertainment Tax which began in 1994. (In 2010, $10 million in grants were awarded and $5.5 million is projected for 2017.) Arts education continues to make a difference in Missouri schools and strengthens Missouri education. David is pictured above with Wes Roper (left).

Guests:
Debbie Nichols (g/o David); Sarah Delaware (g/o Dana); Rita Brown (g/o Shari Schenewerk); Heather Condon (1000 Hills club); Lillian Condon (infant daughter of President Jacob); Steve Xander (prospective member)

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:
January 11 - Amanda Langendorfer/WWI Centennial
January 17 - Soup Social/Dukum Inn/5:30-8 p.m.
January 18 - Ron Gaber/Ice Fishing
March 6-10 - Literacy/Readings

50-50 Drawing: No Drawing This Week.