NEW MEMBER: President Jacob (left) inducted Paul Williams today. Paul (center), owner/managing partner of Premier Hotel Properties, is also pictured with his Rotary sponsor, Ron Knight.

CAR RAFFLE 4/15/17: DebiBoughton said to mark your calendar for this exciting event to be held at the Kirksville Country Club from 5-7 p.m.

JEFF ROMINE is seeking volunteers for 100th Birthday celebration. Help make this event a success!

MIKE ALLEN ON NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

After a 27-year career in catering with Hy-Vee, Mike Allen became involved with this organization in 2005 and serves as a Regional Director.

Mike said turkey populations in North America had diminished from 15 million prior to European settlement down to just 30,000 in the 1930s. The National Wild Turkey Federation was formed in 1973 and dedicated itself to conservation of the wild turkey and preservation of hunting heritage. The Federation currently has about 300,000 adult members and 250,000 youth members. Mike spoke about the several wild turkey varieties in North America, including the Eastern Turkey prevalent in our area which he said are the hardest to hunt. Mike said the 1980s were heydays for turkey populations but there are problems maintaining high populations. Less than half a hen’s eggs hatch and, of those, half don’t survive the first two weeks of life when they are flightless. He said we can help by not letting our dogs run loose during the April to early May hatching season and work to contain predators during that season too.

Mike Allen is pictured above with Rotarian David Erwin (left) who introduced him.

50-50 Drawing: Dana Delaware did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $110.

Guests:
- Priscilla Phillips (guest of Melissa Stuart)
- Sarah Delaware (guest of Dana Delaware)
- Amanda Langendoerfer (guest of Jeff Romine)
- Mike Allen (speaker/guest of 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/Events:
- February 15: Lisa ArcherATSU-KCOM Standardized Patient Program
- February 22: Scott Templeton/Entertaining Legal Stories
- March 1: Steve Ellis/Wetlands
- March 6-10 - Literacy/Readings
- March 8: Jacob Condon/TSU Press
- March 22: Youth Recognition Banquet/NO NOON MTG.