RAY KLINGINSMITH SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: KHS Superintendent and Rotarian Damon Kizzire is pictured in left photo with recipients Allison Doman (left) and Abby Adams at the KHS Senior Awards Ceremony.

NEW MEMBER WELCOMED: Barbara Smith-Mandell, Director/Editor-in-Chief, Truman State University Press, is pictured in right photo with her Rotary sponsor, President Jacob Condon.

100 MEMBERS FOR OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR: Membership Committee Chair Ralph Cupelli first spoke about this membership goal - adding 13 more members by December 31. He said 2011 was our membership high at 115 members and our numbers have dropped each year thereafter. Females now represent 19.5% of our 87 members. He provided statistics on member viability since July 1, 2013, as well as years of service and reasons for termination since July 1, 2011. Rebecca Emlund then spoke about recruiting young members and three barriers they face: time, finances and feeling welcome. We can help overcome these barriers by talking to new members, making connections and supporting their efforts. Consider sponsoring part or all of the young professional’s dues, at least for a period of time. Jeff Romine thereafter spoke about “Five for One” - a recruitment idea advocated by Ray Klinginsmith that has been proven effective in the past. Teams of five members (including a captain) meet and do the asking, with support and help from the Membership Committee. Our team captains are Larry Attebery, Mark Burger, John Dungan, Dave Erwin, Ron Gaber, Damon Kizzire, David Nichols, Danny Pagliai, Dale Schenewerk, Craig Shorten, Randy Smith and Melissa Stuart. Become a part of one of these teams! In addition to 5 for 1 recruiting, we also want to concentrate on retaining current members. The Committee is asking you to “pay it forward” and give the gift of Rotary to someone in our community, just as someone once did for you. Ralph, Rebecca and Jeff are pictured above.

50-50 Drawing: No winner this week. The pot is now up to $795.00.

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:

May 24: 4-Way Test Award/Disabled Veterans
May 31: Judge Kristie Swaim
June 7: Strange & Unusual Things That Happen at Weddings & Funerals/Dianthe Cable