Blytha spoke today about what was happening in 1918 on which she produced an eight-page booklet (on our tables today, a copy of which is attached to the cover email). She spoke about who was in charge in 1918, from President Woodrow Wilson (age 61, a Democrat, who held a Ph.D. in political science and was a former president of Princeton University and a former governor of New Jersey) on down to local positions including Kirksville Mayor Dr. G. A. Goben (age 74, a Democrat, who was elected mayor four times and was a Civil War veteran, a physician and a large land owner).

Blytha covered many interesting news items she took from Kirksville Journal newspapers from 1918. The Great War was the biggest news item of the year but she also spoke about the influenza epidemic and a number of great local interest stories. She brought a large framed photo of the May 9, 1921 Rotary Club Annual Wiener Roast in Kirksville and had many laminated handouts of photos and other items which she circulated. Blytha is pictured above with Harold Osborn who, along with his wife Becky, suggested today’s program.

Rotary Minute: How many Rotarian clubs are there in the world? Ralph said there are 35,850.

50-50 Drawing: Erick Hanson did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $1,879.

Membership Update: We have 79 members.