PROGRAM—Dr. Maria Evans—Maria Evans, MD, is a pathologist and medical laboratory director and additionally serves as priest for two parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. Dr. Evans discussed polio, providing a brief history of polio and a look forward. Polio is a disease that has been known since antiquity, and the first documented outbreak in the U.S. was in 1894. Dr. Evans explained that the polio virus is spread in fecal matter. She reported that 95% of people infected with the polio virus display no polio symptoms. Less than 1% of the individuals with the virus display the classic paralysis result associated with polio. Individuals with paralysis may also experience a noncontagious post-polio syndrome later in their lives. Not until the 1950s were polio vaccines developed (by Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin). As a result, polio has almost been eliminated. The number of polio cases reported each year has decreased from an estimated 350,000 in 1988 to 22 cases in two countries in 2017. Rotary has been significant in supporting the global polio initiative along with the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and the Gates Foundation among others. Reaching the goal of eradicating polio is essential. If the effort stopped today, estimates are that there would be 200,000 cases of polio in the world in ten years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> Rotary will not have an entry in the High School Homecoming parade.

> President Randy asks for Rotarians to suggest fundraising possibilities.

> Heartsaver Adult CPR with AED Program sponsored by North Star Rotary is Tuesday, October 23, 6:00-8:00 at Truman State University. Space is limited. Sign up by October 19 by contacting Evonne Bird, ebird@truman.edu or 660-785-7729.

> President Randy announced that Play for Polios has resulted in donations totaling $1,050.

> The District 6050 Foundation Dinner will be Friday, October 26, at Harrah’s in Kansas City. Suggested attire is Bahamian Casual Resort.


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.)

Future Events
October 17: Dr. Maria Evans/Medical History of Polio
October 24: Ray Klinginsmith/Polio Eradication
October 31: TBA; November 7: Steve Xander/Housing for Homeless (AM Housing)

50-50 Drawing Elsie Gaber did not draw a joker or ace of spades. The pot grew by $105.

Guests
Elsie Gaber, 1000 Hills Rotarian and guest of Ron Gaber
Rick Steele, 100 Hills Rotarian
Sarah Delaware, guest of Dana Delaware
Teresa Ross, guest of Randy Smith

Membership Update: We have 81 members