The Serving Tray
Rotary Club of Kirksville - Charter 371 - District 6040
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BELL RINGING: On December 8, Larry Lamberson (left) and Rodney Sadler were among individuals from Kirksville’s three Rotary clubs who rang bells at six locations in Kirksville to collect donations for the Salvation Army. Ron Brand said Brian will have a report on funds collected for us next week.

ROTARY MINUTE: The motto “Service Above Self” was established in 1989. Earlier mottos were “He profits most who serves best.” and “Service not self.”

CINDY BAXTER IS PAUL HARRIS FELLOW: Foundation Chair Jeff Romine presented the award today. She is a first-time recipient.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Dale Schenewerk introduced Habitat for Humanity board member Andrew Gerdes, actively involved with the organization for three years. He has been employed by the Bank of Kirksville for 12 years and is currently a loan officer.

Andy told us Habitat for Humanity is a global non-profit housing organization founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller. It operates in 1400 worldwide communities of which Kirksville is one. Since its establishment here in 1996, Habitat has built eight houses including two under construction, one at 1016 N. Don Street and a renovation at 1216 Jefferson Street. Selections are based on (1) level of need, family size and current living conditions, (2) willingness to perform sweat equity (300 hours helping to build homes), and (3) ability to repay a mortgage. Andy said the philosophy is that Habitat for Humanity is a hand up, not a hand out.

Homes are built at zero cost to the owners. Habitat pays for its homes not only through house payments but also fundraising. We can help by donating time, money, materials or skills. Truman State University, among others, has donated a lot of time. Andy encouraged us to check the organization’s Facebook page for updates on the various projects. He said Habitat for Humanity has been successful in Kirksville; he is aware of only two houses which were taken back. There were eight applicants for a recent home, four of whom qualified. Qualified families not chosen will be contacted to reapply if another house is available in the future.

The speaker is pictured above with Dale Schenewerk (right).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JIM: We sent a card last week to Jim LeBaron who is recovering at home.

50-50 Drawing: Randy Smith did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $4,285!

Membership Update: We have 81 members.

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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.)

January 9: Ellie Hayes/MO Cares Education Foundation
January 16: Rhonda Noe/Guardian-Conservative for People
January 23: Exchange Student Mena Aasmyr from Norway