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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.)

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**Engineer Jim Jontry, Project Manager, Mark Twain Transmission Project:** Mr. Jontry spoke about this project, which was approved to proceed by the Missouri Public Service Commission on January 10, 2018. The new transmission line will run from Palmyra in Marion County to Kirksville and then north to the Iowa border, approximately 96 miles with a voltage of 345,000 volts and will be in service by December, 2019. The north-south portion is expected to be completed by June and then they will head east. It will involve 45000 cubic yards of concrete, 2920 tons of rebar, 9300 tons of steel structures and 1,056 tons of wire and optical ground wire. The project benefits include energy reliability and transmission capacity; improved access to renewable sources of energy, including wind energy; provide new annual tax revenue to support northeast Missouri’s communities in the five counties (Adair, Knox, Lewis, Marion and Schuyler) where the line will be located; and support regional and local economic growth in northeast Missouri. Pictured above are President Randy Smith, Jim Jontry, John Waterhouse (Ameren Transmission), and Rotarian Annette Sweet, an Ameren Missouri official, who introduced the speaker.

**GSE Team From Australia:** Debi Boughton said she has all the host families she needs but may need drivers. The team arrives on April 21. On the evening of Monday, April 22, we are all invited to join the team at the Thousand Hills dining lodge (dutch treat, of course). The GSE team will be the program at our April 24 meeting. The North Star and Thousand Hills clubs will be invited to attend.

**CO-Chair Needed For Duck Dash:** If you can co-chair this activity with President Randy, let him know <rsmith@truman.edu>. The event will be held in late August or early September (before Labor Day).

**Shoes For Orphan Souls:** The drive kicks off on Wednesday, March 20 through April 10. Our goal is 225 pairs of shoes. We will be buying shoes from J.C. Penney’s this year with the funds you contribute. For every $5 you donate, the club will contribute $1.00. If possible, Dana would like us to each bring two pairs of children’s sneakers to place on each table on March 20. Help will be needed to package the shoes at J.C. Penney’s between April 11 and April 25 and then to load the boxes of shoes onto the caravan truck on Friday, April 26.

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**Guests:**

- **Rick Steele** (Thousand Hills club); **Susie Perkins** (guest of Roy Noe); **John Waterhouse** (guest of club); **Jim Jontry** (speaker/guest of club)

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