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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

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Opening

President Bill Costello welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Tom O'Connor** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Sharrock** introduced our visitors and guests.

Attendance

Members with Guests
No Information available

Announcements

Thanks to **Cathy Scroggs** and **Kris Farris** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Sarah Read reminded the group of several dates for our calendars: February 12th Trivia Night fundraiser; February 13th the Boys and Girls Club Chili Cook-Off, as well as a February 5th Chili tasting to see which team gets to represent our club. February 3rd the Fellowship Committee is hosting a pre-game happy hour before the MU/Texas A&M game starting at 5:30 pm at the Staybridge Suites. Sarah also announced that Group Study Exchange (GSE) members will be here from March 27th – April 1st, and the committee is looking for volunteers to host team members.

Shawn Barnes gave an update on last week's 1st Thursday event. Eighteen people attended in spite of the cold temperatures. He also said next month's 1st Thursday will be held on the 1st Wednesday instead of Thursday.

Linda Baumgartner gave an update on Mizuho, and also told of an "angel" who assisted the group traveling to Malawi by waiving the shipping fee for a PET they were taking. She also asked for volunteers to keep Mizuho while they are on vacation in February.

President Bill announced a board meeting would follow today's meeting,

and **Marcia Machens** indicated that 12 members still owe dues. In addition, she asked members to donate door prizes for Trivia Night.

* REMINDER *

**Metro Rotary
WILL NOT MEET
when Columbia Public Schools
are not in session due to weather**

Family of Rotary

Beth Lammers announced we have no birthdays this week; however, she asked members to keep **Pat Hostetler** and her family in our thoughts. Pat's brother-in-law had a massive heart attack, and is in serious condition. Also, **Ginny Northcutt** had carpal tunnel surgery and is doing fine. She mentioned several members have been recognized for their contributions to the community: **Brad Nelson** as coordinator of the City's United Way campaign, **Tim Springer** for his involvement in the Military Officer's Association, and **Karen Taylor** for her role in the 'Keep Columbia Safe' campaign.

Proposed New Member

Jed Friedrichsen is being proposed as a new member to Metro Rotary. Jed is the Chief Administrative Officer for K-12 Online Education for Blendedschools.net and his proposed classification is Education – Online Learning.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Brad Nelson provided his weekly "crime update", and then proudly announced that the Police Department beat the Columbia Fire Fighters in their annual basketball game, in spite of pre-game trash talk. He issued a \$1 fine for every member whose attendance was less than 100%.

Upcoming Programs

January 20.....Larry Arrowood
President
The Friends of "Jim the Wonder Dog"
January 27.....Classification Talks
February 3.....Dwayne Carey
Boone County Sheriff

Assignments

Metro Rotary appreciates having the following members provide the raffle prize, sell the tickets, say the invocation, and lead the pledge. Please show your support by purchasing tickets that enable us to support our charities.

Raffle/Invocation/Pledge:

January 20..... **Linda Phillips**
January 27.....**Barb Danuser**

Next up for Greeters:

January 20..... **Rob Christensen
& Lori Pewitt**
January 27.....**Stuart Scroggs
& Kimberly Earnest**

Program Summary

History of Political Campaign Buttons
By: **Mark Farnen**

Stuart Scroggs introduced **Mark Farnen** who gave an entertaining presentation on political campaign buttons.



He said his collecting began in 1960 when his father allowed him to ride on a float in Mexico, Missouri's Soy Bean parade if he agreed to throw democratic

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campaign buttons and chewing gum cigars to the crowd. He ate the chewing gum, but kept two buttons, one for JFK and the other for Stuart Symington, and he has been collecting ever since. At present, he has between 6,000-8,000 buttons from Lincoln and Grant to today.



Mark gave a brief history of the campaign pin stating that they were introduced in 1896, with Williams McKinley being the first prolific producer of campaign pins. Mark shared with the group part of this collection, including his “nasty” pins, and a display comparing real and fake pins.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Anna DeJong** the lucky winner of a wooden art box courtesy of **Tom O'Connor**. The raffle raised \$61.

*Thanks to **Roma Wonneman** for providing the notes from the January 13th Metro Rotary meeting.*