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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. **Chris Dohm** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Marcia Machens** introduced our visitors and guests.

Attendance

Members with Guests

Mike Pitts..... Casey Buckman
Bill Costello..... Anna Codutti
Erin Lampkin Sarah Hill
Les Borgmeyer Bill Dalzell
Yolanda Ciolli..... Mike Trial
Kris Farris Joe McCune
Bill Costello..... John Stringer

Visitors

Wayne Huebert Columbia Northwest

Announcements

Thanks to **Liz Magee** and **Jim Stock** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Sarah Read recognized the Youth Exchange committee for already recruiting three host families for next year for our youth exchange student from Germany. Sarah reminded people that they will need help with weekends and events.

Volunteers are needed to serve as judges for the Future Business Leaders of America State Competition. If you take the survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5YDY3TR>) it gives you some options of preference. If you have additional questions, please contact Jerrilyn Snodgrass at (573)299-4060 or at jerrilynsnodgrass@yahoo.com.

There will be a welcome for the GSE team members on March 28, 4-6 p.m. at the Youzeum.

Anna Codutti from the Missourian handed out Neighborhood News and explained about the Neighborhood News papers.

Rob Christianson announced the Friends of Rock Bridge fundraiser Saturday morning

Susan Hart announced the polio awareness text and terminate program to donate \$5 just by texting. There were handouts on the tables further explaining the program.

Don't forget about the Rotaract fundraiser Art Uncorked on March 18 at the Orr Street Galleries. The event is from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and proceeds will benefit Rotary International. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Family of Rotary

Norm Benedict gave his usual history overview of this day and week in history. **Beth Lammers** announced birthdays of **Tim Cox** and **Scott Heck**. She also congratulated **Rob Quinn** on his recent promotion to Vice President.

Fellowship Event

MU Baseball vs. Oklahoma State

Friday, April 16th at Taylor Stadium

6PM

Adults \$5

Children \$3 (Up to Grade 12)

Seniors 60+ \$3

Email Ticket Orders by April 2nd

DonnieRay@Ludwig.com

Sergeant-at-Arms

Brad Nelson, Sergeant at Arms, said that he had hoped to raise more money through fines and since we have

surpassed last year, he had no fines except for anyone who wore a KU shirt to the KU/MU game.

Proposed New Members

Mike Pitts has proposed **Casey Buckman** as a new member to Metro Rotary. Casey is the owner of Casey Buckman Photography in Columbia and his proposed classification is Photography.

Bill Costello has proposed **John Stringer** as a new member to Metro Rotary. John is a financial advisor for Edward Jones and his proposed classification is Investment - Sales.

Upcoming Programs

March 17 **Karen Taylor**
Keep Columbia Safe Initiative

March 24 Stephen Gaither
Harry S. Truman Memorial
Veterans' Hospital

March 31 Classification Talks

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:

March 17..... **Joy Block**
March 24..... **Beth Lammers**
March 31..... **Shawn Barnes**

Next up for Greeters:

March 17..... **Karen Brown**
& **Shane Winter**

March 24..... **Scott Heck**
& **Gary Warren**

March 31..... **Anna Dejong**
& **Marcia Machens**

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Program Summary

Mid-Missouri Honor Flight
Sarah Hill, KOMU-TV



Sarah Hill is an eight time Emmy award winning reporter and 5pm anchor at KOMU-TV 8, the broadcast lab for the University of Missouri School of Journalism. She also serves as adjunct faculty for the J School.

The Missouri Honor Flight Program is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. The group transports our heroes to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at their memorials. In Columbia, the program was started a year and a half ago. In the last year, the program has raised \$400,000 through private donations and taken 400 veterans on seven flights to D.C.



The WWII Memorial was just built in 2004, which is why there has been a rush to get these 80 and 90 year-old veterans to Washington through this national program. The Memorial includes a Freedom Wall, which contains a star for every 100 lives lost. In all, 400,000 men lost their lives in the war.



To go, veterans need only to complete an application. Applications are date stamped and trips are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, with those suffering from a terminal illnesses going to the top of the list. A full medical team travels with the veterans and they take oxygen, wheelchairs, walkers, etc. It's a one-day, 20-hour trip.

Sarah introduced veteran, honor flight traveler and father-in-law of **Les Borgmeyer**, Bill Dalzell who said a few words about the trip. Hill then showed a very compelling video about the program that featured several veterans and family members.

Hill concluded by encouraging members to get applications from the KOMU-TV web site and helping to get the word out about the program.



Raffle

Congratulations to **Beth Lammers** the lucky winner of a \$40 gift certificate to Broadway Diner courtesy of **Chris Dohm**.

*The March 10, 2010 newsletter notes were submitted by **Kris Farris**.*