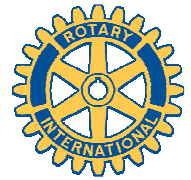


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Thank you . . .

to **Jaime Freidrichs** for assisting with today's invocation, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and providing us with our fundraising opportunity.

to **Don Ludwig** and **Terry Phillips** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Members & Guests

Rotarian	Guest
Barb Danuser	John Reid
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Jed Friedrichsen	Eva Prost

Visiting Rotarians

Rotarian	Club
Larry Mead	Northwest

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Members who didn't know that boats have graced the cover of *Rotary Magazine* 64 times since its introduction were given an opportunity to contribute to Metro charities.

Family of Rotary

Lori Pewitt was celebrating her birthday! Congratulations, Lori!

Eric Hsu updated members about his recent experiences as a Youth Exchange Student in Missouri.

Members **Kristi Ray**, **Mike Grellner** and **Jennifer Deaver** were congratulated for serving on the Steering Committee for the Columbia Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Leadership Columbia program.

Norm Benedict was recognized for his work in support of the inaugural Mid-Missouri Restaurant Week.

Congratulations to **Sarah Read!** She was the lucky winner of a \$40 gift certificate to Murry's donated by Jaime Freidrichs. We raised \$65 for our charities.



Announcements

Vice President Marcia Machens presided over today's meeting and accepted two Rotary club banners from 2010-2011 Metro Outbound Youth Exchange Student **Eva Prost**. The banners were from two clubs that Eva visited during her stay in Turkey.

Les Borgmeyer reminded members that the annual Metro Trivia Night fundraiser is planned for February 3 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are available for purchase. Donations are needed for the auctions. Please see **Marcia Machens** if you have items to donate.

Jaime Freidrichs thanked members who attended the January Metro social at Shakespeare's.

Vice President Marcia reminded everyone that the Metro Board of Directors would meet immediately following today's regular meeting.

Karen Taylor announced that nominations are currently being accepted for the 2012 Vocational Service Award. Please see the Metro homepage for an application.

The Fundraising Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on January 18 at the Columbia Country Club.

Member Spotlight

Bette Wordelman was the focus of this week's Five Minute Interview. Bette is the Treasurer for the City of Columbia.

Bette has been a member of Metro Rotary since September, 1996, and she served as Metro President during 2006-2007. In addition to being a star during her high school basketball career, Bette was the 1975 regional high school shorthand champion!



PROGRAM SUMMARY

John Reid and **Gina Overshiner** presented today's program. John is a science teacher at Douglass High School, and Gina is the Bicycle Program Manager for the PedNet Coalition.

John and Gina gave an informative overview of the Douglass High School Bike Class. Members learned how and why the class was created and the benefits that are being realized by students through this offering. This program is making a difference in the lives of at-risk teens, and volunteer opportunities exist for business and individuals to help keep this program going.



MEETING CANCELLED?

Metro bylaws state that if the Columbia Public Schools cancel classes due to inclement weather, Metro Rotary will not meet. Please keep this in mind as winter weather approaches.

Looking Ahead . . .

January 18 Program:

Dorreen Rardin, BHC Palliative Care Program

Invocation/Pledge/Fundraiser:

Mike Grellner

Greeters:

Tonya Wolff & Jim Cherrington

