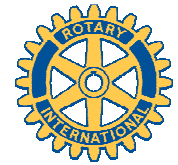


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Opening

President **Cindy Whaley** welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Ryan Lidolph** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Marcia Machens** introduced our visitors and guests.

Attendance

Audie Spieler..... Juan Miromontes
Casey Buckman.....Miller Buckman
Britny Wright.....Wes Pippin, Sam, Beth and Cori Mead

Visitor from Northwest:

Larry Mead

Announcements

Thanks to **Tina Ehrhardt** and **Don Ludwig** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Les Borgmeyer, chair of the Fundraising Committee, encouraged us to sell as many raffle tickets as possible for Metro's major fundraiser of the year, Trivia Night, coming up on Friday, February 4th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. He asked that we all get our money in by next Wednesday the 26th if possible. The money raised by raffle and silent auction will go to The Boys and Girls Club and other vitally important causes we support as a club.

Les Gelband, chair of the Partners in Education committee, said the funds allocated by Metro to the schools in the PIE program have been spent. The teachers are thankful and delighted with the books, manipulatives and student take home bags that they were able to purchase with the funds. **Les** showed us some of the very creative items that will be used to enhance the children's learning experience.

Family of Rotary

Sally Beth Lyon will celebrate her birthday on January 24th. **Beth Lammers** mother passed away on January 10th.

Welcome New Members!

Robert Brooks was inducted as a new member of Metro Rotary. **Robert (Bob)** is a Group Leader/Senior Scientist at ABC Laboratories. **Robert's** classification is Laboratories-Life Sciences. **Robert** was proposed for membership by **Tina Ehrhardt** and will be mentored by **Les Borgmeyer**.



Tina Ehrhardt and Robert Brooks

Kim Buckman was inducted as a new member of Metro Rotary. **Kim** is a Sales Representative II for Sunovion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. **Kim's** classification is Pharmaceutical Sales. **Kim** was proposed for membership by her husband **Casey Buckman** and will be mentored by **Rose Hayden**.



Casey and Kim Buckman

Sergeant-at-Arms

Steve Baumgartner and **Norm Benedict** posed this question: On January 19, 1953, 70% of Americans were all watching the same TV show. Were they watching the first televised presidential inauguration, Lucy from "I Love Lucy" give birth to little Ricky, or two other choices.? The answer wasLucy giving birth. Many of us were wrong and paid the fine!

Upcoming Programs

Reminder: If Columbia Public Schools cancel school on a Wednesday for bad weather, Metro is cancelled too.

January 26.....Classification Talks
Jamie Cote and **Shatenita Horton**

February 2.....Networking Program

February 9.....Future Business Leaders of America, Hickman High student panel

February 16.....Classification Talks

February 23.....Brant Bukosky
VA Mortgage

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 26.....**Casey Buckman**
February 2.....**Kristen Dickinson**

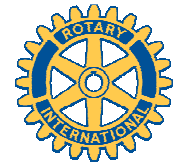
Greeters:

Next up for Greeters:

January 26..... **Karen Brown**
& **Jamie Cote**

February 2.....**Shatenita Horton**
& **Stuart Scroggs**

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Program Summary

Rotary International Youth Exchange Program

Britny Wright, Chair of the Youth Exchange Committee, introduced the program, and **Lori Pewitt**, inbound counselor for the program added comments about her experience as a host parent several years ago.



Audie Spieler

Audie Spieler put together a panel of participants that helped all of us understand what it is like to be a host family and being the student.

Participants were:

Host parent **Wes Pippin** who hosted **Livia Lages** from Brazil last year. Host family **Sam, Beth and Cori Mead** who are hosting **Anne** currently. **Anne Voshaar** who is the current inbound student from Germany. **Juan Miromontes** who was a Rotary exchange student from Mexico to Brazil 5 years ago. He became friends with an American exchange student from Columbia, Gage Ryan. Juan is currently staying with Ryan and his family for 6 months.



Youth Exchange Panel

Audie told us that Rotary International is very serious about the Youth Exchange program with over 8,000 American students going abroad every year to learn a new culture and language. The larger goal is build bridges among nations and create world understanding. The Youth Exchange program began in 1929.

Wes, Beth and Sam all said they became involved in the Youth Exchange so their children would be exposed to a different culture. Wes appreciated the fact that they would host the student for only for 3 months. He and his family enjoyed Livia very much. He has three children with the oldest being 12 and the youngest 3 years old. The youngest bonded the most with Livia. He and his wife experienced having a teenage daughter for the first time which was great preparation for raising their two daughters. Livia pitched in and helped with household chores and was an absolute delight!

Beth said that Cori is an only child and so it has been wonderful for her to have a sibling which she has asked for all along! Anna, who arrived in their home in December, did not bring any real surprises just lots more activity into their life. They are enjoying her very much.

Anne said what she has enjoyed the most so far is all the new friends she has made from all over the world. She enjoys Hickman High School and finds the courses easier than what she was used to in Germany. She has not been enrolled in any honors courses at Hickman. She enjoyed being part of the girls tennis team in the fall and hopes to play soccer for Hickman in the spring.

Juan said he had an excellent experience in Brazil and enjoyed the contacts he made such as Ryan. He hopes the contacts he made will help him back home in Mexico as he works to help the poor people in his country.

Audie explained how the Youth Exchange program works. Our Rotary District 6080 has a coordinator. We are able to request either a male or female student and the coordinator assigns the student to us. The Metro Youth Exchange Committee, **Britny**, **Lori** and **Audie** (current outbound counselor to Eva Prost), meets monthly and works to recruit host families and work out the details. **Audie** stressed that all problems, if any, are handled by the committee or the coordinator. The 4 D's are Don't drink, drive, date or use drugs.



It was an excellent program that helped all of us present learn so much more about the Rotary Youth Exchange program and how we can be involved, including serving on the committee. If you would like to invite Anne to your home or to go on an outing with you and your family, all her contact information is on our Metro Rotary website. Just give her a call!

Raffle

Congratulations to **Tina Ehrhardt!** **Tina** was the lucky winner of a \$50 gift card to Bleu Restaurant courtesy of **Ryan Lidolph**.