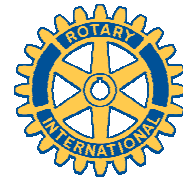


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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

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Opening

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

Attendance

Visitors & Guests

Erin Lampkin.....Nan Wu
Marcia Machens.....Kristie Callaway
Audie Spieler.....Lena Ajans Mitchell
Rose Hayden.....Meichele Foster
Beth Lammers.....Terry Phillips
Cindy Whaley.....Shatenita Horton
Lynda Baumgartner.....Dianne Lynch

Announcements

Thanks to **Lyle Johnson** and **Jeff Davis** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

All About Anne Moment: Anne is still enjoying tennis. Everyone is encouraged to invite her to go on outings. Anne's contact information is now in the Metro directory.

Cindy Whaley announced that the district conference will be held on October 15th and 16th. The GSE Team from Australia will be here. **Karen Brown** is our contact for the hospitality suite. **Karen** passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work. She still needs someone from 5-6:15pm and 8:30-10:00pm Friday 10/15. You will get a make-up.

Also the GSE Team from Australia will be arriving in Columbia on Thursday, October 14th for their vocational visits. They will be at The Rotary Club of Downtown for lunch, then vocational visits, attend the RotarAct Meeting and an all-club social that evening at Old Hawthorn. If you are interested in attending the social, please let **Cindy** know ASAP. There is no cost for Rotary members to attend.

Cindy reminded us that there will be a Foundation Celebration on November 12th at Tan-Tar-A. Cost is \$30 per person and there will also be special room rate of \$75 available. The registration form (\$30) will soon be published on the district web page. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special celebration.

The All-Club Thanksgiving Luncheon is scheduled for November 23rd. Metro Rotary is responsible for the event. Any ideas you have for charity dollars, program, etc., please submit to **Cindy Whaley**. **Jim Sharrock** will be our liaison/point person for this event.

Jamie Cote announced a wine tasting to benefit *A Call To Serve*, the organization formed to help those in Georgia. There will be appetizers and a tasting of Georgian wines. The event will be held September 30th and is \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. You can get your tickets from **Jamie** at Personalized Computers or at the next few Rotary meetings.

Karen Brown announced that the next fellowship will be on October 7th at the A-Frame at Les Bourgeois winery. 5:00-7:00pm.

There will be a committee chair meeting after the regular meeting next week.

Lori Neidel announced that on September 23rd from 5:00-11:00pm Houlihan's will donate 10% of all sales to the Food Bank.

Kimberly Earnest announced that the annual Concert Series fundraiser *Wines and Champagnes of the World* will be held on Friday, September 24 at 7:00pm at the Tiger Hotel. Cost is \$20 wine only and \$30 for champagne and wine.

Family of Rotary

Beth Lammers read this day in history information in **Norm Benedict's** absence. She also announced that on

this day in history **Gordon Brown** became the first Senior Active Member of Metro Rotary.

Beth also announced that **Tina Ehrhardt** is now employed at Stephens College.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant-at-Arms Steve Baumgartner tried to fine **Kristi Ray** for there being no a/c on Harpo's deck at the last fellowship social.

Steve announced that there will be a smorgasbord on Saturday from 4:30-6:00pm at the Red Top Church in Hallsville

Tim Cox sent \$5 to cover the fine for his phone going off last week.

The Question of the Week is: When a hot air balloon lands what beverage is shared with the passengers and crew? The answer is Champagne and this tradition was started in 1783. Those who did not answer correctly were fined \$1. Everyone wearing their Paul Harris pins are exempt from fines for the month.

Upcoming Programs

September 29.....Anne Voshaar
Youth Exchange Student

October 6.....Paul Harris Fellowships
Jim Spieler

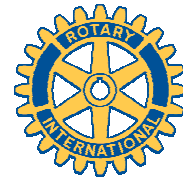
October 13.....Vocational Service
Karen Taylor & Lynda Baumgartner

October 20.....Classification Talks
Jaime Freidrichs & Kristen Dickinson

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.

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Raffle/Invocation/Pledge:

September 29.....**Josh Kittle**
October 6.....**Rob Quinn**
October 13.....**Andrew Stone**
October 20.....**Jamie Freidrichs**

Next up for Greeters:

September 29.....**Beth Lammers
& Sally Beth Lyon**

October 6.....**Joy Block
& Dave Holtgraewe**

October 13.....**Don Ludwig
& Tom Mussatt**

October 20.....**Rose Lloyd
& Tom O'Connor**

Program Summary

Dianne Lynch
President of Stephens College

Lynda Baumgartner introduced our speaker, Diane Lynch, President of Stephens College. Diane explained that she has spoken at all of the Columbia Rotary clubs and she saved the best for last. She has been at Stephens College for 16 months. She spent most of her career in New York and Vermont. She said she has come to love Missouri and Columbia. She came here prior to her husband and she told him that Columbia was one of the most friendliest places she has ever been.



Diane says Stephens is a college that teaches young women that they can be and do anything. Stephens has a balanced budget for the first time in many years and is on solid financial footing. She said this is due in part to the community support of the college. They have an enrollment of about 1000 students; about the same as last year.

Stephens College has a new Vice-President for Innovation – **Tina Ehrhardt**.

Stephens is involved in a million dollar health and wellness campaign: Employees of the college, must lose a total of 250 pounds by the stroke of midnight on January 1. And if the college's president, Dianne M. Lynch, sheds at least 25 pounds, the donor will add \$100,000 to her gift. This program was started on September 1 and they have weigh-ins every Friday. Weight Watchers comes to campus and there has been walking groups established and Wilson's is offering free local gym memberships for a limited time.

Stephens has also been recognized nationally for their pets on campus program which was established in 2004. The *New York Times* did a full-page story about *Pet Central* at Stephens. This prompted a call from the *Today Show* and they featured a particular dog and the dorm which allows students to bring their pets to school to live with them. The dorm also offers a doggie daycare & spa.

President Lynch thanked the community again for their nurturing and caring of Stephens College.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Joy Block!** Joy was the winner of a \$50 gift card to Sophia's/Addison's courtesy of **Jed Friedrichsen**.