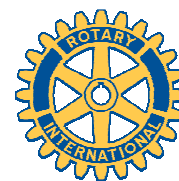


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No Meeting November 23!

Thank you . . .

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

to **Lori Neidel** and **Kristi Ray** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Visiting Rotarians

Rotarian	Club
Gary Duncan.....	Northwest

Family of Rotary

Metro Rotarians celebrating birthdays this week are:

Casey Buckman.....	Nov. 22
Joy Block.....	Nov. 23
Jamie Cote.....	Nov. 23
Phil Lessley.....	Nov. 24
Ralph Butler.....	Nov. 28

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Rose Hayden attempted to entertain members with riddles. Thanks to a \$25 donation from **Steve Baumgartner** and **Don Ludwig**, she did not make it completely through her list. Members were given the opportunity to financially support the family Metro has adopted for Christmas through the Voluntary Action Center.



Due to an extraordinary work schedule, **Bill Costello** has been unable to attend many weekly meetings. **Steve Baumgartner** was very generous and paid all Bill's outstanding fines.

Congratulations to **Bart Filipiak**! He was the lucky winner of a \$50 gift certificate to Addison's/Sophia's donated courtesy of **Andrew Stone**. We raised \$89 for our charities.

METRO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Casey Buckman reminded members of the annual All-Columbia Rotary Club Luncheon that will be held November 22 at the Courtyard by Marriott. Tickets are only \$25 each. Proceeds will benefit the new Ronald McDonald House and the CPS Dictionary Project. Silent auction items are needed.

Cathy Scroggs announced that donations for the family that Metro Rotary has adopted for Christmas have a collection deadline of November 30.

Roma Wonneman distributed a sign-up sheet for members to serve as Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army. Metro's day of service will be December 10 from 10 am – 8 pm in front of Hobby Lobby.

Les Borgmeyer reminded members of the Metro Night at the MU Concert Series. The event is planned for December 10 at Jesse Hall. VIP reception begins at 6:00 p.m. Curtain opens at 7:00p.m. for A Christmas Carol. Tickets are only \$30 per person. Contact Les for tickets or more details.

A new Rotary Interact Club is being started. Members will be students from Hickman, Rock Bridge and Columbia Independent School.

Election for 2012-2013 Metro Board of Directors will be held soon. We currently have five candidates for three seats. The candidates are: **Joy Block, Karen Brown, Sandra Logan, Jim Spieler and Bob Unrath**.

Our Foreign Exchange Student, **Eric** shared his recent experiences, including attending Ozark Days for orientation. He stated he has over 900 pictures from that experience. He is excited to be spending Thanksgiving in Nebraska with **Jed Friedrichsen**.

Thanks to **Rose Lloyd** and **Jamie Cote** for agreeing to Co-Chair the Youth Exchange Student Committee for next year. We expect to have an inbound and an outbound student next year!

Kristi Ray invited members to meet and greet candidates for the open positions of Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs, respectively. The event is planned for 4:15 p.m. on Monday, November 21 at the Columbia City Hall.

Dave Holtgraewe thanked individuals who have contributed to this year's United Way campaign, and he encouraged anyone who hasn't donated to take advantage of the opportunity to help others.

Sandra Logan encouraged members to donate new or used shoes to the Shoeman Water Project. The shoes are sold to exporters for resale in developing countries. Proceeds from the shoes are used to purchase well-drilling rigs, water purification systems and other supplies to bring clean, fresh water to those in need.

* * Special incentive during Rotary Foundation month (November) * *

Your Foundation committee wants to extend a courtesy reminder that it's not too late to take advantage of the incentive to assist those who wish to become Paul Harris Fellow Sustaining Members and support the Foundation on a regular basis. As you may recall, our offer is good for this month, and the month is half gone, so now is the time to take advantage of this easy and convenient way to accomplish your wishes. If you sign up for the Foundation's automatic transfer service, and donate at least \$100 per year to the Foundation, our club will add \$100 to your Paul Harris Fellow account. See or contact **Sandra Logan, Jim Stock** or any member of the Foundation committee to get the process underway before the opportunity ends.

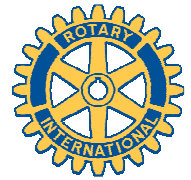
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Program Summary

Dr. Jake Halliday, President and CEO of the Missouri Innovation Center (MIC), presented today's program. A former Metro Rotarian, Jake indicated he saw some familiar faces in attendance and reflected on his good memories of Metro.

The Missouri Innovation Center is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that was established in 1984 with initial funding from the State of Missouri. Its purpose is translation of research innovations into technologies, products, processes, and new ventures that benefit society. While not an official part of the University, MIC has an affiliation agreement with the MU through the Office of Research and has close ties with the Trulaske College of Business. MIC provides technology commercialization support to all of the Colleges, Centers and units of the campus, while also providing technology entrepreneurship support throughout the mid-Missouri region.



Dr. Halliday also gave an update on the Coulter Translational Partnership Program at the University of Missouri. The mission of this program is to increase the capacity and the pace of biomedical innovation that ultimately benefits patients and society by addressing unmet clinical needs. Bridge Funding awarded under the program is focused on bringing biomedical engineering solutions to the point at which they become attractive for follow-on funding to advance in the translational process. This is accomplished by de-risking proposed projects in aspects such as intellectual property and market opportunity, identifying and engaging early with potential partners with financing and product development capabilities, and then funding specific determinative experiments in a disciplined, managed process.

