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Opening

President Bill Costello welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Beth Lammers** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Sharrock** introduced our visitors and guests.

Visitors & Guests

No information available.

Announcements

Thanks to **Scott Heck** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Fellowship: **Don Ludwig** reminded everyone that a social event is being planned for Friday April 16 when the Missouri Tigers baseball team hosts Oklahoma State University at 6:00 p.m. at Taylor Stadium. Tickets prices are:

Adults.....	\$5.00
Children (0-18)	\$3.00
Seniors	\$3.00

Please email your ticket order by April 2 to DonnieRay@ludwig.com.

A welcome for Group Study Exchange members from South Korea is scheduled for Sunday, March 28 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Youzeum. The event will be catered by Addison's, and adult beverages will be available. Tickets are \$10 each, and they are available at the door.

Vocational Service: **Joy Block** encouraged members to nominate individuals or companies that meet the Rotary criteria of service and ethics. Flies outlining the awards were distributed.

Youth Exchange: This committee is recruiting for substitute host families. Please see **Britny Wright** soon so background checks can be conducted.

Valerie Livingston announced that this is National Boys & Girls Club Week. She stated that they have been able to serve ten new kids a month, and hope to serve 50 of the 200 kids on their waiting list by May. She asked for volunteers to help take kids to the Harlem Globetrotters game on Thursday night and to assist with their carnival on Friday.

Kristi Ray announced that the MU cheerleaders would leave on April 7 to compete in a national cheerleading competition. The cheerleaders will be performing their routine on April 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Mizzou Arena. The event is open and free to the public.

Sarah Perry announced that tonight was the open house event for the opening of the new city building. Members were invited to attend.

President Bill thanked members for helping District 6080 raise more than \$800 (almost double the other districts) in the texting for Haiti fundraising event.

Proposed New Member

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.

Family of Rotary

Norm Benedict recognized Andrew Stone who will be celebrating a birthday on March 31!

New Paul Harris Fellow

Last week, Metro introduced **Lori Pewitt** as a new Paul Harris Fellow. Today, Metro welcomed another new Paul Harris Fellow – **Cindy Whaley**.



Susan Hart, Lori Pewitt & Cindy Whaley

Susan Hart, Rotary Foundation Co-Chair, introduced Cindy and explained the importance of all Paul Harris Fellows and how all donations can make a difference for those less fortunate.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Following last week's Democratic joke, **Brad Nelson** provided a Republican joke for today. Today's quiz question: What year did the Air Force separate from the Army and become a separate division of service? Answer: 1947. Everyone answered correctly, so Brad fined everyone who was not wearing a Rotary pin.

Upcoming Programs

- March 31** Classification Talks
- April 7** Jan Nietzert
Executive Director
Missouri Parks & Recreation Assoc.
- April 14** Damon Motley
Boone Hospital Well Aware

Assignments

Metro Rotary appreciates having the following members provide the raffle prize, sell the tickets, say the invocation,

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and lead the pledge. Please show your support by purchasing tickets that enable us to support our charities.

Raffle/Invocation/Pledge:

March 31**Shawn Barnes**

Next up for Greeters:

March 31 **Anna DeJong
& Marcia Machens**

Program Summary

Erin Lampkin introduced **Stephen Gaither**, Public Affairs Officer for the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital.



Stephen Gaither

Mr. Gaither gave a background of the hospital and provided details about ongoing and upcoming projects.



Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital

The Veteran's Administration was started in 1933 to disperse veteran's benefits. In 1989, the name was changed to the Department of Veteran's Affairs. The department covers three areas—benefits, cemetery and health.

There are currently 1400 care sites serving six million veterans. These sites are affiliated with 107 medical and nursing schools. Research is a big component of these health facilities with the VA most notably known for the development of the CAT Scan.

Harry S. Truman opened in 1972, replacing a facility in the Kansas City area. It is currently in the midst of a \$25 million construction and renovation project including the construction of a new state-of-the-art operating facility.

Truman serves more than 32,000 veterans and operates six community clinics from Kirksville to Fort Leonard Wood. A new clinic in Sedalia will open in April and another in Marshfield in 2011.

About 1800 veterans in the area have recently returned to combat, and if you know any, please tell them to contact the VA. To check eligibility, you can go to www.columbiamo.va.gov.

Gaither addressed some questions from the audience, explaining that Truman is one of the leaders in the nation in patient safety thanks to a computerized patient care system developed here. **Beth Lammers**, who volunteers at the VA, added that she sees people that come from all over the state because of the quality of care and unique programs offered. One of those unique programs is the cardiac care facility, one of the few facilities that performs heart surgery.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Erin Lampkin** the lucky winner of a \$40 gift certificate to Les Bourgeois provided courtesy of **Beth Lammers**. We raised \$72 for our charities today.

*Thanks to **Kris Farris**
for keeping notes at today's meeting!*