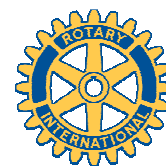


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Opening

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

Attendance

Steve Baumgartner.....Santa
Casey Buckman.....Jason Buckman,
Andy Buckman and Greg Buckman

Visitor from Downtown:

Steve Spellman

Visitor from Northwest:

Don Waltman

Announcements

Thanks to **Tom Rose** and **Erin Lampkin** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Final total for funds raised at the Thanksgiving luncheon = \$\$5,350.

Cindy is delivering the check to Peggy Kirkpatrick at the Food Bank today. The funds will be directed toward the Buddy Pack program.

Bette Wordelman thanked all Metro bell ringers.

The vocational service committee reminds everyone to report to their committee when they give presentations about their career/vocation to any other groups. This is being tracked for our Presidential Citation.

The Boys and Girls Club will be the beneficiary of funds raised at our annual Trivia Night. This is event is scheduled for Feb. 4th. Details will be available early in January.

Downtown Rotary is hosting their Annual social/mixer for club members and their family members and other guests at their regular meeting on

December 30th. They have invited anyone interested to attend.

Finally, the 2011 slate of Metro officers will be presented for a vote at the Dec. 29th meeting.

Rotary Foundation Update

This fiscal year 19 Metro Rotarians have made contributions to the Rotary Foundation totaling \$3,200. The club has matched those funds with \$950.

We will need to have 7 or 8 more donors step up to make an annual contribution in order to reach our committee/club goal of 35% participation.

The Rotary International challenge regarding giving to the Foundation is *Every Rotarian-Every Year* (more info at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/958en.pdf)

Find many heart-warming and inspiring examples of what gifts to Rotary International Foundations accomplish at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/cent_100_projects.pdf

Family of Rotary

Norm gave us "This day in History" facts. On this day in 1620, Pilgrims, coming all the way from England to escape religious persecution and taxes, found a rock big enough to stand on and docked their ship, the Mayflower, walking ashore at Plymouth, Massachusetts

In 1944, the German Army demanded the surrender of American Forces, then surrounded in and around the town of Bastogne, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge, prompting the shortest but still one of the most famous remarks of history, spoken by American General McAuliffe, when in replying to the demand, said one word: "Nuts"

And in 1970, President Nixon held a meeting with Elvis Presley at the White House to discuss fighting illegal drugs. Elvis forgot to take notes.

Finally, in 1978, the Communist Party of China under new dictator Dung Shao-Ping, reversed Maoist policy and set off on pursuit of economic reform. They began by opening a Starbucks inside the Forbidden City.

Correction: **Mike Pitts** let me know the correct name of his new baby girl is **Ellis Maye Pitts**.

Proposed New Members

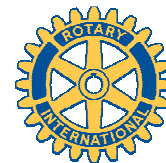
Tina Ehrhardt has proposed **Robert Brooks** for membership into Metro Rotary. **Robert** is a Group Leader/Senior Scientist at ABC Laboratories. **Robert's** proposed classification will be Laboratories-Life Sciences.

Casey Buckman has proposed his wife, **Kim Buckman** for membership into Metro Rotary. **Kim** is a Sales Representative II for Sunovion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. **Kim's** proposed classification will be Pharmaceutical Sales.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Our beloved **Steve B.** had snagged Santa somewhere along his route and convinced him to pose for photos with Metro Rotarians at today's meeting. It cost a dollar to have your picture with Santa—and if you didn't take advantage of that amazing offer—it cost you a \$1.00 in fines. As it turns out, Santa levied quite a fine on **Steve** for being not such an all-together good boy this year: \$25.00. Several fellow Metro Rotarians helped him pay the fine.

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\$1.00 Commercials:

Both **Andrew Stone** (Best place for eyewear) and **Casey Buckman** (Best wedding photographer) need votes in the Inside Columbia best of contest for 2011. Vote at <http://www.insidecolumbia.net/best-of/>

Andy Waters and Elizabeth Waters, youngest children of Hank Waters, have purchased the Columbia Daily Tribune. Vicki Russell will become the first female publisher of the Columbia Daily Tribune on January 1, 2011. **Les Borgmeyer** is very pleased and proud to be associated with this great family business.

Upcoming Programs

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

December 29.....Charles Keene
Fair Trade & The Mustard Seed

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:

December 22.....**Win Burggraaff**
December 29.....**Lori Neidel**
January 5.....**Rob Bartel**
January 12.....**Kristen Dickinson**

Next up for Greeters:

December 29.....**Barbara Danuser & Andrew Stone**
January 5.....**Anna De Jong & Scott Heck**
January 12..... **Kimberly Earnest & Stuart Scroggs**

Program Summary

Classification Talks

John Stringer and James Samorian

Giving classification talks at Metro Rotary yet another twist, John and James interviewed each other...and with spontaneous questions from the audience, we got some answers about these guys.

They had us from the beginning with their "how we met" story: underwear models for Hugo Boss and Calvin Klein. The truth did come out—they met at the Columbia Country Club on the golf course.



John Stringer and James Samorian

Some of what we learned about John:

- grew up in Columbia; and worked the fair circuit showing cows. His family had a farm near Rocheport.
- following graduation from Hickman he couldn't wait to get out of town—so he headed to Springfield for college...but it didn't last
- completed a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management at Mizzou and went to work in the hotel industry which eventually kept him on the road too much
- met and married Stacy in Nashville, TN. They have twin boys that are 11 years old as well a six year old son.
- John works for Edward Jones and devotes most of his non-working time to his wife and boys. They really enjoy going to the whole spectrum of Mizzou athletic events.

- He has a thing for good coffee and good bourbon
- He's into the Drive By Trucker's (a musical group) and he likes the show *Modern Family*.



John Stringer and James Samorian

Some of what we learned about James:

- Birthday: June 6, 1981. Was born during a camping trip in Wisconsin.
- has two younger siblings—they are all 3 years apart—and an uncle that is 5 weeks younger than he is.
- went to high school at Rockbridge in Columbia and then got a degree in Business Marketing from Mizzou.
- worked at Columbia Country Club for several years in a variety of roles; then worked one year for MayeCreate and Tranquility Internet before landing his dream job in development at Mizzou.
- Claimed to love a Macedonia girl; but if he had a week off and could do whatever he wanted he'd travel to Australia and/or New Zealand.
- absolutely passionate about golf and a whole host of other sports
- also is really committed to Tweeting and facebook networking.

What do they have in common: They both wish they could be **Bill Costello**.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Ralph Butler!** Ralph was the lucky winner of a \$50 gift card to McAdams Ltd. courtesy of **Win Burggraaff**. The raffle raised \$59.