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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

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Opening

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

Attendance

Members with Guests

Tim Cox Casey Buckman

Visitor from Northwest:

Bob Shattgen

Announcements

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

Congratulations to The Boys & Girls Club of Columbia with a successful Rootin' Tootin' Chili Cook-off! **Scott Heck** and company and his award winning chili recipe representing Metro Rotary helped raise \$45,000!

Les Borgmeyer announced that the Trivia Night Fundraiser was a tremendous success! Thanks went out to the committee members and all those who helped with this very important event. It was reported that we had 80% participation from the club and raised \$10,222 compared to \$6,500 in 2008 and \$5,300 in 2009.

There is a serious need for 2010-2011 host families for the Youth Exchange Program. Contact **Liz Magee** or **Britny Wright**.

Lynda Baumgartner gave an update on **Mizuho's** activities. Thanks to **Britny** and **Jason Wright** for caring for Mizuho so **Lynda** and **Steve** could attend the Daytona 500. Mizuho attended Trivia Night and also reported that **Britny** makes good spaghetti.

Jim Spieler spoke about the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) program, a 4-day leadership camp at William Woods University for incoming or outgoing high school sophomores. The program is at capacity with 115 participants and a waiting list. This year Metro Rotary is sponsoring Kaley Wilson and Mitchell Floatman.

Rotaract is hosting Art Uncorked on March 18th at the Orr Street Galleries from 6:00 – 8:00pm; proceeds to benefit Rotary International. They have added a wine bottle (or box) decorating contest. Entries must be received by Feb. 24th. Buy tickets in advance for \$10 or pay \$15 at the door—but come out in support of this Rotaract effort.

On Friday February 19th from 6-9am **Mike Pitts** and **Lyle Johnson** are teaming up to help out wheelchair-bound Staff Sergeant Robert Canine in raising funds for www.HomesForOurTroops.org. Join them by pledging a \$ amount per mile that **Lyle** and **Mike** run or by pledging a set amount no matter how many miles.

Citizens who want to stay connected to Boone County Government can sign up to receive a new weekly email newsletter published by the County's Public Information Office. The weekly newsletter is a quick and easy way for residents to stay connected to what is going on in Boone County Government. Citizens can sign up for the newsletter at http://www.showmeboone.com/countylist_serv.asp.

March 8th is Rotary Student government Day. Metro Rotary can sponsor up to 6 junior high/high school students to attend. If you know someone who would like to participate, or if you would like to be a chaperone contact **Bill Costello**.

Family of Rotary

Beth Lammers announced that there are 5 Metro Rotarians celebrating birthdays this week and we all sang the "Happy Birthday" song.

Norm Benedict entertained with his "this day in history" facts.

Proposed New Members

Shane Winter has proposed **Josh Kittle** as a new member to Metro Rotary. **Josh** is the Business Specialist for Mid America Wireless of Columbia and his proposed classification is Sales – Communication Technology.

Sarah Read has proposed **Lori Neidel** as a new member to Metro Rotary. **Lori** is an attorney at Cosgrove Law Firm, LLC and her proposed classification is Law – Securities.

Sergeant-at-Arms

After telling a couple of bad jokes, **Brad Nelson** fined everyone who did not know that President Eisenhower was the President who designated Air Force One. Then Brad turned around and fined everyone who did not have on their Rotary name badge. Once again, all fines are going to Haitian relief efforts.

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:

February 24 **Sarah Perry**
March 3 **Pat Hostetler**
March 10 **Chris Dohm**

Next up for Greeters:

February 24 **Tim Cox**
& **Don Ludwig**

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March 3.....**Ryan Lidolph
& Britny Wright**

March 10.....**Liz Magee
& Jim Stock**

Upcoming Programs

February 24.....David Weber
Task Force One

March 3..... Halley Hayden
Homes for our Troops

March 10..... Sarah Hill, KOMU TV
Missouri Honor Flight

March 17.....Major O'Bryan
Mizzou Army ROTC

Program Summary

Classification Talk Yolanda Ciolli

Yolanda was born in California, Missouri. She graduated early from high school and went to college at Lincoln University. She shared this experience with her mother who had gone back to school.

Ciolli is **Yolanda's** maiden name. She was married in a "pervious life" and has one son who is now 32 years old and lives in Los Angeles, California.



Yolanda was a stay-at-home mom while her son was young and later decided to go back into the work force. She went to work for 50 Minute Photo and after being there for 5 years she bought the business. **Yolanda** worked at 50 Minute Photo for 24 years before closing the business in 2008; this is when her new business AKA:Yola came to be. AKA:Yola provides graphic arts and photography services to the Columbia area community.

She has recently branched out to the publishing business and currently representing 4 authors; two of which have gone to press with 2 others to follow soon.

Yolanda was recently the featured artist at the William Woods Art Gallery with a retrospective of 78 of her original photographic and ceramic pieces in the show. She is an active member of the Columbia Art League and is a recent appointee to the Columbia Cultural Affairs Commission.

Yolanda's favorite season is Winter. She loves the outdoors and walks 3-4 miles per day; 4 to 5 days per week on the MKT trail. She has also taken up rollerblading; she doesn't watch television and loves the opera. She travels with her friend Mike to Los Angeles 3-4 times per year to take in the Opera, enjoy the beach and visit her son.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Jamold Little** who was the lucky winner of a one-hour on-site computer service courtesy of **Jamie Cote** of Personalized Computers.