

The Metro Memo



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. **Sarah Perry** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Sharrock** introduced our visitors and guests.

Attendance

Members with Guests

Bill Costello.....Matthew Hubbard and Kelly Pack
Jean Leonatti.....Jerry Wade
Shane Winter.....Josh Kittle

Visitors from Downtown:

Darcy Wells
Mahree Skala

Visitors from South:

Tim Rich

Announcements

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

Scott Heck shared a thank you note from the kids at the Boys & Girls Club thanking the Metro Rotary Club team for being a part of the Rootin Tootin Chili Cook-Off.

Volunteers are needed to serve as judges for the Future Business Leaders of America State Competition. If you take the survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5YD Y3TR>) it gives you some options of preference and if you have additional questions, please contact Jerrilyn Snodgrass at jerrilynsnodgrass@yahoo.com or at (573)299-4060.

The next 1st Thursday Fellowship Happy Hour will be Thursday, March 4th at the Forge & Vine starting around 5:15.

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

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.

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>.

Family of Rotary

Norm Benedict announced that Ron Bodestab, Tony Iadevito, Sarah Read, Tim Springer, Cathy Scroggs and Bob Unrath. are celebrating birthdays this week.

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

Brad Nelson seemed genuinely disappointed that he didn't raise much money for Haiti this week. Too many members knew (or guessed correctly) that the population of Canada is 33 million.

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:

March 3 **Pat Hostetler**
March 10 **Chris Dohm**

Next up for Greeters:

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

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

Upcoming Programs

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

March 24 Stephen Gaither
Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans
Hospital

Program Summary

David Weber
Task Force One

In his professional life, David is a Principal with Allstate Consultants, LLC. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Civil Engineering from Mizzou. He has been with Allstate Consultants since 1997.

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David spoke with us today about his experience as a member of Task Force One which is sponsored by the Boone County Fire District. According to the Allstate Consultants web page:

As part of his professional services he is a Structural Specialist for FEMA Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) deployments include Missouri Task Force One, 9-12-01 to 9-20-01, World Trade Center Disaster in NYC; 6-26-06 to 6-27-06, Clinton, MO Building Collapse and Incident Support Team, 9-13-05 to 9-23-05, Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans Theater.

The National Incident Management System requires disaster response plans be in place which move up the scale from local to state to regional to federal levels depending on the nature and extent of the disaster. [Note: we are in Region 7]

He explained that FEMA is really a skeleton organization which, when activated, is filled out with volunteer response teams. There are 28 USAR response teams in the US and the majority of them are located in areas at serious risk for earthquake and tornados. These USAR teams were formed after the massive earthquake in Mexico City during which many rescuers became victims themselves and thus contributed in a negative way to tragedy. It was obvious that there was a need for a well trained assessment and rescue team. Originally, as the name implies the emphasis was on rescue operations in urban areas, dense with structures and people. Today the groups are being activated for wide area events: hurricanes and tornados. Yet the operations are entirely different and require different equipment and response plans. It is most difficult to secure doctors and engineers to serve on these teams.



David Weber

The concept is that these USAR teams can be activated quickly and operate without back up or reinforcements in a disaster area for 72 hours. According to David, the truth is that they have too much stuff--80,000 pounds of equipment and supplies—to move quickly enough. Task Force One is a smaller more nimble group with half as much stuff. David also shared with us his experience of being deployed to the World Trade Center Disaster. His team was sent to the Southwest Sector. There was a desperate need for engineers to evaluate the safety and stability of the remaining portions of these buildings before sending in rescue and recovery teams/equipment. NYC Firefighters were at first hesitant to accept the help of these outside USAR teams; but were at the same time fairly unnerved by the remains of these enormous buildings. David's primary role was to monitor the movement of these structures and report about the safety of continuing search and rescue efforts. The buildings were "unbelievably stable" with the exception of a few locations including building 7. One of the images that was unexpected, but stayed with him, was the deep layer of papers and memos that covered the ground.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Travis Cook** who was the lucky winner of a \$40 gift certificate to Bleu Restaurant courtesy of **Sarah Perry**. The raffle raised \$77.00.

*Thanks to **Rose Hayden** for providing the notes for the February 24, 2010 newsletter.*