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

Attendance

Members with Guests

Erin Lampkin Halley Hayden
Shane Winter Josh Kittle
Sarah Read Lori Neidel
Bill Costello John Stringer
Stuart Scroggs Ben Gakinya

Visitors

Bob Schattgen Columbia Northwest
Jay Alexander Columbia South
Steve Long Marceline

Announcements

Thanks to **Britny Wright** and **Ryan Lidolph** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Fellowship: **Shawn Barnes** reminded members that the March "First Thursday Fellowship" gathering is scheduled for March 4 at Forge & Vine. Start time is planned for 5:15 p.m.

Don Ludwig announced that a social event is being planned for Friday, April 16 when the MU men's baseball team host Oklahoma State University at 6:00 p.m. at Taylor Stadium. More details will be provided as the date approaches.

Vocational Service: **Joy Block** announced that this committee will meet March 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

Youth Exchange: **Mizuho** has moved from the **Baumgartner** household to the **Friedrichsen** household. Evidently, her possessions have been multiplying since her time at the **Baumgartner's**. Plans are being made to ship numerous boxes

of items home. **Mizuho** leaves for a meeting with Youth Exchange Students in Tulsa, Oklahoma this week. Next week, she will join her fellow exchange students for a trip to Orlando, Florida.

Britny stated that the committee has tentatively identified all the host families for the 2010-2011 Youth Exchange Student from Germany!

Tom Rose was presented with a replica of the famous sculpture "The Thinker." **President Bill** thanked **Tom** for his efforts in making the recent Trivia Night a success.



Members were reminded of the upcoming Rotaract fundraiser Art Uncorked on March 18 at the Orr Street Galleries. The event is from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and proceeds will benefit Rotary International. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Lyle Johnson informed members that he and **Mike Pitts** recently had a team participate in "Running for Robert." Funds from the event went to the Homes for Our Troops effort locally supporting Staff Sergeant Robert Canine. **Lyle** and **Mike's** team raised in excess of \$4,400!

Rotary Student Government Day is Monday, March 8 in Jefferson City. Please contact **President Bill** for more information.

Family of Rotary

Norm Benedict noted members who had joined the club in the month of March from years past.

Beth Lammers congratulated the following members with recent birthdays:

Valerie Livingston March 2

Jean Leonatti March 5
Jamold Little March 5
Kristen Dickinson March 9

Beth displayed a recent edition of the Columbia Daily Tribune that showed several pictures from the Metro Trivia Night.

She concluded by informing everyone that she had personally witnessed a display of excellent basketball coaching skills displayed by Metro Rotarian **Gena Patton**. An autograph session with Coach **Patton** to benefit a local charity will be scheduled soon.

New Member Welcomed



Josh Kittle (right) was introduced as the newest member of Columbia Metro Rotary. **Josh** was proposed for membership by **Shane Winter**, and his classification is Sales-Communication Technology. He is the Business Specialist for Mid-America Wireless of Columbia.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Stuart Scroggs subbed for an absent **Brad Nelson** who was slated to be at Bible Camp. Tables competed against each other to come up with creative campaign slogans for **Sarah Read** and **J. Scott Christianson**. **Sarah's** slogans were required to reference the recently debated "chicken issue" and **Scott's** slogans were required by reference "cow

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patty bingo.” Tables with unworthy slogans were fined with proceeds being collected for Metro charities.

Upcoming Programs

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

March 17..... **Karen Taylor**
Keep Columbia Safe

March 24..... Stephen Gaither
Harry S. Truman Memorial
Veterans’ Hospital

March 31.....Classification Talks

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 10.....**Chris Dohm**
March 17..... **Joy Block**
March 24..... **Beth Lammers**
March 31.....**Shawn Barnes**

Next up for Greeters:

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

March 17..... **Karen Brown**
& **Shane Winter**

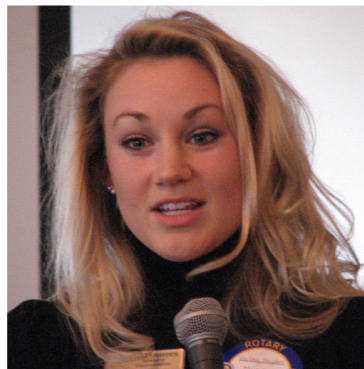
March 24..... **Scott Heck**
& **Gary Warren**

March 31..... **Anna Dejong**
& **Marcia Machens**

Program Summary

Homes for Our Troops

Halley Hayden informed members about Homes for Our Troops, a national, non-profit organization that was founded in 2004. The organization is committed to helping those who have selflessly given to our country and have returned home with serious disabilities and injuries since September 11, 2001.



Halley Hayden

One of the ways Homes for Our Troops assists veterans is by securing donations of money, materials, and time to help coordinate the process of building a home that provides maximum freedom of movement and the ability to live independently. The homes provided by Homes for Our Troops are given at NO COST to the veterans they serve!



During her presentation, Halley played a video of Army Staff Sergeant Robert Canine. SSG Canine was a truck commander returning from a patrol in northwest Baghdad in May, 2009 when an explosively formed projectile blasted into his vehicle leaving him with injuries so severe that both of his legs required amputation. Excavation has begun for a home to be constructed in Columbia for SSG Canine.

For more details about Homes for Our Troops, please visit their website at www.homesforourtroops.org.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Kimberly Earnest** the lucky winner of a \$40 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble provided courtesy of **Pat Hostetler**.

*The March 3, 2010 newsletter notes were submitted by **Jim Cherrington**.*