

# 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. **Beth Lammers** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Sharrock** introduced our visitors and guests.

## Attendance

### Members with Guests

**Bill Costello**..... John Stringer  
**Norm Benedict**..... Szaz Benedict

### Visitors from Northwest:

Bob Schattgen

### Visitors from Rotaract:

Jamie Freidrichs

## Announcements

Thanks to **Anna DeJong** and **Marcia Machens** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

The First Thursday Social will be April 1 at Boone Tavern at 5:15pm on the patio for fellowship on this spring day.

The Vocational Services Committee asks that you please make award nominations for the 2010 Vocation Services Award. This award can be to an individual or company meeting the two criteria of service and ethics. The nomination form is on the Metro website at <http://columbiametrorotary.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/2010-Vocational-Service-Award1.doc> and is due to **Sandra Logan** or **Joy Block** by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Foundation Moment – Matching funds are still available for sustaining members wishing to donate towards a Paul Harris Fellowship.

The Fellowship Committee is starting the planning process for our annual Charter Night gathering. Charter Night will be

held on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8 pm at the Kliethermes model home in the Cascades, 2310 Redmond Ct.; cost per attendee is \$10. Please RSVP to [DonnieRay@Ludwig.com](mailto:DonnieRay@Ludwig.com) with the number of adults and children who may attend.

**Lynda Baumgartner** wished her husband **Steve** a happy last day before retirement begins on April Fool's Day.

**Jennifer Deaver** announced that Stephens College will host Anne Deaton for *True Confessions of a High Heeled Leader* on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Register at [www.stephens.edu/trueconfessions](http://www.stephens.edu/trueconfessions)

**Bill Costello** read a portion of a thank you letter from Cindy Mustard of the Voluntary Action Center. VAC received \$2000 from Metro Rotary as a result of the funds raised from trivia night this year.

## Family of Rotary

**Norm Benedict/Beth Lammers** announced the following birthdays:

**Andrew Stone** – March 31<sup>st</sup>

## Fellowship Event

**MU Baseball vs. Oklahoma State**

**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Taylor Stadium**

**6PM**

**Adults \$5  
Children \$3 (Up to Grade 12)  
Seniors 60+ \$3**

**Email Ticket Orders by April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
[DonnieRay@Ludwig.com](mailto:DonnieRay@Ludwig.com)

## Sergeant-at-Arms

**Brad Nelson**, Sergeant at Arms, told his usual joke and asked his usual trivia question and fined those who did not answer correctly. \*Note – **Brad** will be

assessing fines to those who do not wear their Rotary pin, so please try to wear your pin to the meetings every week!

## Upcoming Programs

**April 7**....Mo Parks & Recreation Assoc.  
Jan Neitzert, Executive Director

**April 14**.....Get Physically Ready to  
Enjoy Outdoor Recreation Activities  
Damon Motley  
Boone Hospital Well Aware

## 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:

April 7.....**Erin Lampkin**  
April 14.....**Mike Pitts**

### Next up for Greeters:

April 7.....**Barb Danuser**  
& **Andrew Stone**

April 14.....**Shane Winter**  
& **Les Borgmeyer**

## Program Summary

**Classification Talk**  
**Rob Bartel**



**Rob** opened by reporting that the dog ate his homework; his computer with presentation on it, including photos and a short movie, failed about two hours before the meeting.

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**Rob** shared his basic values and beliefs: Cooperation and consensus, sharing, community. People are basically good. Evil does exist, but it's rare and gets way too much press. He grew up Southern Baptist, now spiritual but no organized religion. He stated that he is decidedly left of what passes for the political center today.

**Rob** was born in Columbia and grew up south of town near what is now the airport on a "farm" where his family still lives. His childhood included hunting and fishing, tinkering and taking things apart, learning how to make fix or make things will little to work with. He attended school in Ashland until 7th grade, then West Junior and then Hickman. He graduated in the class of '71 and went on to attend UMC and graduated in 1978 in Electrical Engineering with a biomedical instrumentation emphasis. **Rob's** first job was Tektronix in Beaverton Oregon (Portland). He was there three years and then was invited to join a startup software company, Mentor Graphics. That was when he switched from hardware to software engineering, something he was sure he'd never do. Career has been computers since then, 1982. **Rob** was employed at Mentor Graphics for 13 years and it was a \$300 million company by the time he left. He then joined another small startup in 1995 where he still works. After some company acquisitions he now works for the iGrafx division of Corel. His work has been writing software tools for designers. At Mentor it was for computer hardware designers, now for business process managers.

**Rob** was married in Oregon, divorced in 1996. He has two sons, Zack and Jake, who still live in Portland. Zack is getting married on the first of May!

**Rob** returned to Columbia in 2006 with his second wife and now works remotely over the internet for iGrafx. His parents and sister, Susan, live on the "farm" where he grew up, and he is there on most days. Susan is his best friend, bar none.

**Rob's** interests include:

- Like aphorisms, shared a few. Two current favorites are "It's a good thing we're not all just alike" (profoundly so), and "There's plusses and minuses to everything".
- Serial hobbyist. Interested in almost everything; he has had hobbies in rock collecting, photography, amateur radio, woodworking. Currently he's learning web site design/building.
- Thoroughly loved being a Dad, was cubmaster, soccer and especially baseball coach, active in kid's school.

In closing **Rob** noted his new film career. He ended by reenacting his breakout role in the short film "Sync" which was shot locally by aspiring, and talented, filmmakers. The role consisted of the word "Hey", the scene is about four seconds long. Admittedly he looks cute in hospital garb.

## Raffle

Congratulations to **J. Scott Christianson** the lucky winner of a \$40 gift certificate to J. Bruner's Restaurant and a night's stay at the Lake of the Ozarks. The raffle raised \$93.

*The March 31, 2010 newsletter notes were submitted by **Kris Farris**.*