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Opening

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

Attendance

Visitors & Guests of Members:

Chris Bouchard - Northwest

Steve Erickson - Jefferson City Breakfast

Announcements

Thanks to **Bette Wordelman** and **John John** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Sarah Reed gave the committee reports. Committee timelines are now due. There will be the final committee chair meeting of this Rotary year on May 26th.

Tom Rose passed around a PIE reading to the Title I preschoolers sign up sheet. He said he will have the teachers contact you about setting up a time.

Rose Hayden announced we will have our first Thursday happy hour at Boone Tavern on their patio Thursday, May 6th. **Tom Rose** said there will be a PIE week celebration on the courthouse square that same evening. Apparently last month's happy hour was a fun occasion with ample opportunity to network thanks to **Steve** and **Lynda Baumgartner**.

Don't forget to contact **Don Ludwig** @ DonnieRay@Ludwig.com with your intensions to attend Charter Night so he can get a good count as he starts working on finding food for the evening. Cost per attendee is \$10.

Jennifer Deaver told us about a Cystic Fibrosis walk this Saturday at 9am at the Stephen's Lake Park. This year the honorary chairperson is Emily Klein.

Emily is a first grader at Columbia Catholic School and is Coach Klein's daughter.

Lynda Baumgartner is selling Dolly Parton Imagination Library tickets to the Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 7th at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Tickets cost \$30. Please consider purchasing a ticket in honor of your mother.

Lynda also told us about a phone call that caught her off guard as she was shopping in Gerbes. She got a phone call from Nigeria. It was Michael from the GSE Team from last year. She and **Steve** hosted him in their house and he was calling to thank her again for giving him such a wonderful experience.

Rotary District 6080 is searching for a team of young professionals from the ages 25-40 to join their team leader Rotarian and Past district Governor, Joe Beltz from Mountain Grove, Mo for a cultural exchange to Australia in the Spring of 2011. Visit www.rotary6080.org to learn more about this opportunity and to download an application.

Family of Rotary

Norm Benedict gave his "this day in history" report. One of the items included mention of the 100th rotary club being formed in AZ. He also mentioned how lucky we are to still have so many actively participating past presidents in our club.

Beth Lammers wished happy birthdays to **Kimberly Earnest** and **Erin Lampkin**. She also passed around a sympathy card for **Tim Springer** on the passing away of his brother.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Brad Nelson gave his Sergeant-At-Arms report. This week he talked about the

article in the paper about the deputy who saved a family. He said cops and the media have always had an interesting relationship. He reminisced about one time when he had a reporter ride along with him. After building up a rapport with her and having her ride with him for several hours, the quote she put in the paper was not too flattering. It was something about him saying a snide comment about a guy not being smart enough to order fast food. This week **Brad** tried very hard to stump us with the following question, "How many people did John Wayne Casey murder?" The answer was 33.

Upcoming Programs

May 5.....Kids Day
Louise Beasley, KMOS-TV

May 12.....Truman State University
Troy Paino, President

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:

May 5.....**Lynda Baumgartner**
May 12.....**Tony Iadevito**
May 19.....**Phil Lessley**
May 26.....**Sandra Logan**

Next up for Greeters:

May 5.....**Donald Ludwig**
&**Sally Beth Lyon**

May 12.....**Susan Hart**
& **Jean Leonatti**

May 19.....**Jim Spieler**
& **Karen Taylor**

May 26.....**Tonya Wolff**
& **Roma Wonneman**

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Program Summary

Classification Talk Jed Freidrichsen



Jed Friedrichsen gave his classification talk. He said he is best known to our club for being Mizuho's host parent. He showed a picture of Mizuho in a canoe at Fingers Lake. He said he had to drag her around the water but she enjoyed her canoeing experience.

His wife's name is Pat. She is currently a professor of science education at Mizzou.

His daughter, Claire, was the one who got **Jed** interested in Rotary. She was an exchange student to Belgium. She attends school at MU now. She has been ranked in the top 10 nationally for her competition baking skills. She is also interested in environmental sustainability.

However, that is not what she is currently majoring in at MU. If anyone knows what she is majoring in, **Jed** would like for you to tell him.

Jed has dogs and chickens at his house although he does not live in the City limits.

He attended college at the University of Iowa and Wayne State College and the University of Nebraska. His undergraduate degrees are in fiction writing and communicative arts and he has a masters degree in language arts curriculum and instruction.

He taught debate for a decade in Omaha. His teams were very successful. He had one individual national champion debater and a team that were national semi-finalists. His wife declared she was a debate widow so **Jed** decided to keep her happy and pursue other areas.

The former U.S. Senator Bob Kerry's staff contacted **Jed** to do some grant writing. Through this contact, **Jed** started working on creating the nations first on-line high school. It was a huge success, having students from 130+ countries.

During this time, **Jed's** wife worked for the University of Nebraska. But then she decided to take a job with Penn State so they moved.

After their move **Jed** worked for Tuscarora Intermediate and the Department of Education for Pennsylvania. He also worked for Oracle Think Quest as an advisor and member. He worked for the Worldcom Foundation (which became Thinkfinity/Verison Foundation) for two and a half years, beginning in December 2000 with their on-line teaching and learning experiences. From there he went on to create BlendedSchools.net. It started out as an on-line teaching and learning resource for rural schools. It now serves more than 162 school districts and is not just in Pennsylvania or for rural schools anymore. From this web based communication environment, several other sites have been created. Sites like bsntubevideo and bsnconnect.

Jed moved to Columbia in the summer of 2002. Along with all of his web site development and running, he also has a speaking series. Most recently he is going to give a speech on "Students Are Free Agent Learners."

Beyond work, **Jed** likes to barbeque ribs, golf, attend his church MOUMC, work in his shop making bowls and furniture and canoeing. This summer his family is going to Canada on a canoeing expedition.

Jed was born in Bellevue, NE but was raised in Alton, IA. He had 46 kids in his high school class. His wife grew up in a small town in northeast Nebraska. She was one of two students in her class.

Raffle

Congrats to Chris Bouchard, our guest from Northwest Rotary, for winning this week's raffle prize, a Downtown Delight with gift certificates to Kaldi's, Sycamore and Hot Box Cookies. We raised \$40 on the raffle. Thank you to **Cindy Whaley** for providing the prize for this week's raffle.

*Thanks to **Marcia Machens** for providing the notes for the April 28, 2010 Metro newsletter.*