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Opening

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

Attendance

Visitors & Guests of Members:

No Report

Announcements

Thanks to **Jim Spieler** and **Karen Taylor** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Please plan to attend the June 9 Youth Exchange program.

The Vocational Services Committee will be presenting the Vocational Service Award at the regular meeting on June 2nd.

There will be a Committee Chair meeting immediately following the May 26th meeting. June will bring an opportunity to recruit new-committee members.

Tom O'Connor shared a banner presented by the Korean GSE team.

The Fellowship Committee will begin reservations for Charter Night at our next meeting. Tickets for children 12 and under are free.

Family of Rotary

Norm Benedict shared that on this date in 1987; the Supreme Court voted that clubs such as Rotary may not exclude women. In 1536 Ann Boleyn was beheaded and in 1848 the Mexican-American War ended. **Winn Burggraaff**, **Yolanda Ciolli** and **Anna De Jong** are celebrating birthdays.

Congratulations **Tim Cox** who is getting married and just graduated with an MBA.

Congratulations **Jim Sharrock** on his new position with the Columbia Career Center.

Sergeant-at-Arms

No Report.

Upcoming Programs

May 26.....Classification Talks

June 2.....History of the U.S. Flag
Russ Williams

June 9.....Youth Exchange Program

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 26.....**Sandra Logan**

June 2.....**Les Borgmeyer**

June 9.....**Yolanda Ciollio**

Next up for Greeters:

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

June 2.....**Shawn Barnes**
& **Greg Johnson**

June 9.....**Win Burggraaff**
& **Josh Kittle**

Program Summary

Columbia Mayor
Robert McDavid

Mayor McDavid shared details regarding IBM's Columbia announcement. The extensively-negotiated agreement included a County Commission tax abatement, State of Missouri tax credits of \$34 million and the City of Columbia purchasing a building for IBM's use rent free.



Bill Costello, Mayor Bob McDavid, Mike Grellner

McDavid emphasized the agreement is an investment worth making. The \$45 million payroll means a \$730,000 tax-flow increase for the city and an additional \$4.3 million for Columbia Public Schools. McDavid also shared that IBM expects to employ 200 people by Nov. 1, with 80 percent of those being hired locally. He recognized the efforts of REDI and Dave Griggs for making this deal happen for Columbia. It is the second biggest public/private partnership for this city; the largest public/private partnership having been the University of Missouri.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Joy Block** for winning this week's raffle prize, a \$50 gift certificates to Murray's courtesy of **Phil Lessley**. We raised \$82 on the raffle.

Thanks to Anna DeJong for providing the notes for the May 19, 2010 Metro newsletter.