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Opening

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

Attendance

Visitors & Guests of Members:

Cindy Whaley.....Steve Erdel
Karen Taylor...Adam and Lonnie Taylor

Visitors from other clubs:

Warren Prost, Jefferson City West
Debra Beste, Columbia Northwest

Announcements

Thanks to **Shawn Barnes** and **Greg Johnson** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

The Fellowship Committee currently is selling Charter Night tickets for the June 11th event. The cost is \$10. Please get your check to **Don Ludwig**.

The 1st Thursday Happy Hour on June 3rd will be at Boone Tavern on the patio.

Any member that has any fellowship ideas please see **Rose Hayden** or **Shawn Barnes**.

The Fellowship and Community Services Committees are teaming up with support from Boone Electric Cooperative and Rotaract to host an August Blood Drive. If you would like to be a part of planning and hosting this event, please talk with **Kimberly Earnest**. We are having a planning meeting/brown bag lunch at Boone Electric Coop on Tues., June 15th @ noon.

Committee assignment lists were on all the tables and members were to add their name to a committee they are interested in and cross out their name if they are no longer wishing to be on a committee. All

members are strongly urged to be an active member of at least one committee.

Family of Rotary

Norm Benedict listed many members who have Rotary anniversaries in June: **Jeff Davis, Karen Taylor, Les Gelband, Ann De Jong, Sarah Read, Tom O'Connor, Marcia Machens, Travis Cook, Cathy Scroggs, Dave Holtgraewe, Phil Lessley, Sarah Perry and Eric Peterson**. Charter members still active today: **John John, Win Burggraff, Ginny Northcutt, Linda Phillips, Audrey Spieler and Jim Stock**.

Beth Lammers announced that **James Samorian** is celebrating his birthday on the 6th, **Mike Pitts** and his wife are expecting a baby, and **Casey Buckman** and his wife are expecting a baby.

Les Borgmeyer's son Billy was the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships as he graduates from Hickman High School, including the Boone County Chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association \$3,000.00 scholarship.

Sergeant-at-Arms

No report from **Captain Brad Nelson**, however, **President Bill Costello** reported that he rode in the squad car with Brad last Friday night and had quite the experience!

Upcoming Programs

June 9.....Youth Exchange Program

June 16.....Mid-Missouri Bomb Squad
Detective Corey Bowden and
Fire Batalion Chief James Weaver

June 23....Univ. of Mo Research Reactor

June 30.....President's Message
Bill Costello

Vocational Service Award



Joy Block, Bill Costello, Sandra Logan, Gary Warren, Karen Taylor and Barb Danuser

Gary Warren said that the person who receives this award puts the Rotary 4-way test to use in all areas and practices high ethical standards. The recipient this year is highly admired by her peers and has taken on many large projects for humanity and specifically for this city. The award went to a very surprised **Karen Taylor**, Vice President, Boone County National Bank.

**Congratulations Karen Taylor
The 2010 Metro Rotary Vocational
Service Award Recipient!**



Adam, Karen and Lonnie Taylor

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.

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Raffle/Invocation/Pledge:

June 9.....**Yolanda Ciolli**
June 16.....**Tim Cox**
June 23.....**Anna De Jong**

Next up for Greeters:

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

June 16.....**Don Ludwig
& Krisit Ray**

June 23.....**Steve Baumgartner
& Casey Buckman**

Program Summary

History of the U.S. Flag
Russ Williams

Jeff Davis introduced Russ Williams as our guest speaker today. Russ is a 33 year Elk member, Past President of Columbia Elks Lodge 594, Past State President, elected 3 times as the Elk of the Year and is currently the District Chair of Americanism for the State of Missouri Elks. His excellent presentation today explained the history and tremendous value of the American Flag.



Russ Williams

“The evolution of the American Flag marks the progression of the government of the American People,” said Russ. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the flag but it wasn’t until 1949 that President Harry S. Truman dedicated June 14th as the national observance of the American flag: Flag Day. We were then treated to a display of all the past flags of the

American people with Russ describing them and Jeff bringing them out for display.

1607-1775 – The Flag of England was the Flag of the People of America.

1775- The Pine Tree Flag was adopted for all colonial vessels and was carried by The Continental forces in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

1776-1777 – The Southern Colonies used the Snake Flag that read “Don’t Tread on Me”.

1775- The Continental Colors and the Grand Union Flag had thirteen alternating red and white stripes, with an azure field in the upper corner bearing the red cross of St. George and the white cross of St. Andrew.

1777 – June 14th – The Flag of the United States was created with thirteen stripes of alternating red and white and 13 white stars on a blue field representing each colony.

1795 – two additional stripes were added with the admission of Vermont and Kentucky and under this flag the War of 1812 was fought.

1818- July 4 – Congress adopted the resolution that the American Flag will have one stripe for each of the original 13 colonies and one white star for each state and that is what we have today with 50 stars as of 1960 when Hawaii became a state.

One final note: On June 13th at the Elks Lodge on WW in Columbia there will be an official retiring of any flag that is no longer usable. There will be a ceremony which will include the proper burning of the flags and the public is invited to bring any such flag for retirement.

Raffle

Congratulations to **Ralph Butler** the winner of a gift certificate to Shakespeare's and a Darkow print courtesy of **Les Borgmeyer** and Tribune Publishing.

Thanks to **Beth Lammers** for providing the notes for the June 2, 2010 Metro newsletter.