

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

Attendance

Visitors & Guests of Members:

Joy Block.....Stephanie Sattelle
Norm Benedict.....Szasz Benedict
Audie Spieler.....Eva Prost
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Jed Friedrichsen.....Mizuho Komatuml

Visitors from other clubs:

Warren Prost - Jefferson City West

Downtown

Mike Cusack

Columbia Northwest

Chris Bouchard & Gary Duncan

Columbia South

Raymond Plue & Bruce Young

Announcements

Thanks to **Win Burggraaff** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Charter Night is this Friday, June 11th and the cost is \$10.00/person. Please get your check to **Don Ludwig**. **Rose Hayden** encouraged everyone to attend as it's a wonderful celebration of the founding of Columbia Metro Rotary.

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**. There will be a planning meeting/brown bag lunch at Boone Electric Coop on Tues., June 15th @ noon.

INTERNATIONAL: Good (and bad) news from the Indian Rotary club regarding our international water project (and President Vikas' ankle): The project is in advanced stage & is likely to be completed in a short period of time. I will update u as soon as completed. In the meanwhile I am having broken ankle bone & having a plaster, likely to be removed on 16th June & therefore handicapped. Vikas

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 shared trivia about important happenings on June 9th in history and the fact that 17 years ago tomorrow, June 10, 1993, Columbia Metro Rotary started with 20 men and 14 women.

Beth Lammers announced that **Rob Quinn** is celebrating his birthday on the 11th. **Jim Cherrington's** aunt passed away and a sympathy card was passed around the room for all to sign. **Les Gelband's** daughter is engaged and a picture of the engaged couple was passed around the room as well as a picture of Catherine Machens, one year old daughter of **Marcia Machens**, both pictures courtesy of the Columbia Tribune.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Brad Nelson shared his wonderful sense of humor with us and then fined everyone who did not have their Rotary pin on!

Upcoming Programs

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

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

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

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:

June 16.....**Tim Cox**
June 23.....**Anna De Jong**
June 30.....**Tina Ehrhardt**

Next up for Greeters:

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

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

June 30.....**Sarah Perry**
& **Lori Neidel**

Program Summary

Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Britny Wright introduced our two guest speakers today: **Mizuho** as the inbound Rotary exchange student who is returning to Japan, and **Eva Prost** as the outbound Rotary exchange student who is leaving for Izmir, Turkey.

Mizuho did a tremendous job sharing her year experience with us reading from notes and clearly speaking the English language, a huge accomplishment! She came to America because she wanted to learn the language and culture of this country. She was not nervous but very excited when she arrived at the airport in St. Louis but when she realized her two suitcases did not arrive with her she was nervous! They arrived the next day.

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The Quinn's were the first host family and she could not understand the language very well so she just smiled and said "yes" to everything! After a few months she could understand. She experienced her first picnic and decided she really like the sweets here, especially apple pie. High school was very different from in Japan where the teachers go to the students while they remain in one classroom, and there is always cleaning time at the end of each school day. Hickman students couldn't understand her so they couldn't talk to her and she was lonely and sad at first. Now she has many friends and it was hard to say good-bye. She enjoyed the conferences with other exchange students and she made many friends and will count on Facebook to stay in contact. She contracted the Swine Flu and was sick for her own birthday party in October. Mizuho gained 10 pounds over the Thanksgiving weekend eating so much Turkey and pie, and quickly went on a diet when she returned!

The **Steve and Lynda Baumgartner** family was the second host family and they live way out in the country which was a shock for a city girl! She learned to love it and played lots of UNO with Steve and Lynda. She had a wonderful first Christmas in America with them. She wore her Kimono at a Hickman assembly and was very nervous but it was well accepted. She also performed some traditional Japanese dances at another Hickman event.

The **Jed Friedrichsen** family was her third host family and she moved in to their home with not only her two suitcases but 5 large boxes and three smaller ones. She had to get rid of some things! She enjoyed Disney World over Spring Break and she enjoyed coloring eggs and then the Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday at home....and the chocolate bunny.

May 28th was her last day of school and she took lots of pictures of her new friends and it was very emotional. She thanked everyone in Metro who helped her. We were treated to a short but wonderful slide show of her year. **Britny** also acknowledged and thanked **Liz Magee** who was Mizuho's counselor throughout her year here.

Eva Prost, daughter of Rotarian Warren and Debbie Prost, is a junior at Hickman and will spend her senior year in Izmir, Turkey. She presented an excellent slide show showing and telling us who she is. She is very involved in Amnesty International and has decided to double major in History and Religious Studies as a result and because she wants to learn so much. She enjoys Scrabble (very much!), reading, trivia, cooking, participating in Missouri Youth in Government, MOYIG, and Junior Classical League. Eva became interested in Rotary and being an exchange student as a 7th grader when her family hosted a student and then another two years ago, both from Brazil. She will do very well as she travels and experiences a whole new country and its culture.

Raffle

Raffle was won by visitor, Debbie Prost and it was a \$40.00 gift certificate from Play It Again Sports courtesy of **Yolanda Cioli**.

*Thanks to **Beth Lammers** for providing the notes for the June 9, 2010 Metro newsletter.*