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Opening

President Bill Costello welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Anna DeJong** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Sharrock** introduced our visitors and guests. **President Bill** also thanked today's greeters, **Casey Buckman** and **Steve Baumgartner**.

Attendance

Visitors & Guests of Members:

Ralph Butler.....Charlotte Butler
Cindy Whaley.....Shatenita Horton

Announcements

Sarah Read said committee lists for the next year were on the tables and members were asked to add their names to a committee they are interested in joining or delete their name if they no longer wished to be on a particular committee. If members have not signed up for a committee one will be assigned to them.

Family of Rotary

Casey Buckman announced that he and his wife are expecting in December as well as **Mike Pitts** and his wife. **Jamie Cote** and his wife are expecting twins in December.

Lanny Johnson is home from the hospital after having surgery. We decided at the end of the meeting to send him a special "get well" gift.

Sarah Read and her husband celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

Pat Hostetler will be retiring after 28 years at MBS.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Brad Nelson fined everyone who did not know the World Cup Soccer started in 1930.

Upcoming Programs

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

July 7.....The Voice of the Tigers
Mike Kelly

July 14.....President's Address
Cindy Whaley

July 21.....History of Metro Rotary
Win Burggraaff

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 30.....**Tina Ehrhardt**
July 7.....**Rob Christensen**
July 14.....**Jeff Davis**

Next up for Greeters:

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

July 7.....**Josh Kittle**
& **John Stringer**

July 14.....**Phil Lesley**
& **Gena Patton**

Program Summary

University of Mo Research Reactor
Ralph Butler, Director of the MURR
Center

Metro Rotary's very own **Ralph Butler** gave a presentation on the nuclear reactor. **Ralph** works with others to ensure the MURR facility remains uniquely positioned as a cornerstone in both the University of Missouri's Comprehensive Cancer Center initiative and as an active national resource.



Working with a dedicated group of 150, he directs MURR's three-fold mission of promoting interdisciplinary research, providing educational opportunities for students, and making available irradiation and isotope production services to researchers, medical institutions and



private companies worldwide.

The internationally recognized University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR), a 10-megawatt

facility, is the most powerful among the dozens of research reactors located on our nation's university campuses. He told us that MU has the largest watt producing reactor in the nation. They make shipments to many different countries. They are highly regulated and have many safe guards in place to keep the radioactive materials from being exposed to humans. MURR operates 6.5 days a week, 52 weeks per year. The reactor is used for business products as well as for research and teaching. MURR is a leader in radiopharmaceutical research, trace element epidemiology, boron neutron capture therapy and radioisotope tracer technology. They have 150 full-time employees, 30 part-time employees as well as around 50 students who are authorized to use the reactor.

Raffle

John Stringer was the winner of a \$50 gift certificate to Chevy's courtesy of Anna DeJong. The raffle raised \$68.

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