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SARAH'S STORIES PRESENTS: Central Missouri Honor Flight

For our final August program, Sarah Hill, of KOMU-TV8, gave a heart warming and meaningful presentation regarding something near and dear to her, as well as many Club members: the World War II Memorial in Washington DC and the efforts to make sure that all WWII veterans get the opportunity to see their Memorial. To summarize the program briefly, the Central Missouri Honor Flight program provides round-trip airfare, shuttling and appropriate medical attention so that veterans can make the trip. All at no cost to the veterans.

Sarah reports that by the end of the 2009 summer, CMHF will have transported nearly 250 veterans to the Memorial. Unfortunately, the US is losing WWII veterans at an alarming rate of 1,000 per day, with 20 per day in Missouri. Sadly, this means many veterans may never see their Memorial. For more information on CMHF, visit www.centralmissourihonorflight.com.



Veterans and volunteers of the Central Missouri Honor Flight take time for a photograph while visiting the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC on the May 19, 2009 trip. 35 Veterans made the flight on May 19th, the second trip for CMHF. (Photograph courtesy of www.centralmissourihonorflight.com)

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

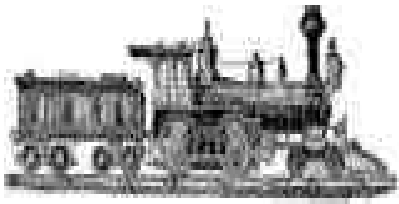
(Jim Smith, Program Chair)

- * September 1 – Jerry Wade, 4th Ward Councilman, Columbia City Budget: What can and cannot be changed
- * September 8 – Joyce Herron, Postmaster, Future changes in our postal system
- * September 15 – TBD, Staff Member for Claire McCaskill, Current Issues in our Congress
- * September 22 – Kevin Shelton, Report on Central American visit
- * September 29 – Columbia Kiwanis Club Annual Installation Banquet (*Country Club of Missouri*)



Sarah Hill talks about the privilege of being involved in the Central Missouri Honor Flight program. Sarah serves as the promotions chair for the organization that has a special meaning for her: her grandfather was a WWII veteran who never had the chance to see his Memorial before passing away.

President John's Farewell



How can it possibly be, another Kiwanis year coming to a close so quickly? It just doesn't seem that long ago we boarded this impatient train and started our year-long journey on tracks unknown. Fortunately for the Club, most of the trip was without major complications or disappointment. As a matter of fact, once we got a full head of steam and released the brakes, the magic of our year revealed itself throughout the venture.

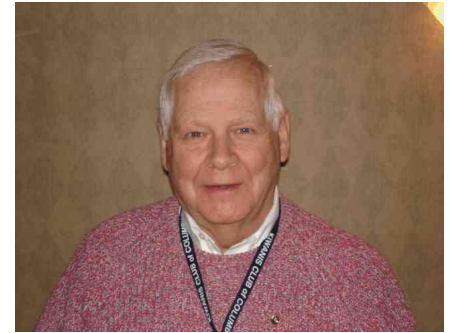
We all know the scenery is so much better from the top of the hill and this year, we have certainly enjoyed wonderful vistas and views. Our dedicated officers and directors, along with motivated committee members and a host of volunteers, have ensured a full range of accomplishments and goals fulfilled. Thanks to everyone's commitment to growth, we welcomed an unending stream of guests to our meetings throughout the year. As a direct result of your pledge to share the fun and excitement of our Club, record breaking numbers of new members were recruited and inducted into membership. And yet, even as we near the end of our ride, guests continue to submit membership applications and await induction. This whistle blowing accomplishment occurred only because of your dedication and love of Club.

Our primary fund-raising projects of Pancake Day and MU concessions were well coordinated and successful. This presented our Club with the funds needed to assist children throughout the Columbia area. Along our journey this year, we will have donated, in one way or another, nearly \$15,000 to various youth oriented organizations and clubs. This doesn't include the hours we spent ringing bells, serving meals, redecorating a shelter's family room, or improving a school's playground as a part of Kiwanis One Day—all in a further effort to change the life of one child.

So, as we prepare to pull into the station and change the engineer and crew, let me just say "Thanks". It has been a most memorable ride and

experience serving the Columbia Kiwanis Club as your president this year. The time and effort I have devoted have been offered freely and with complete satisfaction. I see my reward each week with a room full of fun-loving and caring Kiwanians, each enjoying the meeting and fellowship. Thanks for boarding and tagging along with me on this ride and for helping keep the train on the tracks. What a joy it has been and don't forget – GO KIWANIS!

– President John



Jim Day helps to enlighten the Club's membership on Medicare benefits, and especially why it is important to review prescription drug plans and coverages periodically on August 11th.



Jean Leonatti, Director of the Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging talks about the services offered to seniors and their family members provided by her agency on August 18th.



**Summary of Minutes
of Board Meeting
August 18, 2009**

Treasurer's Report: Dale Metcalf

Club Finances: The financial reports for the period October 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009 (ten months of the Kiwanis year) were presented for review. For the Club report, most line item budget accounts are within budget, meals for guests and speakers are over budget \$291 (we have had a lot of visitors a good problem). The money bucket donations remain strong up \$162 over budget plan. Club assets stand at \$3,071.

Club Foundation Finances: The total net worth of the foundation ended the period with assets of \$168,458.64, which is up from the previous month more than \$5,000. Concession income year to date was \$9,603.03. Our concessions budget was \$9,000 so the Club will exceed our budget estimates for the year. The Club has been in the process of making our annual donations to various youth oriented groups through the Youth Services Committee. This activity concluded in August.

Memorial Trust Fund Report: Assets for the period stand at \$156,142.84, an increase from the previous period. Realized gains for the period of the investment portfolio were \$7,872.94, a positive development. Donations for the year to date stands at \$9,338. The Club is averaging approximately \$934 a month in donations.

Motion Ernie Lee/second James Powell that we approve the Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Administrative Matters: Secretary Ernie Lee

The club has received a policy renewal notice for our Directors & Officers Liability policy (BM1200531140) from our agent Burns & Wilcox of Indianapolis. The policy renewal date is November 1, 2009. The underwriting company will change from Westchester Fire Insurance Company to The Great

American Company. The coverage limit is \$1,000,000, the annual premium will be \$500.00. The policy provides coverage for the entities of both our club and foundation in addition to our sponsored organizations, Key Club, Circle K and the Aktion Club. The renewal questionnaire and premium will need to be mailed shortly after October 1, 2009.

President's report:

No formal report...John and President Elect Charles Lee are working on transition of leadership and plans are being finalized for the year end annual banquet as well.

Meeting adjourned at 1: 30 PM. Future board meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month following our regular Club meeting 1:10 PM, Jack's Gourmet Restaurant.

Summarized & condensed by Ye Editor from Secretary Lee's Official Minutes.

MAN ON A MISSION



For those of us who are fortunate to know Bill Taft, we know how much he likes to share...about everything. During his weekly musings, he keeps us up to date on his license to drive, his bride Myrtle, his grandson who attended Princeton, the annual 4-leaf clover count, his praise for veterans, and his love of all things printed. All of this is done for a purpose, a mission if you will... and that is to illustrate the fun and fellowship of being a Kiwanian and to help promote our endowment, the Memorial Trust Fund.

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The Monthly Report Card: August 2009

Ending the month with 94 active members (with three more on a leave of absence), our Club averaged a 66% attendance mark. An interclub with the Boonville Kiwanis Club was held on August 19th with five members in attendance. Our Club Publicity met the requirements for six out of nine possible forms of publicity. We provided 21 service hours in the areas of community service, youth services and Young Children Priority One, using 30 Kiwanians and spending \$2,400.

Celebrations of Life & Love:

----- Birthdays:

1 st – Jo Crumpacker	17 th – Ross Swofford
5 th – Ernest Hildebrand	23 rd – Jay Self
9 th – Rick McGuire	24 th – Tom Shrout
12 th – Rex Dillow	25 th – Ray Lansford
15 th – Wilkie Wilkerson	

----- Anniversaries:

1st – Leroy & Faye Sharp
12th – Betsy & Rick Happel
13th – Ernie & Angela Lee

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