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## **The CSA Greater Kansas City Chapter #4 Host CSA Executive Director**

The CSA Greater Kansas City Chapter #4 hosted CSA's Executive Director, Mary A. Schluckebier at their recent meeting on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at the local St. Joseph Hospital. "Living a Full Life-Defining the Issues" was the topic of her presentation, followed by questions and answers. She informed the Greater Kansas City Chapter on the current activities of CSA, spoke on the various services provided by the CSA office, updated them on the activity and status of the CSA Physician Education Program (CSA-PEP) and shared current legislative issues pending in Congress concerning individuals with celiac disease.

Mary was hosted by the Kansas City Chapter #4 volunteer leadership including Debra Filla, Judy Bond and Dean and Donna Cling. Debra Filla presided over the chapter meeting. The Clings are CSA volunteers; both serving as CSA Test Bakers, local chapter leaders and Dean was a former Governing Board member. Judy Bond, former Chapter Chairman, was instrumental in the AACSA Foundation receiving a grant for the foundation's new ACT 1 software program and also hosted Mary during her visit to Kansas City.

The CSA Physician Education Program materials were presented by Mary Schluckebier to the Kansas City members who donated funds for the CSA PEP materials. These CSA members have volunteered to present CSA-PEP materials to their physician of choice. The pilot CSA-PEP materials are distributed to physicians and medical students to increase the rate of assessment, diagnosis and treatment of celiac disease and gluten sensitivity in the United States, with a goal of delivering CSA-PEP packets to 60,800 physicians and 10,000 medical students.

While in the Kansas City region, Mary Schluckebier visited with several vendors about the CSA Recognition Seal program and the CSA Benefactor program. She also met with the St. Joseph, Missouri Hy Vee Store's dietitians and management to coordinate details of her approaching August 4th, 2009 meeting with the store employees, as well as August 4th public forum/meeting on celiac disease, sponsored by the local store.