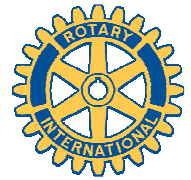


# The Metro Memo

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## Thank you . . .

to **Rose Hayden** for assisting with today's invocation, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and providing us with our fundraiser opportunity.

to **Sally Beth Lyon** and **Lyle Johnson** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

## Visitors & Guests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Andrew Stone.....	Bart Filipiak
Norm Benedict .....	Lynn Malorem
Audie Spieler.....	Debbie Sabella

## Congratulations!

**Les Borgmeyer** was the lucky winner of a \$40 gift certificate to Tiger Car Wash and the MU tote bag full of chocolates donated by Rose Hayden and the Metro "Minute to Win It" team. We raised \$79 for our charities.



Members were given a final reminder to sign up for the Columbia for Joplin community-wide work day planned for August 27. If interested, visit [www.ColumbiaForJoplin.com](http://www.ColumbiaForJoplin.com) ASAP!

**Casey Buckman** will serve as the Metro liaison for the annual All-Columbia Thanksgiving Day Luncheon.

**Sarah Read** read a thank you letter from the director of the Park Avenue Child & Family Development Center. They appreciate Metro's work in installing the rain garden, and the students are enjoying this new learning resource.

**Marcia Machens** announced that the incoming Group Study Exchange team from Italy will be in Columbia October 16-22. Host families are needed to lodge the individuals. Also, an outbound GSE team will leave from mid-Missouri and travel to Italy in April. Please contact Marcia if interested in either opportunity.

**Steve Baumgartner** gave an update on our exchange student, **Eric Hsu**. Steve stated Eric was a low-maintenance blessing, who likes to work. Recent activities have included a visit to the Blue Note and Peking Garden. Eric will be traveling to Joplin this weekend to assist with the area cleanup activities.

The Metro "Minute to Win It" team (right) was recognized and thanked for representing our club so well during the recent Central Missouri Food Bank fundraising event. The team placed second overall. Team members were **Casey Buckman**, **Tina Ehrhardt**, **Scott Heck** and **Tom O'Connor**.



*Metro Fun Fact: Metro Rotary's first Paul Harris Fellow was **Barbara Rippel!***

## Family of Rotary

Upcoming Metro birthdays are:

<b>Norm Benedict</b> .....	August 27
<b>John Stringer</b> .....	August 28
<b>Don Ludwig</b> .....	August 30

**Scott Christianson's** wife recently underwent emergency surgery. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers.

The American Chamber of Commerce has awarded **Kristi Ray** the designation of Certified Chamber Executive. Kristi was one of thirteen chamber executives nationwide who earned this distinction. Congratulations Kristi!

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Don Ludwig presented an informative program about redistricting the Columbia Public Schools. Don co-chairs the Enrollment Planning Committee for the district along with Dr. Wanda Brown and Darin Preis. The committee consists of 22 individuals.

Don covered the points of consideration when changing the attendance footprint of a specific school building.

Community concerns/feedback	"District" view	Current boundaries
Enrollments & composition	Transfer policy	Future growth
Subdivision demographics	Road development/transportation	
Free & Reduced Lunch ratios	MSHSAA implications	

The configuration change in place now has students moving from a four-school system to a three-school system by 2013.

<u>Now</u>	<u>2013</u>
K-5	K-5
6-7	6-8
8-9	9-12
10-12	

Don did an excellent job covering a topic and responsibility which is very tedious and open to lots of differing opinions.



## Next week . . .

**Program**  
Andy Craver, "Engineers Without Borders"

**Greeters**  
Jennifer Deaver & Scott Christianson

**Invocation/Pledge/Fundraiser**  
Liz Magee