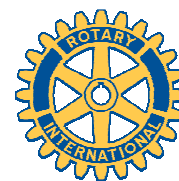


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## Thank you . . .

to **Joy Block** for assisting with today's invocation, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and providing us with our fundraising opportunity.

to **James Samorian** and **Jim Spieler** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

### Members & Guests

<b>Rotarian</b>	<b>Guest</b>
Karen Taylor .....	Jimmy Goodnight

### Visiting Rotarians

<b>Rotarian</b>	<b>Club</b>
Gary Duncan .....	Northwest
Larry Mead .....	Northwest

### Family of Rotary

Metro Rotarians celebrating birthdays this week are:

<b>Tom Rose</b> .....	Nov. 30
<b>Karen Taylor</b> .....	Dec. 3



Congratulations to **Rose Hayden!** She was the lucky winner of a \$40 gift certificate to Frameworks donated courtesy of **Joy Block**. We raised \$62 for our charities.

### On Dec. 7 . . .

**Program:**  
West Jr. High School Madrigal Choir



**Invocation/Pledge/Fundraiser:**  
Rob Bartel

**Greeters:**  
Tina Ehrhardt & Ginny Northcutt

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



On November 21, member **Nicole Galloway** gave birth to a healthy 8 pound 11 ounce boy named William Trueman Galloway. Everyone is reported to be doing well.

**Casey Buckman** thanked members who attended the annual All-Columbia Rotary Club Luncheon on November 22.

**Shane Winter** informed the members that the annual Literacy Development Awards were presented on November 29 to four area schools. Photos of the presentation are on page two of this newsletter.

**Sandra Logan** reminded members that today is the last day to take advantage of the Foundation Committee's incentive offer. More details below.

The December Metro Social will be **December 1** at 10 Below (below Harpo's) from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

**Roma Wonneman** stated there were still two openings for bell ringers. Metro will be assisting the Salvation Army this year on December 10 in front of Hobby Lobby. Please see Roma to sign up.

**Les Borgmeyer** announced that the Metro night at the MU Concert Series planned for December 10 has been cancelled. Another event later in the year will be explored.

Bess Goodfellow has been selected as an outbound Rotary Exchange Student to Turkey for next year.

## Program Summary

Jimmy Goodnight from Boone Electric Cooperative presented today's program. Mr. Goodnight spoke about "The Electrification of South Sudan."



In January, Goodnight, Steve Baumgartner and Jamie Conrow, three Boone Electric Cooperative linemen spent three weeks in southern Sudan expanding the electricity offering in the town of Yei. As part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative, these men raised poles and extending existing lines to help the Sudanese residents.

Goodnight spoke of the lack of infrastructure, the poverty level, the climate and culture of the area. Without equipment such as trucks or booms, their work was slowed as everything was done by hand. Thanks to their efforts, power is available to residences, churches, more businesses and healthcare facilities. Security has also been enhanced thanks to more lighting now available.

In addition to their work, the men also trained local personnel to maintain the infrastructure as well as assist with repairs as necessary.

### \*\* Special incentive during Rotary Foundation month (November) \*\*

Your Foundation committee wants to extend a courtesy reminder that it's not too late to take advantage of the incentive to assist those who wish to become Paul Harris Fellow Sustaining Members and support the Foundation on a regular basis. As you may recall, our offer is good for this month, and the month is half gone, so now is the time to take advantage of this easy and convenient way to accomplish your wishes. If you sign up for the Foundation's automatic transfer service, and donate at least \$100 per year to the Foundation, our club will add \$100 to your Paul Harris Fellow account. See or contact **Sandra Logan**, **Jim Stock** or any member of the Foundation committee to get the process underway before the opportunity ends.

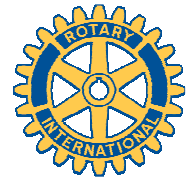
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## METRO ROTARY PRESENTS ANNUAL LITERACY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

On November 29, 2011, Columbia Metro Rotary presented its annual Literacy Development Awards to four area schools. This year's recipients were Derby Ridge Elementary, West Blvd. Elementary, Rock Bridge High School and Rock Bridge Elementary. Columbia Metro Rotary has been a Partner in Education with the Title I program in the Columbia Public Schools since 2003, and these awards are given annually to help promote literacy and advance student learning. The cumulative award total was \$1,500.



**Derby Ridge Elementary**



**West Blvd. Elementary**



**Rock Bridge Elementary**



**Rock Bridge High School**

Rotary International has been fighting illiteracy for many years, and Metro Rotary is pleased to help in the battle. "This is an ongoing relationship", Jim Sharrock, Rotary president, said. "We are pleased to work with the teachers and students and do what we can to help eradicate illiteracy." Sharrock reads to students on a regular basis at Rock Bridge Elementary school.

Other Metro Rotarians currently reading to Title I students include Tom Rose, Les Gelband, Win Burggraaff, Jim Cherrington, Shane Winter, Terri Phillips, Karen Taylor, Ginny Northcutt, Marsha Machens, Mike Pitts, Rob Quinn, Jim Phillips and Jeremy Morton.