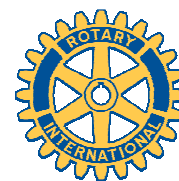


The Metro Memo

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Metro Rotary will not meet on December 28!

Thank you . . .

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

to **Brad Nelson** and **Bill Costello** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Members & Guests

Rotarian	Guest
Roma Wonneman	Randy Edwards
Norm Benedict.....	Szasz Benedict
Casey Buckman.....	Scott Buckman
Casey Buckman.....	Claire Buckman
Steve Baumgartner	Santa Claus

Member Spotlight

Pat Hostetler was the focus of this week's Five Minute Interview. She retired from Missouri Book Services in 2010.



Pat has been a member of Metro Rotary since October, 2001. What she likes best about Christmas is making cookies with her grandchildren! Pat and her husband Lynn reside in Columbia.

Family of Rotary

Members celebrating birthdays between now and our next meeting are:

Kristi Ray December 28
Dave Holtgraewe..... January 3

The **Roma Wonneman** retirement countdown calendar is at 5.5 days!

Metro Announcements!

Future Meetings Notice: Metro bylaws state that if the Columbia Public Schools cancel classes due to inclement weather, Metro Rotary will not meet. Please keep this in mind as winter weather approaches.

Treasurer Gena presided over today's meeting. She reminded members that the annual Metro Trivia Night fundraiser is planned for February 3. Donations are needed for the auctions. Please see **Marcia Machens** if you have items to donate.

Any Metro past president wishing to become more involved with District 6080 should contact **President Jim** for application details.

Karen Brown announced that the January Metro social will be held Thursday, January 5 at Shakespeare's Downtown from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Program Summary

Joe Walljasper, Sports Editor for the Columbia Daily Tribune presented today's program. A Trenton native, Joe is a University of Missouri graduate who joined the Columbia Daily Tribune staff in 2001.

He gave an informative overview of the recent decision announced by the University of Missouri to join the Southeastern Conference (SEC). Topics that were considered by the University included, but were not limited to, revenue sharing, academic requirements and television deals.

Joe compared the SEC to other conferences and spoke about Big 10 rumors that had surfaced, other Big 12 conference schools exiting to other conferences and the establishment of the Longhorn Network. He spoke about the rivalries, current and possible future, as well as recruiting issues that will need to be considered for all sports. He concluded his presentation by taking questions from members.



Congratulations to **Norm Benedict!** He was the lucky winner of a \$50 gift certificate to **McAdams, Ltd.** donated by **Win Burggraaff.** We raised \$65 for our charities.

January 4 Meeting Info

Program:
Sarah Read, Political Civility

Invocation/Pledge/Fundraiser:
Kristi Ray

Greeters:
Barb Danuser & Rob Quinn