

The Metro Memo



THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

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Opening

President Cindy Whaley welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Don Ludwig** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Marcia Machens** introduced our visitors and guests. **President Cindy** also thanked today's greeters, **Renee Hoagenson** and **Linda Phillips**.

Attendance

Visitors & Guests of Members:

Pat Hostetler.....Griffin Capell
Roma Wonneman.....Jack Wonneman
Beth Lammers.....Terry Phillips
Norm Benedict.....Szasz Benedict

Visitor from Downtown:

Steve Spellman

Visitor from South:

Barbara Hodges

Announcements

The new Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith, is from Kirksville, MO. There will be a meet and greet party for him at Reynolds Alumni Center on July 31st from 10:30 to 2:30 p.m. Please contact **Cindy Whaley** if you are interested in attending or register online at www.rotary6080.com.

The District Conference will be held in Columbia this October 15 and 16th.

Cindy is hosting a lunch, an honor given to her by District Governor, Raymond Plue (who is speaking at Metro Rotary in September). The International Rotary Convention will be May 21-25 in New Orleans next year.

The Group Study Exchange Program from Australia will be here in September. They are accepting applications to travel there next spring.

Rotary will be hosting a community Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 3 from

3:00 to 7:00pm at the Boone Electric Cooperative Community Room, on Rangeline. Please consider donating blood, volunteering at the event or recruiting people to donate. There will be a social that night after donating in place of the first Thursday that week. Contact **Kimberly Earnest** (earnestkim@missouri.edu) to learn more. Sign-up sheets will be at the meetings or [click here to schedule your appointment today!](#)

The Annual Club Out for Hunger is August 24 at Stoney Creek Inn.

Jim Spieler brought some letters from the two students that we sent to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy).

Ron Bodenstab has a friend that lost their son unexpectedly and asked that we keep the husband and wife in our thoughts and prayers. He also suggested that anytime Steve Baumgartner wears a hat or doesn't wear a button down shirt, he should be fined.

Family of Rotary

Norm Benedict was having so much fun in Chicago that he cloned himself and sent his clone to give the Family of Rotary talk. Norm gave his account of this day in history. Today in 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first men to walk on the moon. Birthdays include:

Brad Nelson - July 23.

Liz Magee - July 24

Jennifer Deaver - July 27

Sergeant-at-Arms

Steve Baumgartner continued to fine his wife, **Lynda**. He asked the group which outlaw ran horse races at the Boone County Fairgrounds in the early 1900s. Answer: Frank James. Most people got it right so **Steve** fined anyone who was not going to attend the ham breakfast on Saturday at the Fairgrounds \$1.

Upcoming Programs

July 28.....American Red Cross
Laine Scholz

August 4.....Partners in Education
Mary Rook

August 11.....Classification Talks
Casey Buckman and Lori Neidel

Assignments

Metro Rotary appreciates having the following members provide the raffle prize, sell the tickets, say the invocation, and lead the pledge. Please show your support by purchasing tickets that enable us to support our charities.

Raffle/Invocation/Pledge:

July 28.....**Karen Brown**

August 4.....**Bette Wordelman**

August 11.....**Rose Hayden**

Next up for Greeters:

July 28.....**Todd Culley**
& **Audie Spieler**

August 4.....**Rob Bartel**
& **Tony Iadevito**

August 11.....**Jim Cherrington**
& **Sandra Logan**

Program Summary

History of Metro Rotary
Win Burggraaff



Win Burggraaff gave us the beginning history of Metro Rotary. He pointed out

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that currently, as verified by **Brad Nelson**, that no one in Metro has any outstanding warrants. There were some rumors about **Stuart Scroggs** and some wild times in Tar-Tar-A but **Win** said that they were just rumors. Metro Rotary was chartered the year of the great flood – 1993. On May 5, about 40 people showed up to Jack's Gourmet to learn about Rotary International and then on July 21, 34 members (20 men and 14 women) were given the Rotary Charter. Six of those charter members are still part of the club – **John John, Ginny Northcutt, Linda Phillips, Audrey Spieler, Jim Stock** and **Win Burgraff**.

The first president was only in office for a few months (James Shinn) and then his job transferred him out of Columbia. Magie Roberts took over and became the first female President for any Columbia Rotary club. That first year, the club adopted a family for Christmas, started social Happy Hours and worked with International Families, all traditions still carried on. The second year, Vicki Dunscombe was president and the weekly raffle started averaging \$40 a week (with about 48 members), the first Paul Harris Fellow was inducted and Salvation Army Bell ringing was started. The third year, under President **John John**, the Wild Card make-up was started, they outgrew Jack's and found a new location, classification talks were very brief and they had 53 members. Win ran out of time and didn't get much past that. He did point out that Metro has given to nearly 60 organizations over the last 17 years.

Raffle

Karen Brown won a \$50 gift certificate to Bleu Restaurant courtesy of **Don Ludwig**. The raffle raised \$42.00.

*Thanks to **Kimberly Earnest** for providing the notes for the July 21, 2010 Metro Memo.*