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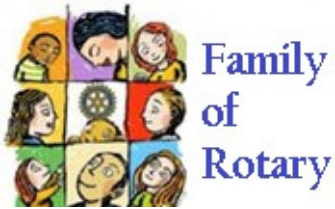
Thank you . . .

to **Beth Lammers** for providing today's invocation, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and for providing us with a fundraising opportunity.

to **Sarah Read** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Anna Drake.....	Greg Drake
Katie Essing.....	Mike Serpico



Four Rotarians will celebrate birthdays before our next meeting:

- Jim Cherrington**August 6
- Jason Ramsey**.....August 7
- Keith Shaffer**August 7
- Barb Danuser**August 8

On **August 7**, **Jason Ramsey** will celebrate four years as a Metro Rotarian!

Congratulations to **Susan Brandt!** She won a \$50 gift certificate to Les Bourgeois donated by **Beth Lammers**. We raised \$45 for Metro charities.

Metro Announcements

On **August 3**, members are invited to a fellowship event beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Sparky's Ice Cream (21 South 9th Street). After a sweet treat, members will head to Stephens Lake Park (2001 East Broadway) to enjoy BXR's Unsigned Artist Showcase at the amphitheater beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is not charge for the concert event.

Volunteers are still needed this Saturday, **August 5**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Family Impact Center to assist with organizing supplies collected from the recent Back to School drive.

Metro's Fellowship Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on **August 9** at the Columbia Country Club.

Metro's Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 p.m. on **August 9** at the Columbia Country Club. All members are welcome to attend.

Members were reminded to log into www.ReachOutMetro.com and sign up for volunteering/mentoring opportunities.



The 4th annual Kick-off Cook-off will be held **August 26** from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center. Delicious, tailgate-style food will be provided by 30 of Columbia's tastiest restaurants. Over 600 vendors, volunteers and attendees are expected at this year's event!

Funds will be raised by participant entry fees and ticket sales. Proceeds will be used by the Columbia Rotary Clubs for humanitarian service which includes financial support for the following: local civic and service organizations working with youth, education, veterans and families; and The Rotary Foundation which funds international projects involving safe drinking water, maternal and child health, promotion of global peace and the global effort to eradicate polio.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend and support this important event.

Next week at Metro

PROGRAM	GREETER	INVOCATION/ PLEDGE/FUNDRAISER
Classification Talks	Bill Costello	Jason Ramsey

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Renovated Douglass High School Will Open August 15

Greg Drake is the Project Manager within the Facilities and Construction Services division of the Columbia Public Schools. Greg led members on a tour of the newly renovated Douglass High School.

The first school was built in 1989, but later burned. The current structure was built in 1916, and it received additions in 1922, 1930, 1952, 1955 and 1960, respectively. Last year, the facility was closed for the entire school year as the building underwent its biggest renovation in over 100 years. The total cost of the renovation including engineering, equipment and furniture was over \$6 million. Funding came from a bond issue voters approved in 2014. There are over 43,000 square feet in the facility, and Douglass will be the home of approximately 200 students this year.



Vision: For Douglass High School to be the most innovative school in the state and beyond.

Mission: Douglass High School engages at-risk students so they can achieve successful high school completion and design a positive, productive post-secondary transition plan.