

The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

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Thank you....

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

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

Members with Guests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Charlene Boyes.....	Terry Nixon



*Today, **Tonya Wolff** is celebrating 17 years as a Metro Rotarian!*

*Congratulations to **Gary Duncan**, and his wife **Sharon**, as they celebrate 68 years of marriage!*

*Please keep **Chris Dohm** and his family in your thoughts and prayers as his father faces some health issues.*

The Metro Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 p.m. **today**.

Committee chairs were asked to forward any, and all, committee records to **Lori Neidel**.



Norm Benedict encouraged members to look at the Columbia Daily Tribune this coming Sunday. Photos from the effort to collect used eclipse glasses and forward them to students in Africa for use next year are planned to be published.

If you know of a local non-profit organization that might be worth considering as a partner for Metro's 2018 Trivia Night, please forward that organization's name to **Leah Christian** before **September 22**.

A fellowship event is planned for Thursday, **September 28** at The Heidelberg beginning at 5:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring family and/or friends.

A volunteer opportunity is available on **October 7** for the Harvest Hootenanny, an event which raises funds for the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture. Please watch for details as the date approaches.



On **October 7** at 9:00 a.m., members are invited to join **President Tom** at the Hy-Vee Market Grille on Nifong. This will serve as a fellowship event, and attendance make-up credit will be awarded to those who attend.

The District 6080 Conference is planned for **October 28-29** at The Lodge of Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks.

October 24 is World Polio Day. This date was first established over ten years ago by Rotary International to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against polio. Stay tuned for details of events planned for this day.

The annual All-Columbia Rotary Club Thanksgiving luncheon is planned for Tuesday, **November 21**. More details will be provided as the date approaches.

NEXT WEEK

PROGRAM

Elizabeth Cherrington & Steven Stepanovic
MR340

GREETER

Jason Knipp

INVOCATION/PLEDGE/FUNDRAISER

Mandy Schick

New Member Proposed

Molly Rippel has been proposed for membership in Metro Rotary. Molly is a Respiratory Therapist with Lincare. Her proposed classification is Medical-Home Health. Molly's proposal was submitted by **Ginny Northcutt**.

Please contact **President Tom** if you have any questions or concerns about this proposal.

JIM STERK PROVIDES ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP AT MIZZOU

Jim Sterk became the University of Missouri's 20th Director of Athletics in August, 2016. He has an impressive resume of successfully leading athletic programs at San Diego State, Washington State and Portland State. One of the numerous accolades he has received includes being named the Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year for 2015-2016 by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

Mr. Sterk informed members that his focus primarily covers five areas:

1. The student-athlete experience
 - a. Academic progress
 - b. Athletic success
 - c. Personnel development
2. Personnel
3. Facilities
4. Resource acquisition
5. Political dynamics



Jim Sterk

Some of the highlights for the Mizzou student-athletes during the past year include a graduation rate of 96% for those who had exhausted their collegiate eligibility. The overall grade point average for Tiger student-athletes was 2.96. Four individual national champions were crowned during the past year, and 16 of the 20 MU teams advanced to post-season play.

Mr. Sterk also spoke to the importance of assisting student-athletes with giving back to the community. During the past year, over 4800 volunteer hours were donated by MU student-athletes. Also, 128 students were serving in leadership positions in campus clubs, organizations and associations.

One MU project that has received a lot of attention recently is the south end zone renovation project at

Faurot Field. Mr. Sterk updated members with MU's fundraising plans and the current project funding status. This project is expected to provide 1200 new jobs to the area and also add to the current \$326 million per year economic impact that MU athletics has on the mid-Missouri community.

Mr. Sterk informed members of new initiatives currently underway within MU athletics. A county ambassador program has been created, and along with MU Extension, the department is sponsoring a state-wide nutrition campaign. Also, within the last month, the department hosted the Mizzou Youth Experience. This event allowed MU to host 2000 underserved youth from the St. Louis area. Participants toured the campus, met with University officials and coaches and attended the MU vs. South Carolina football game. Finally, Mr. Sterk spoke about the football tailgate concerts which have

featured local and national talents performing before each home game.

Mr. Sterk has the reputation of a highly successful, tireless fundraiser. His efforts proved to be of value to MU last year as the total funds raised to support the Tiger Scholarship Fund were \$50.4 million. This is \$4.7 million higher than the previous fundraising record. As an interesting side note, this figure is almost double the \$21.96 million raised during the 2015-16 fiscal year! Anyone wishing to donate or learn more about supporting MU athletics was invited to visit <http://tsfmizzou.com/>.

Mr. Sterk expressed his appreciation to all those who have supported MU. He encouraged members to continue to buy tickets to MU events, support the annual fund, and spread the good word about MU.

Congratulations to Susan Brandt! She won a bottle of wine and two beautiful MU wine glasses donated by Cindy Whaley. We raised \$53 for Metro charities.