

The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Thank you...

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

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

Members with Guests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Jim Sharrock.....	Amanda Brown
Anna Drake	Greg Drake

Visiting Rotarians

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>
Peter Stiepleman	Southwest

We have three Rotarians celebrating birthdays this week:

- Doug Shull**.....today
- Charlene Boyes**March 5
- Jean Leonatti**March 5

Three Rotarians will celebrate membership anniversaries this week:

- Jean Leonatti**March 1
23 years
- Jim Cherrington**.....March 5
21 years
- Andrew Stone**March 5
10 years

Congratulations to **Doug Shull** who has accepted a position with the Missouri Attorney General's office.

Congratulations to **President Tom** who welcomed his first granddaughter this morning at 3:00 a.m.!

EACH ONE BRING ONE



Metro Visitor's Day

Next Wednesday, **March 7**, members are encouraged to bring prospective new members to our weekly luncheon. The program for the day will focus on Rotary, what it means to be a Rotarian and what is expected of members. If you are planning to bring someone, please RSVP to **Karen Brown** or **Casey Buckman** by **March 5**.



Tonight, is the Access Arts fellowship activity from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Thanks to **Cale Mitchell** for organizing the event.

Metro's Community Service Committee will meet **March 7** at 1:00 p.m.

A panel discussion is being planned for **March 17** from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Jabberwocky Studios (1308 Grand Avenue). The topic will be immigration. Please contact **Sarah Read** for more information.

The next "Meet the Managers" session is scheduled for **March 20** at the Family Impact Center (105 East Ash Street). The session will focus on Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Please see page three of this newsletter for information you can share with others.

Metro Rotarians will participate in a Clean Up Columbia activity on **April 14**. **Leah Christian** will coordinate our efforts. Please watch this newsletter and the club website for details.



The annual Rotary Student Government Day is scheduled for **April 19**. Please contact **Shane Winter** if you would like to assist.

On **May 6**, the Elizabeth J. Upton Foundation will hold a fundraising event at Hoss's Market and Rotisserie to raise money for Rotary Youth Exchange students traveling abroad during the upcoming school year.



Nominations for RYLA attendees are still being accepted. If you know of a student currently in his/her freshman year of high school that would benefit from this leadership opportunity, please consider completing a nomination form and submitting it to **President Tom**.

Nominations for the 2018 Vocational Service Award are now being accepted. The nomination form is on the club website. Please contact **Rob Christensen** if you have any questions.



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New Member Proposed

Graham Kent has been proposed for membership in Metro Rotary. Graham is a project coordinator with Kliethermes Homes & Remodeling. His proposed classification is Construction-Remodeling. Graham's proposal was submitted by **Craig Meyer**.

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

Congratulations to **Leigh Anne Haun!** She won a \$65 punch card (value of 5 weekly lunches) donated by **Rose Hayden**. We raised \$64 for Metro charities.



Next week...

PROGRAM

Benefits of Being a Metro Rotarian

GREETER

Monica Pitts

INFOCATION/RAFFLE/
FUNDRAISER

Pat Hostetler

CPS BOND ISSUE ON APRIL BALLOT

Dr. Peter Stiepleman is the superintendent of the Columbia Public Schools. He informed members about a \$30 million no-tax-rate increase bond issue that will be on the April 3 ballot. The proposal will need 57% vote approval to pass.

The difference between bond issues and operating tax levies was noted. Bond issues provide funds for new construction, renovation of existing facilities, and purchase of furniture and equipment. Bond issue funds cannot be used to pay salaries or operating expenses.

If approved, the \$30 million bond issue would be used as follows:

- \$5 million – completion of new middle school
- \$9.5 million – building additions
- \$13.15 million – building improvements
- \$2.35 million – technology infrastructure and safety/security issues

Facts about the district were presented for consideration:

- Currently, CPS is the 7th largest school district in Missouri with 18,552 students PreK-12 enrolled.
- Student enrollment has increased by more than 1,000 students in the last 10 years; another 1,000 students are projected over the next 5 years.
- CPS currently has 36 school buildings and 3 support facilities.
- More than half the buildings are 40 years of age or older. Only three schools are less than 10 years old.
- There is 3.4 million square feet of building space and 1.9 million square feet of roof space occupied by facilities. The district maintains 799 acres.
- In 2006, there were 173 trailers in use by CPS. To date, 108 have been eliminated. Under the current facility plan, there will be less than 20 trailers remaining by 2020.

Some of the guiding principles the district is following include: reducing overcrowding in schools (eliminating trailers used as classrooms); improving the physical and learning environments in all facilities; increasing the functional life and efficiency of facilities; and

Members were encouraged to vote on April 3.



Dr. Stiepleman

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COME TALK AND LEARN FROM
EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD!

JOB AREAS **AGRICULTURE, FOOD, &
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**MU FAMILY IMPACT CENTER
105 E ASH ST, COLUMBIA, MO 65203
TUESDAY, MARCH 20
FROM 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

