

The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

MARCH 28, 2018

Thank you . . .

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

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

Members with Guests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Bill Costello	Mary Stegmaier
Tom Rose	Margaret Conroy
Shane Winter	Amanda Lucas

Visiting Rotarians

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>
Ted Stephenson	Downtown



On March 30, **Sarah Read** will celebrate 14 years as a Metro Rotarian!

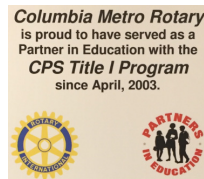
Happy Birthday to Rotarian **Andrew Stone** on March 31!

Congratulations to **Heather McArthur** for being named Interim CFO at the Columbia Public Schools.

It was reported that **Barb Danuser** is back on her feet and recovering slowly from her surgery! Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the **April 11** weekly meeting, Metro will celebrate its 15th Anniversary as a Partner in Education with the Columbia Public Schools' Title I Program. Our weekly meeting will be held at the CPS Center for Early Learning-North (2191 Smiley Lane). Box lunches will be available for members at cost. Please notify **Les Gelband** if you will be attending and wish to have a lunch provided.



Metro Rotarians will participate in a Clean Up Columbia activity on **April 14**. **Leah Christian** will coordinate our efforts.

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

The next "Meet the Managers" session is scheduled for **April 24** at the Family Impact Center (105 East Ash Street). Please see page three of this newsletter for information you can share with others.

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 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.

NEW MEMBER WELCOMED

During today's meeting, Metro welcomed **Graham Kent** as our newest member.



President Tom, Graham Kent & Craig Meyer

Graham is a project coordinator with Kliethermes Homes & Remodeling. His classification is Construction-Remodeling. Graham is sponsored by Craig Meyer.

At your earliest convenience, please take time to welcome Graham to Metro.

New Members Proposed

Margaret Conroy has been proposed for membership in Metro Rotary. Margaret is the Executive Director of Daniel Boone Regional Library. Her proposed classification is Library-Administration. Margaret's proposal was submitted by **Tom Rose**.

Amanda Lucas has been proposed for membership in Metro Rotary. Amanda is the Owner of Chews Your Health. Her proposed classification is Health-Wellness. Amanda's proposal was submitted by **Shane Winter**.

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

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Sgt. Mandy asked members to identify how many national team championships have been won by the University of Missouri. Members not knowing the correct answer of two (baseball in 1954 and men's track and field in 1965) were given the opportunity to contribute to Metro charities.



Congratulations to **Pat Hostetler!** She won a \$50 gift certificate to Flat Branch Pub & Brewery donated by **Jackie Walters.** We raised \$63 for Metro charities.



Next week . . .

PROGRAM

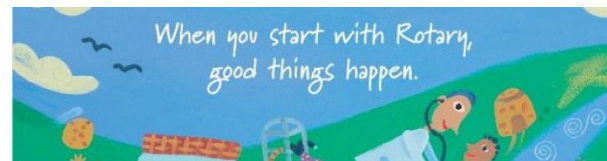
**Kelly Myers & Larry McDaniel
Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home**

GREETER

John John

INVOCATION/RAFFLE/FUNDRAISER

Jan Beckett



KYRGYZSTAN ELECTIONS OBSERVED BY LOCAL PROFESSOR

Dr. Mary Stegmaier is an Assistant Professor in the Truman School of Public Affairs. She teaches in research methods, international governance and policy processes. Her research concentrates on elections, voting behavior and party support in the U.S. and abroad, with an emphasis on Central Europe.

Dr. Stegmaier has served as an international election observer with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Macedonia (2014), Kyrgyzstan (2015 and 2017) and Belarus (2016). She spoke to members about her most recent trip to Kyrgyzstan in October, 2017.

OSCE observes elections throughout its 57 participating states. It also provides technical assistance to improve the legislative and administrative framework for elections in specific countries. During an election observation, there is a core team assigned, and there may be long-term observers and short-term observers. Dr. Stegmaier served as a short-term observer, and her team consisted of another international observer, a driver and an interpreter.

Dr. Stegmaier's team was assigned to Osh located in east-central Kyrgyzstan. Kyrgyzstan has been an independent country since 1991, but revolutions have occurred there in

2005 and 2010. The population is about 6 million people, and about half are registered to vote. 71% of the voters are native to the country, and 80% are Muslim. Almost one in three persons lives in poverty.



Dr. Mary Stegmaier & Bill Costello

The president of the country was termed out, so a new leader would be selected during this election. There were originally 13 candidates, but 2 dropped out. Sooronbay Jeenbekov was elected with 54% of the vote, and the nearest competitor received 33%.

The observing team assists with election training, and oversees election day processes. They observe the processes in place for opening the election, voting during the day, and at the close. At the end of the election, a report is prepared with any findings and/or recommendations. In this instance, it was

reported that there was an orderly transfer of power. The election was deemed to be competitive and well-administered.

However, it was noted that there may have been a misuse of public resources. Problems with ballot secrecy were noted, and it was suggested that vote buying had occurred. Possible issues with ballot counting and tabulation were also noted.

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JOB AREAS

- BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- ADMINISTRATION
- FINANCIAL MARKETING



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105 E ASH ST,
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FROM 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

