

The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

MAY 16, 2018

Thank you . . .

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

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

Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Audrey Spieler.....	Mike Bogue
Rob Christensen.....	Bea Smith
Rob Christensen.....	Mun Choi
Mandy Schick.....	Misty Wilkerson
Leah Christian.....	Kristen Frazier
Beth Lammers.....	Alissa Gerke
Lori Pewitt.....	Davida Loyer
Katie Essing.....	Nickie Davis
Tim Sullivan.....	Tom Hurley



The May fellowship event is planned for **May 17** at Flat Branch Pub & Brewing. Feel free to bring a prospective member to the event after your work day has concluded.

On **May 19**, local Rotarians will attend the 2:00 p.m. baseball game when the Missouri Tigers host the Tennessee Volunteers in SEC baseball action. Tickets are \$14 each. Please contact **Karen Brown** if you need tickets.

Metro Rotarians will volunteer at the Kilgore's Community Garden (700 North Providence) from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on **May 30**. The garden supplies fresh produce to the Nora Stewart Early Learning Center and the Central Pantry. Please watch for a sign-up email from **Leah Christian** to volunteer online for this event.



Metro's 25th Anniversary Charter Night is planned for **June 15** at the Boone County Historical Society (3801 Ponderosa Street). Tickets are \$25 each and are available for purchase now.

The 8th Annual Metro Rotary Float Trip is planned for **July 7** at Bass River Resort. Please contact **Casey Buckman** for details.

After the informative presentation two weeks ago about "Stop the Bleed," several members have expressed an interest in learning more. The possibility of a group class is being discussed. Please contact **President Tom** if you would be interested in learning more and/or participating in this lifesaving session.

It was announced that Metro will once again be purchasing half a row in the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture garden. Food grown will be donated to the local food pantry.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Sgt. Mandy presented MU trivia. Members not knowing that the University of Missouri system has had eleven (11) presidents were given the opportunity to contribute to Metro charities.



Congratulations to **Tim Sullivan**! He won a \$40 gift certificate to Shakespeare's Pizza donated by **Keith Shaffer**. We raised \$72 for Metro charities.



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University of Missouri

In March, 2017, Dr. Mun Choi became the 11th president in the history of the University of Missouri system. Born in South Korea, he came to the United States as a child, and worked in his family's business in Chicago. He has a degree in engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master's and doctorate in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Princeton University. Prior to coming to MU, he was dean of engineering at the University of Connecticut from 2008-2012.



The University of Missouri system was founded in 1839. The system is governed by a Board of Curators. There are four campuses: Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla and St. Louis. Each campus has a chancellor, and Dr. Choi is the president of the system. There were over 75,000 students enrolled in the four campuses last year, and over 18,500 degrees were awarded.



Dr Choi began by speaking about the University budget. He noted the challenges that can exist with state funding, and the difficulties that can be encountered as the university plans for the future. State-mandated limits on tuition and fee increases tied to the Consumer Price Index make the process of budgeting even more difficult. Faculty and students still need support, but identifying a reasonable revenue figure to rely on can be hard.



Enrollment figures are very important, and Dr. Choi stated that the number of applicants for next year are up 14%. MU has made a concentrated effort to improve recruiting and try and get enrollment numbers back to where they were several years ago. The focus is on providing a good education to students at a reasonable cost, and it was noted that the in-state tuition and fees are still under \$10,000 per year.

Dr. Choi concluded by speaking about the importance of the branding of the university. He noted efforts by the marketing department through print, social media and other avenues to communicate the accomplishments and offerings to prospective students, the community and donors.

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Next week . . .

PROGRAM

Tom Hurley & Chad Martin
Boone County EMS/911

GREETER

Andrea Jira

INVOCATION/RAFFLE/
FUNDRAISER

Sandra Logan