

# The Metro Memo



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## Opening

**President Bill Costello** welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Lyle Johnson** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Sharrock** introduced our visitors and guests.

## Attendance

### Members with Guests

**Liz McGee**.....Jed Friedrichson  
**Jim Cherrington**.....Jonathan Sessions  
**Liz McGee**.....Jed Friedrichson  
**Travis Cook**.....Erik Phelps  
**Bill Costello**.....Shay Roush

## Announcements

Thanks to **Lynda Baumgartner** and **Jose Pagoada** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

**Scott Heck** and his award winning chili recipe will represent Metro Rotary at the Rootin' Tootin' Chili Cook-off benefiting the Boys & Girls Club. 3 more team members are needed as well as deep electric skillets.

Metro Rotary was lauded publicly by the Columbia Public Schools Board of Education for its role in sustaining the MAC Scholars Program.

25 tables have been sold for the Trivia Night this coming Friday. **Les** says: "sell more raffle tickets!!!!"

There is a serious need for 2010-2011 host families for the Youth Exchange Program. Contact **Liz Magee** or **Britny Wright**.

**Lynda Baumgartner** gave an update on **Mizuho's** activities. Call **Lynda** or **Steve Baumgartner** if you have an upcoming plan in which you could include **Mizuho**.

Rotaract is hosting Art Uncorked on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Orr Street Galleries from 6:00 – 8:00pm; proceeds to benefit Rotary International. They have added a wine bottle (or box) decorating contest. Entries must be received by Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Buy tickets in advance for \$10 or pay \$15 at the door—but come out in support of this Rotaract effort.

Citizens who want to stay connected to Boone County Government can sign up to receive a new weekly email newsletter published by the County's Public Information Office. The weekly newsletter is a quick and easy way for residents to stay connected to what is going on in Boone County Government. Citizens can sign up for the newsletter at [http://www.showmeboone.com/countylist\\_serv.asp](http://www.showmeboone.com/countylist_serv.asp).

## Family of Rotary

**Beth Lammers** announced that **Audrey Spieler** and **Linda Phillips** are celebrating birthdays this week.

**Norm Benedict** entertained with his "this day in history" Rotary facts.

## Welcome New Member!



Jed Friedrichsen was inducted as Metro Rotary's newest member. Jed is the Chief Administrative Officer for K-12 Online Education for Blendedschools.net and his proposed classification is Education – Online Learning. Jed and his wife will be **Mizuho's** third host family. Jed was proposed as a member by **Liz Magee**.

## Sergeant-at-Arms

**Brad Nelson** fined everyone who did not know that the border between Mexico and the US was 2000 miles long. Then Brad turned around and fined the only table that got the answer right for its lack of diversity: all male! Once again, all fines are going to Haitian relief efforts.

## Assignments

Metro Rotary appreciates having the following members provide the raffle prize, sell the tickets, say the invocation, and lead the pledge. Please show your support by purchasing tickets that enable us to support our charities.

### Raffle/Invocation/Pledge:

February 17.....**Jim Spieler**  
February 24.....**Sarah Perry**

### Next up for Greeters:

February 17.....**Jamold Little**  
& **James Samorian**  
February 24.....**Tim Cox**  
& **Don Ludwig**

## Upcoming Programs

February 17.....Classification Talks  
February 24.....David Weber  
Task Force One

## Program Summary

**Dr. Sally Beth Lyon**  
Columbia Public Schools



**Sally Beth** laid out the facts surrounding the bond issue which is being put before Columbia voters.

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This is a bricks and mortar request which would finance new construction and the new furnishings/technology to go along with that as well as badly needed renovations.

The request is for 120 million and passage of the bond issue would not result in a tax increase.

Snapshot of Columbia Public School System: 34 school buildings and 6 support facilities on a total of 525 acres. School buildings range in age from 40 (Rockbridge) to over 100 (Grant and Jeff. Jr.). Student enrollment is over 17,419 with an anticipated increase of 1000 students over the next 5 years.

A major goal of the current bond issue is to significantly reduce the use of trailer classrooms.

The current bond initiative represents a shift from a 3 stage plan for building the new high school to a 1 stage process. The total cost (all inclusive) for the new high school: \$75,000,000. It will support an enrollment of 1,800 and level both Hickman and Rockbridge enrollment around 1,800 as well. The new high school will allow for the incorporation of ninth graders thus reducing the current strain on students and buildings at the middle and junior high schools. One transition for students would be eliminated and CPS would end up designating buildings as K – 5, 6 – 8, and 9 – 12.

The CPS Board is still working and implementing the plan which came out of the 2006 work of the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee.

Regarding the question of what was accomplished with the 60 million from the 2007 approved bond initiative:

- ✓ Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary
- ✓ Air conditioning was added to 5 schools increasing the number of available summer school sites
- ✓ Technology and Building Enhancements across the school system
- ✓ 3 million was spent on the new high school planning and preparation

Columbia Public School System is totally reliant on local citizen support for creating financing options for such bricks and mortar necessities. Please share the facts and vote.

## Raffle

Congratulations to **Andrew Stone** who was the lucky winner of a \$40 gift card Flat Branch courtesy of **Lyle Johnson**. The raffle raised \$83.