

The Metro Memo



THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

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Opening

President Scroggs welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Jamold Little** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Bill Costello** introduced our visitors and guests.

Attendance

Members with Guests

Jacque Cowherd..Sara & Jason Wilson
Lori Pewitt..... Andrew Stone

Visitor from Downtown Rotary

Rodger Howell

Visitor from Rotary South

Ron Bulanda

Announcements

Sandra Logan and **Sally Beth Lyon** greeted members and guests at today's meeting.

Marcia Machens announced that Trivia Night Tickets are available and on sale for \$30.00 each. Trivia Night will be held on Friday, February 1 at 6 p.m. A dinner buffet will be served at the Knights of Columbus Hall on North Stadium Blvd. Trivia starts at 7 p.m. sharp. **Tom Rose** will be running the Trivia event, which will include competing as tables. In addition to the trivia competition, there will be a Share The Pot Raffle which will include a drawing in which 50% of the pot will be given out in cash prizes. The other 50% will go to the charitable activities in which Metro Rotary participates. Tables also may be sponsored for \$225.00. The sponsor will be recognized with a table tent.

There will be a regular Board meeting immediately following the weekly meeting on Wednesday, January 9th in the bar area.

Cindy Whaley presented a belated Christmas gift to Metro President, **Stuart**

Scroggs in honor of his first six months in office. The cell phone was in a turquoise blue plastic case with flip phone design. The age range for use was printed on the cardboard package. **Stuart** has exceeded that range!

Stuart Scroggs announced that **Craig Meyer** would be leaving Metro Rotary due to a job change. **Craig** has accepted a position with UMB Bank in Boonville working with Commercial and Agricultural Lending. This is a great opportunity for **Craig** who is from Boonville and currently commutes to Columbia from Boonville.

President Stuart asked "How 'Bout Them Tigers!" which was answered in kind with loud clapping and cheers! Metro Rotary is very proud of the Tigers 2008 Cotton Bowl performance, as well as the outstanding 2007 season!

Rotaract Club of Columbia has teamed up with Shakespeare's Pizza for a fundraising event to raise money for our club. On Tuesday **January 22nd**, you can make purchases at Shakespeare's and 15% of the proceeds will go back to our club. These funds will go to help with great causes such as the Literacy Book Drive we will support in the month of March. Please pass this information on to all of your coworkers, friends, and family and encourage them to eat at Shakespeare's on **January 22nd**. **They must present the flyer for Rotaract to receive 15% of the sales for that day.** The flyer will be sent by separate email. In conjunction with the fundraiser, Rotaract will have an **ALL CLUB SOCIAL** at Shakespeare's West at 530pm on **January 22nd**. Come enjoy some great food and spirits while supporting our club!

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:

January 9Katie Essing
January 16 Tonya Wolff
January 23 Roma Wonneman
January 30Bette Wordelman

Next up for Greeters:

January 9 Jean Leonatti
& Beth Lammers

January 16 Will Kazenski
& Jeff Jones

January 23 Lyle Johnson
& Greg Johnson

January 30John John
& Gene Hrdina

*If you cannot fulfill your duty,
please contact **Beth Lammers** at
Bethl@howardelectricwb.com*

Upcoming Programs

January 9 Tina
Adventures as an
Exchange Student to Japan

January 16 Dr. Tom Rose
Partners in Education

January 23 Raymond Plue
Rotary Foundation

January 30 Classification talks

Family of Rotary

Jim Stock announced that **Dave Holtgraewe** will be celebrating his birthday on Thursday, January 3rd.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Substitute Sergeant-at-Arms Norm Benedict asked members a variety of trivia questions with a New Year's topic. There were no fines assessed.

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Program Summary

Dr. Sally Beth Lyon, Chief Academic Officer and **Leslie Trogdon**, Director of School Improvement were present from Columbia Public Schools to talk about "Eliminating the Achievement Gap" in Columbia Public Schools.

The achievement gap is a disparity between the academic proficiency success rate of Caucasian students and those of minority and African American students.

The Missouri Assessment Program tests in communication and art and tests in mathematics showed significant gaps in the success of these two groups.

Dr. Lyon also noted that in the ACT tests there has been an increase in achievement



Dr. Lyon

success rates recently in years 2005-2007 among African American students. Dr. Lyon discussed factors that influenced these disparities including factors at school and those before and beyond school. A video about how the Columbia Public School system is addressing the

achievement gap was shown, which indicated that the schools want to include the community in the effort to close this gap. Dr. Lyon also discussed examples of the factors that influenced achievement success such as parent participation, television viewing, homework, and attendance and the direct correlation between proficiency scores and the disparities among Caucasian and minority and African American students. Further information about this effort may be available soon on the Columbia Public Schools website.

Raffle

Ron Bulanda was the winner of this week's raffle which raised \$61.00. This week's raffle prize was a gift certificate to Hoss's Market courtesy of **Jamold Little**.