

# The Metro Memo



THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB  
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## Opening

**President Bill Costello** welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Tina Ehrhardt** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Sharrock** introduced our visitors and guests. **President Bill** also thanked today's greeters, **Sarah Perry** and **Lori Niedel**.

## Attendance

### Visitors & Guests of Members:

**Beth Lammers**.....Terry Phillips

### Visitors from Other Clubs:

Ted Curtis - Downtown  
Dan Scotten – Southwest Sunrise

## Announcements

The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Metro Rotary Social is tomorrow, July 1<sup>st</sup> at Forge and Vine.

**Tom O'Connor** reported that the water project in India is complete.

**Mizuho's** last Metro visit was today and she gave away numerous small trinkets she collected in America to many of us so she wouldn't have to carry them home.

## Family of Rotary

**Beth Lammers** announced that **Pat Hostetler** is celebrating her birthday and her retirement from MBS today, June 30<sup>th</sup>. **Cindy Whaley** is celebrating her birthday on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Lanny Johnson**, son of **Lyle Johnson**, underwent surgery recently and Metro gave him a card and gift.



## Sergeant-at-Arms

**Brad Nelson** was able to be a part of the Honor Flight this past week and was part of the Freedom Riders (motorcycle escort) that escorted the two buses full of WWII Veterans returning from the day trip to Washington DC to see the WW II Memorial. He said it was an amazing experience!

Brad was expected to raise at least \$850.00 for the year as Sergeant at Arms...this year he raised \$1250.00!

His last test for us was: Who said these famous words? "If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to meet it." We all tried to guess and were wrong. The author was "Unknown". We groaned and put our dollar in...and then clapped and clapped for a wonderful year with Brad.

## Upcoming Programs

**July 7**.....The Voice of the Tigers  
Mike Kelly

**July 14**.....President's Address  
Cindy Whaley

**July 21**.....History of Metro Rotary  
Win Burggraaff

## 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:

July 7.....**Rob Christensen**  
July 14.....**Jeff Davis**

### Next up for Greeters:

July 7.....**Josh Kittle**  
& **John Stringer**

July 14.....**Phil Lesley**  
& **Gena Patton**

## Program Summary

### Outgoing President's Message Bill Costello



**Bill Costello**, outgoing Metro Rotary president, gave a humorous and very thoughtful and touching farewell speech. He thanked **Jim Cherrington** for putting together a slide show of **Bill's** year. **Bill** was happy to report that we started the year with 94 members and we are going to finish with 99, a 5% increase, which is an "indication of the vitality of our club and our commitment to growth." Our average attendance for the club this year has been just above 70% which is above the average for all the clubs in the district. **Bill** thanked our treasurer, **Marcia Machens**, and the board for an excellent year as we finished around \$900.00 in the black with a budget of around \$33,240.00.

**Bill** thanked **Les Borgmeyer** and **Liz Magee** and their incredible team for the tremendous success with Metro's Trivia Night fundraiser which raised nearly \$16,000.00. **Bill** listed the organizations that have received financial support from our club this year: The Rotary Foundation; Polio Plus; Voluntary Action Center; RYLA; Boys and Girls Club; Central Missouri Food Bank; Haiti Relief Fund; The Rotary Club of Satara, India; Rotary Group Exchange; Guatemalan Milk Project and Columbia Public Schools as well as The Honor Flight program.

**Bill** discussed the year of firsts for our club including the importance of

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committee involvement for everyone, regularly scheduled First Thursdays social gatherings, a brand new website and the new district wide website called DACDB. **Bill** recognized all the board members, his executive committee and all the committee chairs by name and had them stand and be recognized with a round of applause. He specifically recognized **Karen Taylor**, his mentor for many years, and **Cindy Whaley** for all the support she provided him as incoming president.

**Bill** concluded by saying that at the beginning of his year he challenged us to think about Rotary in the context of three key areas: Rotary as Relational, Relevant and Relaxed. He feels all areas have been strengthened. "Our goal was to keep the year light, to have some fun, to laugh, and enjoy each other as much as possible, while still being productive..." I feel we've accomplished that, it's been a highly enjoyable and productive year, and that we've grown closer as a rotary family. More importantly, I think we've collectively done some great things to make our world, both in this community and in the international community, a better place. I hope you feel the same"

**Bill** thanked us for having the opportunity to serve as our president this year and for entrusting him with the incredible valuable asset that is Columbia Metro Rotary. He graciously and humorously passed the leadership on to **Cindy Whaley**.

Thank you **Bill**!!

won by **Phil Lessley** who graciously passed it back to our outgoing president, **Bill Costello**.

*Thanks to **Beth Lammers** for providing the notes for the June30, 2010 Metro Memo.*

## Raffle

\$102.00 was raised in the raffle and a \$40.00 gift certificate for Murray's was