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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

JUNE 14, 2017

Metro Charter Night Celebration - June 16, 2017 Blind Boone Home (10 North Fourth Street)

Thank you . . .

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

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



The Community Service Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. **today**.

Metro's annual Charter Night celebration is **this Friday** at the Blind Boone.

Metro Board of Directors will meet **June 21** at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

The 7th Annual Metro Rotary Float Trip is planned for **June 24** at Bass River Resort. Please contact **Casey Buckman** for details.

Rotary South is hosting a Family Fun Day at Midway Golf Complex from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on **June 24**. Fun activities will be available for kids of all ages.

Rotary membership dues for the 2017-18 year are now payable. Please contact **Laura Kogut** timely.

Tom Rose stated committee chairs for 2017-18 have been selected. Members should look for correspondence to come from the new chairs as planning for the new Rotary year begins.



A Leadership Program for area youth is planned for **July 5** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Family Impact Center.

The 4th annual Kick-off Cook-off will be held **August 26** from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center. More information is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Metro's Vocational Service Committee is asking members to support Boone County's 10th Annual Back to School Health Fair. Please contact **Mandy Schick** if you would like to assist. Page 4 of this newsletter lists supplies that are needed.

Members were reminded to log into www.ReachOutMetro.com and sign up for volunteering/mentoring opportunities.

Rotarian Guests

<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Barb Danuser	Recil Skinner

Happy Birthday to **Andrea Jira** on **June 19!**



On **June 16**, **Les Gelband** will celebrate 19 years as a Metro Rotarian!

On **June 16**, **Tim Sullivan** will celebrate his 1 year anniversary as a Metro Rotarian!

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Congratulations to **Leah Christian!** She won a \$50 gift certificate to Murry's donated by **Charlene Boyes**. We raised \$72 for Metro charities.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



In conjunction with Fellowship Month, Sgt. Jaime noted the responsibility we have to nurture and help grow the local Rotaract chapter. Members not knowing that five current Rotarians (**Victoria Brees, Jaime Freidrichs, Shatenita Horton, Monica Pitts and Cindy Whaley**) were active Rotaract members before joining Metro were given the opportunity to contribute to Metro's charities.

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Polio Survivor Overcomes Challenges

A native of Bethany, Missouri, Recil Skinner is a retired educator currently residing in Columbia. She is a 68-year-old polio survivor, and she shared her experiences of contracting the disease and the challenges she faced.

Recil recalled the morning in October, 1951, when she woke up unable to get out of bed. Both her arms and legs were paralyzed, and she was immediately taken to the KU Medical Center in Kansas City. After a spinal tap, it was realized that she had contracted spinal polio and bulbar polio. She informed members how she spent two weeks in an iron lung until the fever subsided, then she was placed in a chest respirator. Water therapy was common, and she spoke of the tremendous support and assistance her family gave her during this period. Within time, she regained the use of her arms and legs to what she noted as a "new normal."

Numerous treatments were necessary as Recil grew. At the age of 12, she visited Warm Springs, Georgia which is known for its mineral springs which flow constantly at nearly 90° Fahrenheit. Warm Springs became famous in 1924 when Franklin Roosevelt began visiting the town to bathe and exercise in the warm water. Recil stated she first had muscle surgery there on her feet, and later she underwent bone surgery.



"Yesterday is not forgotten because of memories. Tomorrow is promised because of hope. Today is possible because of God, family and Rotary."

-- Recil Skinner

Recil's education began by entering Kindergarten at the Catholic school in Chillicothe. She attended grades 1-12 in public school, and she talked about how the administrators, staff and students helped her with mobility issues. After high school, she continued her education at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. One of the key reasons she chose Northwest was because a fraternity on campus "adopted" her as a project. She noted they were very helpful to her and assisted her greatly as she pursued her speech pathology degree.

After college, Recil taught in the Hamilton, Chillicothe, Bunceton, Prairie Home and Columbia school districts. She also spent time teaching inmates at the Fulton State Prison. Recil retired in 2011 after working at Derby Ridge Elementary school.

Recil quoted numerous statistics to members that reinforced Rotary's impact on polio in the world. Today, only three countries (Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan) have reported polio incidences. Rotary, along with its partners the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has all but eliminated polio.

Next week at Metro

PROGRAM

Hon. Casey Clevenger
Treatment Courts

GREETER

Sandra Logan

INVOCATION/PLEDGE/FUNDRAISER

JJ Musgrove



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2017 Columbia Rotary Clubs Kick-Off Cook-Off

August 26

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center

Delicious, tailgate-style food will be provided by 30 of Columbia's tastiest restaurants. We are seeking 30 amazing local businesses to partner with the restaurants. We are asking each business partner to contribute \$175 to participate. Each team will be provided a 10'X10' space which includes an 8' table. Each business may select its own restaurant to pair with or ask the Event Committee to do the pairing. We hope you will be part of this wonderful event and become a team member.

Proceeds will be used by the Columbia Rotary Clubs for humanitarian service which includes financial support for the following: local civic and service organizations working with youth, education, veterans and families; and The Rotary Foundation which funds international projects involving safe drinking water, maternal and child health, promotion of global peace and the global effort to eradicate polio.

Funds will be raised by participant entry fees and ticket sales. However, additional sponsorship opportunities exist for you to promote your business while supporting this event even more! Please note that over 600 vendors, volunteers and attendees are expected at this year's event!



Presenting Sponsor: \$3000

- Inclusion in all print ads
- Logo included in title of event and on all tickets
- Logo included on all materials printed for event
- Promotion by emcee day of event
- Promotion via social media
- Includes 6 tickets
- Promotional table at main entry to event
- Exclusive sponsorship

Supporting Sponsors: \$1500

- Inclusion in all print ads
- Logo included on all materials printed for event
- Promotion by emcee day of event
- Promotion via social media
- Includes 4 tickets

Merchandise Sponsor: \$750

- Promotion by emcee day of event
- Promotion via social media
- Includes 2 tickets

If your organization would like to participate in this year's event as a sponsor, please contact **Tom Rose** at 573.449.3791 or tomrose@centurytel.net with the amount of your donation. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Boone County's 10th Annual Back To School **HEALTH FAIR**

School Supply Collection List

- Colored Pencils
- Crayons (Box of 24)
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Pens(Black)
- Washable Markers
- Erasers
- Scissors
- Ear Buds
- Dry Erase Markers
- Composition Notebook
- Loose Leaf Paper (Wide and College Ruled)
- Pocketed folders with brads
- Spiral Notebook (Wide and College Ruled)
- Backpacks

If you are interested in donating any of these supplies, please contact Ashley Guillemette at guillemettea@missouri.edu

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