

The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

JANUARY 10, 2018

Thank you . . .

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

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



Announcements!

The Metro Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 p.m. **today**.



Metro dues for the 2nd half of the 2017-18 Rotary year are now payable. The \$100 balance is payable to Treasurer **Laura Kogut** by **January 15**.

The Fundraising Committee will meet **January 17** at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

Metro's 11th Annual Trivia Night will be February 2. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for details.

On **February 28**, members are invited to Access Arts (1724 McAlester Street) for a fellowship activity from 7:00-9:00 pm. For only \$5 each, members will make handmade clay bowls to raise awareness and funds to combat hunger locally. The completed bowls will be auctioned at their Empty Bowl charity event.



Nominations for RYLA attendees are now being accepted. If you know of a student currently in his/her freshman year of high school that would benefit from this leadership opportunity, please consider completing a nomination form and submitting it to **President Tom**.

During this Rotary year, clubs are being challenged to plant one tree for every member on the club roster. If you plant a tree, please let **Sarah Read** or **President Tom** know so that we can accurately track the number of trees being planted. Also, please note that Eddie Bauer has a program called the Global ReLeaf tree project. If you add \$1 to your purchase at their store, they will plant a tree in your name. Should you elect to do this, please save your receipt for Sarah or Tom to add to our records.



Members were reminded to track volunteer hours served and submit the data to **Sarah Read** for our club records.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Sgt. Mandy quizzed members with weather trivia. Members not knowing that the coldest temperature ever recorded in the United States was -80° in Alaska were given the opportunity to contribute to Metro charities.



Visiting Rotarians

Member	Club
Mark Palmer	South

Happy Birthday to Rotarian **Les Gelband** **today!**



Happy Birthday to Rotarians **Lori Pewitt** (**January 11**) and **Jessica Lehmen** (**January 16**).

It was reported that **Tonya Wolff's** mother fell recently and is in the ICU. Please keep **Tonya's** family in your thoughts and prayers as her mother goes through the recovery process.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER:

Metro bylaws state that if the Columbia Public Schools cancel classes due to inclement weather, Metro Rotary will not meet. Please keep this in mind as winter weather continues.



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CLASSIFICATION TALKS

LEIGH ANNE HAUN

Leigh Anne is one of Metro's newest members. A native of Bolivar, Missouri, she recalled fond memories of growing up in southwest Missouri and shared small town life, church and school memories. Since 2011, she has been married to Kendall, also a Bolivar native, and together they have a two year-old son, Fletcher also shared pictures of her rescue dog, Evelyn.



A shark lover at heart, Leigh Anne stated she came to the University of Missouri with hopes of pursuing a career in marine biology. As those dreams were not shared by her father, she earned a degree in German/Communications, and further advanced that degree at MU. After graduating, she served as a grad assistant at JumpStart, which resulted in her coordinating volunteers and leading fundraising efforts on behalf of the organization. From there, she served five years in a fundraising capacity for the MU School of Health Professions. Currently, she has served 18 months as the Director of Development for Woodhaven.

Leigh Anne shared her passion for service, and gave examples of how she has served during her lifetime. Early on, she participated in mission trips with her church family, and served during trips out of the country and domestically. During her time at MU, she served as a leader of Summer Orientation, which is a tremendous program designed to help new students, and their families, arriving on campus. Also during her college career, she took advantage of a study abroad opportunity to southern Germany, and enjoyed learning about the people, their culture and issues.

*Congratulations to **Rob Christensen** ! He won lunch for a week (Rotary luncheon excluded) donated by **Victoria Brees**. In the near future, Rob will be dining at 44 Canteen, Jimmy John's, Pickleman's and West Main Pizza². We raised \$58 for Metro charities.*



Next week . . .

PROGRAM

Katie Schaumburg
First Chance for Children

GREETER

Cindy Whaley

INVOCATION/PLEDGE/FUNDRAISER

Bill Costello

TOM O'CONNOR

Tom O'Connor has been a member of Metro since 2004. Tom credits Susan Hart with introducing him to Rotary. He served on a Group Study Exchange team to Japan prior to his membership, and he shared memories from that experience.

Tom has been very active with international projects during his membership, both locally and at the district level. His background in water engineering has led to numerous projects being funded and successfully implemented worldwide.



Tom is married to Diana Moxon, and he is the owner of H₂O'C Engineering.

JAIME FREIDRICHS

As announced earlier, Jaime and her husband, Chad, will be leaving Columbia in May. Jaime shared that they will be traveling the world and working from the road.

Chad is a documentary film maker, and she stated that he plans to continue online video work and commercial editing. Jaime will continue travel agency she owns, serve as an online college teacher and provide fundraising consulting for non-profit organizations.



Jaime has been a member of Metro since 2010.

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11th Annual Metro Rotary Trivia Night

- What:** Trivia night with dinner buffet catered by Sam Bennett Beer, soft drinks and set-ups provided and “Share the Pot” raffle
- When:** Friday, **February 2, 2018**; Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner buffet will begin at 6:00 p.m. Trivia begins at 6:45 p.m.
- Where:** Knights of Columbus Hall (2525 North Stadium Blvd.)
- Why:** Fundraiser to benefit First Chance for Children and other Metro Rotary charities
- Tickets:** \$40 per person or \$300 per table of eight (includes dinner buffet, beer, soft drinks) Share the Pot Cash Raffle Tickets: \$5 each or 3 for \$10
- Who:** All friends, business associates, family members and other Rotarians are invited to join in the fun. Trivia night tickets and raffle tickets will be available at each Metro Rotary meeting through the night of the event.



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