

# The Metro Memo



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The annual All-Columbia Rotary club luncheon will be held **November 21** at 11:30 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott (3301 LeMone Industrial Blvd.). Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased from **Victoria Brees** or online at <https://everyeventgives.com/event/art2017/>. Proceeds from the event will support hurricane relief through the Rotary District 6200 Foundation, a 501(c)(3) entity.



## Thank you...

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

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

### Members with Guests

Member Guest  
Lori Neidel..... Vickie Burton

### Visiting Rotarians

Member Club  
Gene Devore..... South  
Joe Weston ..... South



Happy Birthday to **Tom O'Connor** today!

Happy Birthday to **Victoria Brees** on **November 16!**

Happy Birthday to **Casey Buckman** on **November 21!**

Congratulations to **Mandy Shick** who will begin a new position as Wellness Coordinator for MU!

## Announcements!



Reminder, members can purchase a pre-paid lunch card for weekly lunches. Each punch card will be good for five lunches and will cost \$65.

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

Metro members will participate in the annual ringing of the bells for Salvation Army. A sign-up sheet was distributed for members to ring for one-hour intervals on **December 2** in front of Hobby Lobby.

**Tom O'Connor** shared news that Metro has applied to participate in a distance learning project in India. Children living in a rural area there will have access to an e-Learning Program designed to broaden their learning opportunities.

Nominations for RYLA attendees will begin in January. Please be thinking of a student you think would benefit from the event. Students who are currently in their freshman year of high school are eligible.

If you are thinking of attending the 2018 Rotary International Conference in Toronto, please contact **President Tom**.

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



Nominations are being accepted for Metro Rotary leadership roles for the 2018-2019 year. We have one officer position (President-Elect) and two board of director positions that need to be filled. Please consider nominating yourself or a fellow Rotarian for one of these leadership roles.

Voting needs to be completed by **December 31**. Please contact **President Tom** or **Karen Brown** if you have any questions about these positions or the election process.

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## The Rotary Foundation – Myths vs Facts

Today's program was presented by the club's Rotary Foundation Committee. **Jaime Freidrichs, Susan Hart, Marnie Clark, Jean Leonatti** and **Audrey Spieler** began by addressing five myths of The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

**Myth 1:** *Funds donated to TRF only go to fund international projects.* In reality, gifts support many local projects through district grants. Good examples include the Douglass High School project and the purchase of books for the CPS Title I program.



Left to right: Sandra Logan, Jean Leonatti, Audrey Spieler, Rose Hayden, Jim Stock, Marnie Clark & Susan Hart

**Myth 2:** *"Big wigs" in the Chicago RI office determine where the funds will be used.* Funds donated

to TRF are placed into a fund where they remain for three years. At the end of three years, half of the funds are returned to the donating district to assist with projects that are selected by local representatives.

**Myth 3:** *Few individuals contribute more than \$25 per year.* Last year, 50 Metro Rotarians out of 77 total members donated an amount to TRF in excess of \$25.

**Myth 4:** *A \$100 contribution is required of anyone wishing to contribute to TRF.* That is a goal for each member each year, but it is not a requirement.

**Myth 5:** *Once an individual reaches the Paul Harris Fellow giving level (\$1,000), no further donations are needed.* Metro currently has 42 Paul Harris Fellows. Of those, 28 are multiple Paul Harris Fellows! Contributions are always needed to help support all the worthy projects locally and worldwide.

Committee co-chair **Jim Stock** fielded questions about TRF from

members. He concluded by informing members of a donation challenge. For members not currently Paul Harris Fellows, an opportunity exists for them to have a contribution matched 2:1 to TRF. For members already at this giving status, additional donations may be matched at a 1:1 rate. Please contact Jim or **Sandra Logan** if you would like more information.

The committee's presentation concluded by announcing four new Paul Harris Fellows. **Casey Buckman** was welcomed as Metro's newest Paul Harris Fellow! **Charlene Boyes** and **Scott Mackey** were each recognized for reaching a +1 giving level. Finally, **Win Burggraaff** was congratulated for reaching the +5 giving level!



Left to right: Casey Buckman, Charlene Boyes, Scott Mackey & Win Burggraaff

### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Sergeant-at-Arms **Jim Cherrington** quizzed members with Rotary trivia. Members not knowing the correct answers were given the opportunity to contribute to Metro's charities.



### MEETING NOTICE!

Metro Rotary **WILL NOT MEET** next Wednesday, November 22. Please make plans to attend the All-Columbia Rotary Thanksgiving luncheon on November 21 at the Marriott Courtyard. We will return to our regular Wednesday luncheon schedule on November 29.

Congratulations to **Tom O'Connor!** He won a \$40 gift certificate to Booche's donated by **Jim Cherrington**. We raised \$77 for Metro charities.

