

The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

FEBRUARY 7, 2018

Thank you . . .

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

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



Announcements!

Thanks to everyone who supported Metro's 11th Annual Trivia Night last Friday evening. Special thanks to **Anna Drake** and her committee for organizing the successful event.

Metro Board of Directors will meet on **February 14** at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

Rotary has been a long-time supporter of Wonderland Camp at the lake. On Saturday, **February 17**, a *Friends of Camp Donor Recognition Event* is being held at 1:00 p.m. at the Eldon Community Center (309 East 2nd Street, Eldon) to recognize individuals and organizations that have been supports of the camp. This is not a fundraising event, and Rotarians are invited to "leave your wallet at home" and come visit, mix and mingle.

On **February 21**, Metro will celebrate Rotary International's 113th birthday (two days early). Please plan to attend the weekly meeting as a special recognition for one of our members is planned.

On **February 28**, members are invited to Access Arts (1724 McAlester Street) for a fellowship activity from 7:00-9:00 p.m. 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 Bowls charity event.

Metro will again be providing several sessions for local youth entitled "Meet the Managers." Each session will be held at the Family Impact Center (105 East Ash Street). The tentative schedule is as follows:

- February 27**Arts, Hospitality, and Tourism
- March 20**Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- April 24**Business Management and Administration, Finance, Marketing

Please contact **President Sarah** if you would like to assist.

Nominations for RYLA attendees are still 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**.

If you have used eyeglasses (or frames or parts) that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to Rotary District 6080. The glasses can be used during future visits to other countries where less fortunate people need vision assistance. Contact **President Tom** if you wish to donate.



Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Jackie Walters	Mike Parks
Molly Rippel.....	Mike Williams
Craig Meyer.....	Graham Kent



On **February 11**, **Scott Heck** will celebrate 9 years as a Metro Rotarian!

Happy Birthday to Rotarian **Lori Neidel** on **February 12!**

Congratulations to **Anna Drake** who is featured in the latest issue of the Columbia Business Times for her artistic abilities. Anna recently received first place ribbons in the fiber category at the Columbia Art League's Boone County Art Show for her three-dimensional art pieces using recycled plastic grocery sacks.

Congratulations to **Casey Buckman** who announced he will be married this coming June.

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CLASSIFICATION TALKS

JESSICA LEHMEN

Jessica is a Certified Public Accountant who recently joined the member group at Williams-Keepers, LLC. She specializes in tax and accounting services for businesses and individuals, with an emphasis in state and local taxation and agribusiness.

Originally from St. Thomas, Missouri, Jessica enjoyed a rural upbringing as the youngest of 6 children. Her family farmed raising cattle and hogs with a few row crops. She holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in accountancy from the University of Missouri.



Some of the benefits Jessica noted about working at Williams-Keepers were her co-workers, the clients, the special projects and the ability to constantly learn. She stated that she enjoys helping people, and that relates well to her involvement with Rotary. She became a Metro member to learn more about the community, meet other professionals and help others.

Jessica is married to Josh, and they have two daughters, Charlotte and Olivia. They enjoy camping, canoeing, biking and anything outdoors. She has a personal goal of visiting all 50 states before she reaches age 40, and she only has 7 states left on her list!

MOLLY RIPPEL

Molly is Metro's first second-generation Rotarian! Her mother, Barbara Rippele, was a charter member of our club in 1993. She spent her early life just north of Columbia in Mexico, but moved with her mother and brother to Scottsdale, Arizona after her father was fatally injured in a car accident. At the age of 16, her family returned to Columbia, and she graduated from Rock Bridge High School.

Currently, Molly is a respiratory therapist, and she holds degrees from Hannibal-LaGrange College and Columbia College. She is employed by Lincare, and enjoys working closely with patients to help them with their specific needs.

Molly joined Metro in October, 2017, because she was looking to be more involved in the community. She appreciates the opportunities to "give back" that Rotary presents, and she stated she has enjoyed meeting new professionals.



Molly is a pet lover, and in her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her black lab and two golden retrievers. Upon becoming a Rotarian, she immediately joined Metro's Partner in Education committee, and has enjoyed reading to the Title I students regularly.

Metro Visitor's Day

On Wednesday, **March 7**, members are encouraged to bring prospective new members to our weekly luncheon. The program for the day will focus on Rotary, what it means to be a Rotarians and what is expected of members. If you are planning to bring someone, please RSVP to **Karen Brown** or **Casey Buckman** by **February 28**.

Congratulations to **Audrey Spieler**! She won a \$50 gift certificate to Amazon donated by **Cathy Scroggs**. We raised \$67 for Metro charities.



Next week . . .

PROGRAM

Kelsey Hutton
CPS Adult English as a Second Language Program

GREETER

Cale Mitchell

INVOCATION/RAFFLE/FUNDRAISER

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