

# The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

JULY 25, 2018

## Thank you . . .

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

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



On **July 31**, there will be a celebration of youth at Shakespeare's Pizza West from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. ReachOut Metro, RYLA, Rotaract and Interact will be highlighted. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

On **August 8**, a "Stop the Bleed" training will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club. After a traumatic event, the fate of a person suffering from severe blood loss often will be determined before professional medical help arrives. This program is designed to turn bystanders into life-savers. Please contact **Tom Rose** if you wish to attend the training.



An opportunity to meet inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students will be held **August 26** at Schepper's Distributing. Please watch for more details as the date approaches.

On **September 16**, there will be a cornhole tournament at Katfish Katy's. \$20 per team. Proceeds benefit PolioPlus.

Dues for the 2018-2019 year are now payable. You may pay \$200 now, or \$100 in two installments. Payments should be forwarded to **Laura Kogut** via check, cash or online.



President-Elect **Cathy Scroggs** shared a nice thank you letter from Aya Bellaoui. Metro sponsored her participation at the 2018 RYLA Academy. Aya will present a program about her experiences in the near future.

**Shawn Barnes** reported a positive response to a recent program presented by Dr. Susan Bartel regarding the Kate's Heart charity. Interest in assisting the program has been high, and local youth will be assembling "little libraries" this month. It is anticipated a club service activity will be scheduled soon to allow for more libraries to be constructed.

*Congratulations to **Alissa Gerke!** She received four bottles of spirits donated by **Andrea Jira.** We raised \$61 for Metro charities.*



## Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Susan Brandt.....	McKenzie Ordway
Bill Costello .....	Trent Stober

*Congratulations to **Katie Essing** who has accepted a position to teach Marketing classes at MU this fall.*

*On **July 26**, **Leigh Anne Haun** will celebrate 1 year as a Metro Rotarian!*



*On **July 29**, **Carl Neitzert** will celebrate 3 years as a Metro Rotarian!*

***Jaime Freidrichs** (below) sent greetings to members from Budapest where she recently attended a local Rotary meeting.*



## NEXT WEEK . . .

PROGRAM	GREETER	INVOCATION/RAFFLE/FUNDRAISER
Susan Haralson District 6080 Governor	Shawn Barnes	Shanda Davis

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## Prop 1 Ballot Issue

Ryan Williams is the Assistant Director for the City of Columbia Water & Light Department. He spoke to members about a water bond issue which will be on the August 7, 2018 ballot. Voters will decide whether to make water system improvements using bond funds. A simple majority is needed to pass this initiative.



The ballot language reads as follows: Shall the City of Columbia, Missouri issue its Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$42,845,000.00 for the purpose of extending, expanding, improving, repairing, replacing and equipping the City-owned waterworks system with the cost of operation and maintenance of said water and electric system and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the City from the operation of its water and electric system, including all future extensions and improvements here to? YES ( ) NO ( )

The largest project to be undertaken is \$23 million for Phase I improvements to the City's water treatment plant. The Phase I improvements will modernize the City's water treatment plant by adding additional reliability and safety elements.

Historically voters have been asked to approve bond financing every five years. The last election when bond funding was requested for water system upgrades was in 2008 for \$38 million. Borrowing money to pay for large-scale capital improvement projects spreads the cost of the projects over time so current and future users of the system pay for the improvements.

If the bond issue passes, water customers will likely see a total 11 percent increase over a four-year period to cover bond payments: 3 percent in 2019, 3 percent in 2020, 3 percent in 2021 and 2 percent in 2022. When completed, the total impact of the 11 percent increase will be realized as approximately \$2.71 per month increase in the utility bill for the average residential customer. Taxes will not be impacted by this bond initiative. If the bond issue does not pass, project costs will be paid through rate increases in an amount sufficient to fund each project in its entirety prior to construction.

Thanks  
— for your —  
SUPPORT!

*Thank you to everyone who has purchased lunches during the past year. This goes a long way to help offset the cost to the club for use of this meeting space. In case you were unaware, the Country Club assesses our club a minimum of 30 lunches per meeting, currently at \$13 per lunch, but increasing to \$14 in 2018-19. We average about 20 purchased lunches per meeting. At this rate, we have paid an average of \$130 per week to make up for the shortage of the minimum requirement.*

*Any amount that other members would like to or be willing to contribute, especially if you do partake of some food (i.e. cookies) and drink, would be greatly appreciated. We continue to provide for our members what has been determined to be a great meeting place at one of the lowest levels of club dues in the district. Your consideration and support is needed and would be greatly appreciated.*