

The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

AUGUST 8, 2018

Thank you . . .

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

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

President Karen Brown to Lead Metro



This year, **Karen Brown** will serve as Metro's 27th president. Karen is the President of Boone-Central Title Company, and she has been a member of Metro Rotary since December, 2008. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and she has served on our club's Board of Directors.

Karen began her State of the Club address by announcing that Metro is a "very good" Rotary club. We have strong leaders in place, dedicated volunteers leading our committees, and members willing to assist as needed. An exciting year is ahead!

Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Jean Leonatti.....	Marlene Diehl
Jean Leonatti.....	Lenor Ponferrada
Norm Benedict.....	Szasz Benedict

Visiting Rotarians

Member	Club
Larry McCoig.....	Northwest
Chris Marks	Northwest
Lisa Thomas	Downtown
Scott Smith.....	South

Goals for the upcoming year include the following:

- Increasing membership – Our club currently consists of 77 members (45 women and 32 men). President Karen has set a goal of a net increase of 4 members for the 2018-2019 year.
- Membership retention – Concluding the year by achieving, or surpassing, the membership goal, is exciting. However, President Karen urged everyone to assist with membership retention efforts to increase our members with Rotary experience.
- Continue/Grow service projects – Metro has been successful in supporting local and international projects. President Karen commended members who have supported past efforts and encouraged volunteerism in the upcoming year.
- Fellowship opportunities – Past experiences show that members enjoy networking and socializing with fellow Rotarians outside the regular meeting time. This year it is hoped to continue and expand the number of fellowship opportunities available.
- Rotaract support – President Karen pledged our club's continued support of the local Rotaract club. We will look for opportunities to participate in their activities and possibly assist with their membership growth.



COME, JOIN ROTARY



Happy Birthday to **Barb Danuser** today!

On **August 14**, **Don Ludwig** will celebrate 16 years as a Metro Rotarian!



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The meeting concluded by members completing Rotary Member Satisfaction Surveys. Results from the surveys will be tabulated and used to assist with planning for the upcoming year. If you were not in attendance, please check your email. Secretary **Shane Winter** should have emailed you a survey to complete at your convenience.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Following today's meeting, a "Stop the Bleed" training will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

Applications are now being received for the District 6080 Leadership Academy. Deadline to apply for admission is **August 25**. This is a training program offered online for individuals interested in leadership training, and the cost is \$150 per person. Course 1 begins on **September 1**. For more details about the program or to download an application, please visit www.academy6080.org.




An opportunity to meet inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students will be held **August 26** at Schepper's Distributing from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

The next meeting of the Metro Board of Directors will be **September 12** at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

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

The annual Rotary District 6080 and District 6110 joint conference will be held **September 28-30** at the Downstream Casino and Spa in Quapaw, Oklahoma.

 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.

*Congratulations to **Marlene Diehl!** She received a wine gift basket donated by **Katie Essing**. We raised \$53 for Metro charities.*



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.

NEXT WEEK . . .

PROGRAM
Nicole Langston
CPS Title I Program

GREETER
Alissa Gerke

INVOCATION/RAFFLE/FUNDRAISER
Charlene Boyes