

The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

AUGUST 29, 2018

Thank you . . .

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

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

Announcements!

Thanks to all members who attended the fellowship social last Thursday at Broadway Brewery.



The Community Service Committee will meet **September 5** at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

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 corn hole tournament at Katfish Katy's. \$20 per team. Proceeds benefit PolioPlus.

Battle High School is looking for volunteers willing to mentor senior students over the next year. Duties will include helping the students plan and compose résumé and scholarship applications/essays. If you are able to assist, please contact **Sarah Read**.



*Congratulations to **Jean Leonatti** who enjoyed a retirement luncheon at the Columbia Country Club this past Friday evening. Jean is retiring after 44 years with Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging.*

*Congratulations to Rotarians **Cathy and Stuart Scroggs!** They welcomed a granddaughter to their family this past Monday!*

*On **August 30**, **Shawn Barnes** will celebrate 12 years as a Metro Rotarian!*

*Happy Birthday to **JJ Musgrove** on **August 30!***

*On **September 2**, **Keith Shaffer** will celebrate 3 years as a Metro Rotarian!*

If you enjoy local theater, you may want to catch an upcoming performance at Talking Horse Productions of

*Tuesdays With Morrie. Metro Rotarian **JJ Musgrove** co-stars in the show with **Aaron Krawitz**. Performances will be **September 6-9 and 14-16** beginning at 7:30 p.m.*



Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Loretta Schouten	Janine Falk
John John	Cassy Carnes
Craig Meyer	Jessie Yankee

Visiting Rotarians

Member	Club
Bruce Young	South



*Congratulations to **Les Borgmeyer!** He received a \$40 gift card to Target donated by **Sarah Read**. Thanks to everyone who supported our charities.*



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Missouri Women's Business Center Assists Local Entrepreneurs

Jessie Yankee is the Director of the Missouri Women's Business Center (MoWBC). The organization is a program of Central Missouri Community Action, and she spoke to members about their offerings and who they serve.

For two years, MoWBC has been serving as a catalyst for women seeking to start or grow their own businesses. MoWBC is funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, and they have offices in Columbia, Fulton and Jefferson City. They strive to be a "first stop for local entrepreneurs," and Jessie, Metro Rotarian **Sherry Major** and Jamie Crockett staff the local offices. They serve eight counties in central Missouri: Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau and Osage.



Jessie Yankee & Sherry Major

Some of the programs and services offered include:

- Free business counseling
- Keys to Success workshops (various topics presented/discussed)
- LaunchU (six-week course for aspiring and early-stage business owners)
- Mastermind exchanges (discuss challenges, ideas and success stories)
- "Women Who Own It" Series (successful women share stories of their business journeys)
- Boonslick Women's network (serves women of Cooper and Howard counties)
- Women Who Own It Awards (entrepreneurs from each county honored annually)

New programs planned for 2019 include an offering for incarcerated women, additional growth groups and a college edition of LaunchU.

Since MoWBC's inception, they have helped over 20 businesses launch, and they have assisted with the creation of over 30 jobs. Over 215 clients have participated in 550 hours of one-to-one counseling. In addition, over 200 people have received 2,378 hours of training through the program. Local entrepreneurs have received

assistance in accessing over \$800,000 in capital. Jessie indicated that 92% of individuals served are female, and 69% are from Boone County. 29% of clients served are minorities, and 49% come from low/moderate income households.

Jessie spoke of the challenges that come from their office. Funding is always a concern, and they welcome any assistance from local businesses and/or individuals. With a small staff, it is difficult to serve eight counties both geographically and time-wise. They continue to look for collaborative opportunities with new partners, and they would like to increase their counseling capacity.

To learn more about how you can assist MoWBC, please visit www.MoWBC.com or access their Facebook page.

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COMING NEXT WEEK . . .

PROGRAM

Bill Davis

Columbia Citizens Police Review Board

GREETER

Rob Christensen

INVOCATION/PLEDGE/FUNDRAISER

Tom Rose