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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

APRIL 8, 2020

Meeting conducted via Zoom videoconferencing

Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Sarah Read.....	Chris Horn
Cathy Scroggs.....	Pam Norum
Shane Winter.....	Randall Groner

Visiting Rotarians

Member	Club
Marty Walker	Columbia Downtown



A total of 42 members, visitors and guests participated in today's online meeting.

Metro Board of Directors will meet **today** at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom videoconferencing. A couple of the topics to be discussed include the 2020-2021 Budget and a District Simplified Grant Proposal.

A huge thank you to **Tom Rose** who will be serving as Metro's President during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The 2020 visit from the Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from Chile has been cancelled.

The Clean Up COMO event originally scheduled for **April 11** has been cancelled. New volunteer opportunities are being explored.

Happy Birthday to Rotarian **Heather McArthur** today!



Congratulations to **Les Borgmeyer** who became a grandfather for the second time this past week.

Congratulations to **Tom Rose** who became a grandfather for the fourth time this past week!

Members were informed that **Rob Bartel** remains in University Hospital. Please keep Rob and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers.



Jean Leonatti - Antarctica Travels (Part 2)
or
Gary Link, Tolton Athletic Director

CORONAVIRUS

Tips to reduce risk of infection



Wash hands often. Use soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub



Cover your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze with the inside of your elbow



Don't get close to anyone who has cold or flu-like symptoms



Go to the doctor if you have a fever, cough or feel that it is difficult to breathe



If you go to the market, don't touch animals or anything in the area they stay

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Metro Rotarian Enjoys Antarctica

Metro Rotarian **Jean Leonatti** spoke to members about her recent trip to Antarctica. Her presentation was titled "Seabirding at the Bottom of the World." Jean is a veteran bird watcher, and she has traveled worldwide the past twenty years to birdwatch.

Jean stated she was on the Coral Princess which departed from Buenos Aires, Argentina on January 19. The Coral Princess was recently in the news as being one of the cruise ships that had issues with docking and unloading passengers due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The slideshow started with an overview of the history of Antarctica. The continent was discovered over 200 years ago, with most of the early visitors looking for seals and/or whales. Over twelve different countries have claimed Antarctica as their property since its founding. However, in 1959, the Antarctic Treaty was signed by the United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and nine other countries. This treaty designated Antarctica as a scientific preserve and banned military activity on the continent. Antarctica is not a country and has no formal government or indigenous population. She noted that 97% of the continent is covered by ice which is an average depth of 1.2 miles and covers about 5.3 million square miles. If all the ice were melted, it would raise the global sea level about 200 feet!

Jean showed many pictures from the trip. She pointed out a volcano (last active in 1969) that the ship cruised through. There were many beautiful pictures of the land and the wildlife.

Due to time constraints, the presentation was cut short, but Jean indicated she would be happy to speak further about her trip at an upcoming meeting.

