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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB



MARCH 27, 2024

Thank you...

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

Members with Guests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
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Sarah Read	Alex Tigelaor
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*Happy Birthday to Rotarian
Michael Kramer on **March 29!***

*Congratulations to **Sarah Read**
who will celebrate 20 years as a
Metro Rotarian on **March 30!***

*Congratulations to **Adam
Blumhagen** who will celebrate 2
years as a Metro Rotarian on
March 30!*



Announcements!

Nominations are being accepted for Metro's 2024 Vocational Service Award. A nomination form is on page three of this newsletter, and a link is posted on the club website. Deadline for nominations is **April 3**. Please consider nominating someone you think worthy of this honor.



Metro members will participate in Clean Up Columbia on **April 6**. Members will meet at 11:00 a.m. at Fairview Park to pick up trash and then proceed to our Adopt-a-Spot location on West Worley to pick up trash there.

Metro's Board of Directors will meet **April 10** at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

The next member/guest fellowship event will be held **April 18** at a location to be determined.

Please watch future newsletters for more details about the dedication of the Peace Pole at Battle High School. Under the leadership of **Sarah Read**, Metro's PeaceBuilders Committee submitted a district grant application to help fund this project. The ceremony is hoped to be held in late April/early May.

BARNES & NOBLE

Congratulations to **Victoria Brees!** She won a \$40 gift card to Barnes & Noble donated by **Sarah Read**. We raised \$43 for Metro charities.



Welcome on Board!

Metro welcomed **Ron Bodenstab** as a new member during today's meeting.



Ron is a former member of Metro (2002), and he is a retired entrepreneur. He was sponsored by **Cathy Scroggs**.

Please take time to welcome Ron back to Metro at your earliest convenience.

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Happy Hat

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms **Shane Winter** invited members to share good thoughts and news about the topic of their choice. Today's contributors were **Sarah Read** and **Shelley Sigholtz**.



On **April 24**, Metro Rotary will not meet at the Columbia Country Club.

Instead, members will meet at Mobility Worldwide (4825 East Meyer) for a service opportunity. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude by 1:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity to purchase lunch for \$13 each in support of the Meals on Wheel fundraiser.

Please watch for more information as the date approaches.



Planning for Metro's 14th Annual Float Trip has begun. This year's event will be **July 26-28** at Bass River Resort just east of Steelville. Tons of cabins are available if you're not into tent camping, or you can bring your RV or camper and lease one of the pad sites. There is always a float Saturday from 9:00 am through approximately 4:00 pm. It is a slow float as many stops are made to play and eat.



This is a family friendly event, and a good time is guaranteed! Please contact **Casey Buckman** at 573-881-1050 if you would like more information or plan to attend.

Did you know?



The first Rotary service project was the installation of public toilets in the city of Chicago.

Members Enjoy Fellowship Opportunity

Members today enjoyed several fellowship opportunities as organized by **Casey Buckman**. To begin, members enjoyed some one-on-one visiting time with randomly selected partners. This was followed a rock/paper/scissors tournament, which concluded by **Sarah Read** defeating **Victoria Brees** in the final (pictured below).



Everyone participated in guessing heads or tails which concluded with **Jim Stock** being the luckiest guesser of all. The event closed with Casey reading off fun facts about members while everyone tried to identify who the fact belonged to.



Next Week's Program

Erica Dickson
Founder
Mid-Mo Black Doula Collective

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METRO ROTARY 2023-24 Vocational Service Award Nomination

One of the ways that Rotary Clubs encourage vocational excellence, and the practice of high ethical standards, is through the presentation of a vocational service award to deserving individuals or organizations.

Metro Rotary joins with all Rotary clubs in stressing that their members conduct the affairs of their businesses and professions in accordance with the principles of high ethical standards while recognizing the worthiness of all useful occupations and the obligation to contribute their talents to address the problems and needs of society.

Each member is encouraged to participate in the nomination of an individual or organization in our community for this award who exemplifies the following attributes:

- Adheres to the highest ethical standards in their work, including the fair treatment of employers, fellow employees, associates, vendors, competitors, and the public.
- Contributes their talents to addressing the problems and needs of the community.

From the nominations submitted, the Vocational Service Committee will select one of the nominated persons or organizations as the one to be awarded the 2023-24 Vocational Service Award from Metro Rotary. This award will be made at a regular club meeting with the recognition of the recipient and the presentation of a plaque or other honorarium.

Please complete the form provided below, scan and send your nomination to columbiametrorotary@gmail.com or give to **Cathy Scroggs**. Support information for your nominee is welcomed and can be attached.

My nomination: _____

Nominee's vocation and title: _____

Reason(s) why nominated: _____

Your name: _____

Best way to contact you: _____

Review of Nominations is scheduled to begin on Wednesday April 3, 2024.

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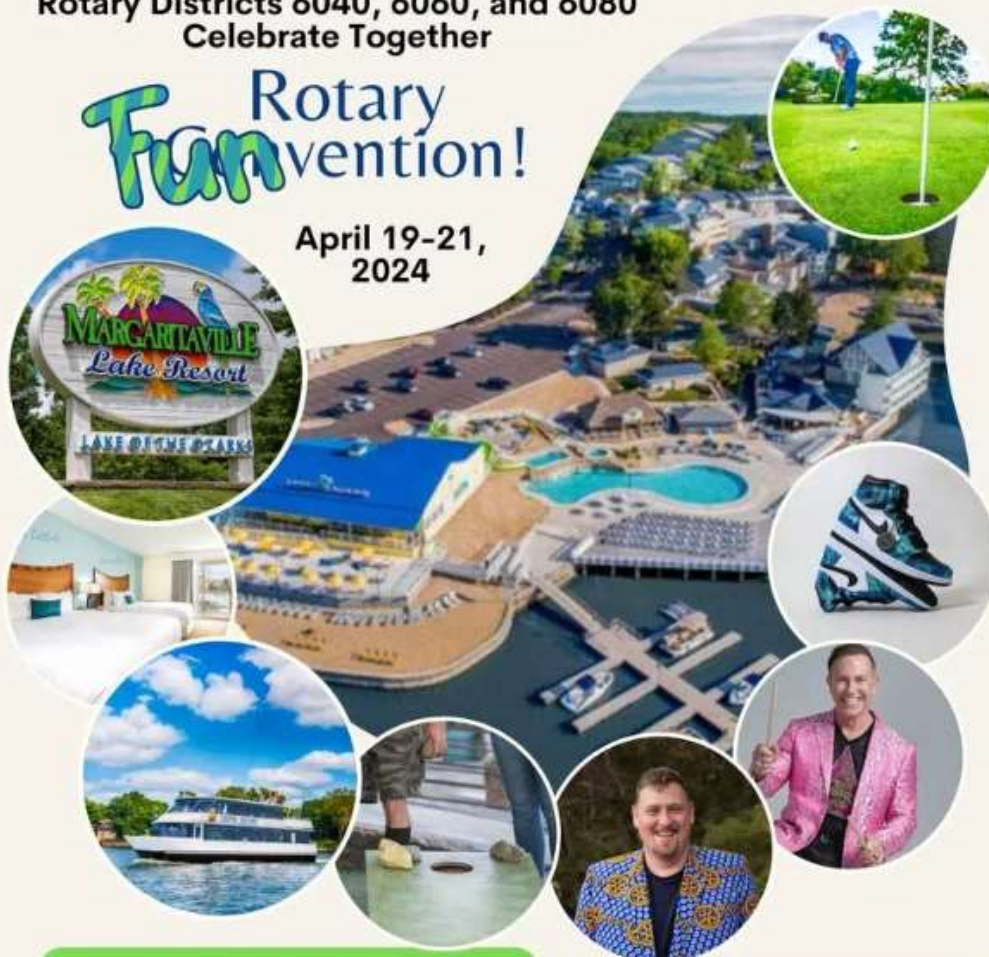
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Save The Date

Rotary Districts 6040, 6060, and 6080
Celebrate Together

Fun Rotary
vention!

April 19-21,
2024



- ✓ Shoes for Orphan Souls Collection
- ✓ Dinner Cruise
- ✓ Breakfast/Brunch
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Margaritaville Perks
- ✓ Family Fun Time

**Experiential Rock
Star Keynote
Speaker from Las
Vegas, Marvelous
Mark.**

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The Rotary Four Way Test



1. Is It Truth?
2. Is It Fair To All Concerned?
3. Will It Build Goodwill And Better Friendships?
4. Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?



INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

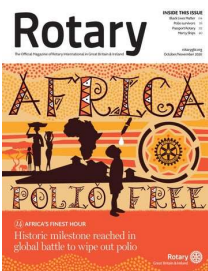


PLEASE NOTE: Metro bylaws state that if the Columbia Public Schools cancel classes due to inclement weather, Metro Rotary will not meet. Please keep this in mind if the weather continues.



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Members are encouraged to bring their copies of the *Rotary* magazines to future meetings once they have completed reading them. The issues will be re-circulated to spread the word about Rotary in our community.



Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus



Basic Education & Literacy



Maternal & Child Health



Disease Prevention & Treatment



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene



Community & Economic Development



Support the Environment

THE WORLD NEEDS MORE #ROTARIANS



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The District 6080 Conference will be held **May 5-6** at the Bass Pro White River Conference Center in Springfield. Friday evening is the annual Shrimp Feed, and Saturday's agenda has speakers scheduled to speak about local and international projects, as well as discussions on Fund Raising & Membership.

To register, please visit
<https://rb.gy/ibjtx1>.



Dues invoices for the 2022-2023 fiscal year have been emailed to members. Please remit your payment timely to Treasurer **Rebecca Knipp** online or to P.O. Box 109, Columbia, MO 65205.



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Did
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The first women joined Rotary in 1987. Today, more than 196,000 women are members of Rotary International.

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Austin Kingsland – Classification Talk

Austin Kingsland (right) joined Metro Rotary on November 29, 2023.

Austin holds an Associates of Arts degree from Jefferson Community College, and a Bachelor of Communication degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

He currently serves as an Account Executive for Missouri Business Alert. Missouri Business Alert is a digital newsroom covering business and economics across Missouri. It is a Missouri School of Journalism newsroom managed by professionals and staffed by university students. The publication works to inform, connect and engage Missouri's business community and equip students for the future of business journalism.

He attended Missouri Boys State as a participant in 2019, and he returned as an Assistant City Counselor in 2021 to assist with the program.