

Happy April Metro Rotarians!

April is ENVIRONMENTAL month! Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: **the environment.**

Rotary members all over the globe are tackling environmental issues the way we always do . . . by coming up with project and using their connections to change policy and planning for the future!

The Rotary Foundation has identified the following ways we will take action:

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns



At Metro we continually try to improve our local community through projects and partnerships. One of our most valued partnerships is with a local environmental organization called Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA). CCUA works to enhance our community's health by connecting people to agriculture and the land through hands-on learning opportunities. Metro volunteers got to experience this first-hand this year when we volunteered one afternoon in the gardens. Metro also participates in the CCUA's annual Harvest Hootenanny, a celebration to bring our community together with a Missouri-raised meal and fun for the whole family. All proceeds from this event supports CCUA's programming and Metro is so proud to help out each year!

Yours in Rotary,

President Laura Kogut