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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

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Thank you . . .

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

Announcements!



Thanks to everyone who participated in Metro's Clean Up Columbia service event on **April 6**.

Metro's Board of Directors will meet **today** at 1:00 p.m.

The next member/guest fellowship event will be held after work on **April 18** at Twain: Missouri BBQ & Taproom (23 South 8th Street). All members are invited to attend and bring a prospective Rotarian.

The Peace Pole at Battle High School will be dedicated at on **April 30**. The program is set to begin at 4:30 p.m., and a ribbon cutting will follow. All members are invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: Metro's 31st annual Charter Night celebration is being planned for **June 7** at D. Rowe's Restaurant (1005 Club Village Drive).

*Congratulations to **Audrey Spieler!** She won a \$50 gift card to Hy-Vee donated by **Elaine Martin**.*



Next Week's Program

Catherine Armbrust
CoMo Mobile Aid Collective



www.columbiametrorotary.org

NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

Joy Sweeney has been proposed for membership in Metro Rotary. Joy is the Chief Executive Officer at Woodhaven. Her proposed classification is Non-Profit Leadership. Joy's proposal was submitted by **Jaime Freidrichs**.

Members with Guests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Laura Kogut.....	Morgan Dennehy



*Happy Birthday to Rotarian **Elaine Martin** on **April 15!***

*Happy Birthday to Rotarian **Sandra Logan** on **April 16!***

*Congratulations to **Barb Danuser** who will celebrate 15 years as a Metro Rotarian on **April 15!***



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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.

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Happy Hat

Sergeant-at-Arms **Tom O'Connor** invited members to share good thoughts and news about the topic of their choice.



Today's contributors were **Tom O'Connor, Mark Claypole, Lori Neidel, Jim Cherrington, Shelley Sigholtz, and Laura Kogut.**

Members were reminded to forward the names of favorite songs and artists to Tom as he creates a 2024 Metro Mix Tape.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

Central Missouri Junior Achievement

Morgan Dennehy (right) is the District Manager of Operations for Junior Achievement (JA) in Central Missouri. JA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1919 that is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving students from kindergarten through high school the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success and open up a world of possibilities.



JA complements the hard work and dedication teachers put in to teaching their students. Their programs help young people make the connection between the classroom curriculum and life after graduation. They also help students see the possibilities around what they can be, by giving them additional tools and the confidence to be successful.

JA has been in Central Missouri since 2008. Morgan stated that JA of Central Missouri serves 19 mid-Missouri counties and over 13,000 students were served last year. Over 100 volunteers helped to ensure these students received a quality education. Of individuals who have participated in JA programs, 97% have graduated high school or received a GED or higher. Also, 98% of the students indicated that they feel confident in their ability to manage money.

Morgan stated that JA offers programs for students pre-Kindergarten age through high school. The classes cover a wide range of areas for elementary students ranging from students learning about themselves, families, and communities, to lessons about cities, states, and our nation. In middle school, programs are more economics based, and a focus on career exploration begins. High schoolers participate in programs covering financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship.

JA is funded by private and corporate donations as well as grants they apply for. Volunteers are always needed, and members were encouraged to consider assisting. If you have an interest in volunteering, please visit <https://centralmissouri.ja.org/volunteer/index>. Their website has information about donating time and/or resources as well as programs and events they have on their calendar.



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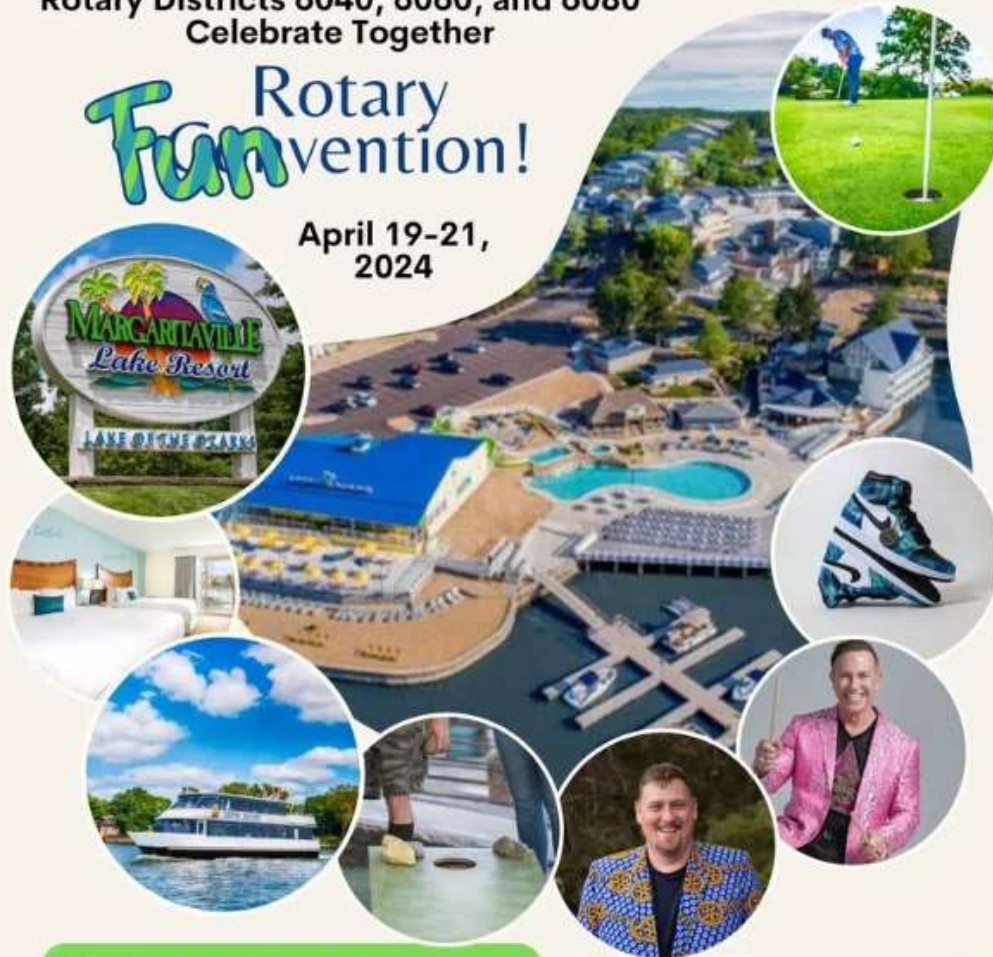
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Save The Date

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.**