

The Metro Memo



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

MAY 8, 2024

Thank you . . .

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



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

On **May 9**, Metro members will meet at 5:30 p.m. for the monthly litter pickup along the stretch of street the club has adopted for this summer. Please meet in the parking lot behind the old Macy's building.

The next member/guest fellowship event will be held after work on **May 16** at Logboat Brewing Company (504 Fay Street). All members are invited to attend and bring a prospective Rotarian.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Metro's 31st annual Charter Night celebration is being planned for **June 7** at D. Rowe's Restaurant (1005 Club Village Drive). Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m., and members are encouraged to arrive early.



*Congratulations to **Tom O'Connor** who will celebrate 10 years as a Metro Rotarian on **May 12!***

*Congratulations to **Audrey Spieler** who won a \$50 gift card to **BreakTime** donated by **Joe Allison**. We raised \$57 for Metro charities.*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Sarah Read.....	Alex Tigelaor
Sarah Read.....	Emily Harris
Sarah Read.....	Matt Leuchtmann
Casey Buckman	Miller Buckman
Marnie Clark.....	Owen Dunnire
Marnie Clark.....	Lacey Clark



During today's meeting, two members were recognized for advancing their levels of Paul Harris Fellowship giving.

Sandra Logan, Metro's Rotary Foundation Committee Co-Chair, recognized **Casey Buckman** (+3) and **Marnie Clark** (+7) for their respective contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Casey named his

son, Miller, to receive a Paul Harris Fellowship.



Casey and Miller

Marnie chose her grandson, Owen, to receive a Paul Harris Fellowship. Owen was accompanied by his mother, Lacey to today's meeting.



Marnie, Owen, and Lacey

Congratulations to these Metro Rotarians for their generous support of The Rotary Foundation!

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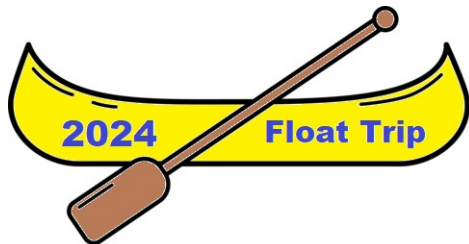
Happy Hat

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, Sarah Read, Jim Cherrington, Audrey Spieler, Jan Beckett, Cathy Scroggs, Mark Claypole, and Rose Lloyd.**

Tom reminded members that the Grand Final of the 2024 Eurovision Song Contest will take place in Malmö, Sweden on **May 11**. There are thirty-seven countries participating this year.



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.

COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

Battle High School Interact Club

Matt Leuchtman is an instructor at Battle High School, and he has served as a mentor to many students. He works closely with students who are in the COMO Interact Club, and Alex Tigelaor and Emily Harris accompanied him to today's meeting to speak about their experiences.

Alex indicated the Interact Club was currently in a rebuilding year, and they are talking to students who are active in leadership roles in other clubs and organizations at Battle High School. The club has been involved in community activities in the past, and they are anchored in the "Service Above Self" mentality.



Matt, Alex, and Emily

During the past year, COMO Interact hosted its annual Out of the Darkness Kickball Tournament, provided teen mental health awareness training, participated in a teambuilding event at a local ropes course, enjoyed Rotary Day at the Missouri Capitol, and hosted a Peace Pole dedication ceremony at Battle High School.

Plans for the 2024-2025 school year include growing the club membership and expanding to include members from other schools. Emily noted they plan to increase training and participation in community-wide dialog events, and they are exploring the possibility of hosting a TedX event at Battle High School.

Matt and the students expressed their appreciation to Metro for its support of the club and their students. **Sarah Read** was noted as a key reason for their success, and her devotion of time and resources to the students is most appreciated.



Peace Pole at Battle High School



Next Week's Program

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