

# The Metro Memo

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB



JANUARY 28, 2026

## Thank you . . .

**Lori Dobry** for presenting today's inspiration, leading members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and providing a fundraising opportunity.



Lori has been a member of Metro since May 1, 1995. She stated that she values our club's community work and philanthropic mentality. She enjoys the diversity of our membership and the friendliness of members.



Metro's Board of Directors will meet **February 11** at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club. All members are welcome to attend.

Metro's Community Service Committee would like to assist local organizations whose missions align with Rotary's to help youth, education, and the environment. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for a form to complete.

***Congratulations to Laura Royse!** She won a \$50 gift card to The Kitchen donated by **Lori Dobry**. We raised \$67 for Metro charities*

## rotary youth exchange

A host family for Lotta is needed for the March-May time period. All that is needed is an internet connection, a bed, and a warm heart. If you, or someone you know, would consider this opportunity, please



If you chose to pay your 2025-2026 Rotary dues in two installments, the second payment is now due. Please remit your payment timely to Treasurer **Rebecca Knipp** online or to P.O. Box 109, Columbia, MO 65205.

<i>Members with Guests</i>	
<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Pat Hostetler .....	Lynn Hostetler
Tim Sullivan.....	Zach Neal
Tim Sullivan.....	Roger Brisley
Tim Sullivan.....	Ricardo Garay



*Congratulations to **Michael Kramer**, whose play STUFF was presented as a staged reading last weekend. At the conclusion of the reading, the Columbia Entertainment Company announced that they would be doing a full production of his play next year!*



Metro's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Trivia Night fundraiser is only nine days away! This year's event will be held on Friday, **February 6, 2026**. Proceeds will benefit the Child Advocacy Center. Please see page 3 of this newsletter to see how you may assist.



**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 as winter weather continues.

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## Happy Hat

Substitute Sergeant-at-Arms **Michael Kramer**  invited members to share good thoughts and news about the topic of their choice. Today's contributors were **Sarah Read, Mark Claypole, Pat Hostetler, and Michael Kramer.**

## February Peace Challenge



Rotary's theme for February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month. President Sarah asked members to evaluate the information they receive and convey during the next month. Where does the information come from? How was it transmitted? Is it verifiable? How will you share this information with others? Apply the four-way test to all you think, say, and do.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2026 RYLA. This is a four-day/three-night service leadership academy held on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. If you know someone interested in attending, please contact **Sarah Wolf.**



Metro's Board of Directors has decided to implement a "Snack Card" opportunity for members. Each card will cost \$10, which will provide five (5) punches for the purchaser to partake in tea/coffee/cookies during a regular weekly meeting. Cards will be available for purchase at our weekly meetings, or you can currently purchase one online.

Also, starting with the **February 4** weekly meeting, members will be charged \$16 per meal, and the club will pay for the \$2 difference. The current price for one meal punch card is \$75. As a result of the increase, each individual card will now be available for \$80 starting February 4.

All punch cards currently distributed to members will be honored until all five punches are used on each card. Lunch cards may still be purchased in person or online for \$75 until the February 4 meeting.



## Missouri Job Center

Zach Neal, Ricardo Garay, and Roger Brisley spoke to members about the Missouri Job Center.



Zach, Roger, and Ricardo

The men explained that the Missouri Job Center exists to serve as a single point of access for numerous workforce solutions. They provide local expertise with statewide resources.

They spoke about the many areas where they assist and how the staff helps businesses find hard-working individuals or helps those who are looking for a job find employment.

Missouri Job Center has assisted many who are active-duty military. The Military Career Skills Program can host transitioning service members for up to 5½ months at no cost. Participants remain on active duty and receive military pay and benefits while the employers train potential new hired and gain skilled, disciplined workers. They also have a Mo Heroes Connect program that links veterans and spouses to training and employment resources and connections.

If you know someone looking for employment, please refer them to the Missouri Job Center.

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## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Metro Rotary Trivia Night

**What:** Fundraiser to benefit **Child Advocacy Center** and other Metro charities

**When:** Friday, **February 6, 2026**

Doors open 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Knights of Columbus Hall (2525 North Stadium Blvd.)

**Tickets:** Only \$40 each or \$300 for a table of 8

Ticket includes a dinner buffet catered by Big Daddy's BBQ, beer, soft drinks, set-ups, and ten rounds of trivia fun!

**Who:** All friends, business associates, family members and other Rotarians are invited to join in the fun. Trivia night tickets are available to be purchased online at [www.columbiametrorotary.org](http://www.columbiametrorotary.org).



### The Following Sponsorship Opportunities Exist!

(Please contact **Shane Winter** if you would like to be a sponsor.)

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## Community Service Committee: Community Support Proposal Form

Please complete the information below and return to Lisa Royse at [roysel@health.missouri.edu](mailto:roysel@health.missouri.edu).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia Metro Rotary Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Information at Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested funding amount (maximum \$100): \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for funds: \_\_\_\_\_

How does this organization contribute to our community and align with our club's mission to be a transformative influence in our community and in the world through our work with youth, education, and the environment? (2-3 sentences)

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How will the organization use the funds if awarded? (2-3 sentences)

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