

# The Metro Memo

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB



FEBRUARY 18, 2026

## Thank you . . .

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



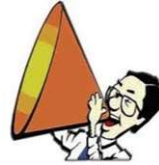
Susan has been a member of Metro since September 2025. She stated she likes what Rotary stands for, and she enjoys fellowship with members and the many activities that our club offers.

## Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Pat Hostetler .....	Talia Jackson
Sarah Read .....	Kelly Schultz
Sarah Read .....	Brenda Porter

## Announcements!

Members are invited to volunteer for the next Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build scheduled for **March 7** from 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Community United Methodist Church (3301 West Broadway). Please contact **Shane Winter** if you plan to assist.



Metro's Board of Directors will meet **March 11** at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

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 3 of this newsletter for a form to complete.

## ENDPOLIONOW



Metro's Board of Directors has implemented 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.

## TRIVIA NIGHT PROCEEDS PRESENTED



Left to right: Sarah Read, Shane Winter, Brenda Porter, & Kelly Schultz

During today's meeting, Metro Rotarians were proud to present a check for \$5,000 to the Child Advocacy Center.

These funds resulted from the 2026 Trivia Night fundraiser held earlier this month. Metro is proud to support this organization as they work to reduce the effect of abuse through child-focused services.

Thanks again to all the club members who volunteered, time, energy, and resources to this successful fundraiser.

## February Peace Challenge



Rotary's theme for February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month. **President Sarah** reminded members to evaluate the information they receive and convey throughout month.



*Congratulations to **Shane Winter** who is celebrating 17 years as a Metro Rotarian **today!***

*Happy Birthday to **Cathy Scroggs** on **February 19!***

*Congratulations to **Shelley Sigholtz!** She won a \$50 gift card to Menard's donated by **Susan Clark**. We raised \$62 for Metro charities*

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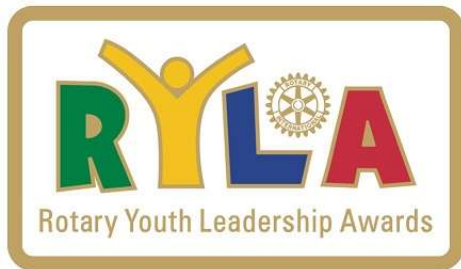
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## Happy Hat

Substitute Sergeant-at-Arms **Victoria Brees** invited members to share good thoughts and news about the topic of their choice. Today's lone contributors were **Sandra Logan, Susan Brandt, Jan Beckett, Shelley Sigholtz, Rebecca Knipp, Sherry Major, Sarah Read, and Tim Sullivan.**



Nominations are now being accepted for the 2026 Rotary Youth Leadership Award Academy. This is a four-day/three-night service leadership academy held on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.

RYLA is geared towards students who exhibit a heart for community service. The curriculum is designed to identify and enhance the qualities of servant leadership for each participant, educate them on how to successfully implement a service project, and inspire them to live a lifetime of "Service Above Self."

The first RYLA session will take place June 28 – July 1, and the second session will be July 12-15

If you know of a local student, or students, who may be interested in attending, please contact **Sarah Wolf** at your earliest convenience. This is a wonderful education opportunity.

COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

Rotary membership connects over 1.2 million professionals and community leaders worldwide to exchange ideas, build friendships, and take action on local and international projects. Odds are you know someone who would be a valuable member of our club.

Rotary Zones 30 and 31 are hosting an 8 in 8 Membership Challenge, a focused achievable effort to strengthen clubs through intentional growth. The goal is for a club to add 8 new members in 8 weeks (March 1-April 30). Clubs that successfully add 8 new members during this time period will be entered into a drawing for \$1,000 to host a member social event in May or June.

Start thinking today of someone you could invite to visit our club!



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## Heart of Missouri United Way Update

Talia Jackson is the Executive Director of the Heart of Missouri United Way (HMUW). The mission of the organization is "to positively impact lives by empowering people and organizations through strategic resource investments."



Rotarian **Pat Hostetler** with Talia Jackson

Talia informed members that HMUW has raised over \$100 million since its beginning in 1946. Last year, 37 programs were funded at 25 separate local non-profit organizations resulting in over 17,800 individuals being served.

HMUW focuses on serving those in need in the following three areas:

- Health and basic needs
- Education
- Financial stability

The process of evaluating where funds are invested was explained, along with the follow-up reporting necessary to determine if funds are being utilized as intended.

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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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