

# The Metro Memo

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MARCH 11, 2026

## Thank you . . .

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



Rose has been a member of Metro since June 2017. Rose stated she is continually inspired by her fellow members, and that is why she enjoys being a Metro Rotarian.



## Announcements!

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

On **March 17**, members will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the MBS parking lot to pick up trash for our Adopt-a-Spot streets.

Our March fellowship event will be **March 19** at Shiloh Bar & Grill (402 East Broadway) after work. All are invited.



*Happy Birthday to Jaime Freidrichs on **March 14!***

*Congratulations to the following Rotarians who celebrate membership anniversaries this week:*

**Penny Kuhns-Knarr** ..... **today**  
(6 years)

**John Fierke**..... **today**  
(6 years)

**Michael Kramer** ..... **March 15**  
(3 years)

**Casey Buckman** ..... **March 16**  
(16 years)

**Lori Neidel** ..... **March 16**  
(16 years)

**Victoria Brees**..... **March 16**  
(10 years)

## Members with Guests

Member	Guest
Casey Buckman	Taylor Buckman
Casey Buckman	Ryan Adams



Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 Vocational Service Award. Your nominee should be someone in the Columbia community who represents the Rotary Four-Way Test in his/her vocation. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for an application.

## TRAINING



The 48<sup>th</sup> annual Show-Me Rotary Leadership Training is scheduled for **March 20-21** at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia. This event is dedicated to preparing and inspiring incoming club leadership. Keynote speakers and breakout sessions are scheduled. If you plan to attend, please register on DACdb.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Metro's Community Service Committee would like to assist local organizations whose missions align with Rotary's to help youth, education, and the environment. If you know of an organization/group/project that could benefit from additional funding, please see page 3 of this newsletter for an application form to complete.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

*to **Lisa Royse** who won eight (8) boxes of Girl Scout cookies donated by **Rose Lloyd**. We raised \$78 for Metro charities*



## Leadership



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## March Peace Challenge



Our peace challenge for March focuses on the 5th Positive Pillar of Peace - "High Levels of Human Capital." This refers to an educated, healthy, and skilled workforce that helps to drive superior economic productivity, innovation, and organizational performance.

Our club is aligned with this because of our focus on education, and the many members who have worked in that field, or in fields related to economic productivity, social connection, and health all of which promote positive peace and reduce the likelihood of violence.

Relative to the "8 in 8" membership challenge, Metro members are encouraged to review the membership classifications list distributed recently by the membership community.

If you know someone who is invested in education, skill-building, and/or leadership development, invite him/her to an upcoming Metro meeting.



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## Happy Hat



Sergeant-at-Arms **Casey Buckman** invited members to share good thoughts and news about the topic of their choice. Today's contributors were **Sarah Read, Shelley Sigholtz, Victoria Brees, Mark Claypole, and Shane Winter.**

Members learned today that Class C fire extinguishers are specially designed for energized electrical fires, using non-conductive, non-damaging agents like carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) or dry chemicals to suppress flames without causing electric shock.



Have you invited your friend to **join** Rotary?



Do you know someone who would make a great Rotarian? If so, the process to nominate him/her is simple. An application form is available on the Metro website at <https://tinyurl.com/23v53s44>.

Once you have the information completed, please forward to **Victoria Brees** at [maybrees@hotmail.com](mailto:maybrees@hotmail.com).

[www.columbiametrorotary.org](http://www.columbiametrorotary.org)

## Things That Go Boom!

Ryan Adams (below) works for J&M Displays, and he is also the owner of SW Productions. J&M Displays is one of the nation's largest suppliers of fireworks, and they provide pyrotechnics and other special effects for all types of events. SW Productions provides lighting design, lighting production, special effects, and tent rentals for any special event.



Ryan spoke of special events he has worked, and most were familiar to members. The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks displays in Columbia and Jefferson City have been enjoyed by many for years. In addition, the pyrotechnic displays at MU football and basketball games have become a fan favorite.

Members learned everything that goes into a show beginning with planning an event, to ordering the materials needed, to setting up the displays and other equipment, and finally executing the production.

To learn more about how SW Productions may help you, or to plan an event, please visit <https://swproductionscomo.com/>.

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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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## COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY 2025-2026 Vocational Service Award Nomination Form

One of the ways that Rotary Clubs encourage vocational excellence and the practice of high ethical standards is through the presentation of a vocational service award to deserving individuals or organizations.

Columbia Metro Rotary joins with all Rotary clubs in stressing that their members conduct the affairs of their businesses and professions in accordance with the principles of high ethical standards while recognizing the worthiness of all useful occupations and the obligation to contribute their talents to address the problems and needs of society.

Each member is encouraged to participate in the nomination of an individual or organization in our community for this award who exemplifies the following attributes:

- Adheres to the highest ethical standards in their work, including the fair treatment of employers, fellow employees, associates, vendors, competitors and the public.
- Contributes their talents to addressing the problems and needs of the community.

From the nominations submitted, the Vocational Service Committee will select one of the nominated persons or organizations as the one to be awarded the 2025-26 Vocational Service Award from Columbia Metro Rotary. Plans are for the recipient to be recognized at a regular club meeting with a plaque or other honorarium.

**The nomination period begins Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Review of Nominations will begin on Wednesday April 8, 2026. Please complete the form provided below and scan and send your nomination to [columbiametrorotary@gmail.com](mailto:columbiametrorotary@gmail.com) or give your nomination form to Cathy Scroggs. Support information for your nominee is encouraged and may be attached.**

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**My nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's vocation and title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason(s) why nominated:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best way to contact you:** \_\_\_\_\_