

# The Metro Memo

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB



MARCH 18, 2026

## Thank you . . .

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



Sandra has been a member of Metro since July 1999. At that time, she was the principal at West Junior High School, and the principal who preceded her was the president of Metro during our first year of existence. Sandra stated that she greatly enjoys our weekly programs but the best thing about Metro is our members!

## Members with Guests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Warren Prost .....	Lotta Vulsieck
Casey Buckman .....	Erin Keys



Happy Birthday to **Marnie Clark** on **March 19!**

Congratulations to **Casey Buckman Photography** for making it to the voting round in the category of Best Photographer. Annual awards in business and service categories are made annually by Inside Columbia Magazine.

## Announcements!

**Tonight**, 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.

**NOTE: There will be no weekly meeting on March 25!**

Metro's Board of Directors will meet **April 8** 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. 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.

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.

## Congratulations

to **J. Scott Christianson** who won a \$50 contribution in his name to The Rotary Foundation courtesy of **Sandra Logan**. We raised \$67 for Metro charities




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 have an interest in attending, a schedule is posted online at <https://tinyurl.com/mu4emvb9>.

If you plan to attend, please register on DACdb.

## EACH ONE BRING ONE



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).

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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, Jean Leonatti, Mark Claypole, Joy Sweeney, and Elaine Martin.**



- Glaciers contain 68.7% of the world's total freshwater.
- NASA is targeting early 2028 for the Artemis IV mission, which is designed to land astronauts on the moon.

## 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.

## Columbia's Water Utility Update

Erin Keys (below) is a professional engineer who serves as the City of Columbia Utilities Director. She informed members that the City's water utility is responsible for the supply of safe drinking water and fire protection service to the City by operating and maintaining the water treatment and distribution systems. The utility covers an 89 square mile service area, and it treats up to 24 million gallons of water per day.



Erin spoke about how the city operates the well field in the Missouri River bottoms south of Columbia, the McBaine Water Treatment Plant, four pump stations in the area, and three elevated water towers. She informed members how the systems are designed and engineered to distribute the water to needed areas.

Members learned about current improvements underway in pump stations. Water main replacements also are occurring due to I-70 and Forum Boulevard improvements. Erin also gave an overview of future improvements that are in the plans around 2030. Those plans tentatively include electrical improvements, high service pump station and wet wells, filter building improvements, and a re-carbonation system.



Members are encouraged to bring their old copies of *Rotary* magazines to future meetings once they have completed reading them. The issues will be re-circulated to spread the word about Rotary in our community.



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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.**

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

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

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

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

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