

The Metro Memo

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB



MARCH 25, 2026

NO MEETING – SEE YOU APRIL 1!

Metro Announcements

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 2 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 3 of this newsletter for an application.



*Congratulations to **Ron Bodenstab** who will celebrate 2 years as a Metro Rotarian on **March 27!***

*Happy Birthday to **Michael Kramer** on **March 29!***

*Congratulations to **Sarah Read** who will celebrate 22 years as a Metro Rotarian on **March 30!***

*Congratulations to **Adam Blumhagen** who will celebrate 4 years as a Metro Rotarian on **March 30!***

*Please remember to vote for **Casey Buckman Photography** in the annual *Inside Columbia Magazine's Best of Columbia 2026* contest.*



The 2026 Rotary International Convention will take place in Taipei, Taiwan from June 13-17, 2026. This event will bring together over 30,000 Rotary members from over 120 countries at the Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center and the Taipei Dome. The event will feature world-class speakers, breakout sessions, and cultural showcases. Visit www.myrotary.org to register!

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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Community Service Committee: Community Support Proposal Form

Please complete the information below and return to Lisa Royse at 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)

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 columbiametrrotary@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: _____

Your name: _____

Best way to contact you: _____