

# The Metro Memo

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB



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## Thank you . . .

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

John is one of four remaining charter members of our club. He served as our club's fourth president during the 1995-1996 year. John recalled obvious reasons for being a Rotarian with the main reason he belongs to Rotary: because . . .



## PLEASE NOTE

**Next week's meeting (April 22) will be held at Boone Electric Cooperative (1413 Rangeline Street).**

## Announcements!

Today is the due date to submit applications 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.



A fellowship event will be held **April 16** at Sophia's (3910 Peachtree Drive, Suite H) at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to bring a prospective Rotarian.

On **April 22**, Metro has scheduled a workday at the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (1769 West Ash Street) in cooperation with Job Point from 8:30-11:30 a.m. We would like to have three Metro members sign-up for two 90-minute shifts.

Members will meet **April 23** at 5:30 pm in the MBS parking lot to pick up trash along our Adopt-a-Spot streets.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Float Trip is planned for the weekend of **July 25** near Steelville. For more information, contact **Casey Buckman** or watch for more information as the date approaches.

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

**Susan Johnson** has been proposed for membership in Metro Rotary. Susan is a retired public school administrator, and her proposed classification is Retired. Susan's proposal was submitted by **Sandra Logan**.



Congratulations to **Barb Danuser** who is celebrating 17 years as a Metro Rotarian on **today!**

Happy Birthday to **Elaine Martin** **today!**

Happy Birthday to **Sandra Logan** on **April 16!**

Congratulations to **Margaret Conroy** who will celebrate 8 years as a Metro Rotarian on **April 18!**

Happy Birthday to **Jim Stock** on **April 19!**

Congratulations to **Rebecca Knipp!** Her company, *Optimized CFO+ Controller Services* is a finalist for the Columbia Chamber of Commerce 2026 Small Business of the Year!

## Congratulations!

to **Shelley Sigholtz** who won a \$50 gift certificate to Addison's/Sophia's donated by **John John**. We raised \$64 for Metro charities

## Members with Guests

Member Guest

Pat Hostetler ..... Lynn Hostetler

## Metro Recognized as Community Partner of the Year!

On **April 9**, Columbia Metro Rotary was recognized as Community Partner of the Year by Job Point. This was Job Point's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet, and Metro was well represented at the event.



Left to right: Les Gelband, J.D. Moran, Susan Clark, Shane Winter, Sarah Read, Chris Horn, Valerie Livingston, and Tom O'Connor.

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## Happy Hat



Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms **Victoria Brees** invited members to share good thoughts and news about the topic of their choice. Today's contributors were **Sandra Logan, Shelley Sigholtz J.D. Moran, Sarah Read, and Pat Hostetler.**

## 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).

## please note

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.

## April Peace Challenge



Pope Francis recognized that "living in peace is also living in harmony with Earth."

Our challenge as peacebuilders during April, which is recognized worldwide by Rotary as Environmental Sustainability Month, is to do something that is good for the environment!

That can include volunteering with our YouthBuild group working at the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA) on April 22, signing up as an individual to help with CCUA's third grade field trip program and helping introduce a new generation to gardening, or helping plant seeds at the Columbia Public Schools' Center for Early Learning-North.



District 6080 announced that any Rotarian who makes a personal donation to The Rotary Foundation will be eligible to receive a matching number of recognition points (up to 500 per donor)!

Please contact **Sandra Logan** or **Jean Leonatti** if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity or learn more about the details of the offer.

## Leadership Personified

Metro Rotarian **Susan Hart** (below) was the first member inducted into our club after the original charter. She has been active for 32 years on the local and district levels, and she served as our club's ninth president during the 2000-2001 year. She currently serves as District Grants Subcommittee Chair for District 6080.



A native of Jonesburg, Missouri, Susan is a graduate of Central Methodist University. She gave members an overview of her professional career beginning in public accounting, transitioning into construction auditing, and now as president of Reinhardt Construction.

Susan has been very involved in the Columbia community, and she has served in many leadership roles. She spoke about Vicki Dunscombe, Tim Donovan, R.D. Ross, and Raymond Plue, who all served as mentors for her in Rotary and professionally.

She encouraged members to become involved in club activities and at the district level.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_