

The Metro Memo

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB



MAY 27, 2026

Thank you . . .

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

Wade has been a member of Metro since July 2024. He is a strong believer in the five core values of Rotary, and he enjoys being a member of a group that believes in these values similarly. Wade stated he appreciates the strength of organizations that include women equally as leaders, and he is impressed at how well Metro members work together for the benefit of all.



Members will meet **May 28** at 5:30 pm in the MBS parking lot to pick up trash along our Adopt-a-Spot streets.

Metro's 33rd annual Charter Night celebration is planned for **June 5** at Tolton High School (3351 East Gans Road) beginning at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person.

The Metro Board of Directors will meet **June 10** at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

The 16th 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

Stefanie West has been proposed for membership in Metro Rotary. Stefanie is a Certified Athletic Trainer and serves as the Director of Marketing & Sports Medicine for Peak Sport & Spine. Her proposed classification is Marketing-Healthcare. Stefanie's proposal was submitted by **Valorie Livingston**.



Matching Opportunity!

For a limited time, District 6080 will match new individual donations to The Rotary Foundation, **up to \$500 per donor**. This is a "first come, first serve" opportunity until District's designated resources are used up. ACT FAST if interested to fast-track your way to a new Paul Harris level!

How it works:

1. Make your donation to The Rotary Foundation (Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or other eligible fund) by calling 1-866-976-8279 or going on-line at www.rotary.org/give.
2. Send confirmation of your donation to John Horton, District Foundation Chair at john@JohnJHorton.com.
3. The district will apply matching recognition points to your Rotary Foundation account, up to a maximum of 500 points.

Members with Guests

Member Guest

Scott Christianson Jason McKinney

Valorie LivingstonStefanie West



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.



to **Stefanie West** who won a \$50 gift card to Menard's donated by **Wade Schuette**. We raised \$52 for Metro charities.



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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 **Shelley Sigholtz, Sandra Logan, Michael Kramer, J. Scott Christianson, Pat Hostetler, Stefanie West, and Mark Claypole.**



For the month of June, **President Sarah** is encouraging members to focus on doing something to bring more beauty to the world while also promoting peace and hope.

This doesn't have to be a grand, overwhelming gesture. Small, intentional acts can create beautiful ripples. Some ideas to get you started may include:

- Leave uplifting notes around Columbia establishments to brighten a stranger's day.
- Create "kindness rocks" to spread messages of hope.
- Volunteer to help garden a public space.
- Support local animal rescues.
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup project with friends.

Classification Talks

Josh Rickard was born in Hannibal, Missouri. He holds a degree in Computer Science from Columbia College.

Josh began his career working at the Help Desk at the University of Central Missouri. He moved up the ranks to IT System Analyst, to Security Analyst, and finally Digital Forensics and Incident Response.

His knowledge and experience led him to various IT businesses, and he now works for Sublime Security as a Direct Research Engineer. He stated his focus is on phishing threats. He enjoys helping people through security technology.

Josh developed an add-in product for Microsoft's Outlook email that simplifies the steps needed to report spam or phishing campaigns. Now, 40-50 million users around the world use this product!

A self-described "nerd," Josh stated that in his spare time he enjoys traveling, yard work, swimming, and spending time with his family.



Josh



Ron

Ron Fauss is a native of St. Louis, and he moved to Cuba, Missouri while in high school. He attended Missouri Southern State University where he played football before receiving his Broadcast Journalism degree.

After graduating from college, Ron worked for MSSU as the "voice of the Lions" at the second largest radio network in Missouri for college athletics (second to Mizzou). He left MSSU to be the Assistant Athletic Director at Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

Ron left his college employment by moving to Columbia. He worked for a printing company for 5-6 years. After that employment stint, he began working for ProForma, which is a company that does pretty much what he does now with his own company.

In his spare time, Ron keeps busy with Frosty Dog BBQ, a food truck that he runs on the side. They serve smoked pulled pork, chicken, and beef. Ron noted the business name came from a coach's compliment when he was playing linebacker at MSSU.

Ron was married for 18 years, and he has two kids. He noted that while married, he and his wife fostered 18 kids over the years.



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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 complete the form below.



Columbia Metro
Rotary Club

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)
