

The Metro Memo

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB



JUNE 17, 2026

Thank you . . .

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

Bill has been a member of Metro since September 2001. He credited Karen Taylor and **John John** for initially inviting him to Metro and serving as mentors. Bill stated he enjoys Rotary and feels strongly that Rotary's ideals and beliefs mirror his own personal thoughts and beliefs.



Announcements!

Members will meet **June 18** at 5:30 pm in the MBS parking lot to pick up trash along our Adopt-a-Spot streets.

Metro's Board of Directors will meet **July 8** at 1:00 p.m.

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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues invoices for the 2026-2027 fiscal year were recently distributed. Please remit your payment timely to Treasurer **Rebecca Knipp** online or to P.O. Box 109, Columbia, MO 65205.

2026-2027 Committees Forming

Metro Committees for the 2026-2027 year are beginning to be organized. Please contact President-Elect **J.D. Moran** to sign up for a committee (or more) that you would like to be a part of for the upcoming year.

If you would like more information about committees, a summary description of each committee is listed on the Metro website on the Committees page which is located under the About Metro drop-down header.

Paul Harris Fellowships

During today's meeting, four members were recognized. One is a new Paul Harris Fellow, and the other three have advanced their respective giving levels.



Left to right: **Sandra Logan** (+5), **Sherry Major** (+3), **Valorie Livingston**, and **Jean Leonatti** (+6)

Please congratulate these ladies at your earliest convenience. Metro is proud of the continued support members generously provide to The Rotary Foundation.

Members with Guests

Member Guest

Bill Costello...Lawrence Simonson



Happy Birthday to **Rose Lloyd** on **June 21!**

Congratulations to **Charlene Boyes** who won an assortment of Columbia College branded gifts (book, hat, socks, and Lululemon fanny pack) donated by **Bill Costello**. We raised \$58 for Metro charities.



COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB

www.columbiametrorotary.org



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.

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Happy Hat



Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms **Shane Winter** invited members to share good thoughts and news about the topic of their choice. Today's contributors were **Jean Leonatti**, **Mark Claypole**, and **Sarah Read**.



**PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION**

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.

Please contact **President Sarah** if you would like to be a member of our PeaceBuilder Committee.



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.

Contribution Note: A minimum \$100 donation is required for a match to be considered.



FUND
the **FUTURE**

Columbia Rotary Clubs Foundation

Metro Rotarian **John Fabsits** (right) spoke to members about the Columbia Rotary Clubs Foundation. John currently serves as the President of the Board for this 501(c)(3) foundation.



The foundation was founded in 1997 within the Northwest Rotary Club to provide assistance to the local community. After the Northwest Rotary Club ceased to exist, the foundation decided to continue on with governance provided from representatives of all Columbia Rotary clubs. There are currently twelve members on the foundation board representing five local Rotary clubs. **Barb Danuser** is the other Metro representative serving on the board.

John informed members that the foundation has distributed over \$390,000 to local non-profit agencies since 1999. He explained the application for funding process and noted that awards are presented twice each year. Each year, the deadlines to apply for funding are March 15 and September 15. Reviews are generally completed and funding awards are announced within 30 days of the application deadlines.

If you would like to support the Columbia Rotary Clubs Foundation or learn more about who they have served, please visit them online at www.columbiarotaryfoundation.org.

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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)
