

The Metro Memo

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY CLUB



JUNE 24, 2026

Thank you . . .

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

Casey has been a member of Metro since March 2010. He stated he originally joined for networking purposes, but learned quickly that Metro Rotarians were "good people." He feels his membership in our club is part of God's plan, and he enjoys the diversity of our club and the service we provide others.



President Sarah's Year in Review

President Sarah Read summarized the 2025-2026 Metro Rotary year.

During the year, Metro was pleased to welcome five new members: **Susan Clark, Bryan Stockton, Josh Rickard, Susan Johnson, and Ron Fauss**. Members attended weekly meetings with an impressive attendance rate of 74%.

Sarah recapped the club's committees and shared highlights from each. The Program Committee was lauded for scheduling relevant programs on a weekly basis that helped members connect with different parts of our community.



Incoming President J.D. Moran receives the presidential gavel from President Sarah

Metro's Rotary Foundation Committee again did an exemplary job of educating members about the importance of giving to the foundation. We exceed our annual fund goal by \$5,000! Our club's PolioPlus planned contribution was doubled to \$1,980! Numerous members were recognized for their Paul Harris Fellowship giving levels.

Service highlights from the past year were mentioned starting with the district simplified grants which helped fund the JobPoint YouthBuild program, and the CPS Preschool program grow stations, respectively. The annual Trivia Night fundraiser enabled \$4,500 to be donated to the Child Advocacy Project. Members volunteered thousands of hours at the Food Bank, picking up trash, building beds, reading to children in the preschool program, as well as organizing and successfully hosting a youth exchange student from Germany.

Metro's Club Administration Committee was commended for its behind the scenes work with club policies, procedures, constitution, bylaws, and club manual maintenance. The committee also hosted the first Leadership Class, and **Anna Drake** and **J.D. Moran** were recognized as the first graduates of this offering.

On a concluding note, Sarah shared a quote from the May 2026 *Rotary* magazine of "Service may be our foundation, but friendship and fun are our glue." This is very true of Columbia Metro Rotary.

A special thank you to **Lisa Royse, Jim Stock, and Casey Buckman**. The board of director terms for Lisa and Jim will conclude June 30, and Casey's service as club Sergeant-at-Arms will also end on that date.

After a well-deserved standing ovation, **President Sarah** passed the presidential gavel to incoming club president **J.D. Moran**, and the meeting was adjourned.

Members with Guests

Member

Guest

Sarah Read Maya Gibson

Casey Buckman..... Chris Bass



*Congratulations to **Les Gelband** who is celebrating 28 years as a Metro Rotarian **today!***

*Congratulations to **Elaine Martin** who will celebrate 4 years as a Metro Rotarian on **June 29!***

*Congratulations to **Josh Rickard** who won a \$40 gift card to Billiard's on Broadway donated by **Casey Buckman**. We raised \$51 for Metro charities.*

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Announcements!

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.



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.



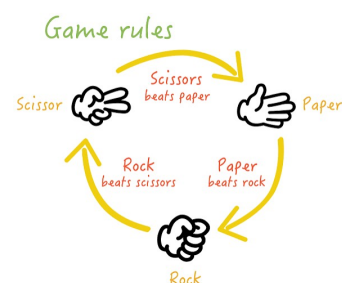
If you would like more information about committees, a summary description of each committee is listed on the Metro website on the Committees page which is located under the About Metro drop-down header. Your participation on a committee (or two or three), is welcomed and encouraged!

Happy Hat



Sergeant-at-Arms
Casey Buckman

served as emcee for Metro's annual club tournament of Rock, Paper, Scissors. This year's winner of the single-elimination tournament was **Charlene Boyes!**



Members learned today that about 75% of people use their phones or read materials while on the toilet. Of this population, 51% read print magazines, and 47% read print newspapers. In a recent survey by Toilet Talk, 86% of men consider the bathroom a top reading place, compared to only 27% of women.

LEADERSHIP

On **July 1**, the following members will begin their service as our club officers and board members:

President **J.D. Moran**
President-Elect.... **Valorie Livingston**
Secretary **Shane Winter**
Treasurer..... **Bette Wordelman**
Asst. Treasurer..... **Rebecca Knipp**
Asst. Treasurer..... **Tim Sullivan**
Past President..... **Sarah Read**
Sergeant-at-Arms... **Casey Buckman**

Board Member..... **Susan Brandt**
Board Member..... **Sarah Wolf**
Board Member..... **Anna Drake**
Board Member..... **Wade Schuette**
Board Member..... **Shelley Sigholtz**
Board Member..... **Jim Stock**
Historian **Jim Cherrington**

Thanks to everyone for volunteering their leadership talents to our club!



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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District 6080 Assembly of Clubs



ASSEMBLY OF CLUBS

JULY 18TH | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for an engaging morning of updates, insights, and tools to help your club thrive in the year ahead.



BRIAN HALL
Year Ahead in Rotary



JENNIFER OWENS-BUIE
Growing Membership



PATRICK LONGANO
DacDB/IGNITE in Your Clubs



JOHN GERM
Polio Update

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

REGISTER TODAY!



Scan the QR code to register.

TOGETHER, WE LEAD. TOGETHER, WE GROW.

As we begin a new Rotary year centered around **Create Lasting Impact**, District 6080 Governor Brad Martens is inviting everyone to participate in the District 6080 Assembly of Clubs on **July 18, 2026**.

This interactive session will provide valuable information, practical tools, and inspiration to help your club succeed during the year ahead. Whether you are a club officer, committee chair, new member, or long-time Rotarian, there will be something for everyone.

Why Attend?

- Learn about District 6080 goals and priorities
- Discover membership growth strategies that work
- Improve your club's use of DacDB and IGNITE
- Connect with Rotarians from across the district
- Gain ideas and resources to help your club create lasting impact

All club officers, directors, committee chairs, and interested members are encouraged to attend.

Register today using the QR code posted above or by going online to:
<https://shorturl.at/r3c74>



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.



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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)
