

# The Metro Memo

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## Thank you . . .

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

Lisa has been a member of Metro since May 2021. Lisa stated she shares the enthusiasm of club members who wish to provide community service. She likes being part of an organization that has an impact locally, nationally, and internationally. In her spare time, Lisa enjoys biking as well as spending time with her family, friends, and pet husky, Sky.



## Announcements!

Metro has once again purchased a cart for the Hearts for Carts annual fundraiser for Mobility Worldwide. The event will be held **July 12** from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. in the MU Health Care Pavilion at the Farmer's Market (1710 West Ash Street). An informational flyer is on page 4 of this newsletter.



Metro's Board of Directors will meet **July 15** at 1:00 p.m.

Members will meet **July 16** 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. The date is rapidly approaching, so please contact **Casey Buckman** ASAP if you would like to be a part of this amazing experience.

Congratulations to **Sandra Logan** who won a \$25 gift certificate and a chocolate pizza from The Candy Factory donated by **Lisa Royse**. We raised \$71 for Metro charities.



Please remit your payment for 2026-2027 membership dues timely to Metro Treasurer **Bette Wordelman** online or to P.O. Box 109, Columbia, MO 65205.



Happy Birthday to **Bill Costello** on **July 9!**

Happy Birthday to **Susan Hart** on **July 12!**

Happy Birthday to **Penny Kuhns-Knarr** on **July 12!**

Congratulations to **Sandra Logan** who will celebrate 27 years as a Metro Rotarian on **July 14!**

Congratulations to **Shelley Sigholtz** who announced her plans to retire at the end of August. She stated she looks forward to having more free time available to devote to volunteering on behalf of The Rotary Foundation.



Members are encouraged to bring their old copies of *Rotary* magazines to future meetings once they have completed reading them.

The issues will be re-circulated to spread the word about Rotary in our community.



## Members with Guests

Member

Guest

Margaret Conroy ....Kelsey Hammock



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).

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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**, **Mark Claypole**, **Pat Hostetler**, and **Casey Buckman**.



In a club poll, members were asked to name a local establishment where the best French fries in town are served. The winner for the club survey was deemed to be Steak 'n Shake.



In an AI query, the "definitive title for the best French fries in Columbia, Missouri" belongs to Just Jeff's. The online report listed the following as top local destinations for French fries based on style and crowd consensus:

1. Just Jeff's – perfectly seasoned & crinkle cut
2. 44 Canteen – gourmet & loaded "disco" fries
3. Addison's – garlic fries
4. Mad Cow – hand-cut & house-battered
5. Flat Branch Pub & Brewing – battered French fries

## Partner for Better Helps Local Nonprofits

Dr. Kasey Hammond (right) is the founder of Partner for Better. She has worked in nonprofit organizations since she was 18 years old. By the age of 21, she was the director of a local nonprofit. Over time, she learned that "passion isn't always enough to sustain a mission."

Partner for Better began at a kitchen table in 2002. In its first year, Partner for Better served 29 nonprofits. Over the next couple of years, they organization moved into a shared working space, and eventually their own stand-alone office space. Earlier this year, they were recognized as the Columbia Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the Year.

Partner for Better creates nurturing spaces for learning and vulnerability that builds the wholeness of individuals, nonprofits, and communities. Some of the services they provide nonprofits include coaching, team building, board training, program evaluation, needs assessments, strategic planning, and grant research and writing.

To date, Partner for Better has served over 143 nonprofits and helped:

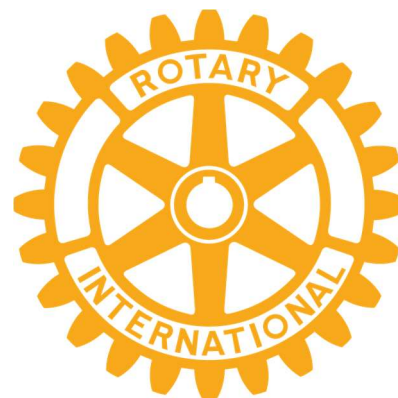
- Secure over \$12.5 million in grant funds
- Completed 14 high-quality, large-scale evaluations
- Coached 39+ nonprofit leaders
- Trained over 5,000 nonprofit employees

If you know of a nonprofit facing high employee turnover, unstable funding relationships, and/or difficulty providing data-driven impact, please consider referring them to Partner for Better at [kasey@partnerforbetter.com](mailto:kasey@partnerforbetter.com).



## Did You Know...

- The Rotary wheel has 24 teeth/cogs. These represent the 24 hours of the day, showing that service is a round-the-clock commitment.
- The six spokes represent the original internal avenues of vocational service and outward distribution of goodwill.
- The keyway represents the individual member, who serves as the vital link to spark the club into motion.



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## District 6080 Assembly of Clubs

The graphic is a dark-themed promotional poster for the District 6080 Assembly of Clubs. At the top left is the Rotary District 6080 logo. The main title 'ASSEMBLY OF CLUBS' is in large white letters, with the date 'JULY 18TH' and time '9:00 AM - 12:00 PM' below it. To the right is a 'CREATE LASTING IMPACT' logo. A central text block invites attendees to join for updates and tools. Below this are four portraits of speakers: Brian Hall (Year Ahead in Rotary), Jennifer Owens-Buie (Growing Membership), Patrick Longano (DacDB/IGNITE in Your Clubs), and John GERM (Polio Update). Each speaker's name is in yellow, and their topic is in white. Below each portrait is a small icon representing their topic. On the right side, there is a 'REGISTER TODAY!' call to action in yellow, a QR code, and a note to scan the QR code to register. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the slogan 'TOGETHER, WE LEAD. TOGETHER, WE GROW.' in white and yellow text.

**Rotary**  
District 6080

# ASSEMBLY OF CLUBS

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

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

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| <b>BRIAN HALL</b><br>Year Ahead in Rotary<br> | <b>JENNIFER OWENS-BUIE</b><br>Growing Membership<br> | <b>PATRICK LONGANO</b><br>DacDB/IGNITE in Your Clubs<br> | <b>JOHN GERM</b><br>Polio Update<br> |

**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>

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**FOOD  
TRUCKS**

LEFTY'S KETTLE CORN  
KONA ICE  
TOM'S COFFEE  
TRAIL BOSS BBQ

FUNDRAISER FOR MOBILITY WORLDWIDE MO - COLUMBIA



**HEARTS FOR  
CARTS**

**\$2,000**  
MAIN EVENT SPONSOR

**\$1,000**  
BAND SPONSOR

**\$425**  
CART SPONSOR



10 year old Boya had contracted Polio.

**ADULTS TICKET \$20**

**STUDENTS TICKET \$10**

**KIDS UNDER 10 FREE**

**LIVE MUSIC**  
FLYOVER COUNTRY  
AFRICAN DRUMS BY MORGAN

**BROADWAY  
BREWERY**

**SUNDAY JULY 12TH, 2026**  
NOON-4:00 PM  
FARMERS MARKET:  
MU HEALTH CARE PAVILION  
1701 W. ASH ST., COLUMBIA, MO 65203

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT DOOR INCLUDING SPONSOR TICKETS  
EACH SPONSOR GETS 2 TICKETS & A CART TO DECORATE

DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO:  
MOBILITY WORLDWIDE MO-COLUMBIA  
4825 E. MEYER INDUSTRIAL DRIVE  
COLUMBIA, MO 65201

FOR MORE INFO: GARY MOREAU, 573.886.7877  
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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](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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