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Thank you . . .

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



Scott has been a member of Metro since November 2022. He stated he enjoys getting to know fellow Rotarians, and he appreciates the diverse backgrounds of our membership. In his spare time, Scott and his wife enjoy camping.

Members With Guests

Member	Guest
Sarah Wolf	Carson Smith
Sarah Wolf	Jacob Schroeder
Sarah Wolf	J.W. Wyrick

ROTARY FAMILY

*Happy Birthday to **Shelley Sigholtz** on August 17!*

*Happy Birthday to **John John** on August 17!*

Congratulations to the following who will celebrate three years as Metro Rotarians on August 16:

Maizie Brown
Sara Jeffrey
J.D. Moran

Announcements!



A fellowship event is planned for August 13 at Delia's Mexican Grill (1400 Cinnamon Hill) beginning at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to bring a prospective Rotarian.

Metro's Board of Directors will meet August 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

Members will meet August 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the MBS parking lot to pick up trash along our Adopt-a-Spot streets.

Do you know of a 501(c)(3) organization in need of funding? If so, please contact **Ron Bodenstab** at your earliest convenience. He and his wife, Davida, are generously assisting qualified organizations.

Congratulations to **Rose Lloyd** who won a $45 gift certificate to Skylark Bookshop along with a beautiful plant in a 3D-printed "Tiger Stripe" pot (made of polylactic acid, a bio-based, compostable plastic made from fermented plant starch like corn) donated by **Scott Christianson**. We raised $48 for Metro charities.



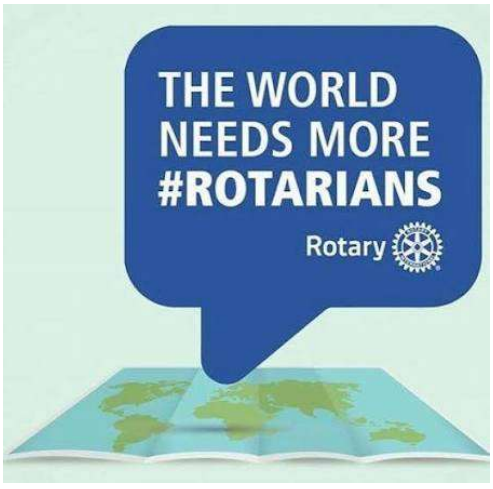
BRING A Friend!

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.

Need help coming up with a list of possible names to invite to a Metro meeting? You may find one, or more, of the following sources helpful.

- Work/personal contact list
- People you do business with
- Community volunteers
- Neighbors
- Active civic leaders
- Colleagues/local professionals
- Teammates
- Anyone looking to network, grow personally, and serve others

Once you have the information completed, please forward to **Victoria Brees** at maybrees@hotmail.com.



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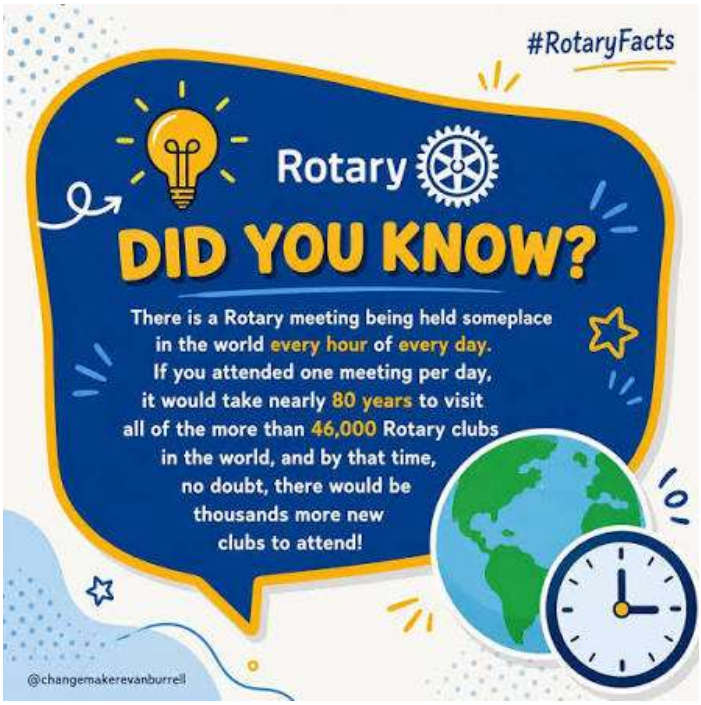
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Happy Hat



Sergeant-at-Arms **Casey Buckman** invited members to share good thoughts and news about the topic of their choice. Today's contributors were **Wade Schuette**, **Sherry Major**, and **Mark Claypole**.



Membership and New Club Development Month

Within Rotary International, August is designated as Membership and New Club Development month. It is a time for clubs worldwide to focus on growing, strengthening, and celebrating their membership base.

This is an opportune time to consider inviting someone to a club meeting or activity (see page one). Metro is very open to new energy, skills, and diverse perspectives to help with all our community service projects.

Tolton Students Enjoy RYLA



Carson, Jacob & J.W.

Carson, Smith, Jacob Schroeder, and J.W. Wyrick are students at Father Tolton Catholic High school who attended the 2026 Missouri RYLA Academy. This year's event was held on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.

The students spoke about learning new leadership skills, and they enjoyed meeting other students from around the state. The teambuilding exercises were a favorite, and the students shared the positive experiences they realized. Each spoke about time management skills that were learned, and the results that were achieved with working together with people they literally had just met hours before.

Each student was able to participate in a service project during the end of their camp week, and J.W. spoke in detail about his team's project which resulted in transportation being provided for the homeless in the Warrensburg area. Jacob indicated his team performed a waterway cleanup in the Lake of the Ozarks area, and it was a very rewarding project for him.

Established in 1992, the Missouri RYLA Academy is a 4-day, 3-night leadership event for diverse incoming high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who exhibit a heart for community service. The program was developed by some of Missouri's top professional educators and Rotarians from Districts 6040, 6060, and 6080. The curriculum is designed to identify and enhance the qualities of servant leadership for each participant, educate them on how to successfully implement a service project, and inspire them to live a lifetime of "Service Above Self."

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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.

Rotary 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)

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How will the organization use the funds if awarded? (2-3 sentences)

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