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Thank you . . .

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



Laura has been a member of Metro since July 2014. She stated she enjoys the weekly meetings which serve as a break from her job and provide positive thoughts. She is very appreciative of the friendships she has made through Rotary. In her spare time, Laura enjoys spending time with her daughter, Kennedy, and helping her achieve her dreams.

Members With Guests

Member	Guest
Laura Royse	Brian Asbury
Anna Drake	Jacob Kerner

Family of Rotary

*Congratulations to **Tom Trabue** who will celebrate 4 years as a Metro Rotarian on August 31.*

*Congratulations to **Pat Hostetler**, and her husband Lynn, as they celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary!*

*Congratulations to **Victoria Brees**, and her husband Scott, as they celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Metro's Board of Directors will meet on September 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

On September 19, Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture will host its 17th Annual Harvest Hootenanny from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Columbia's Agriculture Park. Metro will display its Fishbowl Frenzy booth again for this event. Please contact **Laura** or **Lisa Royse** if you would like to volunteer your time. Donations of $5 gift cards and/or candy for the game participants are being accepted up until the event date.

Planning is underway for the 17th Annual Float Trip to be held the weekend of July 24, 2027, at Bass River Resort in July. Please contact **Casey Buckman** to make your reservation early!

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 **Tim Sullivan** who won a $50 gift card to Hy-Vee and one dozen cookies donated by **Laura Royse**. We raised $85 for Metro charities.

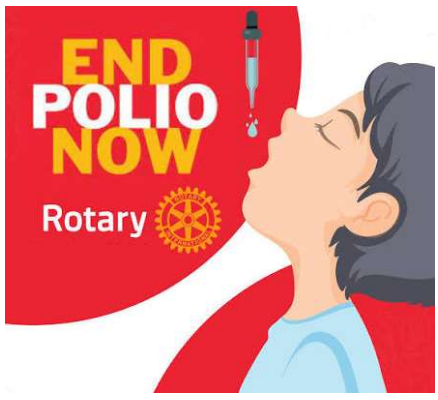


Do you know someone who would make a great Rotarian? If so, the process of nominating him/her is simple. An application form is available on the Metro website at https://tinyurl.com/23v53s44.

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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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 **Pat Hostetler**, **Casey Buckman**, **Victoria Brees**, **Tom Trabue**, and **Shelley Sigholtz**.

Today, members learned the recipe for asphalt. Asphalt is made by mixing 90-95% stone, sand, and gravel with about 5-10% liquid bitumen binder. Mineral fillers or recycled asphalt pavement are sometimes added for extra performance. The stone, sand, and gravel give the pavement its strength. The bitumen binder is a sticky, black petroleum residue from crude oil distillation that acts as the glue.



Members also learned that seismic retrofitting is the process of reinforcing existing buildings with extra structural elements so they can survive earthquakes with less damage. The retrofitting ties the roof, walls, and framing securely to the foundation. This helps the building flex and bend instead of cracking or collapsing. This also helps fix weak spots like unbolted foundations or soft ground floors. This can result in dramatically lowering the risk of structural collapse and protecting people who may be inside.

IGNITE APP TRAINING

If you want to learn the fastest and easiest ways to maximize your personal and club use of Ignite, three informative sessions are available for you to choose from. Ignite Chief Revenue Officer Patrick Longano and District 6080 Communications Chair Erik Janeczko will give a brief, high energy, overview of key features and functions you need to know along with several tips and tricks to make your club life easier! This open forum is intended to answer any questions you have as well! Multiple duplicate sessions are being offered to accommodate as many Rotarians as efficiently as possible, so you only need to attend one of the three sessions offered.

Sept. 8 - 9:30 AM Central Time
Register here:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yNRK8Zv7T9SEb4ClxuPlKQ

Sept. 9 - 4:30 PM Central Time
Register here:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/WwGhrvhuShKzAcGPlis_lg

Sept. - 9:30 AM Central Time
Register here:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/55kOvBhsSA-y2hj-1-lg5Q

CREATOR OF LOCAL MURAL SPEAKS ABOUT HIS CRAFT

Jacob Kerner (below) is an artist who goes by @travelartdad on Instagram. He is responsible for the imaginative sci-fi and alien-themed art installations and murals located in Columbia. Jacob is a native from Southern California who now resides in Lawrence, Kansas.



Jacbo likes to use spray paint as the source of 95% of his work. He informed members of the process that is involved for each project including mocking up panels for the property owner and prepping the surface. He spoke of using an object projection guide for some projects and also shared how he likes to freestyle in his artwork.

Jacob's mural at the intersection of College Avenue and Rogers Street (below) features alien and astronaut elements along with sculptures.



Jacob explained the next planned step in this project is to paint the sculptures. It is hoped that this will occur in the next few weeks.

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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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