

# The Rotozark

Greeter: TBD

Rotary Club of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge, &amp; Four Way Test: TBD

## This Week at Rotary:

### Reflections on Rwanda, Ram Nayar

Ram has been a member of Rotary for 22 years. In December 2023, he traveled to Rwanda on a personal mission to serve the children of "Bright Future Academy", a school for children who were orphaned as a result of the Genocide and other street children. He will share his experience with the children of the school and hopes to raise awareness of the opportunities ahead for those who wish to do "Service above Self", and to create hope for the children of Bright Future Academy and all children in Rwanda.

Please come and listen to the heartwarming story of the children of Rwanda as seen through the eyes of the speaker.



## Coming Attractions

**Next Week, Apr. 23**—CHAMPS, Jeni Hopkins

**Apr. 30** —Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, Byron Shive

## Upcoming Calendar Events:

**Apr. 19-21**—Rotary District 6080 Conference at Margaritaville, Osage Beach

**Apr. 23**—Board Meeting at Kentwood Hall, 10:30am

**Apr. 30**—Fellowship Event at White River Brewery (505 W. Commercial St.), 5-7pm

**May 8**—All-City Rotary Meeting at White River Convention Center, noon

**June 26**—Rotary Night at the Springfield Cardinals Game

## All-City Rotary Meeting

Our annual All-City Rotary Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at the White River Conference Center at noon. The speaker will be Art Hains, Director of Broadcasting at MSU and a member of Springfield Southeast Rotary Club.

Please arrive at 11:30am to get through the buffet line and find a seat. The meeting will begin promptly at noon and end at 1pm.

RSVP link in the weekly email. The deadline to RSVP is April 26th.

## Rotary District Conference

Rotary Districts 6040, 6060, and 6080 will celebrate together to hold a Rotary Funvention at Margaritaville, in Osage Beach, April 19-21. The fun will include Shoes for Orphan Souls Collections, Breakfast/Brunch, Dinner, Dinner Cruise, Margaritaville Perks, Family Fun Time, and Experiential Rock Start Key-note Speaker from Las Vegas, Marvelless Mark.

## Spring Membership Challenge

Do you know someone who is interested in membership or maybe someone who would be a great

addition to the club but does not know about Rotary? This is the perfect time to invite them as a guest!

The competition lasts all of March and April. A "What is Rotary?" program is scheduled for April 2nd. Membership applications must be submitted by April 30, 2024 to be counted for points.

How to earn points: Bring a guest, 5pts; "What is Rotary" day guest, 10pts; Completed membership application submitted, 25pts.

The top 4 members with the most points will receive a cash prize!

### Check out some of the area clubs!

SPRINGFIELD NORTH  
Tuesdays, 7AM, DoubleTree Hotel

SPRINGFIELD METRO  
Tuesdays, 5 PM, 425 Event Center

SPRINGFIELD SOUTHEAST  
Thursdays, Noon, Ocean Zen

SPRINGFIELD SUNRISE  
Wednesdays, 7 AM, Twin Oaks Country Club

ROTARACT CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, Noon, 425 Event Center

OZARK  
Wednesdays, Noon, Ozark Community Center

NIXA  
Thursdays, Noon, Nixa Area Chamber of Commerce

## April Birthdays

4/4—Brigitte Marrs & Trudy Smith

4/9—William Nesbitt

4/15—Jim Moore

4/19—Jeffrey Mindock

4/21—Janet Dankert

4/22—Roseann Bentley & Karen Horny

4/23—Steve Shanholtzer

4/27—Bud Greve

4/28—Melissa Briggs

4/29—Steve Dooley & Stephanie Hein

4/30—Tiffany Brunner

## April Anniversaries

1 year—Jeni Wirth

2 years—Kelsea Suarez

6 years—David Hinson

12 years—Joe Driscoll

23 years—Jim Moore

36 years—Steve Shanholtzer

43 years—Guy Mace

46 years—Jerry Tourville



**Board Members:** President, Matt Suarez; President-Elect, Lisa Bakerink; Secretary, Melissa Briggs; Past-President, Gail Noggle; Treasurer, Steve Bach; Director, Michael Bishop-Jones; Director, Abby Glen ; Director, Steve Shanholtzer; Director: Trudy Smith; Executive Secretary, Kimberly Pittman

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