

# The Rotozark

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Rotary Club of Springfield #2387

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Invocation, Pledge, &amp; Four Way Test: John Beuerlein

## This Week at Rotary:

### C.H.A.M.P.S., Jeni Hopkins



Jeni Hopkins is currently the Assistant Director at the college preparatory school on the campus of Missouri State University, Greenwood Laboratory School.

Hopkins coached basketball for twenty-four years. She was named the National High School Basketball Coaches Association National Missouri Coach of the Year in 2014. She has her own sports talk radio show, A Coach's Perspective on the ESPN affiliate in Springfield, Missouri.

Hopkins currently serves as the Media Coordinator of the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association. She has been on their executive board for over twenty years and in 2022 is being bestowed their national award, John Wooden's Legacy Award for coaching and contributions of excellence in the sport of basketball. She is currently helping lead the mental health effort for athletes and coaches for the National High School Basketball Coaches Association.

Jeni Hopkins is the founder and director of Court Talk, a bimonthly luncheon promoting basketball in the Springfield, Missouri area. She is also the founder and director of CHAMPS (Champion Humans and Mentoring Partnerships for Success), a mentoring program for seniors in high school and successful members of the community.

Hopkins was a school guidance counselor for eighteen years and has been a sports counselor for over twenty years. She is a member of the Missouri School Counselors Association. She teaches three per course subjects at Missouri State University: Counseling Adolescents (Graduate College), Principles of Coaching Basketball, Fundamentals of Handball (Department of Kinesiology).

Hopkins is also a motivational speaker and an author. She has published two biographies and a children's series.

Her favorite role, however, is with her FAMILY. Scott Hopkins, her husband of nearly three decades is a cattle rancher. Her daughter, Hailey Jo, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and currently teaches English abroad, and her son, Hayden, is a student at Missouri State University.

## Coming Attractions

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

**May 7**—No Meeting, All-City Meeting (5/8)

## Upcoming Calendar Events:

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

**Apr. 25**—Rotary Night Dinner at Mercy Kids, 5:30-7:30pm

**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.

## 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 ap-

plication 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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