

The Rotozark

Greeter: Nick Baker

Rotary Club of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge, & Four Way Test: Sally Hargis

This Week at Rotary:

The Kitchen, Meleah Spencer



Meleah Spencer is the Chief Executive Officer of The Kitchen, Inc. She earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree and has completed coursework towards a Master's degree at Drury University, focusing on Communications, Marketing, and Business Administration. After her undergraduate studies, she embarked on a career with Hallmark Greeting Cards, which took her to Las Vegas, Nevada, and southern California. Over a decade on the West Coast, she gained extensive experience in management, training, and business development within the retail and credit union industries.

In 2007, Meleah returned to Springfield, Missouri, where she reconnected with her alma mater as the Director of Alumni and Annual Giving. She later served as the Executive Director of the Discovery Center of Springfield before joining The Kitchen, Inc. Her connection to The Kitchen, Inc. began during her senior year at Drury University, where she interned for The Kitchen's 5K Fun Run hosted by City Utilities. This experience revealed to her the extent of hunger and poverty in her community and introduced her to the organization's founder, Sister Lorraine.

In her free time, Meleah enjoys working on her family farm, traveling (especially to Memphis), and spending time with close family and friends. She resides in Springfield with her two fur kids, Graceland Fay and Stella Lee.

Coming Attractions

Next Week, June 11—Haven Home, Alexis Marler

June 18—The Library, Vickie Hicks

Upcoming Calendar Events:

June 18—Board Meeting at Kentwood Hall, 10:30am

June 20—Rotary Visioning, 5-9pm

June 26—Rotary Night at the Springfield Cardinals Game, 7pm

This Week's Menu

Caesar salad, garlic bread, California blend vegetables, alfredo pasta bake and chicken parmesan

Rotary Visioning

On Thursday, June 20 from 5-9pm, several of us will have an opportunity to engage in a visioning or strategic planning process for the Rotary Club of Springfield. If you are interested in learning more and perhaps joining this group, please contact Lisa Bakerink - 417-763-0415 or lbakerink@springfieldmo.gov.

Rotary Night at The Springfield Cardinals

Join us on Wednesday, June 26th at 7pm for Springfield Cardinals baseball! Tickets are \$10 a piece with limited seating. Don't strike out! Grab yours now before they're gone! RSVP officially to Eric Atkinson, Kelsea Suarez or Kara Turner.

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

June Birthdays

6/2—Danette Proctor

6/13—John Feick & Yulia Whittington

6/14—Andrea Croley

6/17—Lisa Bakerink

6/19—Ben Jones

6/22—Steve Bach

June Anniversaries

3 years—Danielle Wise

5 years—Nick Nelson

6 years—Jeff Bentley, Jenny Fillmer Edwards & Kim Reser

10 years—Paul Gubbins

12 years—Stephanie Hein & Stephanie Hurt

17 years—George Heinz

18 years—Ken McClure

20 years—Trudy Smith & Linda Thomas

32 years—Virginia Mee

33 years—Andrea Croley

37 years—Steve Schneider



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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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