

March 11, 2025

Meetings 7:00 AM, Tuesday • DoubleTree Hotel
Club 57764 • District 6080 • Organized March 29, 2002
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Program: Amy Jardell, Executive Director, Ozarks Literacy Council. *Literacy Changes Lives.*

Last Week's Program: Mike Kromrey, Executive Director, Watershed Committee of the Ozarks. *Protecting water resources.*

Opening: Scott Tumlin opened with the *Prayer, Pledge and the Four-Way Test.*

Guests: Debbie Vandivert.

Rotary Moment: Since 1993, the United Nations has recognized March 22 as World Water Day, to bring attention to the importance of clean water. The theme this year is "Save Our Glaciers." Water projects continue to be the main focus of most WASH-RAG (water and sanitation, hygiene Rotary Action Group) projects.

Announcements: President Paula Montgomery

- Paula Montgomery thanked everyone who was able to attend the club social at the MSU basketball game, and Sarge was challenged to recall the score of the game.
- Scott Tumlin will share the dates for the planned lunch socials.
- Paula Montgomery reminded the club that the March 18th meeting will take place at OTC Advanced Manufacturing Center.
- Paula Montgomery stated that three students are interested in RYLA and she will conduct interviews with them.

Sergeant-At-Arms: James Young

- Ellen Duvall reviewed her travel itinerary to Vietnam.
- Scott Tumlin was fined for not recalling the score of the MSU game. The final score was 74-65.
- Ellen Duvall shared that Kim Flores sends her greetings to the club.
- Jim Jenkins reported that Dee well after surgery and moved off walker and to a cane.
- Brandon Gammil was happy to have spent time in Milwaukee riding 4-wheelers on a frozen lake.

Program: Mike Kromrey shared why it is important to protect drinking water to how we can all be involved. The City of Springfield is responsible for water delivery, which has come from various sources. Approximately 80 percent of Springfield's drinking water comes from surface water (lakes, rivers) and the rest from ground water (wells, spring). It is important to protect the land as well as the water. Education and outreach are at the core of their mission. They provide field trips and share resources to provide educational opportunities about the beauty of land and water. Mike shared their 2024 Annual Report and shared opportunities for activities, such as engaging children to fish for the first time. The number of people visiting Valley Water Mill Park has increased to 40K-50K a year. Almost 4,000 students engaged in field trips plus an additional 3,500 outreach participants annually. They actively promote conservation through planting native prairie and water gardens. He shared information on projects to decrease pollution that drains into the water resources. Storm water goes directly into lakes, like Lake Springfield, and water from parking lots, roadways, etc. may include toxins. Because of the amount of pavement, concrete and other hard surfaces, cities have a greater magnitude and frequency of flooding, which impacts the quantity and quality of runoff water. Only Springfield is served by surface water supply. Other communities like Willard, Ozark, etc. are served by public wells for their water supply. To protect our water resources, we must understand where our water comes from, what factors affect our valuable resources, and what actions can be taken. Thank you for supporting Clean Water for Life.

Calendar		
March – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month		
Date	Program	Opening (Alt) Rotary Moment
03/11	Amy Jardell Ozarks Literacy Council	Charles Vandivert (Ellen Duvall)
03/18	Robert Randolph OTC Advanced Manufacturing Center	Joe Wadkins (Emily Inman)
03/25	Jeff Frederick Drury University	Isabelle Walker (Jim Jenkins)
04/01	Morning Club Social April Fools Day	Casey Wray (Bud Jones)
04/08	Shannon McMurtrey Cybersecurity and AI	James Young (Allen Kunkel)
Birthdays		
No March Birthdays		
Springfield Rotary Club Locations		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Springfield (Downtown) – Tue, Noon, Kentwood Hall Springfield Metro – Tue, 5:00 PM, 425 West Walnut Springfield Sunrise - Wed, 7:00 AM, Twin Oaks Country Club Ozark – Wed, Noon, Ozark Community Center Rotaract – 2nd & 4th Wed, Noon, 425 West Walnut Springfield Southeast – Thu, Noon, Ocean Zen Restaurant 		

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