

April 8, 2025

Meetings 7:00 AM, Tuesday • DoubleTree Hotel
Club 57764 • District 6080 • Organized March 29, 2002
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Program: Shannon McMurtrey, Associate Professor, Drury University. *Trends in Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence.*

Last Week's Program: Katherine Rhoades Gonzalez author of *The Co-Captain's Log. The Journey of Sailing the Pacific.*

Opening: Bud Jones opened with the Prayer, Pledge and the Four-Way Test.

Guests: Ryan Huron, Sunrise Rotary, Steve Montgomery, Metro Rotary, Alex Weldon Bartelt, Discovery Center, and Debbie Vandivert.

Rotary Moment: Craig Steensland described his participation at President-Elect Training (PETS). He met Rotary International President Mario who is from Brazil. Next year's Rotary theme is Unite for Good. There are 1.2 million Rotarians in 3,800 clubs, and Rotarians have contributed \$1.2 billion to Polio Plus.

Announcements: President Paula Montgomery

- Scott Tumlin stated that we will assist Council of Churches on April 2 in preparing hygiene items and presenting the socks we collected.
- The club sang Happy Birthday to James Young, led by two of the DoubleTree employees. Their help was appreciated!
- Paula Montgomery stated that our second applicant for RYLA has been interviewed. The Discovery Center and Southeast Rotary are helping support RYLA applicants from Springfield.
- The next Board meeting will be April 15.
- Joe Stokes noted April 11 is the next Dream Center block party.

Sergeant-At-Arms: James Young

- Sarge noted Craig Steensland has a day named after him - April Fools.
- Jim Jenkins reminded Sarge to contribute for his birthday.
- Isabelle Walker was happy she and Cliff Buchanan closed on a property together last week.
- Bud Jones was happy that his 7th grandchild is on the way.
- Joe Stokes was happy for another great grandchild on the way.
- Craig Steensland's youngest turned 24.
- Scott Tumlin thanked Craig Steensland for giving him all the change he had in his pocket when he was short of cash last week.
- Paula Montgomery was happy that Alex attended our club meeting and for the great work of the Discovery Center.

Program: Katherine Rhoades Gonzalez is a former RYLA participant, Youth Exchange Student to France, and an Ambassadorial Scholarship recipient with Rotary. In 2021 and following her husband Andres' dream, they both embarked on adventure in their 34-foot Seacraft sailboat from Seattle to New Zealand with stops including French Polynesia. Katherine read several passages from her book, *The Co-Captain's Log*, including being in a dense fog, unable to see anything for hours, and they found themselves amid a pod of approximately 200 whales. Another memorable incident was when a severe storm hit and their boat severely listed and fortunately righted itself but her husband was washed overboard and she fractured a kneecap. They were a day out from shore. he was hypothermic, and her knee swollen "as a melon" when they reached port. But both were able to battle to safety and have quite a story to tell. They sailed down the coast to Cabo San Lucas to French Polynesia, Tahiti, ending in New Zealand. During their stops along the way she elaborated on her journal entries and successfully completed the 11,000 nautical mile trip. Katherine shared how they were able to briefly communicate with family, daily routines on the 10-foot-wide sailboat, navigating the vast ocean, and meeting so many wonderful people along the way.

Calendar
April – Maternal and Child Health Month

Date	Program	Opening (Alt) Rotary Moment
04/08	Shannon McMurtrey Cybersecurity and AI	James Young (Allen Kunkel)
04/15	Errin Kemper Springfield Environmental Services	Sarah Bakerink (Geoff Russell)
04/22	Tim Siebert Children's Miracle Network	Cliff Buchanan (Craig Steensland)
04/29	NO MEETING	5 th Tuesday
05/06	Ellen Duvall Travels to Cambodia and Vietnam	Ellen Duvall (Joe Stokes)
05/13	Ashley Silva Community Foundation of the Ozarks	Emily Inman (Scott Tumlin)

Birthdays
James Young – April 7

Springfield Rotary Club Locations

- 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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own copy of books.

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