

# Rotary



# Club of Springfield Metro

## Speakers

### Club Meeting

Springfield Metro  
Meets at 425  
Downtown  
425 W Walnut St  
Springfield, MO 65806-  
2041  
Time: Tuesday at 5:00  
PM  
Water & Sanitation  
Month

### Club Leaders



Jennifer L.  
Battagler  
President



Lisa M. Sims  
President -  
Elect



Sarah M.  
Peterson  
Secretary



Padgett S.  
Smith  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair  
Treasurer  
President -  
Nominee



Simone A.  
Cook  
Public  
Relations  
Chair  
Club Public  
Image  
Chair



Anthony L.  
Shalloup Jr.  
Armed  
Service  
Veteran  
Membership  
Chair



Sarah  
Sissel-  
Badillo  
iPast  
President

## Supporting Empowerment Day with District Simplified Grant Funding

Metro Rotary is proud to sponsor Girls Empowerment Day at Parkview High School on Friday, April 4, from 5:00–8:00 pm. The event will take place in the school's cafeteria. Metro Rotary's board approved \$200 in District Simplified Grant Funding to assist with expenses for the event. This student-led event, organized by Sarvia Romero through Parkview's Leadership School, aims to inspire and equip participants with valuable skills and resources.

Our contribution helps make this evening possible, reinforcing our commitment to youth empowerment and community engagement. There are opportunities to serve as a speaker. If you are interested, please let Jen Battagler know by emailing [jenbattagler@gmail.com](mailto:jenbattagler@gmail.com) or calling (417) 830-6962.

## March 11 - Metro Turns 14!



### Metro Rotary Turns 14!

Metro Rotary is celebrating 14 years on March 11. Our club was officially chartered on March 8, 2011. What better way to celebrate than to gather birthday party supplies for Wish I May, a volunteer-run organization through the Council of Churches to provide birthday supplies to underprivileged children and their families? Wish I May is volunteer-based and donation-driven and strives to provide special birthday bags for those in need to make their day special. They serve children aged 1-12.

### Items Needed:

- Cake Mix
- Icing
- Candles
- Birthday Cards
- Party Plates
- Napkins
- Age-appropriate toys and books - [click this link for ideas](#)
- Gift bags
- Tissue paper

## March 18 - Bobbi Bellamy with Abilities First

Join us on March 18 when we welcome Bobbi Bellamy with Abilities First. Bobbi serves as the educational liaison for Abilities First, an organization dedicated to ensuring people with developmental disabilities can experience full inclusion where they live, work, and play.



## Birthdays

Lisa M Sims  
March 17th  
Sarah M. Peterson  
April 5th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Simone & Clay Cook  
March 25th

## March 25 - Rotary on the Road to the Law Office of Lisa Sims



We're taking **Rotary on the Road** to visit the new **law office of our very own Lisa Sims!** This is a great opportunity to learn more about Lisa's practice, the work she does in our community, and connect with fellow Rotarians in a new setting.

Don't miss this chance to support one of our own. We will see you there!

Law Office of Lisa Sims  
1350 E Kingsley St, Suite D

## April 1 - Chris Berger Executive Director of Foster Adopt Connect

Join us on April 1 to welcome Chris Berger, the newly appointed Executive Director of Foster Adopt Connect, as our guest speaker.

After nearly three decades of advocating for children as a teacher and superintendent, Chris retired in June 2024 and stepped into his new role as Executive Director of Foster Adopt Connect in August 2024. Prior to this, he served as Superintendent of the Wright City R-II School District, where he was dedicated to improving educational opportunities for children.

Join us as we hear Chris share his vision, experience, and passion for supporting children and families in need. We hope to see you there!



## April 8 - Rob Marsh, CEO/Executive Director of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame



Join us on Tuesday, April 8 for a presentation by Rob Marsh, the new CEO/Executive Director of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Rob has a wealth of experience, as his achievements in 27 years with Springfield-based Pyramid Foods – which runs Price Cutter Supermarkets — have prepared him to lead the Hall into a new era of success, ensuring its continued relevance and growth.

In his role as CEO, he will also oversee the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy, one of 26 professional golf tournaments on the Korn Ferry Tour.

## April 15 - LaDonna Greiner "I am Here for a Purpose"

LaDonna Greiner spent a terrifying January night lost in the Missouri wildness. She has written a book, *I'm Here for a Purpose*, about her unplanned adventure and shares the lessons she learned that could help save your life if you ever find yourself lost and alone in the woods.



## April 22 - Special Rotary on the Road (Noon to 1:00 pm)

Join us for a **special Rotary on the Road** with **Rotary Club of Southeast** and **Rotary Club of Springfield Downtown** on **April 22 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM!** This event will take place of our usual 5:00 – 6:00 PM meeting.

This is a fantastic opportunity to **celebrate the achievements** of our district simplified grant project and share its success with our fellow Rotarians.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 PM

**Location:** Crosslines at 3055 E Division

**Boxed lunches will be provided.**

The event will include a **brief program, a tour of the facility, and a firsthand look** at the new items made possible through the grant funding.

We'd love to have you there! Let us know if you're able to attend by RSVP'ing in DACdb.

## April 29 - 5th Tuesday Project (Details to Come)

### Committee Sign Up on DACdb



At Springfield Metro we want to make all members fully engaged and the best way to do that is to sign up for a committee! We don't want to be a "Paul" (if you joined us at The Permit Shop you will get this) and we try to cut out unnecessary steps where we can. So please sign up for a committee using DACdb, using the following steps:

- Login to DACdb
- Click on My Club tab on the top tool toolbar
- Click on Club Committees
- Click on Committee Sign Up - located on the left side of the screen
- Click on the box for the committee you want to join.

EASY PEASY!!!

If you are unsure of what a committee does, please reach out to the committee chair, and they will be happy to explain.

### Enter Your Makeup on DACdb - It's EASY!

Have you visited another Rotary club or attended a committee meeting? You can easily enter your makeup on DACdb!! All you have to do is go to the 'My Data' tab, click on 'Enter MakeUp', enter the needed information, and you are done! It's easy!



### Springfield Metro Board Meeting



Springfield Metro Board meets the 3rd Tuesday each month following our regular meeting. Board meetings are open to all Metro members and the board encourages you to visit! It is a great way to learn more about your club and to give your input on the operations of the club. Plus, it counts as a make-up if you need one.

## Need a Makeup

Perfect attendance is easy to achieve! If you have to miss a meeting and need a makeup, it's not a problem! Attend a meeting at one of our fellow Rotary Clubs, Rotaract, or you can do an online makeup.

Springfield Rotary and Rotaract Meeting Times:

Springfield Downtown Springfield Southeast  
Tuesday 12:00 PM Thursday 12:00 PM

Springfield North Springfield Sunrise  
Tuesday 7:00 AM Wednesday 7:00 AM

Rotaract Club of Springfield  
2nd and 4th Wednesday 12:00 PM

Locations for Club Meetings can be found in DACdb.

Online make ups can be made at the following link <https://www.rotaryclubone.org/makeups/articles/>

Make sure to enter your makeup in DACdb!

## Events

