

Rotary

Club of Springfield North

Club #57764 District 6080 ≈ Organized March 29, 2002
The Northsider

Meetings 7:00-8:00 AM, Tuesday ≈ DoubleTree Hotel
September 24, 2019

Program: **Joseph Cole**, MERS (Metropolitan Employment and Rehabilitation Service) Goodwill Excel and Career Center. (Employment and training center)

September 17: **Kenny Hamilton** opened the meeting.

Guests: **DG Paul Reinert**, Rotarian **Deanna Adams**, Downtown.

Announcements: **DG Paul Reinert** presented **Steve Stodden** with a certificate welcoming him into the Paul Harris Society. **Steve** has committed to donating \$1,000 a year to the RI Foundation. **Pres. Joe Stokes** stated Millsap Farms is a possibility for our October social. We are working with the Council of Churches to choose the greenhouse we will help build with our District Simplified Grant. **DG Paul** revealed that funds remain for more DSG for this year and deadlines are approaching. **Pres. Joe** reminded us to register online to help with Children's Miracle Network December fundraiser. He or **Kenny Hamilton** can register us. They need name, phone and email. **DG Paul** discussed the District January 29-February 3 trip to Cali, Columbia to attend the country's Rotary Project Fair. Details are available on DaCdb. There will be a Team Exchange with Chili in May.

Sergeant-At-Arms: **James Young** substituted for Sarge **Allen Kunkel**. **Joe Wadkins** shared that **Deanna Adams** set records in hurdles in high school, many of which are still standing. **Steve Stodden** was in Florida and the storms made him late and he had to make a mad dash through the Atlanta airport. Although the jetway gate was closed, the plane door was not, so he was allowed to board the plane to SGF. **Joe Wadkins** reported the water leak at the DoubleTree was located and fixed. **Emily Inman** was happy that a room that was dry was found for the meeting. **Joe Stokes** is predicting the MSU football Bears will have a good year. **James Young** saw a game at Tulane that did not excite him. **Isabelle Walker** was relieved to close a house sale that weathered numerous hurdles. **Paul Reinert** was quite impressed with his tour of the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, IL.

Program: **Ashley Beard-Fosnow** is the Associate Director of Missouri Humanities Council (MHC). The MHC was founded in 1971 within Congressional legislation to connect residents with the people, places, and ideas that shape our society. They have grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and state organizations and they are building their presence in southwest Missouri. They have creative writing workshops for veterans. Traveling exhibits go to libraries and other locations throughout the state. One such exhibit is titled 200 Years of Missouri. Other exhibits and displays include Native Americans in Our Armed Forces and Women's Suffrage. There are African-American displays and Trail of Tears displays. "Humanities and the Future: Water" is a symposium, April 22-23, 2020, that will include Missouri landscapes and water sites in art and photographs. They also conduct wine tours and bike tours. In addition to displays at libraries, locally May-July, 2020 their Waterways exhibit will be at the Discovery Center. November 20-21, 2020, the Legends of Conservation will be at Wonders of Wildlife. October 19-November 16, 2020 will be the veteran's writing workshop. She has found that people in SW MO have more knowledge about the Civil War than in other areas in the state. October 26 from 4PM to sunset there will be a Haunted Civil War tour Cavalcade of Woes starting in downtown Springfield. The 1½-mile walk, from the Calaboose to Maple Park Cemetery, includes indoor stops where there will be lectures. Civil War scholar Greg Wolf is leading the tour. The cost is \$10 per person and information is at www.mohumanities.org

Calendar		
Basic Education and Literacy Month		
Date	Program	Opening (alternate)
09/24	Joseph Cole MERS Goodwill Excel And Career Center	Emily Inman (Steve Stodden)
10/1	Jenny Edwards The Park Board	Jim Jenkins (Geoff Russell)
10/8	Coach "Mox" Lady Bears Basketball	Allen Kunkel (Chris Rice)
10/15	Abe McGull Zone 2 Councilman	Rhonda Miller (Jeff Portman)
10/22	Christine Peoples Timmons Hall	P Montgomery (Ron Anderson)
10/24	World Polio Day	
Birthdays Margaret Geiger 9/19		

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2019 - 2020

Springfield North Board Meeting
The 2nd **Wednesday** of the Month
7AM at the DoubleTree

The Rotary Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all?

Rotary Club Make-Up Locations

RI requires 50% attendance. Members can make-up an absence by attending another Rotary Club 14 days before or after the absence. Please notify Sarah Bakerink when you attend other meetings.

Springfield (Downtown)-Tuesday, Noon, Kentwood Hall
 Springfield Metro-Tuesday, 5:00 PM, 425 West Walnut
 Springfield Sunrise-Wednesday, 7:00 AM, Twin Oaks Country Club
 Ozark-Wednesday, Noon, Ozark Community Center
 Rotaract-2nd & 4th-Wednesday, Noon, 425 West Walnut
 Springfield Southeast-Thursday, Noon, Ocean Zen Restaurant
 Nixa Rotary Club-Thursday, Noon, Walkabout Coffee Shop

Career Talk - Give the gift of literacy

You may be surprised to discover that of the 197 nations worldwide, the United States ranks 125th in literacy with just 86% of our population able to read, write and do basic math. In Monterey County, CA, 25 percent of the adult population reads below the fourth-grade level. Lest you think it is only the immigrant population who are illiterate, 29 percent of Appalachian adults are considered functionally illiterate.

The cost of illiteracy impacts every major social issue. Low literacy costs the U.S. \$225 billion annually in workforce non-productivity, loss of tax revenue and crime. In addition, there are another \$232 billion in health care costs linked to low adult literacy skills. 75 percent of state prison inmates have not completed high school or can be classified as low literate.

Imagine finding your way around town without being able to read street signs, buying over-the-counter medications without being able to read the directions, or looking for a job without being able to complete an application. It is not that the illiterate are not smart; they have to be smart to navigate a world where everyone else reads and writes. They simply need help accessing literacy resources.

Typical learners say they want to read and write to prepare for a better job, obtain a GED, read to their child, obtain employment certification or become a U.S. citizen. Sept. 8 is International Literacy Day. Consider becoming a volunteer literacy tutor. Nationwide, literacy programs struggle with long student waiting lists; less than 10 percent of adults in need are receiving services. Becoming a literacy tutor may be the most rewarding experience of your life.

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