

Rotary

Club of Springfield North

Club #57764 District 6080 ~ Organized March 29, 2002

Meetings 7:00-8:00 AM, Tuesday ~ DoubleTree Hotel

The Northsider 09-22-2020

Program: Larry Riley – Marine Corps League

September 15: Pres. **Kenny Hamilton** opened the meeting.

Guest: Richard Crabtree

Announcements: Pres. **Kenny Hamilton** said the social at Steve’s house was great. Our Christmas social is scheduled for December 18th at Black Sheep. We will be doing a Paul Harris match in November. Our club will be ordering shirts, polo’s and jackets. Club will cover the cost of the work shirts and \$10 towards a polo or jacket. The lunch social at Route 66 Food Truck has been rescheduled for September 30th.

Sergeant-At-Arms: President **Kenny Hamilton** filled in for **Sarge Joe Wadkins**. **Kenny** was thrilled to announce that he and his wife are expecting! **Kim Flores** is happy her kids are moving into their new house on Friday. **Steve Stodden** was happy that our club at all the food during the social so he did not have to worry about leftovers. **Ellen Duvall** thanked **Charles Vandivert & Isabelle Walker** for their assistance with Bob.

Richard Crabtree gave us an inside look into the life of James (John) Q. Hammons. John was born in 1919 and grew up on the family farm in Fairview Missouri. His father instilled hard work in him from a young age. John loved his father so much that he changed his name from James to John as a way to honor his dad. Unfortunately, they lost the family farm during the depression and started a new life in Ne-

osho Missouri where his dad opened an insurance company. As a child, John enjoyed sitting near the water to clear his mind. This is why all of his hotels have water features in them. John started teaching in Cassville in 1940 and was there until 1942. During his time at Cassville, Jon started the Men’s basketball team. When WW2 started, John decided to go to Alaska to help build the Alaska Highway Alacan (also known as the Road to Tokyo). It was during this time that John learned about construction costs and planning, accounting, pinching pennies, logging hours, and cutting costs. From 1943-1946, John joined the Merchant Marines and during this time, he sent all of his money home and was able to come back to Springfield with \$60,000 in the bank. With this money, John started his own company, Mortarless Masonry Co. that ultimately ended in bankruptcy. Luckily, John was able to find an investment partner and went on to build Village Gardens, County Club Center, Wedgewood Shopping Center, Southern Hills Community, and Springfield Public Schools: Portland, Sunshine and Pershing. John was known as “slow payer” which caused some mysterious fires and car marks on the grass of front yards over the years. John moved on to hotels after the Southern Hills Community was completed.

<u>Calendar</u>		
Basic Education & Literacy		
Date	Program	Opening (alternate)
09/22	Larry Riley Marine Corps League	Allen Kunkel (Chris Rice)
09/29	NO Meeting – 5th Tuesday	
09/30	Lunch Social at Route 66 Food Truck Park	Noon
10/06	Tim Ritter Wild Bill Hickock & Davis Tutt: A Big Bucket of Ugly	Joe Stokes (James Young)
10/13	Jacque Howard District 6080 Governor	Debra Yeager (Joe Costello)
10/14	Board Meeting	
10/20	Dean Barker Marion Headgepeth: Missouri’s Forgotten Outlaw	Casey Wray (Ellen Duvall)
Birthdays		
Honorary Member, Margaret Geiger – 9/19		

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2020 - 2021

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

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, 7:00 AM, Walkabout Coffee Shop

World Polio Day is October 24th!

Rotary and its partners have mobilized disease fighting infrastructures to respond to COVID-19 while remaining dedicated to eradicating polio.

In June, Rotary approved grants for: 19,306 vehicles hired for frontline workers in Afghanistan, 90 million doses of monovalent oral polio vaccine, 12,139 vaccinators trained in Sudan, and 2,530 community health workers recruited in Pakistan.

As we prepare to mark World Polio Day on October 24th, we know that even in the face of a pandemic, the important work of fighting polio must continue. Now more than ever, the support of all Rotary members is needed to help win the fight for a polio free world.

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