

# The Rotozark

Greeter: Eric Atkinson

Rotary Club of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge, &amp; Four Way Test: Tamera Jahnke

## This Week at Rotary:

### Emergency in the 911 Center, Kris Inman

Kris Inman brings decades of training, instruction and 9-1-1 experience to his role as Director of Program Development for The Healthy Dispatcher, and LA-based 911 training and consulting firm. In this role, Kris delivers training, guidance and motivation to 911 dispatchers across the country. He has also worked as an adjunct professor, teaching popular classes in communication and public safety leadership at both Drury and Missouri State, where he received a university teaching award in 2022. Prior to joining The Healthy Dispatcher, Kris served for 28 years at Springfield-Greene County (MO) 9-1-1, working his way up from call taker to the department's first internally promoted director. He holds a Master of Arts in Communication and a Bachelor of Science in Electronic Media from Missouri State University. He is also a registered yoga instructor.



## Coming Attractions

**Next Week, Feb. 27**—Harnessing AI: Strategies for Success in Life and Work, Paige Oxendine

**Mar. 5**—RYLA—Elif Koroglu/Experience in RYLA

## Upcoming Calendar Events:

**Feb. 27**—Board Meeting at Kentwood Hall, 10:30am

**Apr. 19-21**—Rotary District 6080 Conference at Margaritaville, Osage Beach

## Rotary on the Road, March 12th

Our Rotary meeting on March 12th will be held offsite at the OTC Plaster Center for Advanced Manufacturing. If you plan on attending, please follow the RSVP link sent out in the weekly email.

## Upcoming Rotary District Conference

Rotary Districts 6040, 6060, and 6080 will celebrate together to hold a Rotary Funvention at Margaritaville, in Osage Beach, April 19-21. The fun will include Shoes for Orphan Souls Collections, Breakfast/Brunch, Dinner, Dinner Cruise, Margaritaville Perks, Family Fun Time, and Experiential Rock Start Keynote Speaker from Las Vegas, Marvelless Mark.

## Want to suggest a program? Or propose a new member?

Program Committee Chair, Ben Jones,  
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Membership Chair, Trudy Smith,  
[TruSmith@KVC.org](mailto:TruSmith@KVC.org)

## Check out some of the area clubs!

### SPRINGFIELD NORTH

Tuesdays, 7AM, DoubleTree Hotel

### SPRINGFIELD METRO

Tuesdays, 5 PM, 425 Event Center

### SPRINGFIELD SOUTHEAST

Thursdays, Noon, Ocean Zen

### SPRINGFIELD SUNRISE

Wednesdays, 7 AM, Twin Oaks Country Club

### ROTARACT CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, Noon, 425 Event Center

### OZARK

Wednesdays, Noon, Ozark Community Center

### NIXA

Thursdays, Noon, Nixa Area Chamber of Commerce

## February Birthdays

2/8—Joe Driscoll

2/20—Denise Baumann

2/24—Eric Atkinson & Kim Reser

2/29—Syd Tippie

## February Anniversaries

2 years—Ram Nayar

4 years—Kara Turner

8 years—Tiffany Brunner & Matt Hudson

40 years—John Moore

42 years—George Freeman

43 years—Steven Atwood

48 years—Allen Casey



**Board Members:** President, Matt Suarez; President-Elect, Lisa Bakerink; Secretary, Melissa Briggs; Past-President, Gail Noggle; Treasurer, Steve Bach; Director, Michael Bishop-Jones; Director, Abby Glen ; Director, Steve Shanholtzer; Director: Trudy Smith; Executive Secretary, Kimberly Pittman

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