

# The Rotozark

Greeter: Eric Atkinson

Rotary Club of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge, &amp; Four Way Test: Kelsea Suarez

## This Week at Rotary:

### My RYLA Experience, Elif Koroglu

Elif Benzer is a multi-sport high school student athlete and a district honor level clarinet player. She is a sophomore at Greenwood Laboratory School. She loves the game of basketball and plays year round with her AAU team, DC Queens and varsity for Greenwood. She was a state qualifier for track in her freshman year and plays tennis and varsity volleyball for Greenwood. In 2023, she was noted by Springfield News Leader as one of the athletic names to know in Southwest Missouri high school sports.

She also loves playing the clarinet and has gained state and district level honors. She has been elected by her peers as a student body representative since middle school and currently serves as a school ambassador for Greenwood.

She also volunteers her time as a junior board member with Isabel's House and as a volunteer coach with Girls on the Run. Other organizations she has volunteered for include the Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield, Heart of the Ozarks Sertoma and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth for the Medical Mile Run. In her free time, she likes to have fun with her friends, shoot hoops at the Meyer Center and travel.



## Coming Attractions

**Next Week, Mar. 12**—Rotary on the Road at OTC Plaster Manufacturing Center

**Mar. 19**—Wanna Play Catch, Ethan Bryan

## Upcoming Calendar Events:

**Mar. 8**—Painting with a Twist social, 6-8pm

**Mar. 26**—Board Meeting at Kentwood Hall, 10:30am

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

## Painting with a Twist

Our Painting with a Twist social will be held on Friday, March 8th from 6-8pm. Location is 3444 S. Campbell Ave., Ste. G, 65807. The cost is \$20 per person. The fee can be paid via PayPal using "Painting Social" in the memo or in-person at our meeting on Tuesday. RSVP link was emailed out Monday morning.

## 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 or sign-up at your table.

## Spring Membership Challenge

Do you know someone who is interested in membership or maybe someone who would be a great addition to the club but does not know about Rotary? This is the perfect time to invite them as a guest!

The competition lasts all of March and April. A "What is Rotary?" program is scheduled for April 2nd. Membership applications must be submitted by April 30, 2024 to be counted for points.

How to earn points: Bring a guest, 5pts; "What is Rotary" day guest, 10pts; Completed membership application submitted, 25pts.

The top 4 members with the most points will receive a cash prize!

## 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,  
[Ben.jones@cityutilities.net](mailto:Ben.jones@cityutilities.net)

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

## March Birthdays

3/3—Kenny Kabak

3/11—Gail Noggle & Danny Perches

3/12—Dwayne Fulk

3/18—Brian Weiler

3/19—David Hinson

3/24—Shelley Evans

3/25—Dee King

3/26—Jaimie Trussell

## March Anniversaries

6 years—Rob Blevins

9 years—Becky Borthwick

12 years—Bill Agnew

21 years—Bill Nesbitt

34 years—Annie Busch

38 years—Steve Bach



**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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