

The Rotozark

Greeter: Eric Atkinson

Rotary Club of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge, & Four Way Test: Trudy Smith

This Week at Rotary:

An Untold Story: How COVID-19 Pandemic Complicated the Work of the Greene County Medical Examiner's Office, Tom Van De Berg

In all the discussion of the impact of COVID-19, few of us stopped to think about the effect on the Medical Examiner's role.



On Tuesday, Sept. 13 at noon, join friends at Rotary in Kentwood Hall.

Tom Van De Berg, Chief Forensic Investigator with the Greene County Medical Examiners Office, will talk about his side of the pandemic story.

Tom Van De Berg has a background in law enforcement with two municipal police departments and a sheriff's department. He worked 20 years in emergency medical services as an EMT – Paramedic for several agencies in the

Midwest and West. He worked 26 years as a death investigator, receiving initial training at St. Louis University

Medicolegal Death Investigation training program in January of 1996. He has been working with the Greene County Medical Examiners Office since 1997 and has been Chief Investigator since 2003.

Coming Attractions

Next Week, Sept. 20—MSU Coach Petrino
Sept. 27—MO Dark Skies Project, Loring Bullard

Upcoming Calendar Items:

September 20—Board Meeting at Kentwood Hall, 10:30am

Supply Drive for FosterAdopt Connect

Downtown Rotary will be collecting supplies through the month of September to support FosterAdopt Connect's new YouthConnect Center. Our very own member, Danielle Wise, serves as the organization's Director of Development. FosterAdopt Connect supports abused and neglected children and the families caring for them. Opening this fall in downtown Springfield is our newest program of FosterAdopt Connect, the YouthConnect Center. This center is a low barrier access point for youth ages 13-8 who are unstably housed, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

To ensure youth have the resources they need when they enter the YouthConnect Center, we are asking the community to help with the following donations:

- New socks, underwear and bras
- Teen friendly, gently used clothing
- Water bottles
- New blankets and pillows

- Hygiene items such as: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer and body wash.
- Non-perishable snack items

All items can be dropped off to Danielle Wise or Abby Glenn at Rotary meetings through September 30.

Find us on PayPal!

We have set-up a PayPal account to make it possible for everyone to pay their happy dollars and sarge fines straight from your phone or computer. Here are some quick and easy directions on how to send us money via PayPal.

- 1 Set up a PayPal account by downloading the app on your phone or visiting [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com)
- 2 Find us by searching for downtownrotary-springfieldmo@gmail.com
- 3 Enter the amount you would like to send
- 4 Select “friends and family” as the payment type, so that the club does not get charged any fees
- 5 If you are asked to verify the first and last name enter “Springfield” as first name and “Rotary” as last name
- 6 You will then select how you would like to pay.

Pay sarge fines here!



Visit our club website at

DowntownRotarySpringfieldMo.org

September Birthdays

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| 9/3—Michael Clarke, Keith Noble & Sam Smith | 9/18—Michael Bishop-Jones |
| 9/4—Sean Balisle | 9/20—John Mihalevich |
| 9/8—Nyla Milleson | 9/25—Aaron Jones |
| 9/9—Clif Smart | 9/29—Miles Sweeney |
| 9/11—Jerry Tourville | |
| 9/13—Ram Nayar | |
| 9/16—Tamera Jahnke | |

September Anniversaries

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| 2 years—Traci Jarman & Dan Vinson-Davis |
| 3 years—Tim Davis |
| 4 years—Matthew Suarez |
| 7 years—Bob McGurty & Karl Schmidt |
| 8 years—Britton Jobe |
| 10 years—Janet Dankert & Brigitte Marrs |
| 11 years—Clif Smart |
| 13 years—Shelley Evans |
| 27 years—Bud Greve |
| 29 years—Keith Noble & Carol Williamson |
| 30 years—Shara Cash |

Board Members: President, Gail Noggle; President-Elect, Matt Suarez; Secretary, Melissa Briggs; Past-President, Brian Weiler; Treasurer, Kim Nash; Director, Bill Ricketts; Director, Sue Marshall ; Director, Steve Shanholtzer; Director: Dan Vinson-Davis; Executive Secretary, Kimberly Pittman

