

The Rotozark

Greeter: Deanna Adams

Rotary Club of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge, & Four Way Test: Aaron Jones

This Week at Rotary:

Ozark Lyric Opera, Michael Spyres

Michael Spyres was born and raised in the Ozarks and grew up in an extremely musical family. Mr. Spyres has established himself as



one of the greatest Tenors of his generation with 13 DVDs and 35 CDs to his name and has performed more roles than any active tenor with an astounding 84 roles in 79 separate operas. Michael has sung in 25 countries within 5 continents and has been celebrated

in the world's most prestigious international opera houses, festivals, and concert halls. His trailblazing career has garnered him acclaim in the widest range of repertoire from Baroque to Classical to the 20th century, while firmly establishing himself as an expert within the Bel Canto repertoire and French Grand Opera. He has shared the stage with legendary conductors and performers such as Placido Domingo, Renee Fleming, Natalie Dessay, Roberto Alagna, Claudio Abbado, John Elliot Gardiner, and Riccardo Muti. Most recently Michael was just announced for the 5th time as a nominee for the male singer of the year at the International Opera Awards and his previous album BariTenor won album of the year throughout the entire world in ever major classical award ceremony including the prestigious Gramophone awards. In the 2022/2023 season Michael starred twice in the Metropolitan Opera, as well as the Paris Opéra, the Munich State Opera, the Berlin Philharmonic, and the Salzburg Festival. This operatic season will take him to Hamburg, Barcelona, Stras-

bourg, Paris, and his debut in Bayreuth. Concert Highlights this season include his debut with the Wiener Symphoniker in Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde, Verdi's Requiem with Daniel Barenboim in Monte Carlo, a duet concert in Bratislava with Lawrence Brownlee, a duet concert in Strasbourg with his frequent collaborator Joyce Didonato, and his return to Vienna for the worldwide broadcast of the 200th anniversary of Beethoven's 9th in Vienna with Riccardo Muti and the Vienna Philharmonic. In 2023 Mr Spyres was also given the highest honor of the Order of Arts and Letters from the Republic of France when he was officially Knighted for his proliferation of the French culture and Arts

Coming Attractions

Next Week, Oct. 24—Mother's Brewery Owner, Jeff Seifried

Oct. 31—Missourians Improving Higher Education, Tom Strong & Darron Hemann

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Oct. 17—Board Meeting at Kentwood Hall, 10:30am

Oct. 24—Rotary Social at the Little Theatre with Metro Rotary. Includes the history of the Landers and a tour, 5-6:30pm

Oct. 28—Service Project at Discovery Center of Springfield, 11am-2pm

Upcoming Service Projects

Downtown Rotary is volunteering with Discovery Center of Springfield to support our member, Rob Blevins! Join us Saturday, October 28 for a MARVELous DC's Halloween; a super fun Saturday where kids and families visit our different galleries and community partner tables in costume to collect candy, engage with cool STEM activities, and play in the center.

Minimum 6 volunteers needed

Saturday, October 28th, 11-2pm (if you're able to volunteer all (9:45am-6:15pm)

Discovery Center of Springfield

438 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, MO 65806

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October Birthdays

10/5—Robert Baird	10/25—Matt Morrow
10/7—Shara Cash & Guy Mace	10/26—Hal Higdon
10/11—Melissa Haddow & Michael Overton	10/27—George Freeman
10/19—Stephanie Hurt	10/28—Jeni Wirth
10/20—Becky Borthwick	10/31—Rob Blevins & Ken McClure
10/23—Louise Knauer	

October Anniversaries

1 year—Syd Tippie
5 years—Steve Dooley
10 years—Carol Taylor
15 years—Robert Carolla
17 years—Hal Higdon
18 years—Doug Thornsberry
23 years—Sally Hargis
33 years—Leslie Peck

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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