

# The Rotozark

Greeter: Tamera Jahnke

Rotary Club of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge, &amp; Four Way Test: Ken Chumbley

## This Week at Rotary:

### Missourians Improving Higher Education, Tom Strong & Darron Hemann

Thomas Strong graduated with honors from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law



in 1955. In 1976, he founded The Strong Law Firm, P.C. He is an emeritus member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, an exclusive organization consisting of 100 of the leading trial lawyers in

the nation. In 2006, the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys decided to present an annual award to a Missouri lawyer who best exemplified what a trial lawyer should be, both inside and outside the courtroom. The award is named "The Thomas G. Strong Trial Attorney Award." Strong has also received numerous other accolades.

Darron Hemann runs and operates a successful Wealth Advisory practice with his team at Wells



Fargo Advisors in Springfield, MO. In 2007, Darron also founded and presently operates DC-Jam Records, a Punk Rock and Alternative music record label that primarily

operates out of the Los Angeles and west coast markets. DC-Jam and its artists have been featured in television (including the Jimmy Kimmel Live!), magazines, websites, and in record

stores worldwide. Darron is a 1993 graduate of Missouri State University and is married to his wife, Donna. In his spare time, he attends multiple MO State athletic events and is a member of Downtown Rotary.

## Coming Attractions

**Next Week, Nov. 7**—Rotary Foundation, Paul Reinert & Ram Nayar

**Nov. 14**—TBD

## Upcoming Calendar Events:

**Nov. 4**—Service Project at CAC, 9-11am

**Nov. 7**—Service Project at CAC, 5:30-7pm

**Nov. 18**—Rotary Parade Float Build, 9am-Finish

**Nov. 21**—Board Meeting at Kentwood Hall, 10:30am

**Nov. 21**—The Roseann Bentley Musical Playground Dedication at Phelps Grove Park, 3pm

**Dec. 9**—Christmas Parade, Line-up: 12pm and Step-off: 2pm

## Upcoming Service Projects

Rotary Club of Springfield is volunteering with Child Advocacy Center to assist with making blankets for children who need to visit the CAC. The blankets are hand tied fleece blankets. No experience needed and all supplies will be provided. **Location:** 133 E. Walnut St., Springfield, MO 65806. **Date/Time:** Saturday, November 4th, 9:00 – 11:00am and Tuesday, November 7th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

## Springfield Christmas Parade

All of the Springfield Rotary clubs are joining together to participate in the Springfield Christmas Parade. We need volunteers for building the float and participating in the parade. There will be the opportunity to purchase T-shirts as well. Please reach out to Barri Tinkler at [barritinkler@missouristate.edu](mailto:barritinkler@missouristate.edu) if you'd like to volunteer.

### **Float Build**

November 18th, 9am-Finish (5pm) at 4299 S. Farm Rd. 253, Rogersville, MO 65742. \*feel free to bring tools, paint brushes, tape, nails, screws, etc. We'll be working in a shop.

### **Parade Day**

December 9th. Line-up: Noon, Step-Off: 2pm, Finish: about 4pm. Meet near South and Elm, Parade ends at Springfield Expo Center. \*This is a walking event. Please plan to walk about 2 miles and hand out candy/gifts to parade attendees.



## October Birthdays

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| 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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