

The Rotazark

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Rotary of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, & Four Way Test: Gail Noggle

This Week at Rotary

Breaking Barriers: Diversifying the Tech Industry Through Accessible Education, Krista Peryer

Krista Peryer, the head of the Geek Foundation, is passionate about increasing diversity in the tech



and maker industries. She started a nonprofit in 2015 that teaches free tech education classes to low-income and underrepresented adults and children in the community.

She believes in positive workforce, personal, and economic development through tech by collaborating with local schools and nonprofits for recruitment and facilitation of programs.

Geeks are people who have excessive enthusiasm for and some expertise about a specialized subject or activity. The Geek Foundation includes anyone who has an interest in computer science and tech—regardless of race, gender, or any other broad classification. It offers hands-on, project-based classes to the Springfield, Missouri community that range from bootcamps for adults, to afterschool clubs and programs for kids.

Coming Attractions

Next Week— Tim Ritter, Ozarks Genealogical Society, Wild Bill Hickock & David Tutt: A Big Bucket of Ugly

Downtown Updates

Zoom Meeting Details

Downtown Rotary Meeting—January 5, 2021 -12pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/508397597?pwd=bExRdGRrWmRSNi93cTZnRVZOemJHUT09>

Meeting ID: 508 397 597

Password: 747107

One tap mobile: +13126266799,,508397597#

A Note from the Sarge

Have you seen a fellow club member doing good, being recognized, or in the news? Turn that info into cash for our Scholarship Fund! Send member news to Sergeant at Arms, Jenny Fillmer Edwards at jfedwards@springfieldmo.gov or 417-224-5510.

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), use the QR code below to link you directly to PayPal.

2. Find us by searching for downtownrotaryspringfieldmo@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 (bank account or credit/debit card). If you choose to send money directly from your bank account using your routing and account number there is no fee

If you have any trouble with these steps, contact Kim Pittman for assistance.

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January Birthdays

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| 1/1—Kathleen O’Dell | 1/28—Robert Lovett |
| 1/6—Annie Busch & Ryan Fletcher | 1/29—Shawn Wahl |
| 1/11—Jeff Bentley | 1/31—Robert Flanders |
| 1/15—Dean Ertel | |
| 1/18—Maurizio Sabini | |
| 1/24—Casey Pyle | |
| 1/26—Tamara de Wild | |

January Anniversaries

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| 2 years—Andy Carroll | 42 years—Michael Clarke |
| 5 years—Kathleen Greene | |
| 9 years—Tracy Kimberlin & John Mihalevich | |
| 13 years—Michael Overton | |

For more Club information visit our website:

<https://downtownrotaryspringfieldmo.org/>

Board Members: President, Michael Overton; President-Elect, Brian Weiler; Secretary, Jenny Fillmer Edwards; Past-President, Tamera Jahnke; Treasurer, Stan Adamson; Director, Matthew Suarez; Director, Steve Bach; Director, Tom Strong; Director, Rayanna Anderson; Executive Secretary, Kimberly Pittman

