

The Rotazark

Greeter: n/a

Rotary of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, & Four Way Test: TBD

This Week at Rotary

The History of the Baldknobbers

Curtis Copeland

The Bald Knobbers were a group of vigilantes in the Ozark region of southwest Missouri from 1883



to 1889. The group got its name from the grassy bald knob summits of the nearby Ozark Mountains. Curtis Copeland was also one of the driving forces behind the

feature film *Baldknobber*, released in 2017, which told the story of this vigilante group. And in 2016, he helped lead the reorganization of the Society of Ozarkian Hillcrofters, a defunct group from the early 20th century that existed to help preserve the region.

Curtis, an Ozarks native, works as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) coordinator with the City of Branson, where he has worked for more than 20 years. In that role, he creates maps and maintains databases with geographic information that help guide people around the region. But in addition, he has spent years of his life sharing, storytelling and sending people through the Ozarks. He is also an actor and a writer.

His interest in the Ozarks history and culture started at a young age and was greatly influenced by his grandparents' and parents' interests. His grandfather used to take him on drives in his old car, and show him the places of his youth, and talk about the history. All of his stories instilled a love for history and nostalgia that has stayed with him through adulthood.

Coming Attractions

Next Week— Dr. Indrajeet Mahata, Cardiologist and Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist, Mercy Health Systems. Cutting Edge Health Procedures and Integration with Mercy Health Systems.

Downtown Updates

Zoom Meeting Details

Downtown Rotary Meeting—February 9, 2021 -12pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/508397597?pwd=bExRdGRrWmRSNi93cTZnRVZlOemJHUT09>

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

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February Birthdays

- 2/1—Jim Lumpe
 2/8—Joe Driscoll & Britton Jobe
 2/20—Denise Baumann
 2/24—Eric Atkinson & Kim Reser

February Anniversaries

- 1 year—Kara Turner 40 years—Steven Atwood
 5 years—Tiffany Brunner & Matt Hudson 45 years—Allen Casey
 12 years—Sean Balisle
 13 years—Rayanna Anderson
 37 years—John Moore
 39 years—George Freeman

For more Club information visit our website:

<https://downtownrotaryspringfieldmo.org/>

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