

The Rotazark

Greeter: Jim Gorst

Rotary of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Four Way Test: Trent Sims

This Week at Rotary

Noble Hill: An exciting path forward for local farming in the Ozarks

Mike & John Chiles

Mike is a lifelong entrepreneur who is focused on extending opportunities to young people, veterans, and disadvantaged persons. Mike owns and co-manages Rockspan Farm, while serving as VP of Farmers Market of the Ozarks, the Springfield Greene County Park Board, and the regional YMCA Board. Mike holds seven patents, and as founder and past president of Watts Radiant developed, manufactured and brought to market products currently sold in Home Depot, Costco, and Lowes. Mike has two bachelor of science degrees, an honorary degree from Missouri Institute of Science and Technology, and an MBA in Sustainable Business from Presidio University.

A native of Springfield, John is excited to support farmers and the local food entrepreneurs of the Ozarks.

John worked for four years with E8 Angels, a startup finance group in Seattle that funded some of the most innovative cleantech and renewable energy startups in the United States and Canada. He oversaw deal screening and due diligence for their funded companies, and coached entrepreneurs on how to make effective business pitches to venture capitalists and angel investors.

Concurrent with this he also served as teaching fellow at Presidio University, a sustainability-focused MBA program in Seattle. Prior to this he ran an off grid hydroelectric power plant in remote Washington State.

John is thrilled to be back in the Ozarks, and is consistently impressed by the collaboration that he's seen between business, non-profits and government here in Springfield.

He believes that the proposed Noble Hill Project exemplifies this can-do spirit and collaborative attitude. He and Mike are excited to share about the Noble Hill Project.

The proposed Noble Hill Farm project covers 60 acres of city-owned rural property and includes a state of the art hydroponic greenhouse powered by CU generation waste heat and low cost municipal renewable power; as well as a regional food hub, classrooms, maintenance facilities, and irrigated produce and agroforestry fields.

Noble Hill will operate as a sustainably funded working example of regional job creation and economic development for both rural and urban areas. Growing, processing and distributing food in the Ozarks ensures that jobs, businesses, and income remain in the Ozarks.

Coming Attractions

Next Week— MSU Cares, Molly Holtman

Sept 10— Leadership Springfield Program, Carrie Richardson

Please check out these upcoming programs and remember to invite guests who would enjoy these topics

Downtown Updates

Upcoming Calendar Items:

- * Sept. 17—Board Meeting at Kentwood Hall, 11am

Upcoming Service Projects:

- * Sept. 5—Volunteering at Ozarks Food Harvest with Rotaract, 6-8:30pm (needing 5-7 volunteers)
- * Sept. 21—Eden Village Work Day, 9am-12pm (dress appropriately)
- * Oct. 16—Ronald McDonald House Dinner, 6-8:30pm (needing 5 volunteers)

Proposed New Members:

Mary Ann Rojas, City of Springfield, sponsored by Annie Busch

Tim Davis, Nabholz Corp., sponsored by Sue Marshall

Board of Director News:

The board met on August 20th. Our service committee has been busy organizing opportunities for us to serve our community. Our club was awarded a District Simplified Grant this year. These grants are a 50:50 match between the district and our club. This year we will spend a total of \$21,200 to help purchase equipment for the Mobile Dental Unit for Jordan Valley Community Health Center. In addition we will be donating children's books to the health center. If someone has design capabilities and could design a sticker to put inside each of the books that has the Rotary emblem and donated by Rotary Club of Springfield please see me. We are in need of two host families for our Rotary Youth Exchange student. Please contact Tez Ward or Brian Weiler for more detailed information. There are great programs planned for September. — Tammy Jahnke, President

Attendance Reminder

Members are expected to maintain at least 50% attendance. See back of Rotozark for a list of local makeup locations.

If you are interested in joining the Membership Committee, please contact Stephanie Hurt, shurt@bkd.com or 417-866-5822

August Birthdays

August 4: Ken Brown	18: Bryan Morris
10: Evelyn Mangan	19: Cindy Stephens
10: Kenneth Chumbley	26: Bill Ricketts
13: Sally Hargis	29: Paul Gubbins
16: Brian Ash	29: Paul Williams
16: Will Crites	29: John Pierpont
17: Jenny Fillmer Edwards	
18: Robert McGurty	

August Anniversaries

1 year: Michael Haynes	30: Jan Horton
4 years: Bill Ricketts	41: John Pierpont
5: Jennifer Jackson	56: Windsor Warren
9: Louise Knauer	
15: Aaron Jones	
17: Lorene Stone	
22: Tamara de Wild	
26: Kenneth Schultz	

Make-up Locations

- Springfield Southeast, Thursday, Noon—Ocean Zen
- Springfield Metro, Tuesday, 5pm—425 Downtown
- Springfield North, Tuesday, 7am—DoubleTree Hotel
- Springfield Sunrise, Wednesday, 7am—Twin Oaks Country Club
- Springfield Rotaract, 2nd and 4th Wednesday's, Noon—425 Downtown
- Nixa Rotary, Thursday, Noon—Walkabout Coffee Shop
- Ozark Rotary, Wednesday, Noon—Least of These
- eClub Online, Seven Days a Week, 24 Hours a Day—www.rotaryclubone.org

Makeups must be completed 14 days before or after your missed meeting. Please report your makeups to Kim Pittman, kim@clubmanagementservices.com

Board Members: President, Tamera Jahnke; President-Elect, Michael Overton; Secretary, Denise Baumann; Past-President, Dwayne Fulk; Treasurer, Stan Adamson; Membership Chair, Stephanie Hurt; Public Relations Chair, Steve Bach; Service Projects Chair, Jim Lumpe; Director, Rayanna Anderson; Executive Secretary, Kimberly Pittman

