

The Rotazark

Greeter: Kevin Naeger

Rotary of Springfield #2387

Established June 1, 1919

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Four Way Test: Jim Lumpe

This Week at Rotary

Expanding Innovation and Entrepreneurship in IDEA Commons

Allen Kunkel

Allen Kunkel is Associate Vice President for Economic Development and Director of the Jordan Valley Innovation Center at Missouri State University. Allen



is responsible for helping guide the Innovation Center in its mission of supporting businesses concentrating on advanced technology, biotechnology, life sciences and nanotechnology research and development. He assists in coordinating

the resources of the federal, state, and local governments with the resources of Missouri State University to promote business and industrial growth by blending entrepreneurship with research, innovation, and commercialization. Allen is responsible for engaging the University in economic development activities, including the development of IDEA Commons and operation of the University's entrepreneurship center, The eFactory. Allen also serves as Chief Executive Officer of Springfield Innovation, Inc., which is a non-profit organization affiliated with Missouri State University that operates the Missouri innovation center and serves an advisory role with JVIC and The eFactory. Springfield Innovation, Inc. also manages a newly formed seed capital investment program to support an accelerator program. He also manages the intellectual property portfolio at Missouri State University.

Prior to joining Missouri State University, Allen served as Manager of Regional Development with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce for seven years. Prior to joining the Chamber he worked for the

Missouri Department of Economic Development. Allen has more than 26 years of economic development experience.

Allen is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Springfield North and is a Past-President of the club. He is a member of the Missouri Economic Development Council and the International Economic Development Council. Allen currently serves on many local boards. Allen is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Missouri, recognized by the Springfield Business Journal as one of the 2014 Men of the Year, and recognized by BIZ417 Magazine as one of the BIZ100 in 2017 and 2018.

Allen and his wife, Karen, have been married for 24 years and have three children, Logan, 20, Braden, 17, and Eden, 13.

Coming Attractions

Next Week— Springfield NAACP Update, Toni Robinson

Oct 15—Make your Voice Heard: Citizens, not Spectators, Stacey Trewatha-Bach

Oct 22—World Polio Day presentation

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

Downtown Updates

Upcoming Calendar Items:

- * Oct. 15—Board Meeting at Kentwood Hall, 11am
- * Nov. 8—Rotaract DoubleDare at The Oasis

Upcoming Service Projects:

- * Oct. 16—Ronald McDonald House Dinner, 6-8:30pm (needing 5 volunteers)

Centennial Project Update

“The Rotary Club of Springfield awarded Jordan Valley \$109,402.77 towards the purchase of a new dental mobile unit, with contributions from members of several area Rotary Clubs.” See the full article on our District 6080 website, <https://rotary6080.org/the-rotary-club-of-springfield-awarded-jordan-valley-109402-77-towards-the-purchase-of-a-new-dental-mobile-unit-with-contributions-from-members-of-several-area-rotary-clubs/>.

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

Want access to the Downtown Rotary directory?

Visit www.dacdb.com to access all contact information for your fellow Rotary members. For login assistance contact Kim Pittman, kim@clubmanagementservices.com.

October Birthdays

October 3: Jeannie Huckstep	23: Louise Knauer
5: Robert Baird	23: Chris Nattinger
7: Shara Cash	25: Matt Morrow
7: Guy Mace	26: Hal Higdon
11: Melissa Haddow	27: George Freeman
11: Michael Overton	28: John Bentley
19: Aaron Garrett	30: Gary DeHaven
19: Kathleen Greene	31: Ken McClure
19: Stephanie Hurt	31: Rob Blevins
20: Becky Borthwick	
20: Dan Prater	

October Anniversaries

1 year: Steve Dooley	14: Doug Thornsberry
1: Nicole Payne Brown	17: Morey Mechlin
2 years: Leo Neu	19: Sally Hargis
2: Mark Struckhoff	29: Leslie Peck
6: Carol Taylor	48: Ted Smith
11: Robert Carolla	
13: Hal Higdon	

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

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

