

Rotary



Spirit of St. Louis County
Rotary Club
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Club Meeting

Spirit of St. Louis County
Meets at Higher Groundz Coffee & Tea
12075 Dorsett Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Time: Wednesday at 07:00 AM

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Announcements

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

April 8 - St Louis InterCity Meeting - 11:30am American Legion Hall - Our Club is hosting, so it would be great to have a large showing!

District Conference - This is our own DG Jerry Nolen's Conference. Date will be **April 26th**, in **Cape Girardeau**. Registration is now OPEN. See info later in the bulletin

JUNE 14 - Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser: We will need Club members to get Sponsors, Teams of 2 and help with the tournament. See more info in this bulletin

Cornhole Sponsors - we have 5 sponsors now: **Thompson Supply** (Dave Mohler), **Shepherd Funeral Homes** (Mitch Wilson), **Todd Lindley Dental Practice** (Todd Lindley), **Ed Jones Financial** (Shay Garner) and **St. Johns Bank and Trust** (Fletcher Wells). We thank all of them for their support!

Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry Service Project



This week, our meeting will be our **Monthly Service Project at the Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry**. We will NOT be at Higher Groundz and there will be no Zoom link.

Please plan to arrive at the Food Pantry about 7am for a fun-filled hour of, well, we really don't know what we will be doing, but it will be fun!

Cornhole Tournament Info

Join us for
**The Spirit of Saint Louis County Rotary
Cornhole Tournament**

Proceeds go to the

Rotary Club College Scholarship Fund.

Vago Park Kiwanis Pavilion

June 14th starting at 11 am.

Register using the QR code

Additional information:

- Teams of 2 (\$50 registration)
- Food and Drink will be available on-site or you can bring your own. Ticket Includes Brats, hot dogs, snacks, water, beer and soda.
- Prize for 1st place
- Tournament will consist of round robin followed by playoff.
- For more information or question please reach out to Dave Robinette at 314-704-4811.



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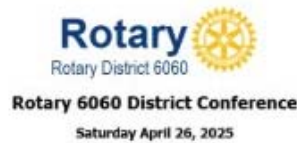


District Conference Registration OPEN

PLEASE JOIN US IN CAPE GIRARDEAU FOR
THE ROTARY DISTRICT 6060 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
APRIL 26, 2025



Registration is now open!
\$35.00 per person



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Brenda Dobsch - New Member IceBreaker

This week, we got to know our newest member, **Brenda Dobsch**, a bit better. Brenda works for **Freedom Care** as their *Business Development Liaison*. Her role there is a continuation of her medical healthcare field of work that has been her passion for many years.

She was born in Washington MO, but grew up in Perryville. She was one of 5 children (4 girls and 1 boy) and has a very large extended family. (She said she tried to count all of them on her mother's side and gave up at over 200!) Her father owned an A & W Franchise in Perryville, which grew into several other franchises. She was no stranger to the store, as she started working there at a young age. Her father taught her a lot about life in general and how to treat people properly.

After a while, she decided to switch careers and worked as a Respiratory Therapist. She married her high-school sweetheart and had 4 wonderful children. She now has 11 grandchildren - 6 girls and 5 boys.

She left the hospital side of healthcare in 1997 and went into the sales side of things where she has been ever since. Freedom Care works with Medicaid patients, allowing them to remain in their homes with the in-home healthcare plans they offer.

We thank Brenda for her time to share her story with us and have us become more acquainted with her.

Last Week's Program

Program Speaker and Recap:

This past week, we welcomed **DENNIS COOPER**, to our Club. Dennis retired 18 years ago, but was still not really ready to 'officially' retire. So, he started working with Wells Fargo in their Reverse Mortgage department. He explained a few myths of Reverse Mortgages - the lender's name is NOT on the title; if you are upside down on the loan, you will NOT lose the house; if you cannot make payments, you can still stay in the home. Reverse Mortgages are a HUD controlled product, so they are regulated. You can use Reverse Mortgages to purchase a new home and you can get one if you are over age 62.

He is also very involved with The Kaufman Fund. He is very proud of the fact that The Kaufman Fund has given over \$2.1 Million over the last 30 years to provide various services to Veterans.

He helps with Aging Ahead, a group that provides elderly with meals and companionship.

He is a firm believer in "Building relationships is where it is at."

Happy Bucks and Fines

Happy Bucks:

- **Tom Drennan** is happy his oldest son is turning 51, but is wondering where all the time went.
- **Jerry Nolen** in keeping with the theme Tom started, is happy his daughter is 42 and is also wondering about where the time went.
- **Todd Lindley** was happy his daughter Jane - and most importantly, his grandson Harvey - are in to visit.



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- **Bryan Hercules** is happy his son Jake got into MIZZOU MEDICAL SCHOOL for his residency match
- **Brenda Dobsch** is happy to be part of the District Disaster Team
- **Andy Rimmel** is happy to be back after missing some meetings.
- **Ruth Randell** is happy she made it in before the bell
- **Mary Robinette** is happy that our recent Scholarship Winner, Caleb, will be at the Cornhole Tournament and will participate with his mother as his partner

Fines:

- **No Fines this Week.**

Ponderables....

These were taken from the book, "The Mini-Manual of One Liners" published by Parragon Books Ltd, London, UK.....

If you get to be one hundred you got it made - very few people die past that age. *George Burns*

Most people who are as attractive, witty and intelligent as I am are usually conceited. *Joan Rivers*

The *Venus de Milo* is a good example of what happens to somebody who won't stop biting her fingernails. *Will Rogers*

A bore: someone who talks when you want him to listen. *Ambrose Bierce*

What's another word for Thesaurus? *Anon.*

One of us must go. *Oscar Wilde* (of the wallpaper which he could see from his deathbed)

Everywhere is within walking distance if you have time. *Steven Wright*

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting Dates and Program:

You will see the Weekly Program individuals below. Please notify [Mary Robinette](#), our new Program Chair, of your program, so the calendar and newsletter are current. Also, if there are any specific 'technical' needs the speaker requires, please let Mary know.

Spirit of St. Louis County Rotary Club Calendar, Jan. through June 2025

Date	Meeting Chair	Revised Meeting Chair	Speaker & Topic
April 2 2025	SERVICE PROJECT		Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry, 7 am - 8 am.
April 9 2025	Andy Rimmel		Jayne Foley, Public Relations Chairman - Community service programs through the Asssistance League of St. Louis
April 16 2025	QUARTERLY CLUB ASSEMBLY		
April 23 2025	Mary Robinette		Eric Fey, Director of Elections - How Elections work in St. Louis County
April 29 2025	EVENING SOCIAL - TUESDAY NIGHT		
May 7 2025	SERVICE PROJECT		Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry, 7 am - 8 am.
May 14 2025	Dave Robinette		Sue Cobb, CAP Grant Committee Chair - District 6060 International Projects
May 21 2025	Bill Strohmeier		Jodi Granok, Certified Professional Organizer - How to Get and Stay Organized
May 28 2025	Mitch Wilson	Mary Robinette	Club planning for next Rotary year 2025-2026.
June 4 2025	SERVICE PROJECT		Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry, 7 am - 8 am.
June 11 2025	Carolyne Simpson		
June 18 2025	Bryan Hercules		
June 25 2025	Dave Mohler		