

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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Happy Bucks:

- **Tom Drennan** is happy to be taking part in a bike ride to supply medical supplies for overseas services.
- **Ann Kallemeier** was happy to tell the Club that **BOB COURNEY** is a member of the Class of 2024 Ritenour Hall of Fame!
- **Todd Lindley** was happy for Bob
- **Jerry Nolen** was happy for Bob, happy for his daughter Bridget who is our speaker (more on that later), and happy for his grandsons, one of whom went to Long Snapper Camp and really enjoyed it and the other who had caught a fish
- **Brian Hercules** is VERY happy that he hired a full-time Pharmacist which should ease his workload considerably.
- **Al Beinke** found another speaker for us
- **Dan Flynn** was happy for Bob
- **Howard Abrams** was happy he woke up this morning
- **Ruth Randell** was happy for Bob
- **Bob Courtney** was happy that both his grandkids are out for the summer and a sad buck that this would have been his 59th Anniversary with his late wife.

Fines:

- **No fines this week.**

Last Week's Program

Program Speaker and Recap:

This past week, we were pleased to welcome someone who we have heard much about through one of our members. Bridget Elder, the daughter of Jerry and Mary Kay Nolen, was our speaker. Bridget is the Librarian for Kratz Elementary School. Kratz serves 530 students of which 99% are low income. The student body is comprised of 48% African Americans, 25% Hispanic and 15% Caucasian.

Her typical day consists of :

- Teaching - 5 classes every day
- Promote - this is done by having Mark Twain Award-winning books, the Book Fair and other things
- Advocate - she is the students' advocate for wanting new books, getting the books to them, etc.
- Curate - finding new books AND new tech; last year there were over 17,000 books checked out!
- Support - for both staff and students.

Our CAP Grant the past few years was to give Spanish books to the School Libraries. At Kratz, they received 88 books this year. These books help the students learn their native language AND help the parents connect with their children via their own language. Kratz now has a bookcase devoted to ONLY foreign books, including Spanish, French and others. At one time, there were only 30 total books there; with our CAP Grant, that total is now 118 books.

This week's meeting Program

Please join us as we welcome **Steve Krazl**, who will give us an update on the Mortgage Industry, what changes are occurring and may be coming in the future, and a variety of other things. We have welcomed Steve several years ago; his knowledge of the industry is very broad. This looks to be a very informative presentation.

Ponderables....

A man and a woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside.

She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000. He asked her about the contents.

"When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey," he said "that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?"

"Oh, that?" she said. "That's the money I made from selling the dolls."

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.

Date	Meeting Chair	Revised Meeting Chair	Speaker & Topic
June 19 2024	Mitch Wilson		Steve Krazl - Mortgage Industry Updates
June 26 2024	Howard Abrams		New Member presentation