

September 3, 2024

Program: Morning Club Social, Directors and Committee Chairs. Labor Day Weekend and Club Activities.

Last Week's Program: Cindy Beck, Sunrise Rotary, District 6080 Membership Chair. *Membership Attraction & Engagement.*

Opening: Ellen Duvall opened with the Prayer, Pledge and the Four-Way Test.

Guests: Cindy Beck, Springfield Sunrise Rotary Club.

Rotary Moment: None this week.

Announcements: President Paula Montgomery

- **Paula Montgomery** provided a reminder to attend the District Conference being held at the DoubleTree.
- **Paula Montgomery** announced that several members attended the Ozarks Literacy Council training for the Reading Program and we received our books. She thanked members for volunteering and connecting with the teachers. There are spots remaining for readers if still interested.
- **Scott Tumlin** provided information on a club social for October 24 to tour the Greene County Emergency Operations Center. He also secured a reservation for Millsap Farms and **Craig Steensland** will oversee this.
- **Lisa Bakerink** notified the club of the Japanese Fall Festival on Sep 6-8 as part of the Springfield Sister Cities Association.

Sergeant-At-Arms: James Young

- **James Young** just received his golf clubs back from Belfast as part of his recent trip. Also, he suggested that **Sarah Bakerink** needs to invite her concert friends to Rotary.
- **Craig Steensland** is happy to wish everyone a good Labor Day weekend.
- **Emily Inman** was happy to be back from Ceder Falls and moving the kids.
- **Bud Jones** was happy daughter is getting a new home and to tell a friend you had good time in Vegas.
- **Sarah Bakerink** thanked the club for all the support and sending wishes.
- **Paula Montgomery** is happy for her daughter's birthday.
- **Cindy Beck** is happy for her third dog and all three like one side of the bed.

Program: Cindy Beck is Vice President of Patient Care Services at Mercy and a member of the Springfield Sunrise Rotary Club. She currently serves as the Rotary District 6080 Membership Chair. She asked, "What makes a vibrant Rotary club?" The club shared that we went virtual during COVID but preferred in-person and the comradery. Members shared feedback. The club currently has 18 members. We are unique for a small club and everyone knows each other. The club focuses on needs in north Springfield primarily and need to recruit people who work in this area. Cindy provided information that most clubs have members who like the proximity to their home or work. She provided several strategies to grow membership. Consider connecting with groups show are working in north Springfield and sharing projects with these groups. Consider inviting guests to club socials and include guests in community projects. Consider reviewing and targeting businesses located in north Springfield. The discussion with the club included visioning for the next 3-5 years in where we want our club to be and the need to want to grow. We are not prominent on social media and need to focus on what is unique about our club. Promote what we are doing and narrow our focus given the number of members. The club's current focus is early childhood education and making a difference. We need to promote this and recruit individuals who would like to be engaged. For example, if you are interested in helping change the lives of children and having a long-term impact on individuals, then you should join our club. Membership is a team activity.

Calendar
September – Basic Education and Literacy Month

Date	Program	Opening (Alt) Rotary Moment
09/03	Morning Club Social	Emily Inman (Scott Tumlin)
09/10	Ellen Duvall and Emily Inman Our Africa Adventure	Jim Jenkins (Charles Vandivert)
09/17	Andrew Buckbinder Springfield Cardinals	Bud Jones (Joe Wadkins)
09/24	Callie Swafford Springfield City Council	Allen Kunkel (Isabelle Walker)

Birthdays
Margaret Geiger– September 19

- Springfield Rotary Club Locations**
- Springfield (Downtown) – Tue, Noon, Kentwood Hall
 - Springfield Metro – Tue, 5:00 PM, 425 West Walnut
 - Springfield Sunrise - Wed, 7:00 AM, Twin Oaks Country Club
 - Ozark – Wed, Noon, Ozark Community Center
 - Rotaract – 2nd & 4th Wed, Noon, 425 West Walnut
 - Springfield Southeast – Thu, Noon, Ocean Zen Restaurant
 - Nixa Rotary Club – Thu, 7:00 AM, Walkabout Coffee Shop

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Ozarks Literacy Council
Reading Program and providing students with their own copy of books.

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