

# Rotary



# Club of Springfield Metro

## Club Meeting

Springfield Metro  
Meets at 425  
Downtown  
425 W Walnut St  
Springfield, MO 65806-  
2041  
Time: Tuesday at 5:00  
PM

## Club Leaders



Sarah Sissel  
President



Jennifer L. Battagler  
President-Elect



Sarah M. Watson  
Secretary



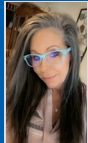
Padgett S. Smith  
Treasurer



Simone A. Hite  
Public Relations Chair  
Club Public Image Chair



Donald Brown  
Service Projects Chair



Traci L. Jarman  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Anthony L. Shalloup Jr.  
Armed Service Veteran Membership Chair



Lisa M. Sims  
Vocational Service Chair  
Youth Service Chair



James A. Hallam  
iPast President

## Events & Speakers

## April 2 - Rotary Trivia Night



Join us on Tuesday, April 2, for a fun-filled evening of Rotary trivia.

## April 9 - Jill Rea, Chapter Services Project Coordinator for Care to Learn

Join us on Tuesday, April 9, when we welcome Jill Rea with Care to Learn. *Care to Learn* is a Springfield, MO-based charity that partners with schools to fill emergent needs that stand between a child and their ability to learn.



The agency partners with school districts to provide emergent health, hunger, and hygiene resources to students, so they can worry less and play more.

Jill Rea joined the *Care to Learn* team in 2024 and currently supports Chapters through project coordination. Jill's background is in higher education, and most recently worked for a local community college supporting students as they navigate the world of higher education.

## April 16 - Michelle Cremer, Founder of On Angels Wings



Join us on Tuesday, April 16, when we welcome Michelle Cremer from On Angels Wings. Previously naive to the number of families who encounter infant loss, when Michelle's first child was born healthy in 2008, she became more aware of how many families didn't get that experience. She took action by beginning to do bereavement photography.

As part of her ongoing mission to serve these families, she became an advanced certified grief recovery method specialist in 2020.

April 2nd  
**Springfield Metro  
Weekly Club  
Meeting**

April 9th  
**Club Meeting - Jill  
Rea with Care to  
Learn**

April 16th  
**Club Meeting -  
Michelle Cramer  
with On Angel's  
Wings**

April 23rd  
**Rotary On The  
Road - The Element  
(Completed)**

### **Birthdays**

Sarah M. Watson  
April 5th  
Priscilla Waweru  
April 5th  
Jennifer L. Battagler  
April 23rd

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

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## **Orphan Souls Shoe Collection Project**

This year Districts 6040, 6060, and 6080 will be collecting new shoes of all sizes (adult and children) for orphans and turning them in at the Rotary Funvention on April 19-20 at Margaritaville at the Lake of the Ozarks. Rotarians from across the state of Missouri and all three districts will gather at Lake of the Ozarks at Margaritaville Resort for a **“Shoe Roll Call”**. Metro can help by collecting shoes of all sizes to donate to the cause. We are exploring a possible shoe vendor to partner with. If you purchase shoes, please turn them in by our meeting on Tuesday, April 16 so we can load them up for the Funvention.

You can participate by donating shoes (all sizes are needed) or you can click this link [Rotary 6080 Shoe Drive \(idonate.com\)](https://www.idonate.com) to make a gift.



**Be sure to click the link and go to the bottom of the page and select Rotary Club of Springfield Metro when you make your gift to ensure our club receives credit for your donation.**

If each member of our club donated \$25, we would meet the \$500 match from our anonymous donor. Please make sure you follow the instructions and make sure you participate on behalf of the Rotary Club of Springfield Metro.

District 6080 has a history of rising to the challenge knowing that we gave 6040 a 23-year head start is a bit comical. So let us set the bar for their clubs going forward and embrace this competition to benefit those who are truly in need. The clock is ticking we must act quickly.

## Missouri Rotary Funvention April 19-20



Join fellow Rotarians from Districts 6040, 6060, and 6080 for the Missouri Funvention. The Missouri Funvention is a great way to connect and share ideas with Rotarians from throughout Missouri. The event will be held on Friday, April 19 and run through Saturday, April 20 at Margaritaville Lake Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. [Click here to register.](#)

[Missouri Rotary Funvention Tickets, Osage Beach | Eventbrite](#)

The hotel link is within the Eventbrite registration under "About this event".

**The group room block is released on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, so book very soon!!!**

Registration includes Saturday speakers, Orphan Shoe Roll Call, Breakfast, and Dinner. *Conference Breakfast from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. and speakers Evan Burrell, Beth Stubbs and RI Presidential Representative Geetha Jayaram.*

Here's the Rundown for the weekend:**FUN-vention Schedule:**

### Friday

- 9:00 AM - 12PM** Oaks Golf Course- 9-Hole Golf Tournament, Benefits The Rotary Foundation
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM** Shoe collection at tractor/trailers on Hwy 54
- 3:00 PM** FUN-vention Registration Open
- 5:30 PM - 8:00pm** Dinner Cruise with Trixie Delight

### Saturday

- 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM** Breakfast
- 8:00 AM** FUN-vention Registration & House of Friendship
- 8:30 AM** **Evan Burrell** via zoom from Australia
- 9:00 AM** Welcome to the Rotary FUN-vention
- 9:15 AM** Shoes for Orphan Souls final roll call
- 10:30 AM** **Beth Stubbs**, RI Board of Directors, PDG Zones 30 & 31
- 11:15 AM** RAG on Mental Health Initiatives, **Geetha Jayaram**, RI Presidential Rep
- 11:55 AM** Memorial Program
- 12:00 PM** Afternoon Fun-time and House of Friendship
- 12:15pm** Cornhole Tournament for Polio+  
*Pre-ordered Box Lunches available for Pick-up*
- 1:45 PM** Rotary Youth Exchange Students Speed Meet-up
- 2:45 PM** Business Meeting: District 6040 & 6080  
Youth Exchange Pin ceremony
- 3:30 PM** Sessions conclude and House of Friendship - closed
- 4:30 PM** Paul Harris Society & Major Donor reception
- 5:30 PM** Rotary Happy Hour
- 6:00 PM** Rotary Youth Exchange Flag ceremony  
Polio Plus Society; **Susan Haralson**, District 6080  
Empowering Girls in Africa; **Joan Kramer & Nicole Slusser**, District 6080  
FUN-vention Dinner Entertainment by Las Vegas Performer- **Marvelless Mark**
- 8:30 PM** Rotary All-district Closing message  
Rotary Hospitality Room - open

## April 23 - Rotary on the Road to The Element



We are taking Rotary on the Road to The Element where our very own Sarah Sissel will share details of the newly opened hotel.

The Element  
1031 E Battlefield Rd

## 5th Tuesday Project April 30 at Council of Churches



## Council of Churches of the Ozarks

We are heading back to the Council of Churches for our 5th Tuesday project. We will share details on the project closer to the date. We will be in the warehouse, so you'll want to dress accordingly with closed-toed shoes. If

you have not signed up to volunteer at the Council of Churches before, please click the [sign-up link](#).

If you signed up last time, you will be in the system.

There will be a social after at Joe's Gathering Place  
2931 E Chestnut Expressway

## Save the Date - All City Rotary Luncheon

The All City Rotary Luncheon is a special event where local clubs come together for fellowship. The event features a guest speaker and this year we are excited to hear from Art Haines. He **anchors pre- and** postgame coverage on WDAF-FM 106.5 The Wolf in Kansas City, and the 90-station Chiefs Radio Network, which is the largest in the NFL.

Art Hains has come a long way since almost losing his life to the West Nile virus with what ultimately turned out to be a diagnosis of the West Nile Virus.

Throughout the long ordeal that took him to several places, including Nebraska, the Springfield and Missouri Sports Hall of Famer had two goals that kept him going: some day getting back to Springfield and some day getting back behind the mic.

The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 8 at the White River Conference Center. More details to come about ticket pricing.





## Committee Sign Up on DACdb



At Springfield Metro we want to make all members fully engaged and the best way to do that is to sign up for a committee! We don't want to be a "Paul" (if you joined us at The Permit Shop you will get this) and we try to cut out unnecessary steps where we can. So please sign up for a committee using DACdb, using the following steps:

Login to DACdb  
Click on My Club tab on the top tool toolbar  
Click on Club Committees  
Click on Committee Sign Up - located on the left side of the screen  
Click on the box for the committee you want to join.

EASY PEASY!!!

If you are unsure of what a committee does, please reach out to the committee chair, and they will be happy to explain.

## Enter Your Makeup on DACdb - It's EASY!

Have you visited another Rotary club or attended a committee meeting? You can easily enter your makeup on DACdb!! All you have to do is go to the 'My Data' tab, click on 'Enter MakeUp', enter the needed information, and you are done! It's easy!



## Springfield Metro Board Meeting



Springfield Metro Board meets the 3rd Tuesday each month following our regular meeting. Board meetings are open to all Metro members and the board encourages you to visit! It is a great way to learn more about your club and to give your input on the operations of the club. Plus, it counts as a make-up if you need one.

## Need a Makeup

Perfect attendance is easy to achieve! If you have to miss a meeting and need a makeup, it's not a problem! Attend a meeting at one of our fellow Rotary Clubs, Rotaract, or you can do an online makeup.

Springfield Rotary and Rotaract Meeting Times:

Springfield Downtown Springfield Southeast  
Tuesday 12:00 PM Thursday 12:00 PM

Springfield North Springfield Sunrise  
Tuesday 7:00 AM Wednesday 7:00 AM

Rotaract Club of Springfield  
2nd and 4th Wednesday 12:00 PM

Locations for Club Meetings can be found in DACdb.

Online make ups can be made at the following link <https://www.rotaryclubone.org/makeups/articles/>

Make sure to enter your makeup in DACdb!