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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD SOUTHEAST

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## TOP STORY

### July 1 Brings Big Changes to Attendance Rules

In complying with Rotary International, the board of directors has removed the limits on on-line makeups. On-line makeups, like E Club One, used to be limited to 2 times per year. That restriction has been lifted. And committee meetings makeups are no longer limited to 3 per 6 month period, instead that restriction is also removed. Since RI has been making changes in Rotary attendance policies, like dropping the attendance requirement from 60% to 50% and allowing eclubs, the Long Range Planning Committee asked the board to consider bringing the club's attendance rules in line with the rest of the Rotary world.

With the internet as a tool for members to use and attend meetings, the board has discontinued the use of hit and runs, as of July 1, 2010. Rotary International does not recognize Hit and Runs as a valid attendance option. Members are now encouraged to use the internet, i.e. [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org), to make up a miss. No more wasting gas and time to drive across town to sign a pink sheet. No need to attempt to get to the Downtown Club on Tuesday to sign their hit and run sheet. Members are now free to spend 30 minutes on-line to educate themselves on Rotary and business practices at a time that is more convenient for them, as long as it falls in the two

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### Annual Recognition Luncheon

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*  
St. John's Cancer Center  
2055 S. Fremont  
Springfield, MO  
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Special Presentation*  
2010 Southeast Rotary  
Volunteer of the Year Award

*Installation*  
2009-2010 Southeast Officers  
and Directors

## CALENDAR

### Looking Ahead

- 6/24 100 Years of Scouting
- 7/1 Recognition Luncheon
- 7/8 Ozark Empire Fair
- 7/15 Shrimp Feed
- 7/22 District Governor
- 7/29 Chris Cogell, Exchange Student to France

Full club calendar available at our website  
[springfieldsoutheastrotary.org](http://springfieldsoutheastrotary.org)

### Today's Agenda

- Invocation: John Twitty
- Vocational Awareness Committee Presentation
- Rotary Foundation recognitions presentations by Jim McLeod
- Announcements
- Sarge
- Intro: Gary Whitaker
- Program: Gary Cyr on the Springfield Airport Update
- 4 of Clubs Drawing



### Four Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

weeks before or after a miss. There is a handy link to the EClubOne website on our website, [www.springfieldsoutheastrotary.org](http://www.springfieldsoutheastrotary.org) under Meeting Makeups. Current users of the EClubOne website have reported positive reactions to this service. Furthermore, all forms of the Hit and Run attendance are removed beginning July 1 and that includes away meeting hit and runs when there is an away meeting. The Downtown club will be notified that Southeast no longer allows its members or other clubs' members to hit and run.

Another Rotary standard is a requirement that members attend at least 30% of their home Rotary club's meetings in each 6 month period. In real terms, this means that in each 6 month period, you must attend 8 of the regular Thursday luncheons and keep your attendance above 50% including make ups. Now, instead of monitoring your allotted hit and runs and committee meeting makeups, we'll watch that you are attending at least 30% of the actual Southeast Rotary meetings. Attendance is important at Southeast, and, although the club is simplifying their rules, the board will monitor the effects of this new policy. Further action may be taken to reduce the early leaver problem.

Here is the motion that was recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee and was passed by the 2009-2010 Board of Directors (with the approval of the 2010-2011 Board of Directors):

*Eliminate the use of "Hit and Runs" and not accept "Hit and Runs" from other clubs and fully comply with Rotary International's attendance policies, including:*

*Members are required to attend or make-up at least 50% of the club's meetings during each six-month attendance period;*

*Members are required to attend at least 30% of Southeast Rotary meetings during each six-month period;*

*A member may not miss or fail to make-up four consecutive meetings;*

*Make-up credit options (within two weeks of a missed meeting) include:*

*Attendance at meetings of other Rotary clubs, Rotaract or Interact clubs;*

*Attendance at Rotary District or Rotary International functions;*

*Attendance at Southeast Rotary Board meetings;*

*Attendance at Southeast Rotary committee meetings (according to definition of committee meeting approved by the board);*

*Participation in other Rotary-sponsored events; and*

*Participation in an E-club meeting for at least 30 minutes.*

## **RECOGNIZING ROTARIANS**

### **Raffle Winner**

Jun 10 Skip Jansen

## **Sign Ups for the Annual Shrimp Feed Begin Next Week**

## **Contact Info**

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## **Basketball Tourn- ament Nets \$11,703 for Special Olympics**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rotary Basketball Tournament raised \$11,703 for Special Olympics of Missouri. The 2010 edition of the tournament was held March 22 to 25 at Drury University.

Eight teams representing Rotary Clubs from Springfield, Ozark and Branson participated in the weeklong tournament. Springfield area Rotarians will present the tournament proceeds to Special Olympics on June 15 at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Springfield. The meeting begins at 12:00 noon at Kentwood Hall, 700 East St. Louis Street. This year's tournament champion, the Rotaract Club of Springfield, also will receive the traveling trophy at the June 15 meeting.

With more than 1,700 athletes in southwest Missouri participating in 10 sports, Special Olympics has become a year-round program providing adults and children the opportunity to compete, be part of a team, demonstrate sportsmanship and develop self-confidence. Special Olympics of Missouri recently concluded its Summer Games in Springfield, which included more than 1,100 athletes from around the state participating in track and field, aquatics, bocce, soccer and power lifting events.

The Springfield area Rotary Clubs are proud to support the mission of Special Olympics of Missouri. Special Olympics has been the designated beneficiary of the annual tournament for the past 15 years and during that time tournament proceeds have totaled \$113,511 for the agency.