

Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast



Recognition Luncheon

Ocean Zen, 4117 S. National Ave.
Noon - June 29, 2023

RECOGNITION LUNCHEON — JUNE 29, 2023

Buffet Luncheon

Welcome

Lori Johnson Murawski, President, 2022-2023

Invocation—Pledge of Allegiance

Marilyn Lopez

Four Way Test

Lori Johnson Murawski

Guests and Visitors

Travis Comfort

Announcements

“Imagine Rotary”

Lori Johnson Murawski, President, 2022-2023

Recognition of 2022–2023

Officers and Committee Chairs

Lori Johnson Murawski, President, 2022–2023

Installation of 2023–2024 Officers

Steve Scott, Past President 1990-1991

2023–2024 Officers

President, Michael Wehrenberg

Nick Altrup, International Service

President-Elect, David Compere

Adam Reichert, Community Service

Secretary, Steve Brooks

Angela Delahoussaye, Vocational Service

Treasurer, Kim Garrison

Natalie Murdock, New Generations

Past President, Lori Johnson Murawski

Jeff Cumley, Club Service

Passing of the Gavel

Past Presidents

Remarks and Adjournment

Michael Wehrenberg, President, 2023–2024

PAST PRESIDENTS

Chartered on June 28, 1967, the Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast first met at the Lamplighter, on the corner of Sunshine and Glenstone.

67-68	Sam Hamra**	94-95	Doug Nickell*
68-69	Rev. Wm. Magill	95-96	Barbara Lucks*
69-70	Doug Leigh	96-97	Steve Rice*
70-71	Dan Becker	97-98	Gene Molnar
71-72	Don Handley	98-99	Marty Ross
72-73	Gaynerd Graham	99-00	Ken Coleman
73-74	Jim Jones	00-01	Paul Sherard
74-75	John Simpson	01-02	Steve Montgomery
75-76	James Osborn	02-03	Brent Dunn*
76-77	Charles O'Reilly*	03-04	Brad Bodenhausen*
77-78	Joseph Green	04-05	Bonnie Keller*
78-79	Gary Lipscomb	05-06	Bob Hammerschmidt*
79-80	Mac McCartney	06-07	Shawn Harris
80-81	Neil Eskelin	07-08	Rob Montileone*
81-82	Olin Grooms	08-09	Anne Keckeley Brown*

MOVED TO THE WOODEN NICKEL

82-83	Guy Bates, Jr.
83-84	Larry Baughman
84-85	Rex Johnson*
85-86	Jerry Stiefvater

MOVED TO THE SHERATON

86-87	Andy Dalton
87-88	Jim McLeod
88-89	Harry Kirkpatrick
89-90	Steve Benton*
90-91	Steve Scott*
91-92	Danny Correll*

MOVED TO THE CANCER CENTER

92-93	Mike Williamson*
93-94	David Caffey*

09-10	Brad Toft
10-11	John Horton*
11-12	Brent Baldwin*
12-13	Laura Ward
13-14	Jim Conley*
14-15	Heather Ramsey
15-16	Rick Van Pelt*
16-17	Bill McNeill*

MOVED TO OCEAN ZEN

17-18	Lori Barnes Miller*
18-19	Bill Squires*
19-20	Patrick Harrington*
20-21	Rusty Worley*
21-22	Lisa Blumenstock*
22-23	Lori Johnson Murawski*

* DENOTES ACTIVE OR A85 MEMBER

** DENOTES HONORARY MEMBER

EXTENDING THE HAND OF ROTARY

The Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast has sponsored and assisted these Rotary clubs:

1968	Rotary Club of Ozark	2011	Rotary Club of Sgf Metro
1989	Rotary Club of Sgf Sunrise	2012	Interact Club - Glendale H.S.
1995	Rotaract Club of Springfield	2015	Interact Club - Parkview H.S.
2002	Rotary Club of Sgf North		
2005	Rotary Club of Nixa		

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

78-79 Don Hadley 97-98 Jim McLeod 22-23 John Horton
84-85 Mac McCartney 09-10 Steve Montgomery
90-91 Jerry Stiefvater

NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS (63)

Southeast has 558 all-time Paul Harris Fellows

Logan Aguirre	Steve Hunt	Adam Reichert
Brandi Bailey	Jason Hynson	James Robinette
Ashley Baldwin	Julie Jones	Krystal Russell
Kevin Beck	Steve Kirks	Gregg Scholtens
Andrea Bishop	Benjamin Lampert	Mark Schuster
Amy Blansit	Lori Lampert	Mike Sharp
Ron Bogart	Mark Long	Travis Shaw
Elizabeth Brooks	Dana Maugans	Jeff Smith
Todd Carter	Marci Mayes	Jeff Stanford
Travis Comfort	Brian McDonough	Ken Taylor
Mike Cosgrove	Lee McLean	Luke Van Kirk
Michael Craft	Donald Mihalevich	Ashley Walden
Jeff Cumley	Randy Murawski	Rachael Walsh
Joe Daves	Natalie Murdock	Lynette Weatherford
Cliff Davis	Stephanie Murphy	Matt Wehner
Connie Detoni	Colby Newman	Brandon Welch
Stephanie Flores	Brandi O'Reilly	Michael Wilcox
William Garrison	Joseph Peck	James Wilson
Timothy Guillot	Maria Peterson	Tammy Young
Kim Hamm	Brennan Pratt	
Josh Hartman	Royce Reding	
Jim Hoovens	Candice Reed	

NEW MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Southeast has 181 all-time multiple Paul Harris Fellows

Judy Bilyeu, PHF+1	Harry Price, PHF+1	Michael Williamson,
Jason Gage, PHF+1	Bob Beine, PHF+2	PHF+7
Charles Hill, PHF+1	Lisa Blumenstock,	John Horton, PHF+8
Carl Hutchinson, PHF+1	PHF+6	
Grant Miller, PHF+1		

NEW MAJOR DONORS

Southeast has 12 all-time Major Donors

John Horton

Rex Johnson

OTHER DESIGNATIONS BY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Southeast has 78 all-time benefactors and 15 all-time Bequest Society members.

2022–2023 NEW MEMBERS (25)

Logan Aguirre
Ron Bogart
Travis Comfort
Stacey Connell
Jennifer Cotner-Jones
Will Cox
Hector Cruz
Brenda Dickey
Carrie Henry

Jim Hoovens
Benjamin Lampert
Ray Lampert
Matt Madura
Tyler Moles
Chad Munsey
Stephanie Murphy
Colby Newman
Joseph Peck

Carl Peterson
Michael Pinkston
Claire Sakaoka
Jeff Stanford
Ken Taylor
Catherine Upp
Jeffrey Zimmerman

SOUTHEAST ROTARY ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-2023

- District Governor and Southeast Rotary Member John Horton planned the District Conference that was held in Springfield at the White River Conference Center on May 5-6. Southeast Rotary sponsored a Shrimp Feed for the District Conference attendees and several Southeast members volunteered their time to cook the food, serve the food and provide transportation to and from the hotel.

CLUB SERVICE

- The Invocation Committee scheduled 44 members to lead the invocation at the weekly meetings, including special musical presentations from Michael Wehrenberg & Lindsey Robison accompanied by The Messiah Project.
- The Public Relations Committee kept the club's Facebook page and website up to date with current information including photos of weekly meeting speakers. A bio and photo of every new member was published on the club website.
- The Public Relations Committee designed Southeast Rotary member birthday & anniversary cards that were sent to all members throughout the year by the club President.
- The new board of directors & club officers were announced in a local news release and via social media platforms. Three articles about club activities have been submitted to District 6080, Rotary International, the Rotary magazine and local news outlets. With the help of KY3 and ADsmith Marketing & Advertising two 30 second PSA's were aired on KY3 and other local media outlets online and on television to bring awareness to Rotary, focusing on the 4-Way Test.
- The Public Relations Committee launched an Instagram page; Rotary Southeast.
- The Public Relations Committee also created a Southeast Rotary brochure for interested guests and speakers, secured a vinyl banner to display at events, and secured a large dry erase check for our charitable donation presentations.
- A special Rotaract recruitment flyer was created to help recruit those members to Southeast Rotary and explain discounted membership opportunities.

- The club banner displayed at the weekly meetings was updated with the proper Rotary logo.
- Southeast participated, along with the other Springfield Rotary clubs and the Rotaract club, in a All-City Rotary meeting on May 11th at the Oasis Convention Center. The speaker was Jeff Houghton.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- The Basketball Tournament Committee raised a record amount of \$16,784.50 for Special Olympics in the event's final year. Each year since the tournament began in 1988, 50-60 Rotarians from Southwest Missouri have played in the annual Basketball Tournament. Collectively over the past 35 years the Rotary Basketball Tournament has raised approximately \$300,000 which was donated to Special Olympics.
- DMWU programming was no longer needed as a part of the SPS curriculum. The committee decided to dissolve DMWU and transferred the balance of their funds (\$44,000) to the Southeast Rotary Endowment.
- Southeast Rotary held three blood drives this year. One in September, 39 donors participated. 42 donors participated in the city-wide Rotary blood drive held in January 2023, which was by far the most donors of any of the local clubs. The Rotary year ended with a blood drive in June 2023, 31 members donors participated. All of the blood drives helped to support the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks.
- The Community Grants Committee awarded \$10,000 to the following organizations and projects:
 - Boys and Girls Club of Springfield - \$1,000
 - CASA of Southwest Missouri - \$1,000
 - Cents of Pride - \$1,150
 - EnCompass Academy- \$1,000
 - Habitat for Humanity - \$1,000
 - Harmony House- \$850
 - Lost and Found Grief Center - \$1,500
 - Ozark Greenways- \$1,000
 - Victory Mission - \$1,500
- A grant project totaling \$14,050.34 was completed in partnership with Watershed Committee of the Ozarks providing a shed and planting materials to the Watershed

Natives program. This project was made possible by a Southeast Rotary donation of \$7,025.17, and a District Simplified Grant totalling matching funds of \$7,025.17. This project enhanced Springfield Public Schools career pathways science program and highlighted the new 7th area of focus of Rotary International, Protecting Our Environment, along with supporting education and growing local economies.

- The Hands-On Projects Committee organized a volunteer effort for 4-7 members to serve at the Fairbanks monthly preparing and serving dinner for families participating in the Northwest Project.
- The annual Lend-A-Hand award was presented to Dan Emrie in April 2023 and Jason Flores in June 2023.
- The Rotary Outdoor Activity Movement (ROAM) completed a few challenges through the year to promote physical activity to members and the community prior to its conclusion in January 2023. Over the course of the initiative 964 people registered for the MoveSpring app and completed a total of 688,128,588 steps over the course of two years.
- A donation of \$250 was made to the Stop Human Trafficking Coalition in support of their cause and for taking the time to travel to Springfield from Jefferson City to give a presentation at a weekly meeting, highlighting Rotary's commitment to protect/support women and girls worldwide.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- The Peacebuilders Committee's of Springfield completed the installation of the Peace Pole at Springfield Botanical Gardens, Nathaniel Greene Park and dedicated it in June 2023. This is the 3rd of 5 Peace Poles to be installed in parks throughout Springfield. The message of peace will eventually be shared around Springfield in 30 languages used in our community via Peace Poles.
- The Rotary Foundation Committee conducted a Rotary Foundation Program in November 2022 explaining the history, goals, and achievements of the Rotary Foundation.
- In February 2023, we achieved **100% Paul Harris Fellow Club** designation from Rotary International.
- As of June 1, 2023, 135 Southeast members (75%) gave \$36,822.85 to the Rotary Foundation, including \$2,839.85

to PolioPlus. We have 135 (75%) EREY members and 191 members who are Paul Harris Fellows.

- Total all-time giving to the Rotary Foundation from Southeast Rotary is over \$1,226,399. The average gift in 2022-2023 was \$149 per member versus the district average of \$151.
- The PolioPlus Committee conducted a weekly raffle to benefit the PolioPlus Fund of the Rotary Foundation. Total contributions were \$1,793.85 from the raffle.

NEW GENERATIONS

- The Interact Committee continued to advise and support the Interact Clubs at Glendale and Parkview High Schools, proposing a benefit mini-golf tournament in Fall 2022.
- The Rotaract Committee, continued to have a close relationship with the Springfield Rotaract Club. Rotaract members attended Southeast meetings and our members attended their meetings at times as well. We sponsored at attended their DoubleDare fundraiser event in the fall. Southeast Rotary hosted a fall Rotaract social at Best of Luck Beer Hall and also hosted a joint social in May 2023, at Springfield Billiards. Rotaract President, Skyler Henson, provided the Southeast Rotary program on March 9, 2023 during Rotaract week.
- The Student Guests Committee hosted 24 senior student guests from all of the local high schools at weekly meetings during the school year to recognize their efforts.
- Southeast Rotary also hosted over a dozen SAAB high school and college students and their staff at multiple club meetings during the year at Ocean Zen and the offsite meeting to visit the Watershed Natives greenhouse.
- The club sponsored 2 students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) in the summer of 2023.

PRESIDENT-ELECT AVENUE

- The Fellowship Activities Committee conducted 9 socials during the year at Neighbors Mill, Best Luck Beer Hall, Millwood Golf & Racquet Club, Jordan Valley Park, Craft Axe Throwing, Big Shots Golf, Metropolitan Grill, Springfield Billiards, and Architect

Coffee Co. The committee also planned the annual Holiday Party which was held at White River Conference Center.

- The New Member Orientation Committee conducted two New Member Orientations for new members in the fall and spring at The Pitch and 12 new members participated. The PowerPoint was revised to include current information and social platforms, etc.
- Monthly new member luncheons were hosted at Archie's Italian Eatery throughout the year by the Welcoming Committee with committee chairs and Southeast Rotary Board Members presenting.
- The Membership Development Committee shepherded 25 prospective members through the new member process this year. The Membership Development Committee, President Lori Johnson Murawski, President-Elect Michael Wehrenberg and Executive Secretary Kim Pittman revamped the new member proposal process to speed up time from application submission to new member introduction.
- The Programs Committee insured quality programs for the weekly meetings.
- The Golf'toberfest Committee hosted the 8th annual golf tournament fundraiser. A total of \$18,720.70 was raised for the Southeast Rotary Endowment through 26 teams made up of 104 golfers.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

- The Directory Committee updated and published the membership directory in the Fall 2022 available in print and digitally.
- The Fellowship Luncheon Committee held two rounds of fellowship luncheons. In October 2022, members had the option to visit Abilities First, ADsmith Marketing & Advertising, Salvation Army and Stifel Nicolaus. In June 2023, members had the option to visit Gold Mechanical, MO Assoc. of Manufacturing, 417 Magazine and Chicken Salad Chick.
- The Vocational Awareness Committee presented the annual Vocational Service Awards in June to one local police, fire, and sheriff's department employee in recognition of their outstanding service to the community.

- The Volunteer of the Year award was presented in April 2023 to Brian McDonough.

ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD SOUTHEAST ENDOWMENT, INC.

- The Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast Endowment, Inc. was established in 2015 as an independent 501(c)(3) to raise and disburse funds for issues of poverty, children, child abuse, housing, hunger, health, hygiene, education, and safety, plus the seven areas of Rotary service in Springfield and the surrounding community.
- In 2017, the Founders Club was established for The Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast Endowment, Inc. Fifty-six Rotarians and the Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast contributed \$1,000 each to this fundraising campaign.
- The Sam and June Hamra Heritage Society was established for planned giving with a planned giving contribution from Sam and June Hamra of \$100,000 made to the Southeast Endowment.
- The Southeast Endowment has conducted an annual golf tournament and for the last five years has had a raffle for a luxury vacation.
- The Give Greater 100 campaign, which ends on July 31, 2023, will raise approximately \$125,000.
- The Southeast Endowment has received commitments of over \$225,000 in planned giving gifts.
- The Southeast Endowment has raised approximately \$400,000 to date, and is working diligently on reaching our \$500,000 goal so we can begin disbursing much need funds to the community.

2022–2023 FINANCIAL IMPACT

COMMUNITY GRANTS	\$10,000
DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT PROJECT (Watershed Committee of the Ozarks)	
DSG Funds	\$7,025.17
SER Match/Contribution	<u>\$7,025.17</u>
Total	\$14,050.34
ROTARY FOUNDATION	
Polio Plus Fund	\$2,839.85
Annual Fund Donations & Bequests	<u>\$33,983</u>
Total	\$36,822.85
SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	
Southeast Donations	<u>\$9,965</u>
Total Distributions to Charity	\$16,784.50
DISTRICT CONF. SHRIMP FEED	\$2,500
ROTARACT DOUBLEDARE FUNDRAISER	
	\$300
RYLA (sponsored 2 students)	\$1,000
SAAB SPONSORSHIP	\$1,500
STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION	
	\$250
SOUTHEAST ROTARY ENDOWMENT	
Annual Raffle Fundraiser	\$6,259.20
Give Greater Campaign	\$125,000
Golf'toberfest	\$18,720.70
Member Contributions	\$11,725
Transfer from DMWU	<u>\$44,000</u>
Total	\$205,704.90
Grand Total Financial Impact (from club only)	\$275,067.92



Rotary is dedicated to seven areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

PROMOTING PEACE

Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

FIGHTING DISEASE

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.

PROVIDING CLEAN WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

SAVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

2023-2024 Rotary International Theme



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

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