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### FYI

#### State investments remain strong

Missouri state Treasurer Clint Zweifel recently announced that the state's portfolio, valued on average at \$3.9 billion, is currently strong. The investment portfolio is made up of short term and longer maturity investments to meet the state's cash flow needs. As of June 30, the investment portfolio is as follows: U.S. treasury debt - 7 percent, U.S. agency debt - 51 percent, repurchase agreements - 25 percent, bank time deposits - 17 percent. Zweifel also manages \$24 billion in annual state revenue.

#### Drury transitions to Optimal Resume

The Drury University Career Planning & Development office recently transitioned to Optimal Resume, a new online management system to house job postings and resumes. With this system, employers can post part-time, full-time and internship positions at no charge. For more information, visit [druryoptimal-resume.com/employers/](http://druryoptimal-resume.com/employers/).

#### 4th Annual Soak Up Springfield in September

Drury University's Career Planning and Development office is teaming up with Drury's Community Outreach and Leadership Development office for the 4th annual Soak Up Springfield event, providing area businesses and organizations exposure to potential customers and volunteers, and offering the opportunity to share employment and internship openings with the Drury community. The event takes place Sept. 5. For more information, visit [drury.edu/](http://drury.edu/).

## Rotary Club of Springfield Metro's membership growing

By James Hanson

In March 2011, Rotary Club of Springfield Metro became officially chartered as the newest Rotary Club in the area.

Board member Jason Graf said the club's motto is "Service above self and action above words."

"We are a very hands-on club," he said.

Recently 50 of the club's 67 members volunteered at Hickory Gardens to help harvest, weed, clean out barns and do other chores.

Graf said for every month with a fifth Tuesday, the club goes out into the community to do a hands-on project instead of hosting a regular meeting.

"We like to get out into the community and make an impact wherever we can," he said.

Graf said that meetings include invocations, pledges and the Rotary 4-Way Test, which he

explains as:

"Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? And will it be beneficial to all concerned? Then we follow that with any club business and typically have a speaker from a nonprofit come speak to us or other guests about a subject we think would be interesting to our club membership."

Graf said while other Springfield Rotary Clubs primarily include business owners, CEOs and other executives, the Springfield Metro club members do include people in middle management, sales representatives and employees.

"We do have members who are business owners and executives and CEOs," Graf said. "We have a good mix."

Graf said the new club is working on their own signature fundraising event, but like all Rotary Clubs, a primary objective is to help eradicate polio globally by putting money into the Polio Plus Fund.

The club also donates funds to the on-going Paul Harris Foundation, named for the founder of Rotary. Funds go back to districts to keep them going and to take on new issues that need funding assistance.

Graf said members pay \$500 a year to join the club and are asked to donate \$20 to the Polio Plus Fund and \$100 to the Paul Harris Foundation.

He said although the club doesn't have its own fundraiser yet, they do help with other fundraisers like Rock 'N Ribs and the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.

Last year, 40 of its members joined other Springfield rotaries in Joplin to help tear down houses and clear lots after the May 22 tornado.



Photo by James Hanson

Members of the Rotary Club of Springfield Metro pull weeds at Hickory Gardens as part of the group's volunteer efforts to give back to the community.

Graf said the club has worked with other agencies like the Pregnancy Care Center, the Ronald McDonald House and the Carol Jones Recovery Center.

"We paint, provide donations and supplies, just anything that we can that will help that particular charity," he said.

Graf said the club also adopted McGregor Elementary—a Title I school—to be its community school.

"We established a store where children could be rewarded for good behavior and discipline to buy the basic things they need," he said. "We also provided every child with MAP snack bags during the five days of MAP testing last year, so they were well nourished and could focus on the MAP test."

Graf said while the club's first mission is to provide civic duty and civic services to the community and globally, there are sec-

ondary benefits to joining.

"We are rubbing elbows with some of the finest business people in Springfield, whether it is within our club or any of the Rotary Clubs

here," he said. "We forge relationships that turn into business relationships as well."

Eddie Spain, president-elect for the Rotary Club of Springfield Metro said the international organization is closer to its goal of eradicating polio globally. He said it is still a problem in areas like Pakistan, India, Nigeria and Afghanistan.

"We are confident that we are close to knocking it down," Spain said. "The real focus and goal is to get out in the community and give back, in our community, state, nationally and globally."

The Rotary Club of Springfield Metro holds regular meetings each Tuesday, 5-6 p.m. at the 425 Building, 425 W. Walnut St.

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