

## **Swansea Rotary Celebrates A Successful Annual Dinner Auction**

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**Swansea, Illinois, February 27, 2024** - The [Rotary Club of Swansea](#) would like to thank everyone who supported their recent "[Rotary Round Up](#)" Annual Dinner Auction. Proceeds of more than \$34,000 will be used throughout the year to support nonprofit organizations and community programs that align with the basic principles of Rotary. The event was held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Belleville/Swansea Moose Lodge 1221.

More than 200 people attended the event, which featured a country-western theme and included appetizers, buffet dinner and drinks. The Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special Olympics Cheer Team kicked off the festivities with a special performance, and guests enjoyed a robust silent auction and photo booth, as well as a reverse raffle, split equally by winners Marsha Reiniger and Shelly Ettling. The highlight of the fundraising activities was a live auction and paddle raise, led by Swansea Mayor Michael Leopold. Proceeds from the paddle raise were earmarked for the [St. Clair County Child Advocacy Center](#), a non-profit organization that provides a safe, child-friendly environment for conducting forensic interviews and medical evaluation.

"We enjoyed a sold-out event and celebrated while raising money for the community we serve," said Swansea Rotary Club President Ed Henrichs. "I would like to thank everyone who volunteered, sponsored, participated and enjoyed the event. It was a proud night to be a Rotarian!"

Photos from the evening are featured on the Rotary Club's [website photo gallery](#). Members of Swansea Rotary meet weekly at the Thompson Center in Mel Price Park on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. and guests are always welcome to attend to learn more about the Rotary mission to provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. For additional information please visit the Swansea Rotary Club website at [www.swansearotary.org](http://www.swansearotary.org) or email [info@swansearotary.org](mailto:info@swansearotary.org).

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