Swansea Rotary Celebrates A Successful Annual Dinner Auction
Proceeds of more than $20,000 will support community programs throughout the community

Swansea, Illinois, March 17, 2023 - The Rotary Club of Swansea would like to thank everyone who supported their recent "Rotary Round Up" Annual Dinner Auction. Proceeds of more than $20,000 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 25, 2023 at the Belleville/Swansea Moose Lodge 1221.

More than 170 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, won by St. Clair County Clerk Tom Holbrook. 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 Swansea Rotary to support the food programs at High Mount School and Wolf Branch Elementary School.

"On behalf of our Rotarians, I would like to thank everyone who supported our Annual Dinner Auction," said Swansea Rotary Club President Lisa Wahlig. "It was so much fun to enjoy celebrating the evening while raising money for the community we serve - that's what being a Rotarian is all about!"

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 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 or email info@swansearotary.org.

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