

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

01.11.23 Meeting Notes

By Larry Nichols



A special meeting as Rotary gathered at the LIFT (Leaders Innovating for Tomorrow) facility which aligned with Vocational Service Month.

President Tina had opening remarks and introductions were given for the facilitators in charge of the various programs operated on each level.

Visitors included Gail Nelson, a guest and Mark's first wife (as introduced by Mark). Ron Sanderson (retired from Lake Land College) was a guest of Larry Larvick. Rick Hall introduced Francisco Sanchez, plant manager at Bimbo Bakeries and a potential member. Francisco has been in our community for two years and with Bimbo for 31 years and has openings for a lot of

employees.

Rotary College Bowl pool results were reported with Mike Martin taking top honors, Larry Larvick at second place and Malcolm O'Neill in third place.

Upcoming reminders....

Blood drive January 26th...volunteers are needed
Foundation match available through the end of the month.
Comedy Night is March 11th...supporting our Rotary Heart Scan.

Students of the Month were in attendance and both are also LIFT students. Justin Hunt, Band Director nominated Kyla Abbott described as an exceptional student with positive leadership for incoming freshmen. She participates in the culinary program at LIFT and also qualifies for all district and all state and honors band. She also is on the track team. She plans to attend EIU for a masters in music. Hannah Spain, ag teacher, nominated Ty Eastin who is on the soccer and tennis teams, is active in FFA and is a great leader and mentor. Ty plans to play tennis at Kaskaskia College before attending Arizona.

Our **Triple Treat** drawing of \$13 was claimed by Mike Martin. Mike will draw for the larger prize of \$565 at our next meeting.

President Tina gave a short explanation of our Rotary 4 way test to the attending students before inviting all to join in reciting our 4 way test.

A short explanation of each floor's operations were given and student guides were introduced before our Club was divided into groups to tour the most impressive facility. (I had to leave before completing the tour but more information about LIFT can be found at <https://www.mattoon.k12.il.us/o/lift> and <https://twitter.com/liftcentralil?lang=en> and <https://m.facebook.com/people/LIFT-Central-Illinois/100078113196199/>

Our next meeting is at Elevate and will be a Club Assembly. President Tina noted the following to be covered....

The Assembly will include updates and discussion on the following topics:
Progress toward 2022-2023 goals and Rotary International Citation
Current and future 2022-2023 service projects and activities
New member recruitment
Treasurer's report
2023-2024 board and officer leadership opportunities
Board approval of membership dues and raffle sales for 2023-2024
Topics of interest to members for further discussion

Club Meeting

Mattoon
Meets at Mattoon Golf & Country Club
6700 N Country Club Rd
Mattoon, IL 61938-8427
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Speakers

January 18, 2023
Rotary Board Leaders
Club Assembly - Update on Goal Progress and Projects for 2022-2023; Discussions for future project planning and membership.

January 25, 2023
Joshua Zoppa, Executive Director, Mattoon Community Food Center
Updates from new Director

Birthdays

Aaron Ifft
January 24th
Laura Reichart
February 11th
Noah Olson
February 13th

Club Leaders



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Youth Exchange
Counselor
Youth Exchange
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President
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