

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

01.17.24 Meeting Notes and More!



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Grove and all in attendance recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The **Inspiration** was provided by President-Elect Noah Olson.

Guests

January Rotary Students of the Month with their parents and nominating teachers attended the meeting.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Dean Willaredt collected happy dollars including donations from Dale Righter, Mike Martin, and Noah Olson, recognizing their favorite sports teams.

Business & Announcements

Peace Meals: Dean thanked all of the Rotarians who are delivering Peace Meals this cold, wintry

week, noting that Larry Niegowski is delivering four days, Mark Nelson is delivering two days, and several other members are delivering one day.

Raffle Drawing: All tickets that have been turned in will be included in the weekly drawings, beginning today! Any late sales should be submitted ASAP.

Rotary and Kiwanis Blood Drive: Thursday, January 25, 1-5 pm, Burgess-Osborne Auditorium. Please let Tina Stovall know if you can donate 1 hour to help set-up or help check-in donors. We'd like to have one Rotarian and one Kiwanian volunteering each hour. Please come donate, and encourage your friends and family to join you!

Comedy Night: Save the Date: Saturday, March 23. Marketing and ticket sales coming soon!

Matching \$\$ for Donations to The Rotary Foundation: Mike Martin announced that during the month of January, District 6490 is matching points for cash donations and the Club will match \$100 cash for the first seven members to donate at least \$100. Please contact Mike to learn how close you are to becoming a Paul Harris Fellow - or achieving the next level.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA): Kim Denton reminded Club members that we are seeking to support local high school sophomores and juniors who have leadership potential and would like to advance their skills. Contact Kim if you know a student who may be interested or if you would like to volunteer your time at RYLA.

Students of the Month

Rick Hall recognized the January Rotary Students of the Month. See additional article for details!

Today's Program: Gary Hudson, President and Co-Owner, Garage Force of East Central Illinois

Mark McDaniel introduced Mr. Gary Hudson, Garage Force, a nationwide company with Garage Force of East Central Illinois, Hindsboro, serving Champaign-Urbana and local communities. Gary's presentation introduced the variety of services that Garage Force provides for coating concrete both inside and outside; both residential and commercial. He showed examples of local work and answered several questions regarding style, texture, color and durability of the coating. Additional information is available online @ eastcentrallinoisgarageforce.com. (In photo: Gary and Malinda Hudson, Owners, Garage Force of East Central Illinois)

Raffle Drawing

Drawing was held for the first three weeks of 2024 and the winners were:

January 3: Soup Stop, Charleston

January 10: Eric Swango, Charleston

January 17: Judy Baker, Mattoon

Triple Treat

Gayla McDaniel was the winner of \$12 for this week's drawing. The larger pot rolls over to next week.

The meeting closed with members reciting **The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do.**

Program Committees

January: Chair: Billie Constant, Scott Eggleston, Gayla McDaniel, Mark McDaniel

February: Chair: Steve Kite, Bob Clark, John Covington, Sara Marshall

March: Chair: Kim Denton, Melissa McDaniel, Rodney Morris, Kim Uphoff

April: Chair: Doug Jackson, Samantha Barr, Lindsey Butler, Jason Donnelly, Amanda Honn

May: Chair: Chris Strohl, Larry Larvick, Laura Reichart, Susan Riggert

June: Chair: Jason Heurman, Rick Hall, Matthew Froeschle, Gary Swearingen

Reminder: Community Events (*Represent Rotary; send us a selfie in your Rotary t-shirt; earn a make-up!*)

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 24, 2024

[Elevate: Small Business Development Center](#)

January 31, 2024

[Fifth Wednesday Social - No Noon Meeting](#)

February 07, 2024

[Mike Martin, D6490 Governor-Elect Heart 2 Heart - and More!](#)

February 14, 2024

[Brett Bennett, Consolidated Communications Fidium Fiber](#)

Birthdays

Aaron Ifft
January 24th
Chris Strohl
February 7th
Laura Reichart
February 11th
Noah Olson
February 13th
Alyssa Nichols
February 19th

Club Leaders



Janet Grove
President



Noah Olson
President-Elect
Sergeant-at-Arms



Laura Reichart
Secretary Club
Executive Secretary



Doug Jackson
Treasurer

Noah Lange and Hallee Perry Recognized as January Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations to Noah Lange and Hallee Perry! Rotarians celebrated these two outstanding seniors from Mattoon High School as our January Rotary Students of the Month! Noah and Hallee were nominated by school staff based on their academic achievement and citizenship. Mr. Kris Maleske, Community Service Director, and Ms. Nichole Logan, Science Teacher, Mattoon School District, introduced the students and each student shared information regarding their high school activities and their plans following graduation. We were inspired by both of you - and we enjoyed meeting your families! (In photo: Noah and Hallee with their parents, Mr. Maleske and Ms. Logan, and Mattoon Rotarian and Mayor, Rick Hall.)



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