

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

Rotary and Kiwanis Blood Drive



Mattoon Rotary and Mattoon Kiwanis jointly sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive on January 25. Together, the 9 Rotary and Kiwanis volunteers helped support 30 donors, collecting 29 units of blood to potentially support the lives of nearly 90 individuals in need of blood. What a great partnership - and we all had fun!

Thanks to the Rotarians who came to donate: Judy Baker, Billie Constant, Janet Grove, Aaron Ifft
Thanks also to the Rotary volunteers: John Covington, Janet Grove, Tina Stovall and Jeff Stovall, and Kiwanis volunteers: Amy Card, Carolyn Cloyd, James Glenn, Mary Weber, and Janett Winter-Black.

Rotary Inducts New Member Alyssa Nichols



Judy Baker, Chair, Membership Committee, led the new member induction for Alyssa Nichols at our January 24 Club meeting. Alyssa serves as Senior Accountant at West & Company, LLC, and was sponsored for membership by Diana Hartbank. Welcome to Rotary, Alyssa! We are so glad you have joined us! (In photo: Diana Hartbank, Alyssa Nichols, Judy Baker.)

01.24.24 Meeting Notes and More!



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 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

February 21, 2024
[Jennifer Keller, Executive Director, Coles County United Way](#)
United Way; Recognize MHS Students of the Month

Birthdays

Chris Strohl
February 7th
Laura Reichart
February 11th
Noah Olson
February 13th
Alyssa Nichols
February 19th
Ali Nichole Young
February 26th

Club Leaders



Janet Grove
President



Noah Olson
President-Elect
Sergeant-at-Arms



Laura Reichart
Secretary
Club Executive Secretary



Doug Jackson
Treasurer



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Grove and all in attendance recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Inspiration was provided by Tina Stovall, recognizing the month of January as Rotary International's designated Vocational Service Month - a month to be reminded of our Rotarian commitment to vocational service. Tina expressed gratitude for meeting at LIFT during this month, an opportunity to learn about, and support, the great work being done there each day to help young people establish and achieve their vocational/career goals.

Guests

Rotarians welcomed Babette Mayer, our club-sponsored Rotary Youth Exchange student. Staff from the Eastern Illinois University Small Business Development Center who were in attendance for today's program were also introduced.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Terry Baker accepted happy \$ donations including recognition of Janet Grove's 34th anniversary as a Mattoon Rotarian (and first female club member), Scott Eggleston's gratitude for the fried chicken for lunch today, and a few shout-outs for favorite sports teams!

Business & Announcements

Fifth Wednesday Social: Next Wednesday, January 31 - 5:30 pm at Sarah Bush Lincoln Education Center. All Club members are encouraged to attend and to share our gratitude with our sponsor, Kim Uphoff, fellow Rotarian/Club Past-President, and current President & CEO Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System.

Rotary/Kiwanis Blood Drive: January 25, 1-5 pm; Burgess-Osborne Auditorium. (See separate article)

Rotary Comedy Night: Save the date: Saturday, March 23. Info and tickets coming soon!

Rotary Foundation Donation Matching: Matching funds are available through January 31. Contact Mike Martin for additional information.

New Member Induction

Judy Baker, Membership Chair, conducted the induction of our new member, Alyssa Nichols. Alyssa was sponsored for membership by Diana Hartbank (see separate article).

Today's Program: Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Eastern Illinois University

Scott Eggleston introduced the Small Business Development Center staff in attendance for today's presentation: April Perkins, Executive Assistant; Amy Patrick, Director; and Dr. Alyse Costello, Eastern Illinois University Professor of Management. Amy and Dr. Costello both participated in the presentation, describing the steps taken to establish the grant-funded, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity supported, SBDC, how the SBDC works with the support of EIU faculty and administration, and the support and guidance that the SBDC provides to support each of the four major segments of development for new businesses in our community: Pre-Venture (Pre-Launch), Emerging (0-4 years), Growing (4+ years) and Mature (7+ years). All services provided by the SBDC throughout each segment are free.

Director Amy Patrick shared three specific steps that Rotarians can take to help the continued growth and development of the SBDC: 1) Spread the word about the no-cost services available; 2) Volunteer/encourage other business owners to share their experiences as volunteer business advisors through the SBDC; and 3) Consider providing additional funding and/or sponsoring materials, training. The SBDC is located at Elevate. Stop by Elevate or call [217-258-SBDC](tel:217-258-SBDC) for additional information.

Upcoming Club Programs/Events

January 31: Fifth Wednesday Social: 5:30 p.m. Sarah Bush Lincoln Education Center

February 7: Club meeting @ LIFT. Program: Mike Martin, D6490 Governor-Elect, Heart 2 Heart, And More!

February 14: Club meeting @ LIFT. Program: Brett Bennett, Consolidated Communications, Fidium Fiber

February 21: Club meeting @ MG&CC. Program: Jennifer Keller, Executive Director, United Way of Coles County

February 28: Club meeting @ MC&CC. Program: Curtis Wudtke, Principal, St. John's Lutheran School

Check the Club website at mattoonrotary.org or DACdb for more programs and events!

Raffle Drawing

This week's winner was Gordon Presley, Charleston.

Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$17 was Steve Kite. The larger pot rolled over to next week. There are 22 cards remaining.

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



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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 Heuerman, Rick Hall, Matthew Froeschle, Gary Swearingen

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