

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

Thank You, Kim Uphoff and Sarah Bush Lincoln!



Kim Uphoff, President & CEO of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System, welcomed Mattoon Rotary to the expanded Sarah Bush Lincoln Education Center for our January Fifth-Wednesday Club Social. What a wonderful addition to the Education Center in service to our community and the hospital employees! We had a great time gathering together in this beautiful facility. Thank you, Kim, for your hospitality, for your community leadership, and for your commitment and service to Mattoon Rotary since 1995!

Congratulations Slater Trier and Emmalyn Whalin!

CONGRATULATIONS, Slater Trier and Emmalyn Whalin! Rotarians celebrated these two outstanding seniors from Mattoon High School as our February Rotary Students of the Month! Slater and Emmalyn were nominated by their teachers and selected based on their academic achievements and citizenship. Mr. Vinnie Walk nominated and introduced Slater, and Ms. Elise Doran nominated and introduced Emmalyn. 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 photos: Slater with his parents, Mr. Walk, and Rick Hall, Mattoon Rotarian and Mayor; Emmalyn with her father and grandparents, Ms. Doran, and Rick Hall.)



THANK YOU, LIFT Culinary Arts/Hospitality!



At our February 7 meeting, Mattoon Rotarians were delighted to have lunch prepared by the LIFT Culinary Arts/Hospitality program and served by students, Dante and Logan, and LIFT Facilitator, Mr. Matthew Jacobs. The meat selection, potatoes, broccoli, and dessert were ALL DELICIOUS!! We enjoyed getting to meet Dante, Logan and Mr. Jacobs (shown in photos)! And, we always love experiencing the wonderful learning happening at LIFT - truly, Leaders Innovating For Tomorrow!

02.07.24 Meeting Notes and Much More!



In Photo: District 6490 Rotarians departing for the Multi-District Guadalajara, Mexico Service Trip, January 20-27, 2024 (Mike Martin, DGE, Mattoon; Janet Ellis-Nelson, DG, and other Champaign Rotarians: Alvaro Hernandez, Marlys

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

February 14, 2024
[Brett Bennett,](#)
[Consolidated](#)
[Communications](#)
Fidium Fiber

February 21, 2024
[Jennifer Keller,](#)
[Executive Director,](#)
[Coles County United](#)
[Way](#)

February 28, 2024
[Curtis Wudtke,](#)
[Principal, St.](#)
[John's Lutheran](#)
[School](#)
Updates on enrollment and school building project

Birthdays

- Noah Olson
February 13th
- Alyssa Nichols
February 19th
- Ali Nichole Young
February 26th
- Lindsey Butler
March 4th
- Michael W. Martin
March 4th

Club Leaders



Janet Grove
President



Doug Jackson
President-Elect
Treasurer



Noah Olson
President-Elect
Sergeant-at-Arms



Laura Reichart
Secretary Club
Executive Secretary

(Mike Martin, Bob Mattoon, Janet Groves, and other Champaign Rotarians: Mike Hernandez, Kelly Scarborough, Chet Alwes, and Andrea Fain).

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

Rotarians welcomed guests Trystan Clapp (Janet Grove) and Cinnae Martin (Noah Olson).

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Noah Olson collected donations for February birthdays and anniversaries, with Noah contributing for his February 13 birthday. Malcolm O'Neill encouraged contributions for a Super Bowl Sunday pool.

Business & Announcements

Peace Meals: Dean Willaredt announced that the next week for Rotary deliveries is March 11.

Kiwanis/Rotary Blood Drive: Tina Stovall thanked Rotarians who participated as volunteers or donors at the January 25 drive: Judy Baker, Billie Constant, John Covington, Janet Grove, Aaron Ifft, and Tina Stovall. The drive included 30 donors and 29 units of blood were collected, to potentially support the lives of nearly 90 individual recipients. Rotary and Kiwanis volunteers had fun spending the day together!

Rotary Comedy Night, March 23: Gary Swearingen provided tickets for Rotarians to buy/sell and shared that the event will again be held at the Yost Convention Center and include the same comedy group as in previous years (with a couple new comedians). He also shared that the Heart Scan is expected to be fully endowed after this year.

Club Matching Program for Donations to The Rotary Foundation - Mike Martin announced that funds are still available for members who donate this month. See Mike for information regarding your status toward the first/next level of Paul Harris recognition.

RYLA - Kim Denton shared that we are working to sponsor at least two Mattoon students for attendance at this April event. More information to come!

Mattoon Golf & Country Club Re-Opening Delay - President Janet announced that she just became aware that the MG&CC will not re-open for our return there as expected on February 21. An alternate location will be identified and communicated to members. NOTE: Since this meeting President Janet has confirmed use of the Mattoon Public Library for meetings on February 21, 28, and March 6. We are now scheduled to return to the MG&CC on March 13.

Students of the Month: Rick Hall, Member, Student of the Month Committee, introduced February Students of the Month: Slater Trier and Emmalyn Whalin, providing them each with a tshirt, certificate and key chain for their new cars! (See separate article.)

Today's Program: Mike Martin, Multi-District Guadalajara, Mexico Service Trip, January 20-27, 2024

Mike provided a power point presentation from his recent participation in this service trip to Guadalajara, Mexico. Six Rotarians from District 6490 participated in this multi-district service trip (Mike and 5 others from Champaign identified in photo above). Mike spoke of the great need for health care services in Guadalajara, noting that Rotarians served people of all ages - sharing examples of young children to a 92 year-old. Some service recipients walked for miles to come to the clinics. Rotary volunteers assisted medical professionals with providing medical care, dental services, prescription medication, and eyeglasses. They also provided water filters for drinking water and helped clean classrooms in schools. Mike noted that the group toured a Children's Cancer Center that has a valued partnership with St. Jude. Mike encouraged all members to consider participating in this trip next year.

Upcoming Club Programs/Events

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

February 21: Club meeting @ Mattoon Public Library. Program: Jennifer Keller, Executive Director, United Way of Coles County

February 28: Club meeting @ Mattoon Public Library. Program: Curtis Wudtke, Principal, St. John's Lutheran School

March 6: Club meeting @ Mattoon Public Library. Program: TBA

March 13: Club meeting @ MG&CC. Program: TBA. Recognize March Students of the Month.

March 20: Club meeting @ MG&CC. Program: TBA

March 23: Comedy Night at Yost Convention Center - Get your tickets!

March 27: Club meeting @MG&CC. Program: TBA

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

Raffle Drawing

This week's winner was Sarah Douglas, Charleston

Triple Treat

This week's winner was Gary Swearingen. The large pot rolled over to next week.

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

Program Committees

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!*)



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