

# Rotary



# Club of Mattoon

## Rotary Leadership Institute - Saturday, May 18, 2024

**ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** is designed for those Rotarians who have the potential and willingness to engage in future club leadership, *not necessarily as club presidents*. RLI increases your Rotary knowledge and leadership skills and helps you make connections with Rotarians around the Districtâ€™ learning about their successes and experiences in their clubs.

The leadership skills you obtain at an RLI event will help you in your involvement in Rotary *as well as your leadership efforts professionally*.

Join us for the next RLI:  
Saturday, May 18, 2024  
Check In: 8:30 am  
Program: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Richland Community College, Decatur

Educational materials, as well as a light breakfast, drinks and lunch are included in the \$50 registration fee. Many clubs sponsor members who are interested in attending RLI.

Register by going to:  
<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77730499>

Registration must be completed no later than *Tuesday, May 14, 2024*, as each session has a maximum number of participants. If you have any questions, please contact RLI Chair, Cindy Guthrie at [district6490rl@gmail.com](mailto:district6490rl@gmail.com).



## 02.21.24 Meeting Notes and More!



### United Way of Coles County

*Deeply Rooted in Our Communities*

#### OUR 2023-2024 PARTNER AGENCIES

- |                                                         |                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Camp New Hope                                           | Fit-2-Serve                               |
| Care Horizon                                            | Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois          |
| CASA of East Central Illinois                           | Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scouts |
| Catholic Charities of Coles, Douglas and Edgar Counties | HOPE of East Central Illinois             |
| Charleston Area Churches Food Pantry                    | Illinois Extension                        |
| Charleston Baseball Association                         | Mattoon Area Family YMCA                  |
| Charleston Community Early Learning Center              | Mattoon Community Food Center             |
| Charleston Girls Softball Association                   | Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters     |
| Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois     | New Life Car Care                         |
| Coalition for People in Need                            | SACIS                                     |
| Coles County Council on Aging                           | SBL Peace Meal                            |
| Coles County Habitat for Humanity                       | Standing Stone Community Center           |
| Coles County Veterans Support Coalition                 | The Haven                                 |
| CTF Illinois                                            | The Salvation Army Mattoon Corps          |

### Call to Order

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

Noah also provided the **Inspiration**.

### Guests

Rotarians welcomed Keith Eaton, former Mattoon resident, now a resident of Florence, Arizona, and a member of the Rotary Club of Florence. Also welcomed was Chuck Clark, son of member Bob Clark.

### Sergeant at Arms

As is his practice, Sergeant Dean Willaredt engaged members in some fun trivia to encourage donations. Rick Hall shared an additional donation.

### Business & Announcements

**Future Meeting Locations:** February 28 and March 6, Mattoon Public Library, Community Room, Lower Level. We will return to the Mattoon Golf & Country Club on March 13.

**Peace Meals:** Dean Willaredt began the sign-up sheet for the week of March 11. Look for the sheet again the next couple of weeks or email Dean to sign-up.

**Rotary Comedy Night - Saturday, March 23:** Malcolm O'Neill reminded all that Comedy Night is expected to sell-out. If members have tickets that they are not planning to buy or sell, please return them to Malcolm to be sold by someone else.

**Matching Program for The Rotary Foundation:** Mike Martin reminded all of the current matching

## Club Meeting

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

## Speakers

### February 28, 2024

Curtis Wudtke,  
Principal, St. John's Lutheran School  
Updates on enrollment and school building project

## Birthdays

- Ali Nichole Young February 26th
- Lindsey Butler March 4th
- Michael W. Martin March 4th
- John M Covington March 15th
- Heidi Larson March 15th
- Janet Grove March 20th

## Club Leaders



Janet Grove  
President



Noah Olson  
President-Elect  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Laura Reichart  
Secretary  
Club Executive Secretary



Doug Jackson  
President-Nominee  
Treasurer



Tina Stovall  
Club Admin Chair  
iPast President  
Public Relations Chair



Judy Baker  
Membership Chair

opportunity. Those who donate at least \$100 will receive a Club match of \$100 and a District match of 200 points so that a \$100 member donation results in a \$400 donation/credit toward Paul Harris Fellow to Rotary International. Mike is preparing to submit all donations so those wishing to participate in the matching program who have not done so yet should contact him quickly.

**RYLA Update:** Kim Denton is working with the local schools to identify student participants for the April 19-21 retreat. There will also be opportunities for Club members to serve as mentors for one or both days. Kim will have additional information in the coming weeks.

#### **Today's Program: Jennifer Keller, Executive Director, United Way of Coles County**

Tina Stovall introduced the program speaker, thanking member John Covington for inviting her. Jennifer began serving as Executive Director for United Way of Coles County in August 2023. Jennifer shared a brief history of United Way, noting its Colorado origination in 1887, with organizations now in 37 countries. She described that United Way chapters throughout the world are independent, allowing each to focus support on their local communities. Jennifer highlighted the 28 Coles County Partner Agencies for 2023-2024, noting that through an annual application process, each agency receives financial support from the local United Way to serve our community. Jennifer discussed opportunities for community organizations and individuals to participate in fundraising to support the work of United Way. We are grateful for the support that United Way of Coles County, and its partner agencies, have provided to our community since 1956, and are grateful for Jennifer's passion to lead efforts to continue that great work. (Note: In photo, Jennifer is holding a photograph of her mother, Judy, as Judy was receiving an award in 1981 from the United Way in White County, Indiana, for her many years of community service, specifically noting her work with Girl Scouts, American Red Cross, and the United Way Board. Jennifer credits her mother for her own interest in community service, which has now led to her current position at United Way.) For additional information, visit [colescountyunitedway.org](http://colescountyunitedway.org) or email Jennifer @ [unitedway@consolidated.net](mailto:unitedway@consolidated.net).

#### **Upcoming Club Programs/Events**

**February 28:** Club meeting @ Mattoon Public Library - Community Room, Lower Level. Program: Curtis Wudtke, Principal, St. John's Lutheran School

**March 6:** Club meeting @ Mattoon Public Library - Community Room, Lower Level. 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](http://mattoonrotary.org) or DACdb for more programs and events!

#### **Raffle Drawing**

This week's winner was Jonathan McKenzie, Charleston.

#### **Triple Treat**

This week's winner of \$12 was Larry Niegowski. The larger prize of \$464 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**

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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