

Rotary



**Club of
Mattoon**

02.28.24 Meeting Notes and More!



Call to Order

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

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Terry Baker collected happy dollars from members including Steve Kite, recognizing his 54th anniversary, John Covington, announcing his eligibility for Medicare, and Aaron Ifft celebrating recent accomplishments of his two daughters.

Business & Announcements

March 6 Meeting: Will again meet at the Mattoon Public Library, Community Room, Lower Level

March 13 Meeting: Return to Mattoon Golf & Country Club

Peace Meals: Watch for an email from Dean to sign up to deliver meals March 11-15.

Rotary Comedy Night: Malcolm commented on the high demand for tickets. The event should be sold out. Please return any tickets you have not/will not buy or sell to Malcolm.

Today's Program: Curtis Wudtke, Principal, St. John's Lutheran School

John Covington welcomed Curtis Wudtke back to Rotary for an update regarding building construction and other happenings at St John's School. Curtis shared that the new approximate 37,000 square foot building, by Drake Homes of Charleston, will be completed and open for the start of the 2024-2025 school year, housing grades 4-12. Grades 2 and 3 will continue to be held in their current location in the church building, and Pre-K through Grade 1 will be held in the current school building. Total enrollment this year exceeds 450 students, including 4 freshmen who will become the first high school graduating class in 2027. Curtis shared that currently 57% of the students are from Mattoon, 27% from Charleston, and remainder from surrounding communities. Christians from a variety of congregations attend, currently 15% are Lutheran. Curtis described the school's goal of continuing to expand student athletics and activities to provide a "traditional" educational experience that is academically challenging, with a Christian-positive influence. Annual student tuition is \$4,440 for elementary/junior high and \$5,000 for high school with some discounts available for multiple family members and others.

Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$20 was Diana Hartbank. The larger pot of \$484 rolls over to next week.

Raffle Drawing

This week's winner was Dakota Spencer; ticket was sold by Kim Uphoff.

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

Upcoming Club Programs/Events

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 or DACdb for more programs and events!

Program Committees

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 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!*)

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

Birthdays

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



Scott L Eggleston
Service Projects Chair



Michael W. Martin
Rotary Foundation
Chair
Past President



Rick Hall
Club Director



Gary L. Swearingen
Club Director



Kimberly A. Denton
Past President
Youth Exchange
Office
Youth Services Chair



Lindsey Butler
Youth Exchange
Counselor