



03.01.23 Meeting Notes

By Larry Nichols



President-Elect Janet Grove called the meeting to order in the absence of President Tina Stovall.

Sergeant at Arms: Janet gave a quick Sergeant quiz....number of years she served as Sergeant...32 years correct answer.

Comedy Night: Gary Swearingen reported that the event is sold out!

Rural Urban Luncheon: March 15th at Lake Land College. Register by March 11 online @<https://go.illinois.edu/luncheon> or by calling the Coles County Extension Office @ [217-245-7034](tel:217-245-7034)

Insert: Annual fundraiser is now ongoing. This fundraiser supports club service projects. The Insert will be included in JG-TC in July and distributed to potential members and others throughout the year. All members are requested to sell 2 ads this year.

The Program was provided by club member, Mike Martin, who shared his experiences on the Rotary International Service Trip to Guadalajara, Mexico, January 21-28, 2023. Nine different Rotary districts were represented. Volunteers included 24 individuals from the US and 20 from Mexico.

Mike compared his experience to a vacation as he found it "reset his mind". Mike shared photos and highlights from the trip including:

First day in Mexico: Traveled to Tequila, Mexico. Participated in picture taking, entertainment, distillery visit, readying supplies for the upcoming week.

Beginning Monday: Visited Benjamin Garcia Elementary school. Medical/dental/vision teams saw patients while a construction team waterproofed the roof and did desk repairs. This process repeated each day at other schools. Medical teams continued to see new patients. Construction teams continued roof work, desk repairs and some concrete work. Water filters were made available at each location. There were many speakers throughout the week and volunteers got to see a lot of cute kids!

At a Wednesday evening social, volunteers traded flags.

On Friday, volunteers visited a care home serving children with special needs.

The week finished with a pizza party.

Some statistics from the trip:

1,300 people were assisted for medical issues.

400 eyeglasses (purchased for \$240) were distributed.

Every child received lunch, a toy and an educational item.

Shoes were distributed.

Stuffed animals were distributed to a school serving 300 disabled students.

45 bucket water filters were furnished. 35 tap water filters were furnished. Replacements were also left for later.

The cost of materials for the trip was \$20,000, provided by Rotary or Rotarians. Each Rotarian paid their own airfare.

Mike noted that Rotarians are all family as trips like this show. The next Rotary Service Trip to Mexico trip is scheduled for January 2024. Contact Mike if you are interested in participating.

More information/videos about Mike's trip can be found at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054451691087&ref=py_c&paipw=0&ev=Ajax62A3y1vM8VXBxvpiEouBIGx9Svnl48E3frC-Rd9frOUFObmsDEd3L_K_PZFRkQ

Triple Treat of \$24 was claimed by Janet Grove. Larger prize rolled over. There are 13 cards left.

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

March 08, 2023
Janet Rayfield, Head Coach, Illinois Women's Soccer
Women's Soccer at the University of Illinois

March 15, 2023
Rural-Urban Luncheon - No Club Business Meeting

March 22, 2023
Kim Uphoff, President & CEO, Sarah Bush Lincoln
Update on Sarah Bush Lincoln

March 29, 2023
Rotary Foundation Recognition

Birthdays

Heidi Larson
March 15th
John M Covington
March 15th
Janet Grove
March 20th
Melissa McDaniel
April 5th

Club Leaders



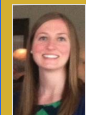
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Rural-Urban Luncheon

Wednesday,
March 15, 2023

12pm

Lake Land College West Building
5001 Lake Land Blvd. Mattoon, IL

Don't wait, make your reservations now
@ go.illinois.edu/luncheon or by
calling the Coles County Extension Office

217-345-7034

Please RSVP by 3/11/2023

Paul Stoddard



"Future of Agriculture"



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