

# Rotary



# Club of Mattoon

## 3-8-23 Meeting Notes

By Larry Nichols



President Tina Stovall opened the meeting recognizing March 8 as International Women's Day, a day focused on action for women's equality and celebration around the world since 1911.

**GUESTS:** Rick Hall introduced guest Kyle Gill, Mattoon City Administrator. Kim Morrison introduced guest Melissa Harden, Studio 21 Photography.

**FINES:** Sergeant at Arms Rick Hall quickly assessed fines, first collecting from President Tina for her apparent University of Illinois attire as Tina suggested the "I" on her shirt was for International Women's Day. Birthdays and anniversaries were assessed.

Happy dollars were offered by Mike Martin recognizing that Mattoon's first three female members were in attendance: Janet Grove, Gayla McDaniel and Kristin Smith.

Sgt. Rick noted the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

**Comedy Night** - March 11

**Rural-Urban Luncheon** - March 15, Lake Land College. Register before March 11. No meeting at Country Club

**Insert sales** - Each member is requested to sell two ads this year

**March Madness** - Organized by Aaron Ifft. Pool will benefit the Rotary Foundation. Email with information was sent to all members. Web link: [Sign Up / RunYourPool](#). Picks must be entered before March 16.

**March 29 Fifth Wednesday Social - Foundation Recognition** for new levels of Paul Harris Fellowship and Annual Rotary Foundation giving. RSVP by March 22 at Club meeting or email [tstovall6635@gmail.com](mailto:tstovall6635@gmail.com).

**RYE Host Families Needed:** Kim Morrison announced we need host families for our exchange student for next year. 3 to 4 month commitment. Contact Kim.

**Peace Meals-** Dean Willaredt thanked those stepping forward to cover a Peace Meals route that was not on our schedule.

### MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

**Gabe Freeman**, Student of the Month, was introduced by Justin Hunt, Director of Bands. Gabe was accompanied by his parents. Gabe has been active in marching band, was in the Apollo Conference honor band and was an all district and all state team selection. He has been accepted at the University of Illinois and is also considering Lake Land College. **Malea Niemerg**, the other March Student of the Month will be recognized with the April students.

### PROGRAM:

Janet Rayfield, Head Coach, University of Illinois Women's Soccer, presented the program.

In introducing the speaker, President Tina noted a long list of Janet's accomplishments including Illini Coach with the most overall victories, conference victories, single season victories and NCAA tournament appearances; two Big Ten Tournament Championships - and much more. We learned that "I" does not just stand for Illinois but also for Impressive coach and speaker!

Janet is a Rotarian, Champaign Urbana Illini After 5. Her father was a Rotarian. She noted that she finds that values are similar for a coach and a Rotarian...Service Above Self and the Four Way Test.

A few highlights from her comments:

Recognized the importance of Title IX and it's recent 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The importance of recognizing women's contributions, noting equal value for what both men and women bring to the table.

Championships are nice but successful students are better (noted 2 top orthopedic surgeons from the soccer team).

Mental health is an incredible challenge for student athletes as money and pressure concentrated on them increases.

Janet was introduced to playing soccer as a young child. Started coaching at age 14. Coached her two younger sisters. Learned from her father who coached her two older sisters. Joined the first women's soccer team at the University of North Carolina, as a computer science major. Soccer enabled her confidence in business computer programming and sciences and all male groups. Computer science helped her with developing skills in listening and understanding to determine what is needed which is a real strength for coaching.

## 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 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  
James R. Livesay II  
April 6th  
Robert D Becker  
April 6th  
Alex Hagen  
April 7th

## Club Leaders



Kimberly A.  
Morrison  
iPast  
President  
Youth  
Exchange  
Counselor  
Youth  
Exchange  
Office  
Youth  
Services

After graduating from UNC, Janet returned to college as a graduate assistant, started coaching soccer and the rest is history!

**TRIPLE TREAT:** Janet Grove was today's winner with \$32. \$700 rolled to next week

**RAFFLE WINNERS:**

3/1 Deanne Silence

3/8 Charleston Area Churches Food Pantry

## March Student of the Month



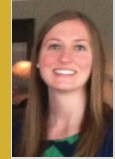
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Tina Stovall  
President  
Public  
Relations  
Chair



Janet Grove  
President -  
Elect



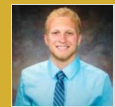
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Secretary  
Club  
Executive  
Secretary



Michael W.  
Martin  
Past  
President  
Treasurer  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Amanda  
Honn  
Club Admin  
Chair  
Club  
Director



Noah Olson  
Club  
Director  
Sergeant -  
at -Arms



Gary L.  
Swearingen  
Club  
Director



Judy Baker  
Membership  
Chair



Scott L  
Eggleston  
Service  
Projects  
Chair



Rick Hall  
Sergeant -  
at -Arms



Jonathan R.  
McKenzie  
Assistant  
Governor