

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

03.13.24 Meeting Notes and More!

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Grove and all in attendance recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.
The **Inspiration** was provided by Bob Clark.

Guests

Today's guests were our Students of the Month, their mothers, and the teachers who nominated them.

Sergeant at Arms

Scott Eggleston was happy to donate a dollar after Sergeant Rick Hall noticed his Slumberland shirt, and happy dollars were donated by Laura Reichart celebrating her son, Milo's, third birthday; Malcolm O'Neill reminding us of St. Patrick's Day, and Dean Willaredt celebrating his granddaughter coming home from the NICU weighing in at 6.5 pounds! Rick Hall donated a bit later in the meeting following a comment he made about the Mattoon Mayor!

Business & Announcements

Peace Meals - Dean Willaredt thanked the members who are delivering meals this week: Mike Martin, Kristin Smith, Larry Niegowski (3 days), Tina Stovall, Noah Olson, Billie Constant (2 days), Rick Hall, Samantha Barr, Ryan Haifley, John Covington, Patty Cazel, Kim Edwards, and Dean Willaredt. Thanks to all of you!

March Madness - Aaron Ifft announced that he created a pool for this year's tournament. Each bracket entry is \$5 with half of the entry fees going to Polio Plus; 30% to first place winner, 15% to second place and 5% to third place. Aaron provided a handout with information and instructions for entering picks (and followed up with an email to all members after the meeting). Be sure to sign in and make your picks before the games begin at 11:15 on Thursday, March 21!

Rotary Comedy Night - Tickets are SOLD OUT! It's going to be a great event!

RYLA - There are still seats available for additional high school juniors and seniors. The event is April 19-21. Contact Kim Denton for additional information.

Annual Report/Newspaper Inserts - Please identify potential sponsors. More information coming soon!

Arthur Fireworks - We need ten volunteers to help Arthur Rotary on June 29. Our club will receive \$100 for every Club volunteer. We plan to use the \$1,000 toward our pledge for Emerald Acres.

Rotary Youth Exchange - Kim Denton shared that the Club has committed to again hosting an inbound exchange student for the 2024-2025 school year. She asked for member volunteers to serve on an exchange student committee to aid with the process. We must have at least the first host family approved before we are assigned a student. It was challenging to identify host families for this year; however, we have two excellent families!

Students of the Month

Rick Hall presented recognition of the March Students of the Month. (See separate article.) Thank you, Rick, for recognizing these students each month!

Update on Class E: Vinnie Walk

President Janet invited Vinnie to provide an update on Class E. Some highlights include a recent "marketing pitch" competition held at EIU in which two Class E student teams participated. Vinnie noted the commitment of the students who participated, sharing that much of the work was done before/after class. Both of the Class E teams received high marks in the competition, with one team placing second overall. Vinnie shared a couple of success stories of Class E students who recently received full-ride university scholarships. The Class E Trade Show is coming soon and Class E and Elevate are hosting the upcoming Community Leaders Breakfast with Dallas Daniels, Mattoon High School Graduate and professional American Flat Track racer, as the keynote speaker. In answering member questions, Vinnie indicated that the ultimate number of students to participate in Class E each year is 20. There are 21 students this year and have been as many as 24 in previous years as they want to admit all who are interested and committed to participating. Of the students this year, 11 are from Mattoon and 10 are from Charleston. Vinnie also noted that Class E is financially supported by local business owners and the community; the program is not school-funded.

Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$14 was Larry Larvick. The larger pot of \$513 was rolled over to next week.

Raffle Drawing

This week's winner was Dave Beaver. The ticket was sold by Gayla McDaniel.

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

Upcoming Club Programs/Events

March 20: Program: Babette Mayer, Mattoon Rotary Youth Exchange Student 2023-2024

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

March 27: 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

April 03, 2024

Joleen Baker-
Robinson - CASA of
East Central Illinois

April 10, 2024

Jacob Dickey, WCIA
Channel 3

Birthdays

John M Covington
March 15th

Heidi Larson
March 15th

Janet Grove
March 20th

Melissa McDaniel
April 5th

Robert D Becker
April 6th

James R. Livesay II
April 6th

Alex Hagen
April 7th

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
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Public
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Chair

Congratulations, Michael Smith and Leah Stapleton!



CONGRATULATIONS, Michael Smith and Leah Stapleton! At this week's meeting, Rotarians celebrated these two outstanding seniors from Mattoon High School as our March Rotary Students of the Month! Michael and Leah were nominated by their teachers and selected based on their academic achievements and citizenship. Mr. Vinnie Walk nominated and introduced Michael, and Ms. Jeana Craft nominated and introduced Leah. Each student shared information regarding their high school activities and their plans following graduation. We were inspired by both Michael and Leah, and we enjoyed meeting their mothers! (In photos: Leah with her mother and Ms. Craft; Michael with his mother and Mr. Walk; and Rick Hall, Mattoon Rotarian and Mayor.)



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