

# Rotary



# Club of Mattoon

## 50/50 Raffle Raises \$870 for Access Ramp Project!

**50/50 RAFFLE**  
**TICKETS**  
\$5 - One ticket  
\$20 - Arm's length

Help Rotary provide home access ramps to  
Coles County residents in need

The 50/50 Raffle at Rotary Comedy Night raised \$870 for the Mattoon Rotary Home Access Ramp building project! Thanks to Mike Snow for sharing information about the project and to President Janet Grove and Tina Stovall for selling tickets at the event. A BIG THANK YOU to District 6490 Governor Janet Ellis-Nelson for donating back the winner's 50% after her ticket was drawn!

### 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

#### April 24, 2024

Dawn Thompson - Standing Stone Community Center

### Birthdays

Melissa McDaniel

April 5th

Robert D Becker

April 6th

James R. Livesay II

April 6th

Alex Hagen

April 7th

Mark A. McDaniel

April 15th

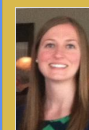
### Club Leaders



Janet Grove  
President



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Sergeant-at-Arms



Laura Reichart  
Secretary  
Club Executive  
Secretary



Doug Jackson  
President-Nominee  
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Membership Chair



Scott L Eggleston  
Service Projects Chair



Michael W. Martin  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair  
Past President

## 03.20.24 Meeting Notes and More!

### Call to Order

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

### Guests

Lindsey Butler introduced Beth Catt, host parent of Babette Mayer, Rotary Youth Exchange student.

### Sergeant at Arms

Dean Willaredt collected donations from Rotarians including from President Janet who was sad for Purdue and happy for Illinois in March Madness; Larry Niegowski's celebrating his start to the season for sailboat racing; Tina Stovall welcomed John Calderon, member of Champaign Rotary and District Governor Nominee, noting John's success in helping sell \$1,040 of 50/50 tickets at the recent President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS). The proceeds will benefit Land of Lincoln District Disaster Response Committees. Mike Martin also donated in celebration of a great PETS. Sergeant Dean followed up with some fun trivia regarding the NCAA tournament.

### Business & Announcements

**March Madness** - Aaron Ifft reminded everyone to get their picks in before the tournament begins! The picks can be done online. Aaron provided handouts with an offer to enter picks for those who would like.

**Rotary Comedy Night** - Has Arrived - Saturday, March 23. Tickets are SOLD OUT! A reminder that this year, the event will include a 50/50 raffle to benefit the home access ramp project.

**Arthur Fireworks** - President Janet reminded all that we are looking for 10 volunteers to assist with this event. The 10 together will raise \$1,000 for our Club to use toward our donation commitment to Emerald Acres Sports Connection.

### Today's Program: Babette Mayer, Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Austria

Lindsey Butler, Youth Exchange Counselor, introduced Babette. Babette shared information and photos about her home country, community and family. She noted that the population of Austria is about 9 million with around 2,600 in her hometown. Austria enjoys a great deal of tourism and is a great place for skiing, hiking, swimming. She shared information regarding local crafts and traditions, specifically noting the fun of Carnival season. Babette shared that her hobbies include badminton and track and field and that she likes to travel and experience different cultures. She shared that she is 16 years old and is surprised that American students at her age can already legally drive! In answering questions from Rotarians, she responded that she finds school to be easier in the US than in Austria. She will have three additional years of school to complete when she returns home, after which she would like to continue to college to study accounting or business. Babette shared that she is an only child at home and has enjoyed her Mattoon host families, both of which have several children. She is looking forward to an upcoming Disney cruise and visit to Disney World with her current host family, the Catts.

### Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$18 was Larry Larvick. The larger pot of \$531 rolled over to next week.

### Raffle Drawing

This week's winner was Mark Nelson, Mattoon. Yeah Mark!

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

### Upcoming Club Programs/Events

**April 3:** Joleen Baker-Robinson, CASA of East Central Illinois

**April 10:** Jacob Dickey, Meteorologist, WCIA 3 News

**April 17:** Program TBA. Recognize April MHS Students of the Month

**April 24:** Dawn Thompson, Standing Stone Community Center

**Check the Club website at [mattoonrotary.org](http://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 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!*)

## Comedy Night 2024 Raises Record-Breaking \$25,000 for Athletic Heart Screening



Rotary Comedy Night is an annual event of the Rotary Clubs of Arcola, Charleston and Mattoon in collaboration with the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Foundation to raise funds for free heart screening for local high school sophomores. Since its inception, more than 4,000 students from 20 area schools have received the free, life-saving screening. The 2024 event raised \$25,000 - the largest annual donation to date! Thanks to all of the sponsors and community members who attended. What a fun night with friends and the Chicago Comedy All-Stars Jimmy McHugh, Tim Cavanagh, Bill Gorgo, and Patti Vasquez! Visit [mattoonrotary.org](http://mattoonrotary.org) for event photos.



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