

# Rotary



# Club of Mattoon

## 03.22.23 Meeting Notes



### **Blessing Backpacks - D6490 Grant Service Project**

Following the opening Pledge, President Tina shared an inspirational story about Amelia, an 8 year old Arkansas girl who, along with her parents, established Lisowe's Lights, a non-profit organization that has delivered more than 15,000 nightlights to foster children in 50 states and 9 countries since 2018. Amelia's continued wish is to "bring comfort to as many kids as possible with nightlights of their own". This story was the inspiration for including a flashlight in each of the 108 backpacks being prepared as part of the Club's "Backpack Blessings" project, supported by a D6490 Grant. Through that project, the Club will distribute a backpack full of age and gender-appropriate personal hygiene products, fun socks, and supplies for drawing or writing activities to local youth who have been placed outside of their homes due to a family crisis. An inspirational note from the Club and some chewing gum will be included in the front pocket of each backpack. Members attending the meeting installed batteries in flashlights. It was fun to see them all "shining their lights" in support of youth peace.

### **Sergeant of Arms**

Sgt. of Arms, Terry Baker, accepted donations for March birthdays/anniversaries that may have been missed at a previous meeting. Steve Kite donated a dollar for the identification of a specific Prius owner, who happened to be Mike Martin.

### **Business & Announcements**

*March 29:* Fifth Wednesday Social, 5:30 p.m., MG&CC. We will also recognize Club members who have reached new levels of giving to The Rotary Foundation and honor four individuals who have made major contributions to the Club with Paul Harris Fellow recognition. There will be no noon meeting on March 29.

*March Madness:* Aaron Ifft provided a Rotary March Madness update. We had 11 total entries and have all seen the Madness!

*Rotary Day at the Ballpark:* Sunday, July 27. Information has been emailed to members. See Mike Martin or Dean Willaredt for additional information.

*Follow-Up from March 8 Board Meeting:* President Tina and other Board members provided a summary of the Board's March 8 discussion regarding MG&CC's increased meal cost to \$14 effective March 1. The Board discussed that the \$14 not only pays for the cost/service of the food, but also supports the Club's weekly use of the meeting room at no extra cost, staff set-up/take-down of the room each week, and dedicated storage for Club supplies. In the past couple of years, as the Club transitioned from all members being assessed a meal cost weekly, regardless of meeting attendance, to members only being assessed when eating, fewer club members are eating and the weekly number of meals needed has not been consistent. The Club is now paying MG&CC for a minimum of 18 meals each week; more when additional guests are expected. If fewer than 18 members eat, Club funds are used to pay the difference. This could negatively impact funds available for service projects and other Club activities or necessitate a need to collect fees from members through a different means. Ideally, more members will eat each week to help cover costs. The Board will continue to monitor weekly meals eaten and related costs and make adjustments where possible. The Board welcomes Club member input.

### **Induction of New Member, Doug Jackson**

Judy Baker, Membership Director, conducted the formal induction of Doug Jackson, who has been a member since late January. Doug's sponsor is Tina Stovall, who commented that Doug has regularly attended Club meetings and participated in several club activities and service projects. Welcome to Rotary, Doug!

### **Program: Kim Uphoff, President & CEO, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Systems - and Mattoon Rotarian Since 1995**

Kim began her presentation by sharing fond memories of her early days as a Rotarian. She was sponsored by Rick Hall, was the youngest member and 5th or 6th female member when she first joined. She recalled meetings being held at the Eagles Club, home-cooked meals, Clark Brogan on the piano... and more! It has been quite a journey from that first day in Rotary to her current position.

Kim's comments regarding SBLHS included:

SBL Health Center opened May 10, 1977, Mother's Day, as a merger of the Mattoon and Charleston hospitals. Kim presented a framed 1971 print showcasing the debate regarding where the new health center should be located. She shared that shortly after the opening, the board made a difficult decision to increase ER rates from a flat \$10 to a flat \$15. An ER visit now may cost between \$1,500 - \$6,000+ with the services more advanced and comprehensive.

The Health Center campus has grown to seven buildings. SBL Health System now also operates a second hospital, SBL Fayette County Hospital, in Vandalia, and has 50 clinics throughout the 10 county service area,

## Club Meeting

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Meets at Mattoon Golf  
& Country Club  
6700 N Country Club  
Rd  
Mattoon, IL 61938-  
8427  
Time: Wednesday at  
12:00 PM

## Speakers

**March 29, 2023**  
[Rotary Foundation](#)  
[Recognition](#)

## Birthdays

Melissa McDaniel  
April 5th  
James R. Livesay II  
April 6th  
Robert D Becker  
April 6th  
Alex Hagen  
April 7th  
Mark A. McDaniel  
April 15th

## Club Leaders



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



Tina Stovall  
President  
Public  
Relations  
Chair



Janet Grove  
President-  
Elect

Laura  
Reichert  
Secretary  
Club

including the new SBL Bonutti Clinic in Effingham.

Kim noted the evolution of types of employees and the medical specialties now represented.

She mentioned the current availability and innovation of robot-assisted surgeries, with an approximate cost of \$2 million per robot. That can be compared to the fundraising goal in the early 1970's of \$2.5 million for the original hospital, including equipment.

SBLHS's focus on growth throughout the 10 county service area increases the health center's independence, enables fiscal responsibility, and increases what can be provided at the Mattoon campus. Some examples of SBLHS growth include the Bonutti Clinic, Effingham Surgery Center and Altamont Clinic as well as acquisition of numerous physician practices. SBLHS has the largest downstate orthopedic practice. Other noted services include the Cancer Center and the Heart Center.

The hospital has 150 beds, soon to increase to 170 beds with the main building addition, which will also expand the educational center. The Hospice House, also under construction, which was made possible through community donations, including our Rotary donation, will be the only house of its kind between Joliet and St. Louis.

SBLHS surplus revenue is re-invested in the health system and in local services that may not produce revenue but are important to the health of our community, such as Peace Meals, the Dental Bus, and Behavioral Health Services.

Kim ended her comments noting how health care is very personal and sharing some wonderful heartfelt stories about the personal commitments of staff in serving patients.

#### Raffle Drawing

Winner for March 15 (\$25): David Craig

Winner for March 22 (\$25): Dave Mai

#### Triple Treat

Steve Kite was this week's winner with \$34 which he donated to the Backpack Blessings Project. \$734 rolled forward. The next Triple Treat will be at our April 5 noon meeting.

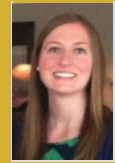
## Mattoon Rotary Welcomes New Member, Doug Jackson



Mattoon Rotary is pleased to welcome new member, Doug Jackson, who was formally inducted on March 22. Doug has been attending Club meetings since January and has been active in several club events and service activities. Doug resides in Neoga with his wife Kristin and children Kendall and Lincoln. He serves as the Talent Acquisition Specialist for Pilson Auto Centers. Welcome to Rotary, Doug! (In photo: Judy Baker, Club Membership Chair; Doug Jackson; Tina Stovall, Sponsor and Club President)

## Rotary Club Members "Shining Their Lights" for Youth Peace

At the March 22 meeting, Rotary Club members installed batteries and tested flashlights to be included in the Club's "Backpack Blessings for Youth" project. With support from a District 6490 Grant, the Club is packing backpacks with personal hygiene products and other personal items, including flashlights. The backpacks will soon be shared with 108 local youth.



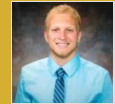
Executive Secretary



Michael W. Martin  
Past President  
Treasurer  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Amanda Honn  
Club Admin Chair  
Club Director



Noah Olson  
Club Director  
Sergeant-at-Arms



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