

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

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 10, 2024

[Jacob Dickey, WCIA Channel 3](#)

April 17, 2024

[President Janet Grove - Update
on Club Annual Goals](#)
Recognize MHS Students of
the Month

April 24, 2024

[Dawn Thompson - Standing
Stone Community Center](#)

Birthdays

Robert D Becker
April 6th
James R. Livesay II
April 6th
Alex Hagen
April 7th
Mark A. McDaniel
April 15th
Matthew D Froesche
May 4th
Scott L Eggleston
May 6th

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
iPast President
Public Relations Chair



Judy Baker
Membership Chair



Scott L Eggleston
Service Projects Chair

04.03.24 Meeting Notes



(In photo: Joleen Baker-Robinson, CASA of East Central Illinois, and Samantha Barr, Mattoon Rotarian)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President-Nominee Doug Jackson and all in attendance recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Inspiration

Tina Stovall noted the **Rotary International Theme for April: Environmental**, highlighting that "Protecting the Environment" was added as Rotary's seventh area of focus in 2019-2020, and since that time, Rotary International has invested \$18.4 million in global grant funding, and many, many hours of service, to this initiative. Just another way Rotarians are helping make the world

better through service projects and donations to the Rotary Foundation.

Guests

No guests other than the presenter.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Rick Hall collected donations for April birthdays and anniversaries. Happy \$\$ were also collected from Malcolm O'Neill (opening of new Bloomfield Garden Center in Mattoon), Steve Kite (celebrating no family birthdays in April), Mike Snow (gifting his wife a solar eclipse for her birthday), and Gayla McDaniel (lots of April birthdays in her family).

Business & Announcements

March Madness - Aaron Ifft provided an update on the Madness pool, noting that Mark Bovard is currently in first place with Mike Martin in second, and Gayla McDaniel, Tina Stovall, and Diana Hartbank following in line. Final results next week!

Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake - Billie Constant reminded attendees of the opportunity to support this event. Billie sent an email to all members with additional information.

RYLA - The Club is sponsoring three students for attendance at this event scheduled for April 19-21.

Community Leaders Breakfast - Thursday, April 18. Doug Jackson announced that that Club is co-sponsoring a Breakfast Sponsorship with Charleston Rotary. The club will receive two breakfast tickets and will ask two club members using the tickets to reimburse the club the ticket price. For more information, contact Tina Stovall. Additional breakfast tickets may be purchased as noted in the attached registration form.

Raffle Tickets for LIFT Scholarship - Billie Constant announced that Babette Mayer, RYE student, is helping sell raffle tickets for LIFT. Tickets are \$50. Contact Babette or Billie for additional information.

Today's Program: Joleen Baker-Robinson, CASA of East Central Illinois

Samantha Barr introduced Joleen Baker-Robinson, Senior Advocate Coordinator and Trainer. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is a not-for-profit organization that advocates, through the court system, for children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect. Trained volunteer Advocates offer to judges critical, objective information needed to ensure that each child's rights and needs are being addressed while they are in foster care. CASA of East Central Illinois serves Coles and Cumberland County. Joleen noted that there are currently nearly 90 active cases in Coles County (each of which may include more than one child), with an additional 20+ cases in Cumberland County. She provided information regarding important characteristics of volunteers and the training and support available to them. Joleen noted that volunteers and monetary donations are always needed to support the work of CASA. Additional information about the program is attached. A link to the volunteer application is available @ www.casaeci.org.

Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$13 was Diana Hartbank. The larger pot rolls over to next week and will remain \$100 until \$100 is raised from tickets sold.

Raffle Drawing

This week's winner of \$100 was Darcy Duzan, Charleston.

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

Upcoming Club Programs/Events

April 10: Jacob Dickey, Meteorologist, WCIA 3 News

April 17: President Janet Grove, Update on Club Goals. Recognize April MHS Students of the Month

April 24: Dawn Thompson, Standing Stone Community Center

May 1: Rotary Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m., MG&CC

May 1: Program TBA

May 4: District 6490 Training Assembly, Carle Forum, Urbana - All are welcome!

May 8: Program TBA

May 15: Andrew Cougill, Librarian, Lake Land College: Artificial Intelligence. Recognize May MHS Students of the Month.

May 22: Program TBA

May 29: Fifth Wednesday Social - Location TBA. No noon meeting.

Check the Club website at mattoonrotary.org or DACdb for more programs and events!

Program Committees

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!)



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Club Director



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