

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

05.03.23 Meeting Notes



In photos: Program presenters: Top L to R: Lincoln, Ashley and Beau Scott; Bottom L to R: Ashley, Grayson, and Beau Scott, and Mark McDaniel, Mattoon Rotarian

The meeting was **called to order** with members and guests reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



Inspiration: President Tina shared information regarding the recent passing of Rotarian, and former District 6490 Governor, Kevin Yonce. Many members knew Kevin through his service at the district level. In his honor, a donation will be sent from the club to The Rotary Foundation. Tina also recognized Kevin by sharing the poem, "A Life Well Lived".

Tina also noted that Past District 6490 Governor, Ray Ropp, will

be participating in an honor flight. A card was routed for members to sign that will be sent to Ray for mail call on the return flight home.

Two **guests**, both potential new members were introduced: Billie Constant, sponsored by Janet Grove, and Kim Edwards, sponsored by Larry Niegowski. We also welcomed back Lincoln Scott, September Student of the Month, who participated in the program presented.

Sergeant at Arms Noah Olson collected donations for May birthdays and anniversaries and several other, mostly happy, announcements from members - children graduating, sports teams winning and losing, Dunkin' Donuts and the Sports Complex breaking ground, former GSE team leader travelling across North and South America.

Business and Announcements

Tina thanked the *Access Ramp Team*, noting that they are back in business and recently completed one installation. Mike Snow noted that the team already has several more planned.

Tina shared a brief update from the *May 3 Board meeting*, noting that the board will be holding a strategic planning session on May 31. Other members interested in attending are welcome. Contact Tina for details.

Tina thanked Gayla McDaniel for organizing our *Kindergarten Literacy* project again this year. Committee members will be reading "I Promise" written by LeBron James, at Riddle, St. John's and Williams, on Tuesday, May 9. The book encourages all children to strive for greatness.

Blood Drive co-sponsored with Kiwanis, Monday, May 8, 1-5 pm at Eagles Club. Come donate! *Insert* contracts/sales are due now. Please provide completed contracts to Mike Martin.

Program: Beau Scott, Executive Director, Fit-2-Serve

Beau, Ashley, and Lincoln Scott provided an update on Fit-2-Serve at the club's May 3 meeting. Beau serves as Executive Director for Fit-2-Serve and he, Ashley and Lincoln, along with many other volunteers, work together to help youth develop for works of service. The Scotts provided several examples of Fit-2-Serve projects that engage youth in experiences in agriculture, including farm-2-table projects integrating gardening, meal planning and food preparation. Rotarians were also interested in the upcoming Fit-2-Serve Spring Garden Celebration to be held May 20 at 1st and Broadway (near First Presbyterian Church & St. John's) and the weekly produce markets to be held each Saturday 9-11 a.m. at that same location this summer. Fit-2-Serve is a volunteer-based organization and additional volunteers are always needed! For more information, visit *Fit-2-Serve: Community Bridges* on Facebook or @ www.fit-2-serve.net. Thanks to the Scott family for joining us!

Triple Treat: Today's winning ticket with \$68 was claimed by Gary Swearingen and Bob Becker. \$907 rolls over to next week with only 5 cards left.

Raffle: This week's winner is Hope of East Central Illinois.

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

May 10, 2023

[Maria Moran, Caseworker, Department of Children and Family Services](#)
Recognize May Students of the Month.

May 17, 2023

[Chris Strohl, Dean, Lake Land College](#)
Workforce Solutions and Community Education

May 24, 2023

[Harvey Pettry, Agent FBI](#)

Birthdays

Brian Titus
May 9th

Jason Donnelly
May 11th

Robert C. Clark
May 11th

Kendra Alyson Church
May 22nd

Tami Knight
May 22nd

A. Dean Willaredt
May 24th

Richard Diedrich
May 25th

Mike Snow
June 6th

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 Reichart
Secretary
Club Executive
Secretary



Doug Jackson
Treasurer-Elect



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Noah Olson
Club Director
Sergeant-at-Arms



Gary L. Swearingen
Club Director



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Scott L Eggleston
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Rick Hall
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