

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

07.10.24 Meeting Notes



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Noah Olson and all in attendance recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**. President Noah provided the **Inspiration**.

Guests

The Club welcomed Babette Mayer, 23-24 Rotary Youth Exchange Student, Beth Catt, RYE Host Mom, and Shauna Fanello.

Sergeant at Arms

Kim Edwards served as Sergeant for this first meeting of the new Rotary Year. Kim collected birthday dollars from Malcolm O'Neill with singing of Happy Birthday to Malcolm following. Other happy dollars were collected from Kim Denton celebrating a former RYE student from Denmark visiting her children, and Malcolm donating \$ in honor of the late John Greathouse,

Business & Announcements

Farewell to RYE Student Babette Mayer! - Babette made her last visit to the Club as she is headed home to Austria next week. Babette shared her gratitude for her experience this past year. Kim Denton and Beth Catt, Host Home Mom, also shared. We all wish the very best for Babette!

Get Well Soon, Terry Baker! - President Noah shared that Terry recently had a stroke and that his recovery is going well.

New Member Application: President Noah announced that we received an application for Club membership from Shauna Fanello. The application was approved by the Board at today's meeting. Additional information will be sent to Club members.

Club Officer/Treasurer Update: President Noah announced that at their meeting today, the Board appointed Alyssa Nichols as Club Treasurer for the 2024-2025 year. Doug Jackson was previously elected to serve as President-Elect. Thank you, Alyssa, for joining the Board and serving as Treasurer!

Annual Report/Newspaper Insert - President Noah shared that the Club is a bit behind in sponsorship for the Club Annual Report/Newspaper Insert compared to the past couple of years. Sponsorship sales will continue until July 31. Noah will follow up with Club members.

Rotary Day at the Ballpark - Saturday, July 13. The Club receives \$20 for every ticket sold. Tickets are still available!

Walk to End Alzheimer's - Saturday, September 14. Tina Stovall announced that Rotary is a National Sponsor for the walk. Our Club has established a team that is collecting donations and will participate in the Walk. More info to come!

Rotary and Kiwanis Blood Drive - Thursday, July 25, Burgess-Osborne. Contact Tina Stovall to volunteer to help with check-in. Come donate!

Rotary Youth Exchange, 2024-2025: Kim Denton shared that we now have three potential host families in the approval process. Yeah!

Arthur Fireworks - Janet Grove shared that our Club had 10 Rotarians and 3 guests volunteer for Arthur Fireworks. The Club is to receive \$100 for each Rotarian volunteer. The funds will be applied toward our donation commitment to the Sports Complex.

Today's Program: Kim Uphoff, President & CEO Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System

Kim began by sharing that she became a Mattoon Rotarian in May 1995 at the invitation of Rick Hall, not long after females were first admitted to membership. Kim remembers well her initial meeting, held at the Eagles Club, including singing R-O-T-A-R-Y. Kim noted that at that time, she was the youngest member, and that she is now growing close to Rule of 85 status! Kim has been part of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System (SBL) for 26 years and was named President & CEO in August 2022. SBL began operating in 1974 at its present location in Mattoon. It is now a two-hospital system serving 10 counties with hospitals in Mattoon and Vandalia and 57 clinics spread throughout the counties. Currently, SBL annually provides approximately 450,000 office visits, 40,000 emergency room visits, and 9,000 surgeries. There are nearly 240 medical staff members and 3,000 employees (growing from 200 when the hospital first opened in 1974). The Mattoon hospital recently expanded to 175 in-patient beds, which are full most days. Kim noted some recent local additions including the training center in the expanded Lumpkin Education Center, Willow Breeze hospice house, Lincoln Avenue building in Charleston to provide outpatient services, the Effingham Bonutti Clinic and Effingham Surgery Center. Kim noted the importance of continued growth for the success of the entire system and shared some of the key strategies the system has implemented to achieve that success. She expressed gratitude for the generosity of our community through donations and the financial strength of SBL which allow the system's continued focus on Healthy Communities through services such as the Dental Bus and Peace Meals. SBL continues to be recognized as a "Best Hospital" in several key areas with Magnet Status expected soon! (Magnet Status is considered the "gold standard" recognizing hospitals that "demonstrate the highest standards of care, work culture, and professional development"). How lucky we are to have Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System in our community!

Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$20 was Dean Willaredt. The larger pot of \$154 rolled over to next week.

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

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

July 17, 2024

[Carolyn Cloyd, Run for the Fallen](#)

July 24, 2024

[Tom Hodson, Shelter Box](#)

July 31, 2024

[Michael W. Martin](#)
DG Official Visit

July 31, 2024

[District 6490 Governor, Mike Martin - Official Visit](#)

Birthdays

Malcolm Frank O'Neill
July 20th

Billie Constant
August 4th

Larry D. Niegowski
August 4th

Luci Englum
August 14th

Club Leaders



Noah Olson
President



Doug Jackson
President-Elect



Laura Reichart
Club Executive Secretary
Secretary



Alyssa Nichols
Treasurer



Rick Hall
Club Director



Tina Stovall
Past President
Club Admin Chair
Public Relations Chair



Gary L. Swearingen
Club Director



Judy Baker
Membership Chair

Upcoming Club **Meeting Programs** and Special Events

July 13: Rotary Day at the Ballpark, Cards vs Cubs, 1:15 pm

July 17: Program: Carolyn Cloyd, Run for the Fallen

July 24: Program: Tom Hodson, Shelter Box

July 25: Rotary and Kiwanis Co-Sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive - 1-5 pm - Burgess Osborne Auditorium

July 31: Fifth Wednesday Social (no noon meeting)

September 14: Walk to End Alzheimer's, 9:30-11 a.m., Linder Sports Complex, Charleston

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

Program Committees

July: Chair: Noah Olson, Janet Grove, Mike Martin, Tina Stovall

August: Chair: Phil Kepp, Heidi Larson, Mike Snow, Travis Spencer

September: Chair: Terry Baker, Malcolm O'Neill, Diana Hartbank, Ali Young

Reminder: Community Events (*Represent Rotary; send us a selfie in your Rotary t-shirt; earn a make-up!*)



Kim Edwards
Sergeant-at-Arms



Scott L Eggleston
Service Projects Chair



Janet Grove
Rotary Foundation
Chair
iPast President



Mark A. McDaniel
Youth Services Chair