



## 07.24.24 Club Meeting Notes and Much More!!



### 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

Rick Hall introduced Kasey Considine, Client Associate SC3F Wealth Management Group, and Rick's great niece.

### Sergeant at Arms

Happy \$\$ were collected from Kim Denton noting that Babette Mayer successfully returned home to Austria and our new RYE student will be arriving on August 7; and Mike Snow recognized his 46th wedding anniversary this month.

### New Member Induction

Representing the Membership Committee, Tina Stovall led the induction of new member Shauna Fanello. Tina is also Shauna's sponsor. (See separate article and photo.)

### Business & Announcements

**Access Ramp Updates:** Mike Snow shared that the Ramp building team has built and installed 7 ramps so far this year, 2 will be installed next week, and requests have been received for 3 more. He noted that the team has already exceeded previous years' number of installations. Mike reminded members that donations for ramps and volunteer builders/installers are always welcome. There is still time to help this year! Mike would like to see other Clubs get involved in providing this service in their communities and noted that this team could coach them along.

**Reminder: Fifth Wednesday Social:** Mattoon Golf & Country Club, 5:30 pm, no noon meeting. DG Mike Martin will present and members with perfect attendance this year will be recognized.

**Update on Terry Baker:** Noah noted that he has been in touch with the Bakers and Terry is recovering at home. We are hoping to see them next week.

**Update on Bob Clark:** Rick Hall noted that Bob Clark has been in the hospital following a fall. He will soon move to Odd Fellows Rebekah for rehabilitation. Bob is in good spirits and many community members have been seeking to visit him!

**Peace Meals:** Dean Willaredt thanked members who recently volunteered to help cover routes during our off weeks.

**Rotary and Kiwanis Blood Drive:** Tina Stovall thanked the Club members who have volunteered to work at the drive: Billie Constant, John Covington, Janet Grove, and Diana Hartbank, and encouraged others members to come donate.

**Card for Clarice Estell Freeman:** Members signed a birthday card for Club Honorary Member Clarice Estell Freeman who will be celebrating her 104th birthday in August.

### Today's Program: Tom Hodson, ShelterBox

Tina Stovall introduced Tom and Mary Hodson, Members, Champaign Urbana Sunrise Rotary, and Co-Chairs for Rotary District 6490 efforts with ShelterBox USA, an official partner of Rotary International. Tom shared that ShelterBox focuses on providing shelter for families displaced by natural and man-made disasters around the world. Originally, a ShelterBox was a big green box containing a tent, cooking kit, tools and other supplies that could help a family survive for 6 months. Now, families may receive a full box or just specific items, depending on their needs. ShelterBox was founded in England as a Rotary Club Project but it is not a Rotary organization. It is, however, well-supported financially by Rotarians, Clubs and Districts, and the local partners helping "on the ground" are often Rotarians. Close to 2 million people have been served by ShelterBox. Tom reminded us of the great ongoing need and that there are currently nearly 100 million individuals homeless throughout the world. ShelterBox has a "Stock the Box Campaign" which welcomes donations for individual items at a variety of donation levels. Tom provided donation brochures to the members noting that our Club will receive recognition if we collectively donate at least \$1,000. Additional information is available at [www.ShelterBoxUSA.org](http://www.ShelterBoxUSA.org).

### Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$14 was Rick Hall. The larger pot of \$178 rolled over to next week.

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

### Upcoming Club Meeting Programs and Special Events

**August 7:** Program: Noah Olson, President 2024-2025: The Year Ahead

**August 14:** Program: Carl Walworth, Director, Mattoon Public Library

**August 21:** Program: Sarah Zoppa, Community Engagement Coordinator, Grand Prairie Friends

**August 28:** Program: Heidi Larson and B.I.O.N.I.C.

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

**September 16:** Habitaste for Habitat for Humanity (Eagles Club, Mattoon)

**Check the Club website at [mattoonrotary.org](http://mattoonrotary.org) or DACdb for more programs and events!**

### Program Committees

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

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

**October:** Chair: Dale Righter, Kim Edwards, Mark Nelson, Larry Niegowski

**November:** Chair: Aaron Ifft, Josh Bullock, Tami Knight, Dean Willaredt

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

### 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

#### August 07, 2024

Noah Olson, Club President, 2024-2025: The Year Ahead

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### Birthdays

Larry D. Niegowski  
August 4th  
Billie Constant  
August 4th  
Luci Englum  
August 14th  
Kimberly A. Denton  
August 18th  
Mark Bovard  
August 20th  
Terry Baker  
August 23rd  
Dale Righter  
August 23rd  
Philip B. Kepp  
August 31st

### Club Leaders



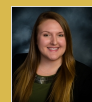
Noah Olson  
President



Doug Jackson  
President-Elect



Laura Reichart  
Club Executive Secretary



Alyssa Nichols  
Treasurer

## Mattoon Rotary and Kiwanis Co-Sponsor Blood Drive



Mattoon Rotary and Mattoon Kiwanis co-sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive on July 25. The drive collected 25 blood products, potentially saving 75 lives! Thanks to all of the donors for helping us have a great drive! Thanks to the following volunteers for the day: Kiwanis: Suzanne Black, Janet Winter-Black, and Nick Fears; Rotary: Billie Constant, John Covington, Shauna Fanello, Janet Grove, Diana Hartbank and Tina Stovall.

## Rotary Welcomes New Member, Shauna Fanello



Rotarians are pleased to welcome new member, Shauna Fanello! Shauna serves as Event Coordinator at the Mattoon Golf & Country Club. Shauna shared that she has wanted to become a Rotarian for some time, and that the time has finally arrived! Shauna is looking forward to joining us in service and we are so pleased to have her! Welcome, Shauna! (In photo: Shauna Fanello; Tina Stovall, Shauna's Sponsor and Club Membership Committee member; Noah Olson, Club President.

## District 6490 Governor, Mike Martin, Speaks with Mattoon Rotarians

Mike Martin, District 6490 Governor 2024-2025, and Mattoon Rotarian, made an official visit to Mattoon Rotary on July 31. During his visit, DG Mike shared how his passion for Rotary began nearly 40 years ago. He spoke of the outstanding experiences he has had in service to others both in our local community and internationally, providing specific examples of his service in Guadalajara. He encouraged Club members to support future efforts by donating funds to help purchase water filters which have been used to help rural communities outside of Guadalajara have clean drinking water. Mike shared a historical Rotary songbook, purchased while he was at the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore, with Malcom O'Neill, our well-loved Club Song Leader, who led us in singing God Bless America. Mike also recognized Club Member Gary Swearingen as the Club member who is making the "Magic of Rotary" come to life in our Club. Gary received a hand-forged magic wand so that he may continue to make magic happen! DG Mike is presenting this recognition to one outstanding Club member at each Club he visits. Mattoon Rotary is proud to be this year's HOME OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR for District 6490, and are proud to support fellow Rotarian Mike Martin in his service as DG!



## Club Members Recognized for Perfect Attendance



Club members with perfect attendance at the end of the 2023-2024 Rotary Year were recognized by outgoing Club President, Janet Grove, at the Club's Fifth Wednesday Social on July 31. Perfect attendance is earned through attending weekly Club meetings and participating in service projects throughout the year. *Top three photos:* Gary Swearingen received special recognition for perfect attendance for 25 consecutive years. Kristin Smith was recognized for 26 years and Malcolm O'Neill for 27 years. WOW! Other Club members recognized were as follows (*Bottom photo/not all are included*): Larry Nichols (20); Dean Willaredt (16); Judy Baker (13); Mike Snow (12); Rick Hall (11); Scott Eggleston, Gayla McDaniel, Larry Niegowski (9); John Covington (6); Kim Denton, Janet Grove, Larry Larvick, Mike Martin, Tina Stovall (5); Terry Baker (4); Steve Kite, Noah Olson, Laura Reichart (2); Doug Jackson (1).



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Director



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