

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

08-03-22 Meeting Notes

By Larry Nichols on Sunday, August 7, 2022



Sergeant at Arms Noah Olson quickly assessed August birthdays and anniversaries. Happy dollars were paid by Dean Willaredt for Cardinals beating the Cubs also paying for a shirt logo. Mike Martin stepped forward with a \$40 Foundation contribution in response to his challenge to bring more Rotarians to meetings.

Dean Willaredt reported **Peace Meals** served this week and thanked Scott Eggleston for a last minute substitution.

President Tina reported our 21-22 \$2,000 **District grant for Empowering Girls** provided feminine hygiene supplies for high school students to be distributed at the start of the school year. Our Club is also considering a donation of hygiene packets for male students. The next District grant application is being prepared to fund backpacks of supplies for kids.

The **new bike shelter** at Douglas Hart Nature Center is looking good...a picture was passed. Help is needed to stain/paint. Mike Martin recognized the many contributors that helped with the bike shelter including Don Standerfer, Philpott Concrete, Curry Construction and Kull Lumber.

Mike Snow reported the **wheelchair access ramp** assembly crew could use some **help**. Contact Mike if interested.

Past President Kim is on the District committee for **Rotary youth exchange** as the program restarts after COVID. A Mattoon student will be needed this fall to agree to participate and start the process.

Our last meeting in August will be a Club social instead of the regular meeting. We will celebrate the Club's 100th Anniversary.

The **District conference** is September 16 and 17. Our Club is putting together a basket to be donated to the

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 10, 2022
[Bill Lair, District 6490](#)
Rotary Youth
Exchange Committee
Rebuilding Rotary
Youth Exchange

August 17, 2022
[Christina Krost, Policy](#)
Coordinator for Faith
in Place
Faithful People Caring
for the Earth

August 24, 2022
[Dan Crow](#)
New Life Car Care

August 31, 2022
100th Anniversary
Club Celebration - 5th
Wednesday Social
Mattoon Golf &
Country Club, 5:00
p.m.

Birthdays

Tanner Kroening
August 7th
Luci Englum
August 14th
Kimberly A. Morrison
August 18th
Mark Bovard
August 20th
Terry Baker
August 23rd
Dale Righter
August 23rd
Philip B. Kepp
August 31st

Club Leaders

Tina Stovall
President

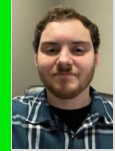
event. If you would like to contribute to the basket, see President Tina.

Our Club has a team for the **Walk to End Alzheimer's** taking place at Peterson Park on September 17th. Let President Tina know if you will be walking/contributing. Our Club has a goal of \$1,000 to be raised.

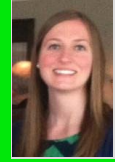
Janet Grove introduced **our program...Tricia Briggerman and Mel Rockett** from the **Coles County Council on Aging**. The Council, located at the LifeSpan Center, serves not only our seniors, but also the entire community. The Dial a Ride program is operated by the Council and is free to seniors and is important in providing mobility especially during the pandemic as many were isolated. Others in our community depend on this program for transportation needs.

Seniors are also provided many volunteer opportunities and are placed in areas that they may enjoy and provide a sense of self-fulfillment. The LifeSpan Center provides a place for social interactions and exercise programs. Tai chi is offered as well as line dancing, coloring, bingo and a theatre for showing movies. More information can be found at <http://www.lifespancecenter.org/index.html> Information can also be found at their Twitter account https://twitter.com/Life_SpanCenter and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LifeSpan.Center/> Programs to help seniors and persons under 65 that are disabled find resources they need. Grand families caring for grandchildren can receive assistance finding programs or connecting with support groups. Funds are available for wheelchair access and our speakers were encouraged to discover that our Club provides this service. A number of support groups are available as well as respite services. A stressbusting program is being offered providing a 9 week course for Alzheimer's caregivers.

Our **Triple Treat** was claimed by Mike Martin for \$10 leaving the larger \$247 prize for next week.



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