

# Rotary



# Club of Mattoon

## 08.14.24 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

Phil Kepp introduced guests Kathy Walworth and Chris Suerdieck who joined Carl Walworth, program speaker.

### Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Kim Edwards kicked off this week's donations with both a Happy \$ and Sad \$ that all of her children are now in school. Aaron Ifft donated \$2 recognizing his daughters - one turning 10 and one recently singing the national anthem at an event. Additional Happy \$ were collected from Laura Reichart - Milo beginning pre-school; Steve Kite - the access ramp crew recently removed a ramp that was donated to be relocated and it has been a record-setting year for ramps installed with 4 more to go; Tina Stovall - \$933 of the \$1,000 Club goal for the September 14 Walk to End Alzheimer's has been raised with Milo Reichart currently the leading fund-raiser at \$500; and Phil Kepp donated \$2 for his \$2 Phil shirt!

### Business & Announcements

**September and October Programs** - President Noah noted the members of the September and October Program Committees and encouraged other members to contact them if they have ideas for speakers.

**September 1 District Grant Deadline** - President Noah encouraged members to contact him if they have ideas for a new community service project for which we could write a district grant for up to \$2,000. There has been some interest expressed in partnering with Fit 2 Serve.

**October 30 - Fifth Wednesday Social** - Reminder: More information to come!

**Quarterly Rotary Dues** - Noah shared that dues billing for the most recent quarter is a little behind schedule and coming soon!

**District 6490 Conference - October 4 and 5, Champaign** - Mattoon Rotary will provide volunteers to serve as Sergeant of Arms for the Conference. Please contact Noah if you can volunteer either day. The Conference will again include a Basket Auction to benefit Polio Plus. Contact Noah if you have ideas for a basket donation.

**Yardage for Youth Exchange** - Mike Martin recently emailed all Club members seeking member participation to donate for a \$1,000 Club bid. Please contact Mike if you'd like to donate. Today is the last day!

**Perfect Attendance** - President Noah presented Perfect Attendance certificates to additional Club members who were not able to attend the July 31 social.

### Today's Program: Carl Walworth, Director, Mattoon Public Library

Phil Kepp introduced Carl Walworth who shared an update regarding a variety of programs provided at the Mattoon Public Library that support our community. Highlights included: partnering with more than 300 other libraries to provide access to physical books, e-books, movies and other learning materials; access to computers, printers, Wi-Fi, copiers; Adult Programming including public speakers on topics such as the Holocaust, women's history, the eclipse, ChatGPT; Musical performances; Family literacy, parenting classes and story time for children and families. Carl noted that various community organizations utilize the meeting rooms available in the 26,000 square foot building which is well-equipped with technology.

Carl recognized the many talents of the library staff and the great support from the library board and community, all of which help ensure the success of the Library. Carl shared that the Library's annual budget of approximately \$720,000 is funded through a combination of property tax levy, personal property replacement tax, grants, and philanthropic donations. Chris Suerdieck, Curator, Mattoon History Center, shared a few updates on the History Center and encouraged all to visit the railroad displays and Civil War displays, both of which provide an outstanding view of the important role the City of Mattoon played in the Civil War. He noted how many visitors from outside of Mattoon come to the Library specifically to visit the History Center. Learn more about the Mattoon Public Library @ [mattoonlibrary.org](http://mattoonlibrary.org)

Carl was asked to share information regarding his recently published book (August 2023), *Son of Southern Illinois: Glenn Poshard's Life in Politics and Education*. Carl completed the research and writing for the book, including spending a great deal of time interviewing Mr. Poshard and reviewing his history files over the course of several years. The book, published by the Southern Illinois University Press, received a "Certificate of Excellence" honor at the 2024 Illinois State Historical Society's Best of Illinois History Awards. The book is available at the Mattoon Library and can also be purchased through Amazon and other book retailers.

### Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$11 was Phil Kepp. The larger pot of \$205 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

**August 21:** Sarah Zoppa, Community Engagement Coordinator, Grand Prairie Friends  
**August 28:** Heidi Larson and B.I.O.N.I.C.

## 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 21, 2024

[Sarah Zoppa, Community Engagement Coordinator, Grand Prairie Friends](#)

### August 28, 2024

[Heidi Larson and B.I.O.N.I.C.](#)

### September 04, 2024

[Bill Whitman, Champaign Rotary/District 6490](#)

### September 11, 2024

[John Woodruff, VP for Business Services, Lake Land College](#)

## Birthdays

Kimberly A. Denton  
August 18th

Mark Bovard  
August 20th

Dale Righter  
August 23rd

Terry Baker  
August 23rd

Philip B. Kepp  
August 31st

Gayla F. McDaniel  
September 12th

Tina Stovall  
September 15th

Diana Hartbank  
September 16th

Samantha Barr  
September 17th

## Club Leaders



Noah Olson  
President



Doug Jackson  
President-Elect



Laura Reichart  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Secretary



Alyssa Nichols  
Treasurer



Rick Hall  
Club Director



Mike Martin  
Club Director

**August 2017 Heidi Larson and Board Members**

**September 4:** Bill Whitman, Rotary Club of Champaign, District 6490  
**September 11:** John Woodruff, Vice President for Business Services, Lake Land College  
**September 18:** TBA  
**September 25:** Josh Bullock, President, Lake Land College

Upcoming **Special Events**

**September 14: Walk to End Alzheimer's**, 9:30-11 a.m., Linder Sports Complex. To join the Walk team or make a donation to the team, visit [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org). Select **Find a Team**. Enter **Rotary Club of Mattoon**. Contact Tina Stovall for assistance.  
**September 26: Habitaste** - Habitat for Humanity (5-7:30 p.m., Eagles Club, Mattoon) Call [217-348-7063](tel:217-348-7063) for tickets.

**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!*)



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