

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

08.21.24 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

Lindsey Butler introduced Ester Bresson, our Rotary Youth Exchange student from France. Ester recently arrived in the US and began attending Mattoon High School this week. We look forward to our future learning and sharing with Ester!

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Chris Strohl welcomed Happy \$\$ for August birthdays from Terry Baker, Dale Righter, Larry Niegowski and Phil Kepp. Additional Happy \$\$ were donated from Shauna Fanello (first Peace Meal delivery), Tina Stovall (Congratulating Kim Uphoff on Sarah Bush Lincoln's recent Magnet Recognition designation), and Mike Martin (happy to attend Club meeting).

Business & Announcements

October Program Committee: Reminder from President Noah (Committee members noted below)

Rotary D6490 District Conference: October 4-5, Champaign. DG Mike Martin asked for 2-3 Mattoon Rotarians to serve as Sergeant at Arms before/after meals on both Friday and Saturday. Other volunteer opportunities are also available for the Conference. Contact Noah if you can serve as Sergeant at Arms. Janet Grove will coordinate the Mattoon Basket for the Basket Auction.

Presentation of \$1,300 Donation to Club: Tanya Walker, Arthur Rotary Club attended the meeting to recognize 10 Mattoon Rotarians, and their 3 guests, who assisted with parking at the Arthur Fireworks this year. Tanya presented the Club a check for \$1,300 for their service. Thank you to members: Judy Baker, Billie Constant, Kim Edwards, Janet Grove, Rick Hall, Mike Martin, Alyssa Nichols, Larry Niegowski, Noah Olson and Kristin Smith, and guests Betty Young, Matt Hendricks and Cinnae Martin.

Tanya also brought sad news about the recent passing of Leroy Allis, a long-time Arthur Rotarian.

Today's Program: Sarah Zoppa, Community Engagement Coordinator, Grand Prairie Friends

Grand Prairie Friends is a non-profit conservation land trust working to preserve and protect natural areas/prairies throughout east-central Illinois. There are few prairies remaining in Illinois and GPF seeks to acquire such land either through purchase or donation, and then apply for reserve status, with a commitment to provide stewardship of the property into perpetuity. GPF owns 8 preserves and manages one, Warbler Ridge, which is a 1,059 acre preserve south of Charleston. GPF relies primarily on volunteers for stewardship of Warbler Ridge with nearly 300 volunteers providing 3,000+ hours of service last year. Volunteer opportunities include: planting trees, clearing invasive plants, bat monitoring, event planning, assisting with fundraising events like plant sales and a 5K run. Sarah recommended that anyone interested in volunteering begin by participating in a Stewardship Saturday, offered the first Saturday every month from 9-11 am. No experience is necessary and it's a great opportunity to learn about Warbler Ridge and meet other volunteers. The next Stewardship Saturday is September 7. To learn more or to volunteer, visit grandprairiefriends.org or email Sarah @ zoppa@grandprairiefriends.org.

Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$11 was Gayla McDaniel. The larger pot of \$216 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**

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 28, 2024

Heidi Larson and
B.I.O.N.I.C.

September 04, 2024

Bill Whitman, D6490
Rotary Public Image
and Marketing

September 11, 2024

John Woodruff, VP
for Business Services,
Lake Land College

September 18, 2024

Holly Adams,
President, Howell
Paving, Inc.

Birthdays

Philip B. Kepp
August 31st
Gayla F. McDaniel
September 12th
Tina Stovall
September 15th
Diana Hartbank
September 16th
Samantha Barr
September 17th

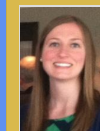
Club Leaders



Noah Olson
President



Doug
Jackson
President-
Elect



Laura
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Club
Executive
Secretary
Secretary



Alyssa
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Treasurer



Rick Hall
Club
Director

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

September 4: Bill Whitman, Rotary D6490 Public Image and Marketing

September 11: 11:00 a.m. Club Board Meeting (rescheduled from September 4)

September 11: John Woodruff, Vice President for Business Services, Lake Land College

September 18: Holly Adams, President, Howell Paving

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. 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.

October 4-5: D6490 District Conference, Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Champaign

Check the Club website at 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!*)



Mike Martin
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Projects
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President



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