

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

10.02.24 Meeting Notes and More!



Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois

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 - There were no guests other than the invited speaker.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Billie Constant collected Happy \$\$ from several members including Noah Olson (Eagle Scouts will now receive automatic acceptance to EIU); Dean Willaredt (recent visit with daughter); Kim Edwards (50th Anniversary for Coles County Council on Aging); Janet Grove (raffle tickets); Judy Baker and Larry Larvick (birthdays); Mike Martin (friend recently visited 30th MLB stadium); Diana Hartbank (mom's recovery from knee replacement); Malcolm O'Neill (iPhone upgrade).

Business & Announcements

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

Chick-fil-A gift cards: Meeting attendees received a gift card for one free item at Chick-fil-A. We're looking forward to the new Mattoon store opening soon!

Football Pool: Jason Heurman was this week's winner with 9 correct; Rodney Morris was second with 8 correct.

Today's™ Program: Robyn Carr, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois

Robyn provided an overview of the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) noting that the CAC's role is to facilitate a multidisciplinary response process focused on the needs of children who are identified to be in need through law enforcement or DCFS. CAC staff is a team of highly trained, paid professionals whose services include victim sensitive/digitally captured interviews; case coordination and management; advocacy, referral and information; crime victim's compensation assistance, crisis intervention, and medical and mental health referrals. A major goal for their service is to eliminate the need for child victims/witnesses to be interviewed more than once. CAC services are available in all Illinois counties. CAC of East Central Illinois serves 10 counties with a main office in Charleston and satellite offices in Effingham, Marshall and Sullivan. CAC-ECI staff conducted nearly 400 interviews last year. CAC is a 501c3 organization, funded through federal and state grants, and supported by fundraising. The largest local fundraiser is the annual "Men Who Cook" event, which raised \$10,000 in Spring 2024. The 2025 event will be held at the LifeSpan Center on March 1, 2025. For more information about the Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois, visit caceci.org.

Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$22 was Gayla McDaniel. The larger pot rolled over to next week.

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

October 09, 2024
[Kirk Swensen, Citizens to Advance Mattoon Prosperity Committee](#)

October 16, 2024
[Tyler Yoder, General Mgr., Emerald Acres Sports Connection; Students of the Month](#)

October 23, 2024
[Stacey Rios, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters](#)


October 30, 2024
[SC3F Wealth Management Tours and Refreshments!](#)

Birthdays

Larry J. Larvick
October 9th
Ryan Haifley
October 18th
Kim Edwards
October 20th
Mark Nelson
October 25th
Judy Baker
October 26th


Club Leaders

 Noah Olson
President

 Doug Jackson
President-Elect

 Laura Reichart
Club Executive Secretary

 Alyssa Nichols
Treasurer

 Rick Hall
Club Director

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

Upcoming Club **Meetings**

October 9: Kirk Swensen, Citizens to Advance Mattoon Prosperity Committee, Upcoming referendum to adopt the managerial form of municipal government

October 16: Tyler Yoder, General Manager, Emerald Acres Sports Connection; Recognize October Students of the Month

October 23: Stacey Rios, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters

October 30: No noon meeting. Fifth Wednesday Social. See details below.

November 6: ClassE Luncheon

November 13: Program TBA

November 20: Program TBA

November 27: No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

December 11: Club Christmas Party, MG&CC. Details coming soon!

December 25, January 1: No meetings; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Upcoming **Special Events**

October 30: Fifth Wednesday Social at *SC3F Wealth Management Group*. 4:30-7:00 pm. Tours and refreshments! Come see their new location!

November 14: Rotary and Kiwanis American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-5 pm, Burgess Osborne Auditorium - Contact Tina to volunteer to help with the drive. Come donate blood!

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

Program Committees

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

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

December: Chair: Alex Hagen, Judy Baker, Dick Diedrich, Kristin Smith

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

Mattoon Rotarians at D6490 District Conference

Mattoon Rotarians enjoyed time spent with Richard "Big Rich" Churchman representing Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick, Larry Lunsford, Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, and fellow Rotarians from other District 6490 Clubs, during the annual D6490 District Conference held in Champaign on October 4 and 5. District Governor Mike Martin provided leadership for a wonderful conference that was full of fun opportunities for learning more about Rotary!

Highlights included a Rotary Youth Exchange Parade of Flags and introductions of this year's RYE Students - including our very own Ester Breeson; Presentations by Kim Denton, Janet Grove and Tina Stovall; Participation in a service project to benefit children in foster care including a donation of winter hats and gloves for 50 children on behalf of the Club; Tina Stovall being recognized with a "Make It Happen" award for her leadership in D6490 Disaster Response Planning; and Kim Denton being recognized as D6490 Rotarian of the Year for her work with RYE and RYLA. What a weekend!



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