



10.19.22 Meeting Notes

By Larry Nichols



Students of the Month were recognized...

Malia Smith nominated Madison Barnes. Malia noted that Madison participates in a lot of club activities and is academically dedicated. She is active in BIONIC, track and field, National Honor Society member, Class Secretary, Student Council Secretary and volunteers at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. She is undecided on her choice of university and plans to pursue something in a medical field.

Felicia Perry nominated Trendan Campbell who was a big help with the Coles County Clash and active in drama club. He is planning to enter the Army Reserves and train as a combat medic.

President Tina introduced **our program**...Our **District Governor Connie Walsh**. Connie is from the Champaign Rotary Club, was that Club's President for 17-18 and was named Rotarian of the Year and was the Club Foundation President in 10-11. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +7, a member of the Paul Harris Society and has over two decades of perfect attendance in her 24 years of Rotary service. Her academic background includes a B.A. from Eastern Illinois University, Masters from Governor's State and a doctorate from U of I Springfield. She retired from the University of Illinois in 2018. She currently volunteers at the Developmental Services Center. She invites us to Imagine Rotary....in line with our theme for this year. Further, our District theme also includes Blazing Trails highlighted by this being the first Rotary year with a woman as Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones.

First, Connie presented our Club with Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) recognition for 21-22 noting 100% Foundation giving for our Club. She also presented us with a certificate for recognizing our Polio Plus contributions for our last Club year. She also recognized Mike Martin's extensive efforts at the District level.

Connie invited all Rotarians to Imagine Rotary translating to being kind and patient with each other and being a forward thinker. She reminded the attendees that Rotary has a lot of opportunities to serve besides meeting attendance. She attended the International convention held in Houston earlier this year and was impressed by our new RI President, Jennifer Jones. She shared her Rotary experiences throughout her presentation.

Two new initiatives discussed were the establishment of cause based clubs or satellite clubs which would exist in addition to our local clubs. Cause based clubs would consist of members with a passion for a particular cause and whose service projects and activities would focus on that cause. A satellite club would be sponsored by a regular Rotary Club but offer an experience or format different from a traditional club and would have its own officers, bylaws, board and projects.

Other goals include continuing to offer flexibility by using eClubs, annual fund contributions of \$130 per capita for all Clubs, a 5% increase in contributions to end Polio and for all Clubs to have a World Polio Day fundraiser. She also encourages use of Rotary Direct for contributions, and a net member increase of +1 for all Clubs. Recruiting is only part of the challenge as new members should be engaged early to increase member retention longer than 2 to 3 years.

She invited all to evaluate District committees and suggest establishment of new committees. Outreach to youth is also encouraged as Clubs should target young thinkers. The RYLA program is being restarted and the current Empowering Girls program is ongoing.

Connie thanked any attending for any District service and encouraged participation by all. District Governor nominations are currently open. She also encouraged Rotary Leadership Institute attendance. District committee members and chairs are needed.

Connie thanked all that attended our District conference and challenged all to dream big and take chances. She reminded all of Jennifer Jones' words when she unveiled our Rotary theme..."Imagine a world that deserves **our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.**"

Our **Triple Treat** winner's names was not included in my notes; however, the larger prize did roll forward to next week.

Congratulations to the ROTARY OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Trendan Campbell and Madison Barnes!

Sergeant at Arms Dean Willaredt quickly requested happy dollars first volunteered by Steve Kite as the last wheelchair ramp for the year was completed and he is anticipating a visit to Colorado. Also happy dollars were collected for the Illini ranked 18th in the nation. Sgt. Dean then had a quiz by table for memorable this day in history items.

Malcolm O'Neill reported on the **Rotary Football pool** indicating Dick Diedrich claiming the win with 8 correct picks. Steve Kite placed second.

October 24th is **World Polio Day**. Our Club is raising funds and has a \$2,500 goal. \$1,000 has been raised so far. \$100 in contributions earn 100 Paul Harris recognition points.

Peace Meals are the week of October 24th. If you haven't helped before, contact Dean and he will match you to an experienced Rotarian.

Recognition of Veterans will occur on November 9th. All veterans are invited...bring a vet to the meeting. Check your e-mail from Dean Willaredt regarding guests and your own attendance as a head count is needed to know how many to expect.

November 2nd is the **Class E etiquette luncheon**. We'll need a head count on this meeting as well. Please sign up at a club meeting by October 26 or contact President Tina.

Reminder... The **Rotary Food Drive** is upcoming on December 3rd. All should plan to help with this important Rotary project coordinating food and funds collection for our community. Also **Mattoon Lightworks** is upcoming...contact Alex Hagen to help.

Rotary Leadership Institute....if you are interested in attending, our Club will pay expenses.

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 26, 2022
Dusty Maninfor and Mark Maninfor
American Select Tubing

November 02, 2022
Kim Morrison
ClassE Etiquette Luncheon

November 09, 2022
Mary Coventry, Land of Lincoln Honor Flight
Honor Flight Presentation Veteran's Day Celebration: Recognition of Veterans

November 16, 2022
Teresa Metzger, Lead Homeless Liaison, Regional Office of Education
McKinney-Vento Services for Homeless Youth Recognition of November Students of the Month.

Birthdays

Mark Nelson
October 25th
Judy Baker
October 26th
Rick Hall
November 21st

Club Leaders



Tina Stovall
President



Wyatt Gunnar Boehm
President-Elect
Public Relations Chair



Laura Reichart
Secretary Club Executive Secretary



Michael W. Martin
Past President
Treasurer
Rotary Foundation Chair



Amanda Honn
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