

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

10.23.24 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

President Noah welcomed guest Bill Totten, member of Effingham Sunrise Rotary. Ester Bresson, RYE student also joined us for the meeting.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Chris Strohl accepted donations of happy \$ including Mike Martin (has completed DG visits), Rick Hall (ribbon cutting for Chick-fil-A, the first ribbon cutting for Emerald Acres), Tina Stovall (for Rick Hall recognizing 11-year-old Addilynn Heaton's role in bringing Chick-fil-A to Mattoon); Chris Strohl (her family's completion of harvest); Noah Olson (2024 Flightless Honor Flight to be held at Life Span Center on Wednesday, November 6).

Business & Announcements

Purple Pinkie Donuts: President Noah accepted last minute orders for donuts. A huge thank you to Holey Moley Donuts for their partnership and to all who bought donuts. Donuts will be picked up and delivered on October 24 - World Polio Day. This service project will raise more than \$600 for our Club's Polio Plus efforts!

Meeting Locations for January - March: President Noah shared that an ad-hoc committee will be asked to determine locations for weekly club meeting during these months that the Country Club is closed. Contact Noah if you have location suggestions.

Reminder: October 30 - Fifth Wednesday Social @ SC3F Wealth Management, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Football Pool: There was a 5-way tie this week with first and second place going to Mike Martin and Malcolm O'Neill following the tie breaker.

Peace Meals: Dean Willaredt thanked all who are delivering Peace Meals this week of October 21-25.

Update on Bob Clark: Mike Martin shared that Bob Clark remains at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home and is accepting visitors.

Update on Dick Diedrich: Mike Martin shared that Dick Diedrich is currently staying at Brookstone Estates.

Today's Program: Stacey Rios, Executive Director, Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)

Billie Constant introduced Stacey who has served as Executive Director for BBBS since relocating to Central Illinois seven years ago. Stacey shared that BBBS locally provides 1:1 mentoring to approximately 100 high-risk youth ages 5-18 (with another 60+ children on the list waiting to be matched). Stacey shared examples of positive outcomes of students participating in the program including improvement in school attendance, grades and attitude toward school; improved mental health and well-being; and confidence that they have a trusted adult in their lives. She also shared services that BBBS staff provide to the youth and their families including connections to community resources; social activities such as ice cream night and mini golf; and provision of necessities such as groceries and personal hygiene products in times of need. A recent 5-week activity helped the youth learn to run a business culminating in their providing a Lemonade Day stand and raising \$300. Local businesses and organizations support BBBS through donations, sponsoring events and fundraising. BBBS's two major annual fundraising efforts are Bowl for Kids' Sake and the Holiday Auction. Rotarians can participate in these efforts as well as volunteer as mentors or board members. To donate, volunteer, or seek additional information, visit the website @ joinsomethingbig.org or call the office at [217-348-8741](tel:217-348-8741).

Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$18 was Noah Olson. The larger pot 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 Meetings

November 6: Alex Benishek, Community Development and Planning Director; Recognize MHS

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

November 06, 2024

[Alex Benishek, Community Development & Planning Director: Students of the Month](#)

November 13, 2024

[Eric Mieure, IDNR, Coles County](#)

November 20, 2024

[Peace Pole Dedication, Lake Land College](#)

November 27, 2024

[No Club Meeting - Thanksgiving Break](#)

Birthdays

Rick Hall
November 21st

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

Students of the Month

November 13: Eric Mieux, IDNR, Coles County

November 20: Peace Pole Dedication, Lake Land College, 12:00 pm

November 27: No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

December 4: Emily Hayden & Alex Swango, YMCA Directors, Recognize MHS Students of the Month

December 7: Rotary Community Food Drive

December 11: No noon meeting. Club Christmas Party, MG&CC. Details coming soon!

December 18: Cole Pierce & Haylee Gist, Warren James Winery

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

Upcoming *Special Events*

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!

December 7: Rotary Food Drive - Each member participates or donates \$100

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

Program Committees

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

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

January: Billie Constant, Scott Eggleston, Gayla McDaniel, Mark McDaniel

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



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