

Rotary



Club of Mattoon

11.06.24 Meeting Notes and More!



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

Rotarians were pleased to welcome RYE student Ester Bresson!

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Billie Constant collected \$ for November Birthdays and recognized Rick Hall. Malcolm led the group in singing to Rick. Other Happy \$ collected included John Covington (Marine Corps Birthday); Scott Eggleston (wedding anniversary); Janet Grove (positive experience as an election judge); Mike Snow (happy to be home following 7 weeks of travel adventure with Diane); Rick Hall (recent vote of approval for change to managerial form of city government); Billie Constant (announcing the upcoming annual holiday auction for Big Brothers Big Sisters); and Malcolm (thanking fellow members for

sending newspaper clippings sharing his championship win in the statewide trivia contest). CONGRATULATIONS, MALCOLM!

Business & Announcements

Purple Pinkie Donuts for Polio Plus - President Noah announced that the Club raised nearly \$700 through donut sales. Special thanks to Holey Moley Donuts for baking the donuts - and to all who purchased them!

Club Meeting Locations for January - March: President Noah announced that we are seeking alternate meeting location while the Country Club is closed. Recommendations from members are welcomed.

Peace Pole Dedication @ Lake Land College, November 20, 12:00, Theater, Luther Student Center: President Noah reminded members that the Club will meet at noon for the Peace Pole Dedication in lieu of the weekly Club meeting. No lunch will be served. Free parking is available in front of the Luther Student Center. We hope that many members will attend!

Football Pool Winners: Last week: Heidi Larson (1st) and John Covington (2nd); and this week: Gayla McDaniel (1st) and Malcolm O'Neill (2nd)

Volunteer Opportunity Delivering Mattresses to Homes - Slumberland, December 9, 8:00 a.m.: Scott Eggleston shared that this year's *Homes for the Holidays* community service project will provide 85 beds/supplies to children who do not have a bed of their own. Volunteers are needed to help with delivery. Mattresses are now wrapped small enough to be transported in cars! Come be part of this rewarding project!

Rotary Member Surveys: President Noah noted the printed surveys on the tables seeking feedback from Rotarians regarding their experiences and suggestions.

Students of the Month:

Rick Hall recognized the November Students of the Month: Ash Allison and Daniel Catt, and their guests. Mattoon High School teachers Carrie Veach and Justin Hunt accompanied the students and provided the introductions. (See separate article.)

Today's Program: Alex Benishek, Community Development and Planning Director

Rick Hall welcomed Alex Benishek back to provide an update on the City of Mattoon's "Community Revitalization Goals" and the steps the City is taking to reach those goals. Alex shared an update on progress to address blighted properties and abandoned homes including a recent example of replacing unlivable housing in one area with newly built affordable housing. He provided several examples of development incentives for different types of development within the City and shared information regarding current residential housing TIF planning. So many great things going on to help build a strong future for the City of Mattoon!

Triple Treat

This week's winner of \$12 was Gayla McDaniel. 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 13: Mike Martin, Rotary District 6490 Governor

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

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 13, 2024

[Mike Martin, District 6490 Governor](#)

November 20, 2024

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

November 27, 2024

[No Club Meeting - Thanksgiving Break](#)

December 04, 2024

[Emily Hayden & Alex Swango, YMCA](#)

[Directors: Recognize MHS Students of the Month](#)

Birthdays

Rick Hall
November 21st

Larry Nichols
December 8th

Gary L. Swearingen
December 11th

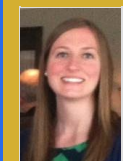
Club Leaders



Noah Olson
President



Doug Jackson
President-Elect



Laura Reichart
Club Executive Secretary

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 and earn a make-up!)

CONGRATULATIONS, Ash Allison and Daniel Catt, Rotary Students of the Month, November 2024!



Each month throughout the school year, Rotary recognizes two outstanding Mattoon High School seniors who are nominated by their teachers and selected based on their academic achievements and citizenship. The students, and their special guests, visit a Rotary Club meeting and Rotarians have the opportunity to meet them and learn about their high school activities, achievements and future plans following graduation. Each month, the Rotarians love getting to meet the students - what an inspiring group of current and future leaders!

In photo (near center): Rick Hall, Rotarian and Mattoon Mayor, presenting certificates to Ash and Daniel. At left of Ash, Rotary President Noah Olson; Ash's nominator, Ms. Veach; and Ash's grandmother and parents. To the right of Daniel, his mother and his nominator, Mr. Hunt.



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